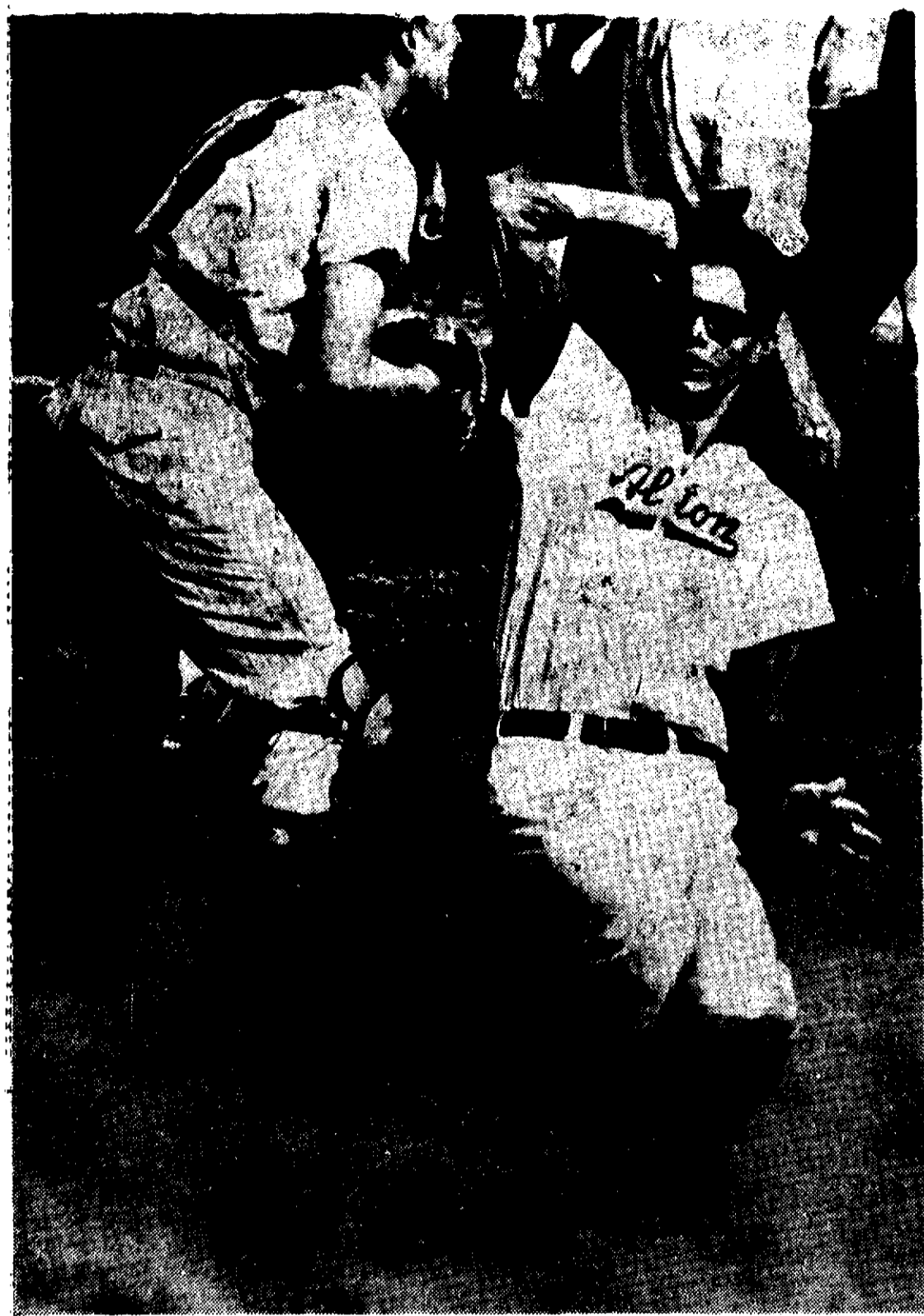


# Alton Beats Griffin, 2-0, Lands in State



**SCORING INSURANCE RUN** — Dan Conner of Alton slides safely across the plate in the third inning against Springfield Griffin in Wednesday's sectional championship game. Conner scored on John King's single to left. The Springfield catcher is Quint Burkhardt.

