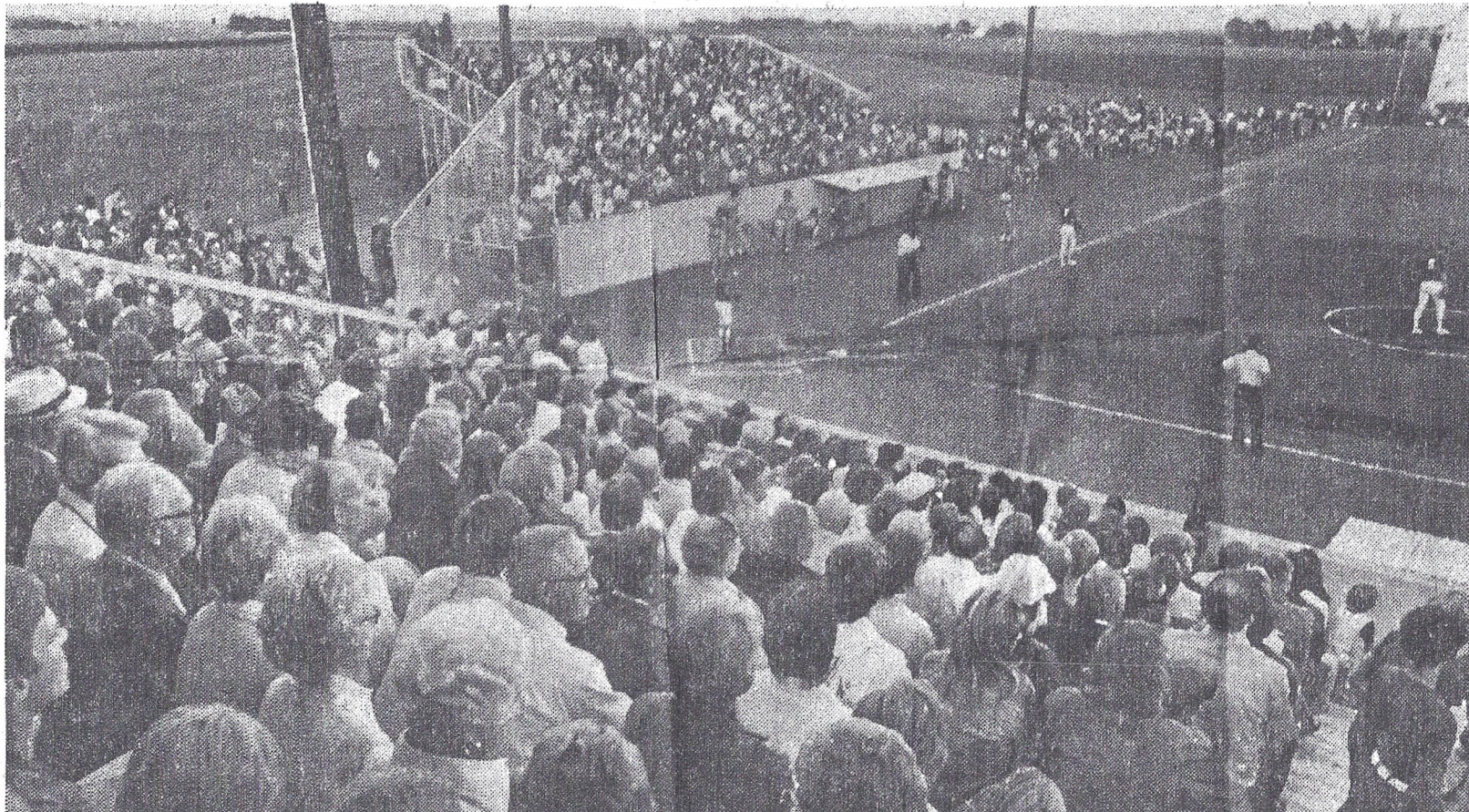


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Packed House

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The Floormen had opposite luck with their pitching. Fincher, their ace in the national championship drive a year ago, has lost 15 times this year. But that is a deceiving figure.

"K.G. is still our ace," explained sponsor Walt Guenella. "And he is back in form now. He had three injured vertebra early in the year, but refused to quit pitching. Naturally, he wasn't as effective and he rubbed a bad spot on his pitching hand."

He was surely effective Wednesday, cutting down Welty batters for a near-perfect no-hitter and striking out 16. The only base runners came when Steve Andrew walked in the fourth and Dick Zuccato did the same in the fifth.

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The nightcap was a different game, a little more loosely played, but the issue was in doubt right down to the final out.

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Garner c	3	0	0	0	Zuccato c	2	0	0
St'back 1	3	0	0	0	Muench 2b	3	0	0
Archer lf	0	0	0	0	And'son 1	3	0	0
Jhnson 3b	0	0	0	0	Timmors 1	3	0	0
Eincher p	3	1	1	1	Bosch p	1	0	0
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Welty-Way also had a serious threat in the sixth when they loaded the bases with two walks and a single by Steve Andrew. But Zuccato then grounded into a fielder's choice that ended the threat.

A first inning walk to Dallas Rountree, a triple by John Topolowski and an error provided Santa Rosa's first two runs. A walk to Thomas, a sacrifice, a wild pitch and a

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Santa Rosa.....210 000 0-3
Welty Way.....100 000 1-2

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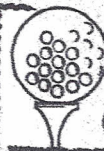
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Balswick	7	5	2	2	1	14

WP -Rausch 2. U-Wheeler, Millis, Wilson.

Welty Crowd Largest Ever

"This is the biggest crowd we've ever played for," Walt Guenella said Wednesday night as he watched his national championship Guenella Brothers softball team sweep a doubleheader from Welty-Way at new Welty-Way park in Cedar Rapids.

"Our usual crowd is 1,500 or less," added Guenella, who was obviously extremely pleased at the turnout, which was also a record softball crowd in Cedar Rapids and almost certainly anywhere in Iowa.



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