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May 12, 2001 Atlanta, GA
Roger Fraser, Deacon-in-Formation, Presiding

First Reading Acts 14:21-27 (Ron Best)

After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed presbyters[a] for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (Terry Holmer)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. The Lord is good to all, compassionate toward all your works. All your works give you thanks, Lord and your faithful bless you. They speak of the glory of your reign and tell of your mighty works, Making known to the sons of men your mighty acts, the majestic glory of your rule. Your reign is a reign for all ages, your dominion for all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all his words, and loving in all his works.

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5a (Dennis Donner)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true."

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (Roger Fraser)

When he had left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. [If God is glorified in him,] God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. 33 My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you.

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No matter how well we think we are prepared, when a family member dies, it comes as a shock. You see we just buried my Father-in-law last week. He had been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer nearly 3 years ago with six months to live, so we were blessed with a gift of extra time with him. The end came too soon for us all.

As Pat and I hurried to Chicago, everyone along the way was so understanding and concerned and helpful. The whole family rallied around my Mother-in-law; four daughters, a son, their spouses and 16 grandchildren....and hundreds of friends and our extended families. The wake and funeral plans gelled quickly and we experienced God's presence in the understanding, concerned and helpful people....from our family-member priest Father Joe, who is the brother of one of the son-in-laws, to the cool but so organized funeral director. The days leading to the funeral were such a bittersweet mixture of sadness and happiness.

One person who stood out as extra special among these loving souls came as a total surprise to me. She was the lady who helped prepare the Mass booklet of the Celebration of the Life of Bob Rock. The funeral director had referred us to her and she was an unexpected blessing. She came over the evening before the wake and had less than 48 hours to prepare the booklet. You have heard of the 7 degrees of separation of people around the world, well the south side of Chicago Irish Catholic community I swear has 2 degrees of separation. As she sat with my in-laws and wife for several hours reviewing the readings, the music and who would lector or sing or serve, they were amazed to find out how many acquaintances and distant relatives they had in common. My Mother-in-law got a real kick out of her. The crowning achievement was the Celtic symbol on the booklet cover: Rock in the middle, Bob and Gerry on top and bottom, the six children's names wrapped around the outside and the 16 grandchildren's names on the ribbon woven in the center. This lady's loving touch enabled the presence of God's joy in the midst of a heartbreaking time. I told her before she left that she didn't just have a job, but she had a

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wonderful ministry of love that was greatly appreciated. When she left everyone was in good spirits having shared the Love of Jesus.

The scriptures today tell us that we can persevere with faith through many hardships because the love of the *glorified* Son Jesus surrounds us in our community. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we heard that Paul encouraged the newly formed communities to withstand hardships and even persecution. It is through suffering that Christians find deep joy.

This seems to be such a contradiction. How can suffering create joy? With God all things are possible. Only His grace can transform our broken hearts of losing a loved one into a blessing. Yes, we will miss the person, but our helplessness in the situation is transformed by the hope of eternal life God has given us. The Gospel of John explains it: "*Love One Another.*" He works through us, through the people around us, to give us His hope and love and joy.

While love is a theme throughout the book of John, Jesus' message in today's Gospel to love one another was very specific for the members of His Church. We, the followers of the Risen Christ, are to love one another. How blessed we are to be in such loving communities like the one we have here in diaconate formation and the ones in our parishes, gathering to glorify God with praise and thanksgiving. To be nurtured with His holy body and blood at this table so we have the strength to go out and meet the challenges of an ungodly world. But Jesus also gave us this commandment to love one another because He knew we would sometimes be challenged within our own Church. I am sorry to report that the least sensitive people we met last week and those who had a barrier to communication rather than being openly supportive of people in need, were on the staff of my Mother-in-law's parish. We were more disappointed than hurt, but we didn't expect this treatment from our own parish. As Deacons we need to be especially aware of and be

