

Hunter gets victory

Oakland squeezes by LA on another 3-2 score

The Oakland A's took advantage of a costly error by Los Angeles catcher Joe Ferguson for a pair of unearned runs and a 3-2 victory over the Dodgers Tuesday night in the third game of the 1974 World Series.

The victory gave the A's a 2-1 edge in baseball's best-of-seven series which continues with Game 4 at 8:30 p.m., EDT, Wednesday.

Catfish Hunter earned his fourth career World Series victory with late-inning relief help from Rollie Fingers.

Hunter was chased in the eighth after giving up a Billy Buckner home run deep into the right field seats. And in the ninth, Willie Crawford brought the Dodgers within a run when he clouted a Fingers pitch deep to right-center for a homer.

The A's got the runs they needed early when Ferguson, shifted behind the plate in a lineup switch by Dodger Manager Walt Alston, made his crucial error in the third inning.

Al Downing, the Dodgers' starting pitcher, gave up a sharp single to left by Bill North.

A hit-and-run play sent North, displaying some heads-up baserunning, to third base.

Downing, the retreat lefthander who won just five games during the regular season, seemed unnerved by North's bit of daring. He walked Sal Bando on a 3-2 pitch and then fell behind 3-1 against slugger Re-

ggie Jackson.

Jackson then bounced the ball in front of home plate, traveling no more than 15 feet. Ferguson, who played right field in the first two games of the Series but was catching this one, had the ball bounce high and hit off the heel of his glove for an error, scoring North and Bando stopping at second.

Joe Rudi followed with another hit under second baseman Dave Lopes' glove and the A's had a 2-0 edge.

An inning later, Oakland added another run. It turned out to be the winner.

Dick Green opened with a walk and Hunter sacrificed him to second base. Campaneris then ripped his

second hit of the game, scoring Green. When Ferguson let Jimmy Wynn's throw get past him for another error, Campaneris raced to third.

But Jim Brewer came out of the bullpen to strike out Bando and end the inning.

Armed with the comfortable 3-0 lead, Hunter worked easily.

When Hunter pitched his way out of another two-out, two-on jam in the seventh, he seemed headed for the first complete game by an Oakland pitcher in World Series history.

He was not however, to accomplish that feat. He was replaced by Rollie Fingers in the eighth.

Jimmy Wynn greeted Fingers

with a single to right, but then Garvey lined to Green, whose throw to first doubled Wynn off the bag, ending that rally.

Crawford opened the ninth with another booming homer and when Campaneris booted Ferguson's ground ball, the Dodgers had the tying run on first base.

The Dodger shortstop, Bill Rus-

sell, swung at the first pitch and it straight to Green, who started game-ending double play.

It was the third double play night in which Green had participated, tying a World Series record.

More importantly, it ended game and gave the A's a 2-1 lead what so far has been a hard-fought World Series.

Arkansas preparing for Horns

(AP) — Coach Frank Broyles described his Arkansas Razorbacks' practice as good Tuesday as they prepared for their annual Southwest Conference clash with the Texas Longhorns.

"We had a better practice today," Broyles said. "We ran the second offense against the first defense and got good results. The drill really helped our defense's adaptation to the wishbond."

Injuries continued to hamper the Hogs. Jon Rhiddlehoover is doubtful for the Texas game as are halfbacks Ike Forte and Vaughn Lusby. Broyles said he has not decided who will fill the right halfback spot if neither player recovers by Saturday.

Asked what he thought about the Razorbacks' high emotions as they prepare for the Longhorns, Broyles replied, "This game is a must for both teams. We have our backs to the wall, and Texas has their backs to the wall."

Pokes have motivation difficulties

(AP) — Dallas Cowboy Coach Tom Landry is afraid his team is being caught in a downward spiral of cycles that eventually catch up with all football clubs-like the Green Bay Packers in recent years.

"We started winning 1965 and 1966 and there's a lot of self motivation," Landry said Tuesday. "How long can this last? You struggle with this every year. It's a big fight. . . a yearly struggle to reach the plateau to get back in the play-offs."

"Success, of course, causes this cycle. Look at Miami now. They are starting to have trouble. It's a cycle. Check the history. See what happened to the Packers."

Landry isn't giving up on his team although it's 1-4 and not far from being eliminated from the National Football League playoffs for the first time in nine years.

"Right now I'm not concerned about the playoffs or anything. . . I'm just concerned about winning a game," Landry said. "I plan no changes in this team. I'm not leaving them. I support them. We've come back before but we are further down than we've ever been before. I don't know whether our downward cycle is here."

Landry said the National Conference Eastern Division was much stronger.

"Philadelphia and St. Louis have great spirit and enthusiasm," Landry said. "Washington is setting back waiting to make a move. The division will be won in the second half."

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