

Bailey's Grand slam Gives Alton 6-3 Title

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EDWARDSVILLE — Eighteen years ago Wednesday, third baseman Randy Bailey of Alton arrived in this warped, old world.

Born under the sign of Gemini, his May 21 horoscope reads: "If you take the time to do favors with whom you have always been close, you can increase your own prosperity and happiness."

Prosper he did; happier he couldn't have been.

Celebrating his natal day in superb style, the lefthanded-hitting Bailey clubbed his Alton Redbird teammates to a 6-3 come-from-behind triumph over Granite City to cop the Edwardsville Regional baseball title.

The huskily-built celebrant had a perfect three-for-three day at bat, stroking a grand slam home run, a double and a single in driving home five of Alton's six runs.

Bailey's homer — a 1-0 shot over the 12-foot high rightfield fence 326 feet away — crased a 2-1 Granite City lead in the fourth inning and put the Redbirds out front to stay.

Prior thereto, his second in-nning double his first time up scored John King to get the 'Birdies into the ball game and

sliced the Warriors edge in half, 3-1.

The victory, which was Alton's 19th against only five defeats, put the Redbirds in the opening game Monday in the St. Louis Sectional.

They will meet the Pittsfield winner, which will be determined today. The second contest Tuesday has Nokomis, winner of its own Regional, facing the Springfield winner.

The two first-game winners will clash Wednesday for the right to enter the eight-team state championship field at Peoria, June 5-6.

Bailey's bases-cleaning boundary belt couldn't have come at a better time, for the Redbirds were slightly matching the weather before then — drizzling.

There wasn't a more appreciative guy in the ball park than ace starter Gary Hagen, who caught his lumps in the very first inning and barely survived.

Seeking to avenge his April 21, 3-0 no-hitter over them, the Warriors combed him for three hits — two of them doubles — and two runs while all but one of their batting order faced Hagen.

They twice had the bases loaded against the 6-foot-3 right-hander who, fortunately, did survive and escaped with his seventh victory in eight de-

clinations.

Hagen's miseries happened after two were out and when Jerry Monahan of the Warriors pulled a stamper inside the third base line and out to the fence for a double.

Dave Evans and Jim Becker, who had also doubled, scored on Monahan's blow.

While the fast-working Alton pitcher had flawless support in an early drizzling rain with a wet ball, Warrior starter Ron Simpson, also a righty, had the opposite.

Granite City committed five errors — three of them by third baseman Rich Logan and one by Simpson himself — which accounted for two Alton runs.

Despite the treacherous field and ball, the Redbirds missed by a split second of bagging a rarely-seen triple play.

With catcher Roger Belshe of the Warriors on second with nobody out in the fifth inning, Becker sent a humming liner to shortstop Terry Middleton, who fired to Dan Conner to double-up Belshe.

Conner then wheeled a snap throw to Bailey at third, where Evans, who had walked, barely made it back to the bag.

The quick double-dip took the heart out of the Warriors, who then retired as Gary Simpson lofted out to King in right.

third on King's bouncer in the second set up Alton's first run.

Bailey followed by pickling the first pitch Simpson threw him, sending it to left-center while King legged it home all the way from first.

Hagen blanked the Warriors in the second, third and fourth frames, although he allowed a runner in each of the first two. Neither, however, reached second base.

And then came Alton's fat fourth.

Conner and Rick Glazebrook hit back-to-back singles. With two on and nobody out, King sent a fast-rolling bunt back to pitcher Simpson, who bobbed it and all hands were safe.

Up stepped Bailey. He slammed the second Simpson pitch on a 1-0 count over the fence, onto the road and into the high weeds adjacent to the railroad tracks alongside the Edwardsville diamond.

The blow also spelled curtains for Simpson, who was then relieved by another righty, Steve Harris. The former retired with a 2-2 record, allowing five runs (three earned); four hits, struck out three and walked none.

Both teams scored in the fifth. Granite City getting its run when Belshe slammed a one-out double to left, scoring Don Harris, who led-off with a single.

The Redbirds got their final run when Rick Glazebrook sent

a high two-out fly to center, scoring Middleton after the catch, but Hagen was cutdown at third by first baseman Becker, who cut-off the throw to the plate, for the third out.

Hagen retired the last half dozen Warriors he faced in order.

He gave up three runs, all earned, on seven hits. He struck out eight and walked three.

