

Soccer win brings back memories

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For old teammates Frank Borghi, Harry Keough and Walter Bahr, America's stunning advance to the quarterfinals of the World Cup brought back memories of another great U.S. soccer victory 52 years ago.

Borghi, of St. Louis, was the goalie and Keough and Bahr were backs on the U.S. team that stunned England 1-0 in the 1950 World Cup tournament. Each of them watched early Monday morning as another U.S. team scored another upset, defeating Mexico 2-0. "Ours was a bigger upset, but this is a bigger victory," Keough said.

Bahr recalled the stunner against England as a great victory for the United States. "But it was not of the same magnitude of this morning's victory," he said.

Over a half-century ago, a team of American amateurs and semiprofessionals being paid \$100 a game was given little chance against an English team that was among the game's elite and whose player viewed themselves as the Lords of Soccer.

England had defeated the Americans 1-0 in an exhibition and Sir Stanley Rous, later president of FIFA, stood up at a post-game dinner and apologized for his team scoring just one goal. "You will meet the real England in Brazil," he proclaimed.

The Americans knew they faced a daunting task once they reached Brazil, site of the World Cup. In their first game, they lost to Spain 3-1. Next was England.

"We didn't feel we needed to beat them, but we felt if we could just play pretty good, it would be enough," Keough said. "In our minds, if we lost 2-0, we'd feel pretty good about ourselves."

On that day against England, he said, the Americans knew what they were up against.

"Realistically, we didn't think we could win," he said. "But from a competitive standpoint, anytime you go on the field something can happen and you can win. It starts 0-0."

And it stayed 0-0 until the 37th minute when Larry Gaetjens scored for the Americans on an assist by Bahr.

"I don't think any of us thought that would be the only goal scored that day," Keough said. "I thought we woke them up. Shots will rain down on us now."

Borghi shared that sentiment. "I thought the roof would cave in on us," he said. "I felt sure they would score."

Certainly, England came after Borghi. On each attack, he made saves, often catching the ball, a favorite tactic for the Italian-born goaltender. Keough remembers him as the star of the game.

"I had quite a bit of shots," Borghi said. "I caught a lot out of the air. I had confidence in my hands."

In the 80th minute, with England pressing again, American Charlie Columbo tackled Stanley Mortensen just outside the penalty area. The two men tumbled into penalty territory, but Italian referee Generoso Datillo and awarded a free kick to England.

Borghi set himself for the shot. As Billy Mullen's header got to the goal line, Borghi lunged to his right and deflected it away to Keough.

The English howled the ball was over the line but Borghi insists not.

Now, it was a question of time. Borghi kept looking at the referee, wondering how much longer this game would last, how much longer he would have to protect the lead. "I kept thinking, 'C'mon, blow your whistle! Blow your whistle!'" he said.

When the end came, there was pandemonium. Borghi was carried off the field. It was a memory for a lifetime, one he is able to place in some perspective 52 years later.

"I'll never forget it," he said. "But if we had played them again the next day, they'd probably beat us 10-0."



Goodland's Matt Kuhlman pitched in two games against Scott City on Monday at Memorial Park. He hit a home run in the fifth inning of the second game. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Goodland splits doubleheader

The Goodland American Legion team won one and lost one when they played a doubleheader against Scott City on Monday at Memorial Park.

Scott City won the first game of the doubleheader 16-11. Goodland came out of the first inning ahead 1-0, but Scott City jumped ahead with four runs in the second. Both teams scored three times in the third, one of Goodland's off an RBI single by Jordan Riebel. In the fourth, Scott City scored once, but the home team came up with four runs, two of them driven in with a double from Keith Vasquez, and tied it up.

Both teams were shut out in the fifth, and Scott City scored four times in the sixth, compared to three

runs for Goodland, one of them driven in by Blake Roe.

Goodland's Kevin Schulte stepped down from the mound and Matt Kuhlman took over for the seventh inning. The away team again earned four, and Goodland went scoreless to end the game.

With Kuhlman facing down the batters, and stepping up in the batter's box, Goodland walked away with the second game 13-8.