By JIM BELL  
Telegraph Sports Writer  
STANTON — When the roll is called up yonder (Peoria), Alton's exciting baseball Redbirds will be there!  
Riding on the strong right arm of Gary Hagen, who came within two outs of pitching his second no-hitter of the season, the Redbirds rubbed out Springfield Griffin, 2-0, to win the Stanton Sectional championship here Wednesday.  
It was their 21st victory against only five losses and earned them the enviable right to be among the elite. Eight teams that will assemble in Caterpillar Town for the widely-sought state title, June 5-6.  
The Redbirds are pitted against Highland Park (13-

9), winner of the Glenbrook North Sectional, in Thursday's quarter-finals of the state meet.  
Griffin, although highly-respected and remembered for its state title bid last year, was no match for the 6-foot-3 Alton ace who just wasn't about to be denied, come fire or famine.  
The heartbreaking part about his exhibition was that he failed to match pitching mate Rick Reidt's no-hitter against Pittsfield Monday, which would've given Mr. Whip and Mr. Zip back-to-back gems.  
But nobody (including young Mister Hagen) was crying about it afterward. Like elated Alton Coach Wayne Tyler expressed beforehand, "We'll take 'em anyway we can get 'em, especially from here on out."

What's more, the Redbirds turned the trick against the Cyclones' ace lefthander, George Rudis, a 6-1 curveballer considered to be Capitol City's best.  
But the Redbirds, who harbor no particular love for portlanders, hit him safely in every inning except the sixth.  
Coach Dick Murawski had already used his best righty, Ed Gvazdinskas (pronounced Vaz-dinkus), in Tuesday's winning spat against Nokomis. Gvazdinskas played shortstop against the Birdies.  
Alton broke into the scoring early when John King led off the second inning with a single to dead center, and advanced on the same play when center-fielder Joe Stritzel muffed the pick-up.  
Third baseman Randy Bailey

was awarded first base when catcher Quint Burkhardt was struck out eight and walked two.  
Rudis, seeing his record lowered to 6-2, was touched for eight hits besides two runs, fanned six and only walked one.  
Conner and King bore the brunt of Alton's hitting attack. Conner going three-for-three and King two-for-three.

FOOTNOTES — How lucky can one get? Alton again won the pre-game flip of the coin and elected to be the "home" team, which it has been for all six of its tournament games... Even though Hagen failed to match Reidt's no-hitter against Pittsfield, he did insofar as time spent. Both games required identical times, one hour and 35 minutes, despite two Griffin hits... The loss ended Griffin's season with a respectable 17-8 mark... Six major league clubs were represented by bird-dogging scouts assigned by the Yankees, Cardinals, Senators, Indians, Athletics, Redlegs and Dodgers...  
Griffin's only threats came in the second and seventh innings.  
The Cyclones had Semanik and Gvazdinskas on second and first, respectively, only to see Rudis and Mike Shaughnessy both go down on strikes in the second stanza.  
Then, with six and one-third innings elapsed, they finally broke through with their first hit when Gvazdinskas beat out a well-placed bunt to Hagen's right near the third base line close to the plate.  
Rudis followed with a well-wooded shot to left, Gvazdinskas moving to second with only one away.  
Tyler then tightened his defense by placing stronger-throwing Tom Wilson in left for Joehele and the move paid off.  
Hagen forced Shaughnessy to fly out to left, and then mowed down Jay Brennan for the final out.  
The two-hitter was Hagen's eighth win against only one loss.

The Redbirds' appearance in Peoria will be their first since 1966 when they advanced to the semi-final round before suffering defeat... Comparing the two teams, this year's present team, "is stronger on pitching but shorter on hitting."

Player	Pos.	AB	R	H	RBI
Conner	2b	3	2	3	2
King	1b	3	1	2	1
Stritzel	cf	3	1	1	0
Burkhardt	c	3	0	0	0
Semanik	3b	3	0	0	0
Gvazdinskas	ss	3	0	0	0
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**"THAT'S MY BOY, GARY!"** — Pitcher Gary Hagen of Alton (No. 29) is surrounded after his 2-0 victory over Springfield Griffin with his father, Curt Hagen (in white hat), leading the procession of admirers. His batterymate, Mark Jehle, is at the left. (Telegraph photos by Don Hayes).

