

Tigers Regain Poise And Snarl Again

ST. LOUIS -- Whatever happened to the Detroit Tigers in the wintup to the 1968 World Series, they had endeared themselves more than ever to the hearts of their Detroit-area countrymen.

Also, the Tiger rosters around the world. If nothing else, the Tigers once more proved they just wouldn't roll over and play dead.

It was that way throughout the regular season and it's been that way in the '68 Series.

The Cards won the first game and Detroit came back behind Mickey Lolich's hitting and some power drives to take the second game.

The Cards won games two and three and shot in front, 3-0, in the first inning of the fifth game.

In the pressbox as the second inning started at Tiger Stadium Monday, the announcement came:

"Gentlemen, arrangements are being made to send our baseball writers' charter to New York, instead of St. Louis."

THE WORD may have filtered down to the Tigers. But then came, perhaps, the turning point of the Series. Lou

Brock, who had been hitting and running the Tigers crazy, tried to steal second base.

He already had pilfered the sack seven times in four games. This time he was cut down on a perfect throw from Bill Freehan to Dick McAuliffe.

The play had to give the Tigers new heart. Freehan, who has been having a tough series, throwing and hitting, had shown

that he could master Brock. Came the next inning, the Tigers scored twice off Nelson Briles.

Then Brock doubled again. The next man singled and Willie Horton fired perfectly to the plate to flag Brock, who for some stupid reason didn't slide.

More heart for the Tigers. LOLICH NOW was in complete command of the Cards and

In the seventh, Manager Mayo Smith pulled a surprise. He sent up Lolich to hit for himself.

Mickey singled, McAuliffe singled and Mickey Stanley walked.

Three on, one out! To the plate came Al Kaline, the guy who had waited for 16 years to play in a World Series.

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PLAY OF SERIES. Observer Photographer Harry Mauthe was on the scene to catch this shot that has been tagged as the play which broke the Cardinals' backs Monday. Outfielder Lou Brock tried to score on a hit to left field but

Willie Horton rifled the ball to Catcher Bill Freehan who tags Brock before he reaches the plate. That's what the Umpire decided. Look for yourself and see what your decision would have been.

Bentley Survives Trenton Scare; Runs String To Four

It's not by how much you win . . . but just as long as you come out on top.

In his first three games, Bentley High had been enjoying an easy time in football.

Friday, the Livonians had to fight off Trenton before emerging a 30-27 victor for the first time in a row in as many starts to move among the state's leading Class A teams.

"Whew!" exclaimed Larry Joiner, the Bentley Coach, "It sure was close."

BENTLEY TOOK command early, saw Trenton get even, but then it was Bentley on top the rest of the way, although not by much.

The game did prove something, Bentley can do more than run.

In previous victories, virtually all the Bentley yardage came on the ground. This time,

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Instead they were messages protesting the manner in which The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Jose Feliciano, the Puerto Rican folk singer, to open the festivities Monday afternoon.

"It was a downright disgrace," a top industrial lawyer stated in his message, "and destroyed all the good will built up by a winning team during the season."

By wire, phone and letter the protests came in from all parts of the country. In fact, they started flooding the Tiger office before Monday's game was finished . . . and haven't stopped since.

One message even suggested that Ernie Harwell, the Tigers' regular radio commentator, "be run out of town for selecting such a singer."

Bentley worked for 135 yards and hit on three of six passes for 91 yards.

Bob Walden did the firing for Bentley. He hit Mike Day 50 yards and the score was twice for 44 and 21 yards and tied.

Now it was Bentley's turn then struck on a 26-yarder to Fred Howell to help Bentley fashion his clinching touchdown.

THE STORY began when Bentley covered a Trenton fumble following a bad pass from center on the Trenton 20. On

the second play, Leroy Watson scooted 20 yards to paydand. Trenton wasn't down long.

John Chaste broke loose for 60 yards and the score was 14-7.

Now it was Bentley's turn again. This time Watson grabbed the kickoff and was off and running -- 77 yards to put his side in front, 14-7.

That's the way the score stood until the third period when Bentley tallied a touchdown and

safety while Trenton castled a pair of touchdowns.

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SAFE AT THIRD is Willie Horton on his long triple in the fifth inning. Willie didn't take any chances and slid into the base on his stomach, beating the relay by an eyelash. Photographer Harry Mauthe was standing close to third base to snap this shot.

Bengals Send Everyone Home Smiling-- Again

By W. W. EDGAR

There's an old adage in the entertainment world that when you exit you should leave them laughing. That's just what the Tigers did Monday afternoon.

In their final home appearance of the 1968 season they sent the Detroit fans home with the biggest grins they have had all week.

THE REASON for the jubilation was the fact that in the short space of a few hours they had--

Defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 5 to 3, and kept their hopes alive in the World Series.

Checked the spectacular base running of Lou Brock.

Regained the support of the dyed-in-the-wool fans who had just about deserted them after Sunday's debacle in the rain.

Few in the gathering of 53,634 gave the Tigers much chance when the game started. The fans showed their feelings long before the game started when an assortment of boos and catcalls greeted their first appearance for practice.

Out in the upper reaches of the outfield seats and in the sun-baked bleachers there was considerable skepticism over the Tigers' performances and there was the feeling that the end of the series was near.

SITTING AMONG these fans, it didn't seem possible that this was much the same group that only two weeks ago had refused to leave the playing area and paraded up and down the turf screaming for a sight of the Tigers on the night they clinched the pennant. The demonstration was one of the wildest in years.

But a lot has happened since then. The team had looked futile against Bob Gibson and had lost three of the first four games to the Cardinals. And after the 10-1 whacking they suffered in Sunday's rain, Joe Fan out in the bleachers didn't give them much chance.

When Lou Brock, the Cards' outfielder who had been a thorn in their side from the start, hit one of Mickey Lolich's first pitches for a double they chanted, "Here we go." It seemed like they were chanting a swan song for the Tigers.

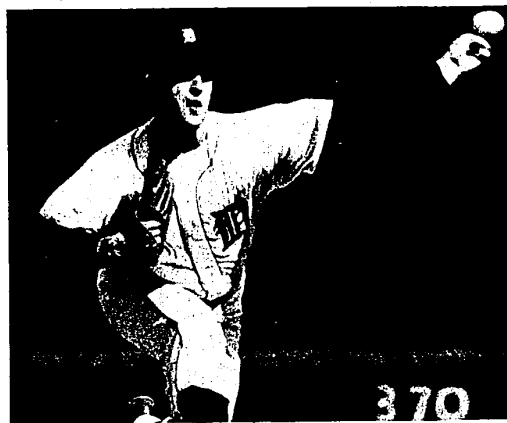
IT DIDN'T HELP matters when Curt Flood singled and Orlando Cepeda followed with a home run in left center field.

That gave the Cards a 3 to 0 lead and the bleacher crowd seemed like a gathering at an Irish wake.

They were ready to bury the Tigers--only this time the corpse started to move and sit up.

Things started to change in the third when, after his second hit, Brock was thrown out on an attempted steal of second on as fine a throw as Bill Freehan, the Tiger catcher, had made all year.

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TIGERS BIG ACE. Pitcher Mickey Lolich matched the feat of Cardinal Star Bob Gibson with his second series victory. The speedy southpaw was in trouble in the opening frame and then checked the Cards the remainder of the way.

Singer Causes A Furor

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