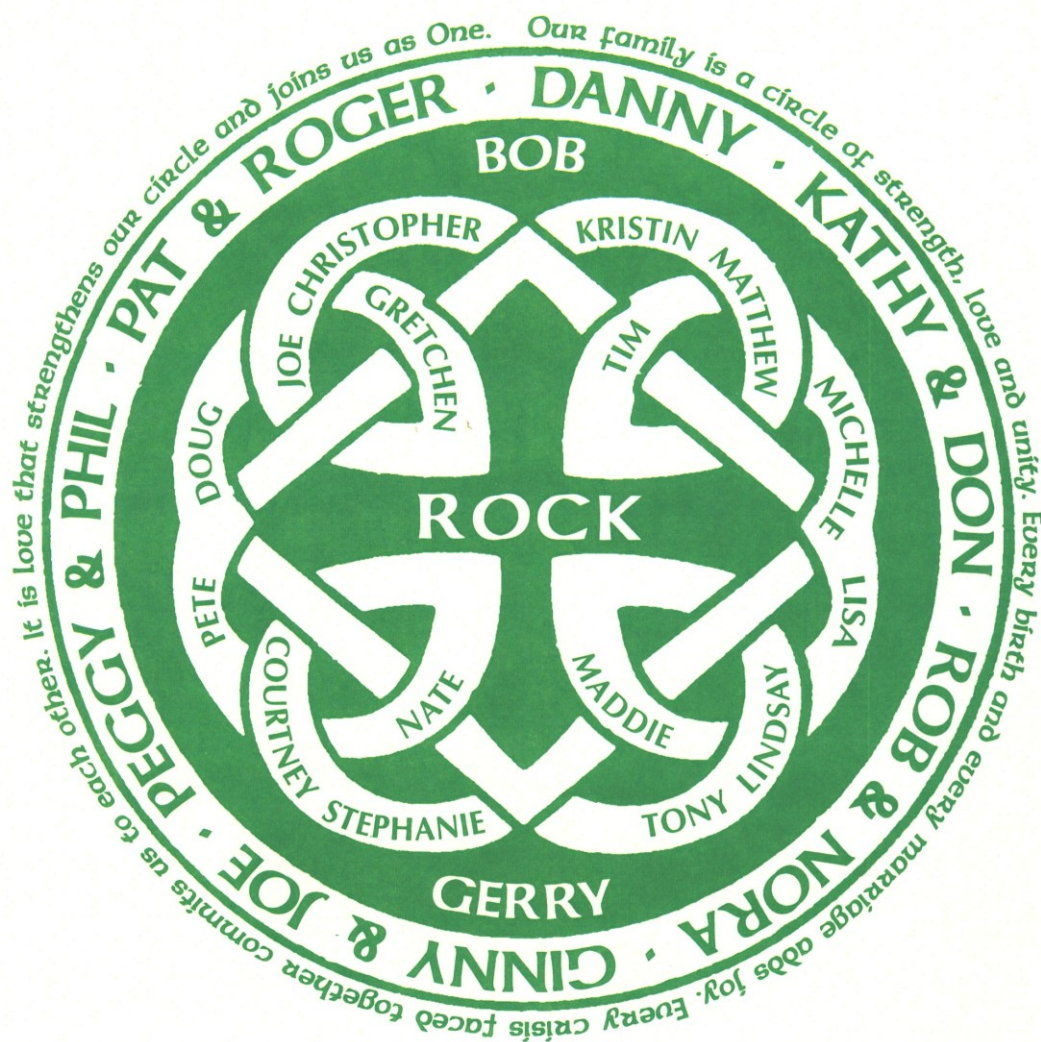
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sensitive to situations in our own parishes that are less than loving responses to people's needs. We are commanded to love as Christ loved us.

I recently have become involved in the Catholics Returning Home ministry. Each of the people in a recent session had an experience with the Catholic Church that was less than loving. Some were driven away by people they met, but most often I heard the term "drifted away from the Church." They weren't experiencing the love of Christ. They didn't meet Christ in His followers. But each of these people had a God-shaped hole in their hearts that prompted them to take a brave step back toward the Church. It's a wonderful experience to be part of a group that is healing the hurts of the past and renewing a spirit of love one person at a time. Our Returning Catholics session will be culminating at the "Come to Me" spiritual renewal celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day also marks Atlanta's 6th Eucharistic Congress celebration Loris mentioned last weekend and sent some of us an email saying we may be invited to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. The Archdiocese of Atlanta has such faith in this program that they have rented the Georgia International Convention Center for a daylong celebration for all Catholics, particularly those who have rediscovered their faith.