## Pairings Released For State Tourney

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — First round pairings for the Illinois State High School baseball tournament in Peoria June 5-6 were decided Wednesday in sectional championship games.  
The pairings shape up this way with available team records included:  
Newton vs. Chicago Schurz (19-7). Highland Park (13-9) vs. Alton (21-5). LaSalle-Peru vs. Naperville (19-1). DuQuoin (20-2) vs. Pekin (16-10).  
Don Stanhouse struck out 18 in a five-hit job to lead DuQuoin to a 7-0 victory over Belleville Altoth in the Marion sectional finale. Stanhouse also collected two doubles and a single to drive in three runs and scored twice.  
Naperville scored four runs in the last inning to down Elgin 9-6 at Elgin. Pekin banked 16 hits to trounce Quincy 12-6 at Canton.  
Righthander Gary Hagen hurled a two-hitter as Alton blanked Springfield Griffin 2-0 at Stanton.  
Other results included LaSalle Peru 10, Joliet West 4 at Streator; Highland Park 4, Niles West Newton 6, Normal Community 1 at Champaign.

## Culp Praises Expansion Teams

By DICK COUCH  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
Ray Culp might think the American League expansion clubs can't be embarrassed, but he hasn't seen the egg on Joe Schultz' face.  
Culp, Boston's winningest pitcher, struggled to a 4-3 victory over Kansas City Wednesday night and then congratulated both the Royals and Seattle Pilots for their poise under fire.  
"I was in the National League when Houston and the New York Mets were new teams, and

Kansas City and Seattle are twice the ball clubs they were," said the Red Sox' fireballer, who has won eight of 10 decisions. "Pitching against them, I can tell you they're really tough. They battle you. They don't embarrass themselves."  
At about the same time in Seattle, the Pilots were being drubbed by the Baltimore Orioles 9-5—with the help of a highly embarrassing faux pas by Manager Schultz.  
Schultz changed line-ups just before the game when the Or-

les switched from right-hander Jim Palmer, their scheduled pitcher, to southpaw Dave McNally. But the Seattle skipper presented the wrong line-up cards to the umpires and opposing Manager Earl Weaver.  
When Tommy Davis, batting out of turn as were five other Seattle starters, smacked a two-run double in the fifth inning, Weaver exercised his right of appeal. Davis was declared out, ending the inning and nullifying the runs, and McNally went on to nail his seventh vic-

tory without a loss.  
"We made a lot of mistakes tonight, but I can't say much about that because I made the biggest one myself," Schultz said. "I had made out two sets of line-ups and I turned copies of the first set over to the Baltimore club and the umpire. But I used the second line-up card for our batting order."  
"I know how Joe feels," Weaver commiserated. "I've done the same thing myself when I was managing Rochester. I learned then that if you start to make out a new lineup you immediately tear up the old one."  
In other American League action, Detroit nipped Oakland 3-2; Washington edged Minnesota 4-3; California shaded Cleveland 5-4 and the Chicago White Sox squeezed past the New York Yankees 7-6.  
Culp survived home runs by Pat Kelly and Mike Fiore in taming the Royals, who had won four in a row. His seven strikeouts gave him the AL lead with 78.  
Rick Petrocelli led the Boston attack with his 14th homer, a bunt single and a double. He also set a club record of 46 consecutive errorless games at shortstop, breaking by one game the 1850 mark set by Vern Stephens.  
The Orioles jumped to a 4-0 lead before Kay Oyer tagged McNally for a two-run homer, then scored five more runs on homers by Dave Johnson, Don Buford, Boog Powell and Brooks Robinson before Schultz' lineup blunder snagged the Pilots' hopes for a comeback in the

