

Rick Talley

### Bad Passer Helps Huskies

Peck's bad passes are helping football coach Howard Fletcher build another winning football team at Northern Illinois University.

Peck, with a first name of Bill, is an assistant at NIU, where spring grid practice is in progress. He works 30 to 35 minutes each day with Huskie pass receivers.

He hasn't thrown a decent pass yet.

"I'm a good bad passer," explains Peck, 39, a former assistant to Lou Little at Columbia University. "Sometimes I throw them underhanded . . . sometimes sidarm . . . but never where they want them."

"I throw them lousy and we expect them to catch every one. Anybody can catch a good pass. We want our receivers to catch anything in their neighborhood. So that's all they see in practice . . . bad passes."

One of Peck's favorites is the somersault drill. He has each receiver dash into a somersault . . . and from a distance of 10 or 15 yards, Peck fires a bullet pass at the player just as he hits the earth.

"It's important for a receiver to believe he can catch any ball," adds Fletcher, who will climax NIU spring drills Saturday with a 10 a.m. intrasquad game.

"You have to believe you can catch it. Peck has been tremendous working with our receivers. I don't want my quarterbacks throwing bad passes in practice, so Peck gets the job."

Peck, who came here one year ago after 11 years as prep coach and athletic director in Paramus, N.J. (where he had a state championship football team), has at least a dozen different drills for Huskie receivers.

Another favorite is a 10-yard pass which he fires at the back of a stationary receiver's head. Just before the ball arrives in the general area (he may throw it to either side, high or low), Peck will shout "turn."

The player must turn, react and snag the pass within a split second.

"We got another drill from Jack Dean," adds Peck. "We call it the Redskin drill. (Dean, ex-NIU star, trained with the Washington Redskins last summer.)"

"The receiver goes from a crouch into a diving catch. NIU ends and flankers also find themselves being tackled just as the ball arrives . . . or leaping over dummies to catch the ball . . . or finding someone batting the pass with their hands just before it arrives."

"Peck tries to make it as near game conditions as possible," adds Fletcher, who foresees perhaps the best NIU team in history ahead for 1966. (NIU was 4-0 during the regular season last year, and has won 45 and lost but 11 since 1960.)

"He also makes it fun." Pass receiving, of course, is crucial at NIU. Fletcher's teams pass almost 70 per cent of the time, and many times will have five receivers downfield.

Most of the passes are short ones toward the sidelines. "We don't like the slant-in pass," admits Peck. "It's too easy for the receiver to get raked up by two or three tacklers. The out-of-bounds pass is a nice, safe one. Even though the defense knows we are going to pass, they don't know which pattern or which

### Harlem Rides Foust's No-Hit Pitching, 5-0

East High put on a hitting display Monday to stay in first place in the Big Eight Conference baseball scramble, but a no-hit game for Harlem and a 14-inning triumph by Boylan overshadowed the E-Rab victory.

Harlem beat Guilford, 5-0, behind Bob Foust's near-perfect pitching effort, and Boylan downed West, 4-0, in a three and one-half hour scrap.

East easily knocked off Belvidere, 15-1, on a 12-hit attack, and in the other contest, Auburn beat Freeport, 7-3.

At Harlem, Foust lost his bid for a perfect game by a whisker. Only Guilford runner to reach base was Tom Reid, who was safe when his tap to shortstop was bobbed in the fourth inning.

Foust, a senior righthander, set down seven Vikings on strikeouts and did not give up a walk nor hit a batter. He posted his fifth victory of the year and has still to be beaten.

Dick Sparks, Boylan's senior righthander, went the full 14 innings against West and knocked in two runs.

Speedy hurler Jerry Lundin held the Titans at bay with 18 strikeouts until he ran into trouble in the 14th inning.

Bill Trapp opened with a double to left and Al Murphy singled. Lundin loaded the bases by hitting Tom McKiernan with a pitch. Steve Atkinson came in to relieve Lundin and set down pinch-hitter Jim Talbot on a strikeout.

Bill Kuss parlayed a squeeze bunt into a single and scored Trapp. Tom Harezak repeated the maneuver and Murphy came home. Sparks then slapped a single to left to drive in McKiernan and Kuss.

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### Scratch Pin Champion

Casualty Youth women's bowling team won the Register-Republic Scratch League championship this year. Members of the team are, left to right, Vi Stevens, Freda Grzelak, Mary Mroz, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Newman, sponsors, Mary Meyer and Ginny Swenson. (Register-Republic photo by James T. Quinn)

### State Track Honor Roll

- 100-YARD DASH: 198-Mike Goodrich, East St. Louis; 199-Rich Lewis, Evanston; 200-Al Janulis, York; 201-Jerry Erickson, Morton; 202-Ken Boulter, Niles Notre Dame; 203-Kim Haysen, Morton.