This Eucharistic Congress promises to be a wonderful way to enlighten our hearts, our minds and our spirits by glorifying the presence of God among us. Bring a friend. It is an opportunity to respond to His commandment to love one another as Jesus loved us. I'll see you there.

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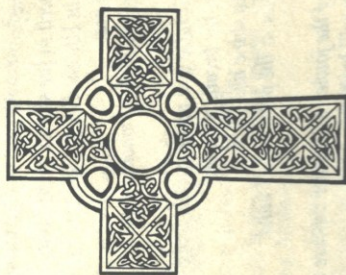


A Celebration of The Life
of
Robert L. Rock



Born To This Life
July 26, 1922

Born To Eternal Life
May 1, 2001



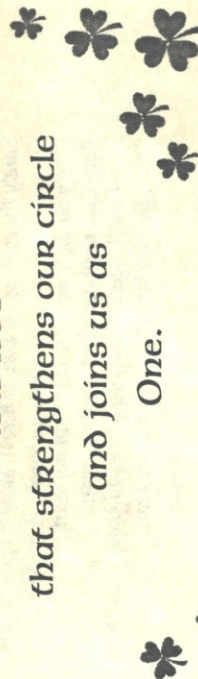
*Our family
is a circle of strength,
love and unity.
Every birth and every marriage
adds joy.*

Every crisis faced together
commits us to each other.

It is love

that strengthens our circle
and joins us as

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Prelude

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Entrance Hymn

Be Not Afraid

*You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.*

*Be not afraid, I go before you always,
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.*

*If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.*

*Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh,
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of Me,
Blessed, blessed are you.*

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First Reading

1st Reading Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Read by Michelle Bennett

*On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. A
feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice
wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples.
The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.
The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of
his people he will remove from the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken.*

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Shepherd me, O God

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

Mass of Christian Burial

for

Robert L. Rock

St. Germaine Church
May 4, 2001

Celebrant

Reverend Joseph Bennett

Pall Bearers

Joseph Deacon	Christopher Fraser
Tony Deacon	Matthew Fraser
Douglas Deacon	Peter Ternies

Servers

Tim Bennett and Nate Rock

Ministers of Communion

Gretchen Ternies and Jim Hickey

Vocalists

Kristin Deacon and Donald Ternies



*Think of me,
think of me fondly,
when we've said goodbye.*

*Remember me
once in a while...
please promise me you'll try.*

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Second Reading

2nd Reading: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Read by Lisa Bennett

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Homily

Prayers Of The Faithful

Read by Lindsay Ternes

The response is Lord, hear our prayer...

For Bob, husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law, uncle and friend: that he has found peace and happiness in heaven, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord, hear our prayer...

For his wife Gerry, that she may rejoice in the memory of the love, shared and strengthened during her 57 years of marriage to her best friend, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord, hear our prayer...

For his children, Pat, Kathy, Rob, Ginny and Peggy, that they may find comfort in the memory of their father's love for them, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord, hear our prayer...

For his 16 grandchildren, that they know Grandpa's love is never ending, and he will always be their guiding light, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord, hear our prayer...

For his many relatives and friends, especially his sister Joan, that the happy thoughts and fond memories they have of Bob may forever keep a smile on their faces, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord, hear our prayer...

For all the deceased members of the Rock and Quinn families, especially his son Danny, that they may finally be celebrating with him in everlasting glory with God in Heaven, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord, hear our prayer...

For all those that still face the challenges of physical suffering, especially cancer patients, that they may feel the healing power of Jesus and bless those who give them care and comfort, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord, hear our prayer...

