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The following appeared in an article clipped from the sports page (p. 51) of the San Francisco Chronicle, Wednesday, August 2, 1972, by A. P. Hillman.

"5 Homers in Sweep: COLBERT'S 13 RBIs

"Nate Colbert set a major league record when he drove in 13 runs on five home runs, including a grand slammer, and a single in leading the San Diego Padres to a doubleheader sweep over Atlanta 9-0 and 11-7."

The article continues, stating that Colbert hit two homers in the first game and three in the second, driving in five runs in the opener and eight in the nightcap.

"In other games, Cleon Jones' single in the 18th gave the New York Mets a 3-2 win over Philadelphia in the opener, but Steve Carlton's 11th straight win gave the Phils the nightcap, 4-1; Matty Alou's three hits sparked St. Louis to a 7-4 win over Pittsburgh; Joe Morgan's two-run homer led Cincinnati to a 3-1 victory over Houston and Montreal edged the Chicago Cubs, 3-2, in ten innings.

"Colbert homered with two mates aboard in the first inning of the opener, singled home a run in the third and added a solo homer in the seventh."

"In the nightcap, Colbert blasted a grand slam homer off Pat Jarvis in the second inning and hit a two-run shot off Jim Hardin in the seventh. His final homer, another two-run shot, came in the ninth."

The reader is left to find his own Fibonacci and Lucas number counts. If the Padres had scored 8 in the first game against Atlanta, and if Montreal had taken 11 innings, and Colbert had homered in the 8th inning instead of the ninth, then every number mentioned including the date would be either a Fibonacci or a Lucas number. Isn't that an amazing coincidence? (And the article should have appeared on page 55.)



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