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HHH Metrodome

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1987 TWINS MAKE IT TWO IN A ROW: Kirby Puckett continued to have the hot bat with three hits and three RBIs to lead the '87 Twins over the '65 Twins 8-4 in Game 2 of the Dream Series. The victory puts the '87 club up two games to none in the best of five-game series, and certainly increases the odds for a three-game sweep by Tom Kelly's 1987 world championship team.

Like last night, the '65 Twins jumped out to a first-inning lead, scoring four runs. Jimmie Hall knocked in two of those runs with a mammoth homer to the Metrodome's second deck in right field. That signaled the end for '87 starter Bert Blyleven who lasted just two-thirds of an inning. He was replaced with two outs in the first by knuckleballer Joe Niekro who quickly doused the flames. He pitched five strong innings, giving up just four hits while walking none and striking out six to record the victory.

Some thought Niekro's stuff was too good. '65 Twins third base coach Billy Martin and Niekro got into a shouting match in the fourth inning when Martin demanded that the home plate umpire check Niekro for scuffing the baseball with a hidden object. Niekro, however, remained in the game and continued to stymie the '65 hitters.

'65 starter Jim "Mudcat" Grant was coasting with his four-run lead until the fifth inning when Greg Gagne led off with a solid single for the '87 team, and then scored on Tim Launder's home run. The '87 club added another run when Puckett doubled home Al Newman, who had also doubled.

The '87 club continued the assault in the sixth inning with four more runs, two of which came on a Tom Brunansky home run. '87 completed the scoring in the seventh when pinch-hitter Don Baylor doubled home Gary Gaetti. In all, the '87 club rocked Grant, Jim Merritt and Al Worthington for 16 hits.

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HOMER HANKIES WERE FLYING AGAIN: It was reminiscent of 1987 when the Dream Series moved to the Metrodome for Game 2. Minnesota's own Prince sang the national anthem and 1987 Twins owner Carl Pohlad threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

'65 manager Sam Mele's club appeared to have some difficulty adjusting to the Metrodome, especially with the deafening noise. Once again, "Tom Kelly for Governor" pins were scattered throughout the sellout crowd of 55,312. While it was a chilly 46 degrees outside the Metrodome, it was a cozy 72 inside.

IT WILL BE STRAKER VS. PASCUAL IN GAME 3: The 1965 Twins are putting all their hopes on Camilo "Little Potato" Pascual in tomorrow night's Game 3 at Metropolitan Stadium. Pascual was hurt much of the season but still managed a 9-3 record. The '87 club will counter with Les Straker, who was up and down for much of the 1987 season, posting an 8-10 mark.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey will throw out the first pitch and Vic Damone is flying in to sing the national anthem. Of course, a victory is necessary for the 1965 team if it hopes to force a fourth game of the Dream Series. Coverage of Game 3 of the Dream Series will be broadcast on WCCO Radio and the Twins Radio Network beginning tomorrow at 7:05 p.m.

Dream Series

Game 2

Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
1965	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	8	16	0

1965 Twins	POS.	AB	R	H	RBI
Valdespino	DH	4	1	1	0
Mincher	PH	1	0	0	0
Rollins	3B	3	0	1	0
Oliva	RF	4	1	1	1
Killebrew	1B	4	0	1	0
Hall	CF	4	1	2	2
Allison	LF	3	1	2	0
Versalles	SS	4	0	1	0
Battey	C	4	0	1	1
Quilici	2B	4	0	1	0
TOTALS		35	4	11	4

1987 Twins	POS.	AB	R	H	RBI
Gladden	LF	5	0	0	0
Newman	2b	5	2	2	0
Puckett	CF	5	0	3	3
Hrbek	1B	4	0	1	0
Gaetti	3B	4	1	1	0
Bush	DH	3	1	2	0
Baylor	DH	1	0	1	1
Brunansky	RF	4	1	2	2
Gagne	SS	4	1	2	0
Laudner	C	4	2	2	2
TOTALS		39	8	16	8

1987 Twins	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Blyleven	0.2	4	4	3	1	0
Niekro (W, 1-0)	5.1	4	0	0	0	6
Berenguer	3.0	3	0	0	0	3

1965 Twins	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Grant (L, 0-1)	5.1	12	6	6	0	6
Merritt	0.2	3	2	2	0	2
Worthington	2.0	1	0	0	0	2

2B: Killebrew, Newman, Puckett, Baylor

HR: Hall, Brunansky, Laudner

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Dream Series  
Game 2  
Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome

Starting  
Pitchers:                   1987: Bert Blyleven  
                              1965: Jim "Mudcat" Grant

Attendance:                   55,312

Weather:                    46 degrees outside, 72 degrees inside  
                              the Metrodome

National anthem:            Performed by Minnesota's own Prince,  
                              a personal favorite of both Herb  
                              Carneal and John Gordon.

