

# Kingman Hits 3 In 11-0 Victory

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LOS ANGELES, Jun 4— Dave Kingman and Tom Seaver of the New York Mets emerged from slumps with a vengeance tonight and led their team to an 11-0 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Kingman hit three home runs on three consecutive pitches, drove in eight runs and assured an easy time for Seaver, who had lost his previous four games. Tonight Seaver took no chances, stopping the Dodgers on three hits.

The outbreak of thunder from Kingman's bat gave him 20 home runs for the season and a place under several categories in the Met's record book. His eight runs batted in was a club game record, breaking the mark of seven set by Donn Clendenon in 1970. Jim Hickman, in 1965, was the only other Met to hit three homers in a game.

The victory, though a disappointment to the 52,516 fans on hand at Dodger Stadium for Tee-Shirt Night, signaled at least a temporary change in New York fortunes. They had lost 11 of their previous 13 games, and the preceding four in a row.

Before the evening began, Kingman had been in a horrendous slump. He had just three runs batted in over the Mets' previous 15 games, and had left a clubhouse full of teammates stranded on the bases. In the two games the Mets lost to Chicago at Shea Stadium before heading West, he had batted with a total of 12 runners on base and had failed to advance any.

## Tantrum Pays Off

Yesterday, after striking out to end the game with the tying run at third base and the winning run on second, the lanky slugger had gone on a minor rampage in his locker, strewing hangers and equipment about and dashing his hair-dryer to the floor.

There was no need for tantrums tonight. In the fourth inning, John Milner stung a single to center and Kingman came up for the second time, having popped up in the first. He drew a bead on Burt Hooton's first pitch and lofted it 370 feet into the left-field stands.

The man Seaver calls "The Big Hurt" for his effect on opposing pitchers struck again in the next inning. Roy Staiger led off with a single, Seaver sacrificed him to second and Mike Phillips singled for one run. After Wayne Garrett walked and Milner flied deep to center, Kingman again selected Hooton's first pitch and deposited it within a few seats of his drive the inning before.

Ed Kranepool followed Kingman's second homer with one of his own, a fly ball that landed among the relief pitchers in the Mets' bull pen in right field. That was the end for Hooton, but not for Kingman or the Mets. Kranepool also got a place in the Mets' record book since it was his 309th extra-base hit for the team, one more

than Cleon Jones's previous mark.

Lightning struck for Kingman again in the seventh, with Al Downing pitching for the Dodgers. Phillips singled, Milner singled and once more Kingman swung on the first pitch, hitting a high drive down the left-field foul line that dropped fair into the lower stands.

Seaver, in the meantime, was having the minimum of trouble with the Dodgers. Through the first eight innings, there was only one ball hit hard off him—a pinch single in the sixth by Danny Walton, who had a brief tryout with the Yankees five years ago. There also was a checked-swing single to center by Bill Russell in the third, but Russell was erased trying to steal second.

With the victory, Seaver avoided a personal record for losses. In his 10 seasons with the Mets, he had lost

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four games in a row five times, but had never lost five in a row.

Both Kingman and Seaver attended the University of Southern California here, and tonight their coach, Rod Dedeaux, was on hand to watch his prodigies perform their respective specialties.

METS (N.)				LOS ANGELES (N.)			
	ab.	r.	h./bi.		ab.	r.	h./bi.
Phillips, ss	3	2	2 1	Lopes, 2b	4	0	0 0
Garrett, 2b	4	1	0 0	Buckner, lf	4	0	0 0
Milner, lf	4	2	2 0	Garvey, 1b	3	0	0 0
Bolsclair, lf	1	1	1 0	Cey, 3b	3	0	0 0
Kingman, rf	5	3	3 8	Ferguson, c	3	0	0 0
Kranepool, lb	5	1	2 1	Rodriguez, c	0	0	0 0
Unser, cf	3	0	0 0	Cruz, rf	3	0	0 0
Brown, cf	1	0	0 0	Russell, ss	3	0	1 0
Grote, c	5	0	2 1	Auerbach, ss	0	0	0 0
Staiger, 3b	5	1	2 0	Simmons, cf	3	0	0 0
Seaver, p	2	0	0 0	Hooton, p	0	0	0 0
				Wall, p	0	0	0 0
				Walton, ph	1	0	1 0
				Downing, p	0	0	0 0
				Goodson, ph	1	0	1 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14 11</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 0</b>

Mets	0 0 0	2 5 0	3 0 1	— 1 1
Los Angeles	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	— 0

E—Buckner. DP—Mets 1, Los Angeles 1.  
LOB—Mets 6, Los Angeles 2. 2B—Grote 2.  
HR—Kingman. 3 (20), Kranepool (4). S—Seaver 2.

	IP.	H.	R.	ER.	BB.	SO.
Seaver (W, 5-4)	9	3	0	0	1	8
Hooton (L, 4-5)	4 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	7	7	7	2	1
Wall	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	1	0	0	0	0
Seaver (W, 5-4)	9	3	0	0	1	8

T—2:18. A—52,515.

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