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Presentation of Gifts

Stephanie Bennett, Courtney Deacon, Maddie Terres

Offertory Hymn

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with Thee.
Blessed are you among women,
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now.
And at the hour of death, Amen.
You were chosen by the Father,
You were chosen by the Son.
You were chosen from all women,
And for women, shining one.
Blessed are you among women,
Blest in turn all women too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits,
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Gentle woman, quiet light,
Morning star, so strong and bright.
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

Sign Of Peace

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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Communion Hymns

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord:
"My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

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Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His Mighty Power and His Grace
I can hear the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Surely the spirit of the Lord is here in love,
And it brings God's peace as quiet as a dove.
I can see the glow of angel's wings shining brightly from above,
Surely the spirit of the Lord is here in love.

Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart,
And it's here when we're together or apart.
Now I feel the rush of angel's wings and I know how great thou art.
Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart.

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Eulogy

Recessional Hymn

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Emotional day turns special at Wrigley Field

It could have been just another regular season major league baseball game in early May. Regardless, it still would have held a permanent place in my memory.

Four days earlier, my maternal grandfather passed away. Though somewhat sudden, it wasn't altogether unexpected.

Still, when I heard the news, I felt as if I had just taken a body blow from Mike Tyson.

His children and his 16 grandchildren, ranging in age from 30 to 10, had to make rush plans to return to the south suburbs of Chicago to arrange and attend the services.

Some had to fly in from San Francisco, Denver and Atlanta. Others had to arrive from various locations throughout Illinois.

As the eldest of his grandchildren I always felt a strong connection with him. He was the one who forged my interest in sports from an early age.

He was a huge baseball fan. He loved the White Sox.

In fact, his son remarked to me (half jokingly, trying to deflect some of the pain from the loss) that the tremendously poor start to the season the Sox had, after last year's playoff teaser, might have contributed to his father's ending.

"He probably realized they would never win it all in his lifetime," my uncle sighed.

His influence made me a White Sox fan as well. I can only hope they win something in my lifetime. But that really isn't what matters.

Every family event, every birthday party, every high school graduation, he received tremendous pleasure in discussing baseball. He would talk about other sports too, but his passion for baseball conversation was always intense and amazing.

Somewhere in the back of my mind, I have always known that it was his unstated influence that ignited my desire to be a professional communicator with a

A sweep



Above: Jake Sottos of Monmouth, the most valuable player for Sinclair of Pana during Illinois Basketball Coaches Association
Below: Lincoln-Way's Kevin Menard (52) of the Class AA North
Michael Stockard of Alton (left) and Brooks Williams of Quincy

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amazing.

Somewhere in the back of my mind, I have always known that it was his unstated influence that ignited my desire to be a professional communicator with a focus on sports.

With the family spread out so far across the country, many of the cousins hadn't seen each other in quite some time.

So, after the emotionally draining obligations were concluded, many of us decided to do some bonding and pay tribute to my grandfather's memory by attending a pro baseball game.

As luck would have it, the beloved White Sox were on the West Coast.

But when the Sox are out of town, that usually means the Cubs are at Wrigley.

The red-hot, first-place Cubs. And some of the out-of-towners in the group had never been to the "friendly confines." And Julian Tavaréz, who had recently insulted the hometown of one of the cousins, was on the mound. And another of the cousins happened to live in Wrigleyville. So, it was decided.

And at that point, it would have been unforgettable.

But then something special happened.

Although we had to purchase standing room-only tickets to be part of the Cubs' largest crowd of the season to that point, we were fortunate enough to witness one of the most impressive offensive outbursts in recent history.

The Northsiders put up back-to-back eight-run innings en route to a 20-1 trouncing of the Dodgers. As lopsided as that sounds, it could have been even more amazing.

With seven runs already across the plate in the eighth, super-slugger Sammy Sosa stepped to the plate with the bases loaded.

He had already homered once, and a second smash would have sent the already dizzied crowd into an absolute frenzy.

I never much cared for Sosa, and I am among the few White Sox fans who still believes trading him across town for George Bell was a good idea. But even I found myself rooting for a grand slam.

Sosa delivered, sort of. He rocketed a ball that was destined for Waveland Avenue. But it hooked foul by a few feet. But he did manage to draw a walk and push across the 20th run.