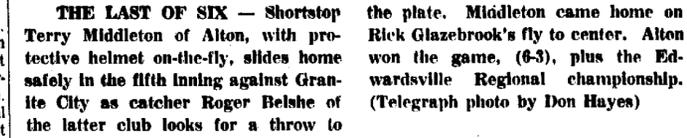
FOOTNOTES — Shortly after the game began, drizzling rain fell. And when the Warriors hopped on Hagen for two runs in the first, some in the Redbird family were praying

it would rain harder. Like first base coach Ed Youhas. He kept giving base-sinker Al Kutsera a gentle hint by making like a duck, calling, "Quack, quack, quack"....The ump merely smiled and continued with his business, and fortunately he did....Granite City centerfielder Jerry Monahan's throw from the outfield with a wet ball to nick sliding Randy Bailey at third in the second inning was a thing of beauty....The defeat ended the Warrior's record at 14-12....Third baseman Rich Logan of Granite City experienced the toughest day, committing three errors, two of them the throwing variety....

Dimensions of Edwardsville's Little League Park were hardly befitting high school play. It was 316 feet to left, 362 to center, and 326 to right....Even so, Bailey's birthday grand

slammer would've been one in most any prep park....

GRANITE CITY (5)
Player, Pos. AB R H ER BB SO
Evans, 7F 3 0 0 0 0 0
Becker, 1B 3 0 0 0 0 0
O. Simpson, 3B 3 0 0 0 0 0
Woodson, CF 3 0 0 0 0 0
Fosch, P 3 0 0 0 0 0
Logan, 2B 3 0 0 0 0 0
Harris, 1B 3 0 0 0 0 0
Greenwall, 3B 3 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 24 0 0 0 0 0
ALTON (6)
Player, Pos. AB R H ER BB SO
Hagen, P 6 0 0 0 0 0
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Glazebrook, 1B 3 0 0 0 0 0
King, CF 3 0 0 0 0 0
Bailey, 3B 3 0 0 0 0 0
John, P 3 0 0 0 0 0
Wilson, P 3 0 0 0 0 0
Grady, CF 3 0 0 0 0 0
Jehle, C 3 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 24 0 0 0 0 0
Granite City
Alton IP H R ER BB SO
Hagen (W 7-1) 7 0 0 0 0 0
G. C. IP H R ER BB SO
Simpson (L 3-0) 2 3 1 0 0 0
Harris 2 3 1 0 0 0
DP—Alton 1, LOB—Granite City 4, Alton 2. BB—Becker, Monahan, Belshe, Bailey. HR—Bailey. WP—Logan, U—Piaraki, Kutsera, T—196.



THE LAST OF SIX — Shortstop Terry Middleton of Alton, with protective helmet on-the-fly, slides home safely in the fifth inning against Granite City as catcher Roger Belshe of the latter club looks for a throw to

State Champs Run In Conference Meet

Alton High School's newly-crowned state track champions will be on display Friday at Granite City when the Annual Southwestern Conference Track and Field Meet will be held at Granite City High School.

The meet gets under way at 4 p.m.

One of the highlights of the meet will be the duel between Alton's Gale Murphy and Edwardsville's Morris Bradshaw in the 100-yard dash. They hooked up in the state meet last Saturday in Champaign with Bradshaw finishing second and Murphy third. Both were timed in :09.8.

Murphy was one of the stars in the Redbirds winning the state title for the third time in the last seven years. He finished third in the 220 and anchored the winning 880 relay team.

The Redbirds are heavy favorites to take the conference title, but will face some tough competition from East St. Louis,

Belleville West and Granite City. Some of the better individuals to be seen will be Oscar Wallace of Alton who set state record in the long jump with a leap of 24-8 1/4; Tyrone Carpenter of East St. Louis, second place finisher in the state high jump with a 6-6 effort; Milt Johnson of Alton, third place finisher in the 440-yard dash at the state meet; hurdler Mike Allen of Granite City; 880 runner Gary Reinhardt of Belleville West; distance runner Bruce Ferry of Belleville West, shot putter Tom Stock of Belleville West; pole vaulter Doug Mendenhall of Alton; discuss thrower Steve Birger of Collinsville who placed third in the state meet, and hurdlers Mike McKeever and Mark Thomas of Wood River.

Alton's mile relay team that placed second in the state meet with a time of 3:20.0 will also be in action again although the personnel may be different.

Minnesota Seeks Big Ten Clincher

CHICAGO (AP) — The Big Ten baseball pennant campaign ends this weekend with Minnesota needing to win only one of four windup games to repeat for the title and move on to the NCAA college world series in Omaha June 9-14.

The Gophers, one of the most powerful teams in recent Big Ten history with .334 and .540 in batting and slugging, take a 12-2 record to Michigan (6-6) for a Friday doubleheader. They travel to Michigan State (5-7) for another twin bill in Saturday's finale.