First ball toss:            Carl Pohlad, the man who kept  
                              baseball in Minnesota

Notes:                      Homer Hankies all over the place

                              Governor Rudy Perpich is here along  
                              with former Vice President Walter  
                              Mondale

                              Downtown is crazy

                              Visiting team (1965) is staying at  
                              the Hyatt Regency

                              Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is here

                              First time the 1965 team has seen  
                              artificial turf, Bob Allison and  
                              Tony Oliva were out experimenting  
                              with different types of shoes.

                              Hard to see the replays on the dot  
                              matrix scoreboard, but there is  
                              talk of a color scoreboard

FIRST INNING

1965

Valdespino leads off by singling to shallow right. (1-0)

Rollins bunts Valdy over to second, Rollins out pitcher to first. (first pitch) ONE OUT

Oliva singles to right, scoring Valdy on a close play at the plate. Great throw by Brunansky. Kelly argues to no avail. (1-1)

Killebrew flies to deep, deep left. Oliva goes to second. (1-0) TWO OUTS

Jimmie Hall knocks one in the upper deck in right field scoring Oliva. (2-1)

(Such goes to the mound, but Bert stays in. Niekro and Schatzeder are up in the bullpen.)

Allison walks. (3-1)

Versalles singles to right, moving Allison to third. (1-1)

(Kelly brings in Niekro.)

Bathey singles to left, scoring Allison and moving Versalles to second.

Quilici strikes out. (1-2) THREE OUTS

(It appears the '65 Twins, who are playing on artificial turf for the first time ever, like the Metrodome.)

Summary: 5 hits, 4 runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4									4	5	0
1987										0	0	0

1987

Gladden grounds to Rollins at third. (0-1) ONE OUT

Newman grounds to Quilici at second. (1-0) TWO OUTS

Puckett flies to Hall in center. (first pitch) THREE OUTS

Summary: no hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4									4	5	0
1987	0									0	0	0

SECOND INNING

1965

Valdespino grounds to Gagne. (1-1) ONE OUT

Rollins strikes out swinging. (1-2) TWO OUTS

Oliva flies to Brunansky in right. (first pitch) THREE OUTS

Summary: no hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0								4	5	0
1987	0									0	0	0

1987

Hrbek singles sharply over second base. (1-1)

Gaetti grounds into routine short to second to first double play. (0-2) TWO OUTS

Bush strikes out swinging. (2-2) THREE OUTS

Summary: one hit, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0								4	5	0
1987	0	0								0	1	0

THIRD INNING

1965

Killebrew doubles to the gap in left center. (2-1)

Hall flies to Gladden in deep left, Killebrew tags and is thrown out at third. Good throw, great tag by Gaetti.

(1-1) TWO OUTS

Allison strikes out swinging. (1-2) THREE OUTS

Summary: one hit, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0							4	6	0
1987	0	0								0	1	0

1987

Brunansky leads off with a single to center. (1-1)

Gagne soft single over shortstop moving Bruno to second.  
(1-0)

Laudner flies to medium left, not deep enough to move the runners. (1-1) ONE OUT

Gladden nubs one to the pitcher. It looks like Grant's only play is to first, but instead he spins and nails Bruno at third for the force. Gagne goes to second.  
(2-1) TWO OUTS

Newman pops up to Quilici at second to end the inning. (1-1)  
THREE OUTS

Summary: 2 hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0							4	6	0
1987	0	0	0							0	3	0

FOURTH INNING

1965

Versalles watches strike three. (1-2) ONE OUT

(Martin wants Niekro checked  
for a foreign substance. Niekro  
and Martin trade shouts,  
but nothing comes of it.)