It was the most remarkable experience I have ever had at a ball game.

We had been treated. It was a gift. Somehow, wherever my grandfather was, he was smiling on us.

When the game was over, we spent the rest of the day celebrating. We celebrated the Cubs win, we celebrated that we were all together.

We celebrated the closeness of our extended family and the wealth of love that surrounded us that trying week.

Most of all, we celebrated the memory of our grandfather.

He smiled on us and made that memorable day even more special.

He's still smiling.

Joe Deacon is a member of The Pantagraph sports staff

Sinclair of Pana during Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All-Star first-game action Saturday. Below: Lincoln-Way's Kevin Menard (52) of the Class AA North went up for a shot between Class Michael Stockard of Alton (left) and Brooks Williams of Quincy (23) in the second game.

Illini recruit Powell helps AA North to record-setting triumph over South

By RANDY REINHARDT
Pantagraph staff

BLOOMINGTON — Roger Powell Jr.'s, game has been fine. Lately, his knees have joined the club.

That's good news for the University of Illinois, the future college home of the Joliet High School standout. But Saturday at Shirk Center, the Class AA North was the beneficiary of 18 points and seven rebounds from Powell in a record-setting 136-116 victory over the South in the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Class AA All-Star game.

"My knees hurt all year (from jumper's knee). I had to fight through it," Powell said of his senior high school season. "I'm feeling better. The weight training program I've been on is helping. The work I'm doing is paying off."

The talent-laden North ran its edge in the all-time series to 16-11 by setting a game scoring record. The 136 points edged the 134 points scored by the North in 1991 and the combined point total of 252 points also was a record.

"The team they selected was a great team," Powell said. "We played harder and had fun."

That's why we won. There was no pressure at all. This was my last high school game. Now I can focus on college."

Powell nailed a 3-pointer on the game's first possession, and Lincoln's Gregg Alexander scored the South's first six points on two 3-pointers.

"They had two guys going to Illinois out there. We just tried to have the most fun we could," said Alexander, an Illinois State recruit who scored 11 points. "It was exciting. A couple plays you just drop your mouth. The best players in the state were here."

The South, which survived nine early Powell points to trail just 23-20, gained a 56-56 tie late in the first half.

The North, however, scored the final eight points of the first half, five of which came from Justin Diedrich of DeKalb.

"It was a good game. There was a lot of talent on the floor," said South coach Neil Alexander of Lincoln. "In a game like this, the difference is shot selection. We would fight to get back and then take a one-on-three shot. But in an all-star game that's going to happen."

The North hit the century mark on a shot by Dan Evans of Cary Grove with 10:28

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Reds jump on Tavaréz, roll past Cubs

CINCINNATI (AP) — Julian Tavaréz just couldn't get his pitches to stay down — a very bad thing for a ground-ball specialist.

Kelly Stinnett homered twice and Ken Griffey Jr. added a solo shot as the Cincinnati Reds took advantage of Tavaréz's off day and beat the Chicago Cubs 7-1 Saturday.

A rare meltdown by a Cubs pitcher set up their sixth loss in nine games. Despite the slump, they've maintained a comfortable lead in the NL Central.

"Just one of those days," Tavaréz said, dismissing it with a smile. "I'm not the type of pitcher that leaves balls up. I always pitch low, low, low."

On a humid 80-degree afternoon, most of his pitches would just go, go, go.

"His game is ground balls and sinkers, and he got a couple of pitches up in the strike zone," Stinnett said.

Tavaréz (6-5) had been one of the hottest starters lately on a pitching staff that has allowed the fewest runs in the NL. The right-hander had



The Reds' Ken Griffey Jr. was congratulated by teammate Sean Casey as Cubs catcher Joe Girardi looked down after Griffey hit a solo home run in the first inning Saturday at Cincinnati.

won his last three starts and pitched seven innings in each of his last four, a career first.

The streak ended with his worst performance of the season. Tavaréz gave up three homers for only the second time in his career — he had allowed a total of four all season.

"That's probably the worst game he's had as far as getting the ball up," Cubs manager Don Baylor said. "He's always been a ground-ball pitcher"