Ohio State, 7-5, has a mathematical chance to win. By defeating Purdue (7-7) Friday and Illinois (—4) Saturday in home doubleheaders while Minnesota dropped four games, the Buckeyes would take it with a .688 percentage to the Gophers' .667.

A weekend sweep by Illinois under the same circumstances would lock the Illini with Minnesota as co-champions.

In other doubleheaders Friday Illinois (8-4) is at Indiana (7-7) and Iowa (7-7) at MSU. Saturday's slate has Iowa at Michigan and Purdue at Indiana. Wisconsin (5-7) is at Northwestern (2-12) in single games both days.

Second to Minnesota in team hitting and slugging is Ohio State .607 and .336. Michigan

tops team fielding with .963 while Purdue and Iowa follow at .959 and .958. MSU heads team pitching with a 2.52 ERA and Minnesota is next with 2.68.

The Gophers have five batters among the leading 20 hitters—Noel Jenke, Mike Walseth, Bill Kendall, Bob Nielsen and Bob Schmetz. They have a combined average of .377, a slugging average of .623 and have scored 75 runs.

Based on at least 13 hits, Phil Morgan of Ohio State tops batting averages with .462. He is followed by Jenke .457; Andy Jackson, Iowa, .432; Mike Baughman, Indiana, .429; Frank Grundler, Indiana, .396; Rick Miller, MSU, .389; Clyde Kuehn, Illinois, .382; Walseth .377; Dave Heiss, OSU, .364; Kendall .364, and Gary Breshers, Iowa, .364.

Illinois' Rich Binder paces the pitchers with a 5-0 record and 1.09 ERA in 33 innings.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Cornell will play NYU and Seton Hall will oppose Colgate in the first round of the District Two NCAA baseball playoffs at Coyle, Pa. on May 29.

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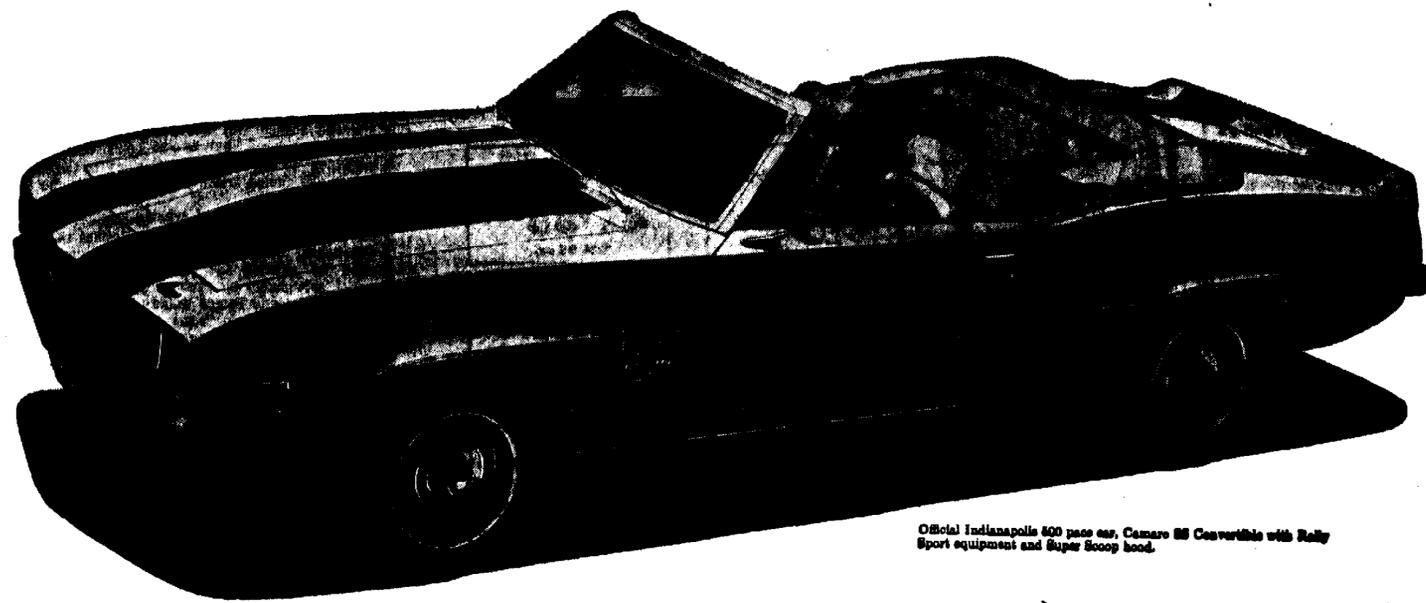
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