### Slow Pitch Softball

- GAMES TODAY: American League (at Talcaot-Pope Park): 8 p.m. Italian Village vs. National Guard; 7 p.m. Mr. Steak vs. Hollywood Drive-ins; 8 p.m. Bean Shoe vs. W. F. & John Barnes; 9 p.m. Jaycees vs. Newsouth.

### Hole-in-One Commonplace

Hole-in-one is supposed to be a rarity in golf, but four have already been reported on Rockford courses. The fourth was shot Sunday at Macktown golf course, Rockton, by Chuck Larkin of Rockford. He used a three iron to sink his tee shot on the par three, 185-yard No. 17. The shot was witnessed by Art Carlson, Les Larkin and Cy Lukaszewicz.

### Mets Lose No-Hitter

## Marichal To Face Roseboro Tonight

By United Press International: When Juan Marichal goes up to bat tonight, it's doubtful that manager Herman Franks will give him that shopworn line, "Pick out something good to hit."



Marichal Roseboro

For the last time Marichal faced Los Angeles in a league game, he picked out something good all right—John Roseboro's head. And he was right on target.

The Marichal-Roseboro incident last Aug. 22 at Candlestick Park in the midst of a heated pennant race between the San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers was the biggest explosion of the tense season-long dogfight between the two clubs.

Marichal will face the Dodgers for the first time in a league game since he clubbed Roseboro when the Giants hosted the Dodgers in the most dramatic game of the 10-game major league schedule tonight.

All the teams swing into action after enjoying a relaxed evening Monday. The only scheduled game between Baltimore and Washington was rained out. Six teams were involved in exhibition games and the others had the night off.

sota 3-2 in 10 innings in the only contest involving two major league teams. It was played at Atlanta.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Cubs beat Dallas-Fort Worth 8-2, Los Angeles stopped Spokane 4-2 and San Francisco nipped the University of Santa Clara, 7-6, the two clubs.

And the New York Mets were, well, the New York Mets. Met pitchers Bill Hepler and Dave Eilers pitched a five-inning no-hitter against Jacksonville in a game called in the top of the sixth by rain. But the Mets still lost 2-0 as Jacksonville pushed across two third-inning runs without a hit.

In the exhibition games Monday, Atlanta nipped Minne-

### Minor League Results

- INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffalo of Richmond postponed; rain. Rochester 6, Toledo 4. PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE: Oklahoma City 2, Phoenix 1. DENVER 7, Tulsa 1. MIDWEST LEAGUE: Decatur 3, Quincy 2. Quad Cities 4, Clinton 1. Burlington 4, Cedar Rapids 3. Fox Cities 15, Dubuque 0. Waterloo 6, Wisconsin Rapids.

### League Leaders

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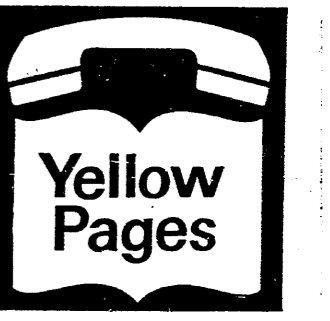
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### Letters to Editor Fans' Forum

To Rick Talley, Sports Editor: Two baseballs said to have been traced to ball grounds in Rockford, pioneer area of the game, have been exhibited in the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum here, as follows: "From Rockford, Ill., pioneer baseball city, this ball was reportedly caught by William Ballard Osborne of the historic Forest City amateur team in an 1870 game against the professional Cincinnati Red Stockings."

"Kept by Osborne's stepson, A. W. Fletcher, the ball was presented by Mrs. Fletcher at Comiskey Park, Chicago, in 1965, and accepted for the Hall of Fame by Gabby Hartnett and Luke Appling."

"Baseball, said to have been used in 1865 in Rockford, Ill., where Albert G. Spalding was a boy player, was kept by the family of Joe Westerberg."

"Presented to the Baseball Museum in 1965 by Mrs. Joe Westerberg, accepted by Gabby Hartnett and Luke Appling, at Comiskey Park, Chicago. Courtesy of Rockford Boys Club."

Yours Very Truly, Ken Smith, Director National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. Cooperstown, N.Y.

Tobacco Too Good To Smoke. Just a pinch of Copenhagen. Ford Galaxie '500' 2 Dr. Hardtop. WILLETT FORD. Church at Chestnut.

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