

Astros defeat Braves

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COCOA, Fla. — Jeff Leonard and Bruce Bochy each drove in a run and righthander Joaquin Andujar pitched six shutout innings Thursday to help the Houston Astros beat a split Atlanta Braves squad 2-1 in exhibition baseball.

Hank Small's sacrifice fly drove in Pat Rockett in the eighth inning and broke a string of 30 scoreless innings pitched by the Astros. Rockett reached base on an error by shortstop Craig Reynolds, making the run unearned.

Houston took a 2-0 lead with an unearned run in the seventh. Losing pitcher Rick Camp booted Rafael Landestoy's grounder and Landestoy subsequently scored on Bruce Bochy's double.

Jeff Leonard's infield grounder drove home the first run in the sixth.

Andujar gave up three hits, allowed two walks, struck out four and ran his string of consecutive scoreless innings to 14 and two-thirds.

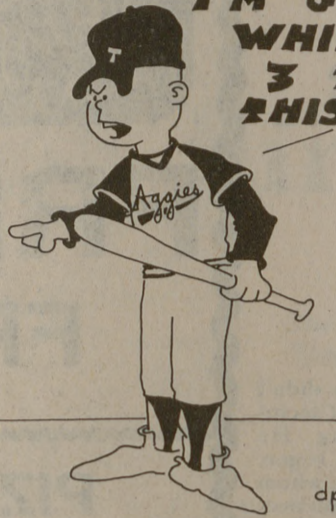
Atlanta starter Gene Garber allowed the Astros one hit in five innings.

Astros Manager Bill Virdon Thursday effectively cut his roster to 26 by optioning two backup first basemen to the minor leagues and informing catcher Luis Pujols he would be optioned.

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The Texas A&M baseball team hosts Baylor this weekend in the Aggies' Southwest Conference home opener at Olsen Field. Mark Ross will start on the mound at 3 p.m. this afternoon for the Aggies. Saturday's doubleheader, which begins at 1 p.m. It will feature

Mark Thurmond starting in the first and John Pockrus starting in the nightcap. Texas A&M. The Aggies go into the weekend with a 17-7 season record (5-1 SWC) and the Bears have an 18-9 record (6-5 SWC).

Expos edge Rangers 5-4

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Catcher Gary Carter homered in the sixth and doubled home the tie-breaking run in the eighth Thursday to spark the Montreal Expos to a 5-4 victory over the Texas

Rangers in exhibition baseball. Reliever Mike Garman, losing ground in his bid to retain a right-handed relief job, gained credit for the win, but was charged with the four Texas runs in innings.

Carter's home run was his fourth of the spring. He also scored three runs. After doubling home pinch-hitter Tony Bernazard in the eighth to break a 3-3 tie, Carter scored

what proved to be the Jerry White's single.

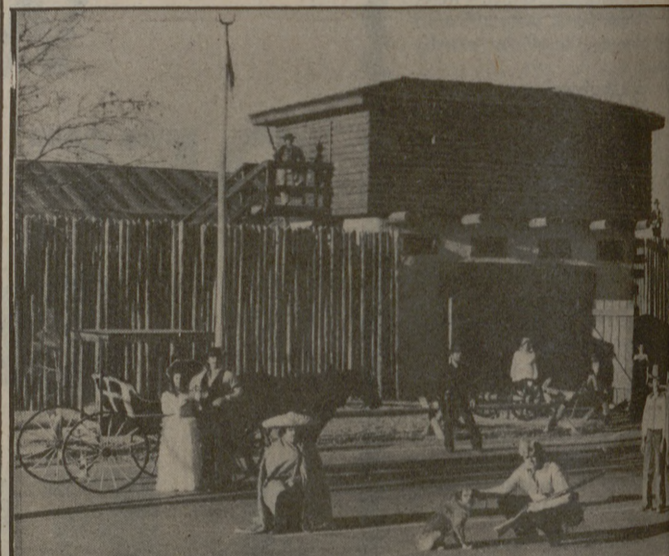
Scott Sanderson, the 22-year-old right-hander who is one of Williams' four starters, allowed two singles in seven innings and lowered his ERA to 0.47 in exhibition innings to 0.47.

Rookie Pat Putnam homered in the eighth for Texas.

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