fifth.  
Powell extended his hitting streak to 17 games with a first inning single before slamming his sixth homer. McNally also was rocked for a homer by Jerry McNertney before giving way to reliever Eddie Watt in the seventh.  
Pitcher Earl Wilson's run-scoring single in the seventh carried the Tigers past Oakland for their eighth victory in the last 10 games. The A's have lost seven of their last eight.  
Singles by Jim Northrup, Bill Freehan and Wilson off John "Blue Moon" Odom gave the Tigers a 3-1 lead and offset Rick Monday's homer in the bottom of the seventh.  
Frank Howard drilled a run-scoring single with two out in the ninth to win for Washington against the Twins. Minnesota had tied it 3-3 on Bob Allison's two-run double in the sixth.  
The Twins' Rod Carew had two hits in three trips to the plate, boosting his major league high batting average to .400.  
Jay Johnstone blooped a single to center with two out in the ninth, scoring Aurelio Rodriguez to give California its second straight victory under new skipper Lefty Phillips. The Angels came from behind to tie the game in the eighth when Rick Reichardt singled and scored from first on Bubba Morton's double.  
Pete Ward's fifth inning homer, a three-run shot off Al Downing, broke a 2-2 tie and propelled the White Sox to their third victory in three games at Milwaukee which year.  
Chicago almost blew a 7-2

lead. Frank Fernandez homered for the Yanks with one on in the eighth and they scored twice in the ninth before Wilbur Wood saved the victory for starter Joe Horlen.  
**Wilt Paulison Leaves 'Cats**  
EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Wilt Paulison, after 43 years as sports information director at Northwestern University, retires Sunday.  
Paulison, a native of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and a 1924 graduate from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern, received national recognition when he was included this year in the charter group of SID's to be inducted into the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame.  
Paulison's closeness to the Northwestern scene is depicted in his book, published in 1951, "The Tale of the Wildcats," a history of Northwestern athletics.  
He and his wife, Eloise, plan to remain in Evanston.  
Succeeding Paulison in the Northwestern post is George Beres, his assistant the last 16 years. Beres, a native of Pekin, Ill., also is a Medill graduate, class of 1955.  
Beres formerly was a sports writer for the Pekin Times and Decatur (Ill.) Herald and Review. For seven years he broadcast Northwestern football and basketball over Evanston station WEAW.

## Nix on Controversy, Martin, Williams Say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ted Williams says he doesn't want to be drawn into controversy with Billy Martin—who denies he said the former hitting master was one of the worst players he ever saw—but Williams feels criticism of his baserunning is unjustified.  
The fiery Martin, rookie Minnesota Twins manager, said before and after Wednesday's night game that he was misinterpreted in his comments about Williams, freshman manager of the Washington Senators.  
"I think he was the greatest hitter I ever saw, he was without peer," said Martin. "But there's more to playing than just hitting."  
Martin said he was asked a question by a newsman Tuesday night about what he, as a second baseman thought about Williams.  
"I said he never did slide into me as long as I was a second baseman," Martin told newsmen. "As a second baseman you expect to be taken out into left field. He used to run out of the baseline."  
But Martin, before the game, also said: "Everybody judges players a little different. I judge a player by what he does for his ball club and not what he does for himself. I think the name of the game is self-sacrifice."  
After the Senators defeated the Twins 4-3 on Frank Howard's run-scoring single in the ninth inning, Martin said: "I didn't say he was a... ballplayer. He's in the Hall of Fame isn't he? How can I comment on

what kind of player he was? I was on the other end."  
"It was one little thing that was blown out of proportion," he said.  
"It's a dead issue as far as I'm concerned."  
Williams, who has had his differences with newsmen in the past, said he also thought the press was misinterpreting what Martin had to say about him but he made some comments about his baserunning.  
"I got on base quite a few times and led the league in scoring six times," Williams said. "So I had to go around second quite a few times."  
And then he asked, "How many times have you seen a second baseman actually taken out on a play where he can't make the throw? You have to have that little extra speed to really get in there and take him out of the play. There's only a few players who can do that."  
Williams, when pressed, did say about Martin: "No one admires him more than I did. He was a little player who really hustled. But in order for him to play, he had to have four or five good hitters on his team."  
The controversy was started when Arno Goethel, baseball writer for the St. Paul Dispatch, quoted Martin as saying of Williams: "He was one of the worst players I ever saw."

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