Batthey grounds weakly to short. (0-2) TWO OUTS

Quilici flies to shallow center. Good running catch by  
Kirby. (2-2) THREE OUTS

Summary: no hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0						4	6	0
1987	0	0	0							0	3	0

1987

Puckett singles solidly to right. (first pitch)

Hrbek watches strike three. (2-2) ONE OUT

Gaetti flies to deep, deep left. (2-2) TWO OUTS

Bush singles to right moving Kirby to second. (1-0)

Brunansky strikes out swinging to end the inning.  
(1-2) THREE OUTS

Summary: 2 hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0						4	6	0
1987	0	0	0	0						0	5	0



FIFTH INNING

1965

Valdespino strikes out on big Niekro knuckler. (2-2) ONE OUT

Rollins grounds to Newman at second. (1-0) TWO OUTS

Oliva grounds sharply to Hrbek who makes a good play and takes it himself at first. (2-1) THREE OUTS

Summary: no hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0					4	6	0
1987	0	0	0	0						0	5	0

1987

Gagne singles sharply to center. (1-0)

Laudner homers deep to <sup>LEFT FIELD</sup> ~~left field~~, scoring Gagne. (2-1)

Gladden strikes out swinging. (1-2) ONE OUT

Newman slaps a double down the right field line. (0-1)

Puckett laces a double to the gap in right center, scoring Newman. (0-1)

Hrbek rips one to deep right, but Oliva hauls it in on a fine play. Puckett moves to third. (2-1) TWO OUTS

Gaetti goes down swinging. (1-2) THREE OUTS

Summary: 4 hits, 3 runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0					4	6	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3					3	9	0

SIXTH INNING

1965

Killebrew takes big swing at Niekro knuckler for strike three. (2-2) ONE OUT

Hall singles to right. (2-1)

Allison singles to left, moving Hall to second. (0-1)

Versalles hits a rocket, but right at Newman at second, who knocks it down and starts a second to short to first double play to end the inning. (2-1) THREE OUTS

Summary: 2 hits, 0 runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0	0				4	8	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3					3	9	0

1987

Bush singles to right center. (2-1)

Brunansky homers deep to left center, scoring Bush and giving the 1987 team their first lead. (1-0)

(Merritt in the bullpen)

Gagne strikes out swinging. (1-2) ONE OUT

Laudner singles over third base. (1-0)

(Merritt into pitch)

Gladden strikes out swinging. (1-2) TWO OUTS

Newman singles over short, moving Laudner to second. (1-1)

Puckett singles to right scoring Laudner, and in a close play, Newman. (first pitch)

Hrbek strikes out to end the inning. (1-2) THREE OUTS

Summary: 5 hits, 4 runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0	0				4	8	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3	4				7	14	0

SEVENTH INNING

1965

(Berenguer now in for Niekro.)

Battey strikes out swinging. (1-2) ONE OUT

Quilici grounds to Newman at second. (2-1) TWO OUTS

Valdespino strikes out singing. (1-2) THREE OUTS

Summary: no hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0	0	0			4	8	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3	4				7	14	0

1987

Gaetti singles to left. (2-1)

(Baylor pinch hits for  
Bush and Mele counters  
with Worthington.)

Baylor doubles, scoring Gaetti. (2-2)

Brunansky watches strike three. (1-2) ONE OUT

Gagne flies to medium left. (first pitch) TWO OUTS

Laudner flies to Hall in center. (0-1) THREE OUTS

Summary: 2 hits, 1 run, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0	0	0			4	8	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3	4	1			8	16	0

EIGHTH INNING

1965

Rollins singles to right. (1-0)

Oliva flies to right. (1-1) ONE OUT

Killebrew flies to left. (2-0) TWO OUTS

Hall flies to center. (1-1) THREE OUTS

Summary: 1 hit, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4	9	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3	4	1			8	16	0

1987

Gladden grounds to Versalles. (2-2) ONE OUT

Newman pops up behind the plate, easy play for Battey. (0-1)  
TWO OUTS

Puckett strikes out swinging. (0-2) THREE OUTS

Summary: no hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4	9	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	0		8	16	0

NINTH INNING

1965

Allison singles to left. (2-1)

Versalles flies to left. (1-2) ONE OUT

Batthey strikes out swinging. (1-2) TWO OUTS

Quilici singles over second base, moving Allison to second.  
(1-0)

Mincher, pinch-hitting for Valdespino, lines sharply to  
Gaetti to end the game. (1-0) THREE OUTS

Summary: 2 hits, no runs, no errors

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
1965	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	0
1987	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	X	8	16	0