Both teams scored early, and Scott City came out of the first inning 3-2. Goodland took over the lead in the second inning with two more runs, both driven in by Vasquez, and Scott City never recovered.

Scott City scored twice in the third,

then put up nothing but goose eggs until the seventh. Two of Goodland's four runs in the third were driven in by Schulte, who got on base by an error. Goodland scored once in the fourth, then four times in the fifth. Kuhlman knocked out a two-run homer, and Vasquez had an RBI single.

Neither team scored in the sixth. Scott City rallied for three points in the seventh, but it was too late to threaten the home team, and Goodland put one down in the victory column.

The split doubleheader brings the team's record to 7-7. They next play St. Francis at 5:30 p.m. today at Memorial Park.

Yankees beat Rockies at Coors Field

DENVER (AP) — Derek Jeter and Robin Ventura drove in three runs apiece as the New York Yankees made a successful Coors Field debut, beating the Colorado Rockies 10-5.

New York had 17 hits and homered three times at the hitter-friendly stadium Tuesday night. They helped Mike Mussina (10-3) overcome a rough start.

Colorado lost for the eighth time in 11 games and dropped to 2-8 in interleague games.

Rockies starter Jason Jennings (8-3) had his worst outing of the season to lose for the first time in 10 starts. He

allowed six runs and nine hits in three innings to end a seven-game winning streak.

Scoring and home runs have been down at Coors Field this season, but balls were flying all over the park.

In the first 35 games at Coors Field, there were an average of 10 runs and

two homers per game. Colorado and New York combined for 10 runs, 15 hits and three homers by the third inning.

Every Yankees starter had a hit by the third, including Mussina, and New York scored in five of the first six innings.

Rookie's debut ends on good note

MONTREAL (AP) — Shawn Sedlacek's major league debut ended as soon as Tony Pena stood in the Kansas City dugout.

Sedlacek left his first career start after allowing just his second hit with two outs in the sixth, and the Royals squandered a three-run lead as the Montreal Expos extended their winning streak to five with a 5-4 victory Tuesday night.

"There was no chance to talk me out of it," Pena said. "When I went up, he was out."

Sedlacek, whose contract was purchased from Triple-A Omaha earlier in the day, allowed Brian Schneider's home run with one out in the third. He faced one batter over the minimum through five innings.

Leading 4-1, the 25-year-old right-hander walked pinch-hitter Mike Mordecai with one out in the sixth. Mordecai advanced on Brad Wilkerson's grounder to Sedlacek and scored the Expos' second run when Jose Vidro's grounder caromed off second base into short left.

That brought Pena out of the dugout to summon reliever Dan Reichert to face Vladimir Guerrero.

"I was pleading my case, but Tony already had his mind made up before he came out there," said Sedlacek, who began the season with Double-A Wichita.

Pena acknowledged that he wanted to protect his rookie, who had thrown 50 of 76 pitches for strikes.

"I didn't want him to throw in that situation right there," Pena said. "I



wanted to take him out on a good note, instead of waiting for something big to happen and him worrying about it."

The Royals got out of the inning without any further damage but Montreal rallied for three runs in the seventh on Orlando Cabrera's two-run double off Scott Mullen (0-

1) and Wil Cordero's pinch-hit RBI single to send Kansas City on to its fifth straight loss.

Expos starter Tony Armas Jr. left the game after he was struck on his right forearm by Mike Sweeney's line drive with two outs in the first.

Armas was taken to the hospital for X-rays, which, luckily for the hurler, proved negative.

Zach Day (2-0), who pitched three hitless innings of relief to win his major league debut Saturday, pitched a perfect seventh for his second win in two appearances.

Scott Stewart, Montreal's seventh pitcher, allowed one hit and struck out the side in the ninth for his sixth save in six opportunities.

"That's what this game is all about," Expos manager Frank Robinson said. "Team baseball and picking up your teammates. We had to pick up Tony tonight and the bullpen did that."

Second-place Montreal moved within 4 1/2 games of Atlanta in the NL East.

"We're playing pretty good baseball right now," Cabrera said.

Kansas City's Joe Randa had two doubles and three RBIs, including a two-run double off reliever Jim Brower in the third to open the scoring.

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