



One of those days

Quarterback Mike Mosley and the Texas Aggies did indeed have one of those days against the Houston Cougars Saturday. Mosley was

constantly pressured by the relentless Cougar defense as Houston defeated Texas A&M 33-0.

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L.A. fails to capitalize

Baker takes time to cool

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press International

LOS ANGELES — By now, Dusty Baker has cooled off. Being back home always helps. It takes some of the bite out of defeat and some of the pain out of the wounds although it doesn't alter the fact the Dodgers are only one game away from extinction in the World Series.

After Bill Russell bounced back to Jim Beattie for the final out in Sunday's 12-2 indignity at Yankee Stadium, putting the Yanks ahead three games to two, all the other Dodger players immediately headed for the clubhouse except Baker.

He sat in the dugout alone, his lips pressed tightly together, staring out at the field in a tableau reminiscent of little Freddie Patek a year ago. You remember how Patek bowed his head and remained in the Kansas City dugout by himself for nearly 10 minutes after the Yankees beat the Royals in the final American League playoff game of 1977.

Dusty Baker was doing pretty much the same thing Sunday.

Sitting there in stony silence, he symbolized the sheer frustration of all the Dodger players. They hadn't

been merely beaten, they had been ground up into little pieces.

Eventually, Baker got up and walked into the clubhouse. The door closed behind him and remained shut for five minutes to keep everyone else out.

Baker walked over toward his locker and then gave vent to his feelings. He raised his voice in an angry tirade that wasn't directed at anybody in the room in particular but everybody there in general.

When the door of the clubhouse door finally was opened, Baker was in another part of the room shaving. Most of his anger had subsided.

"What upset me was the way we got beat," he said, toweling his face. "It was mental as much as anything else and when it's mental, that controls your physical actions. I'm always angry when we lose. I don't like to lose in nothing. I was just mad. When I'm mad, I gotta blow off. I'm cool now."

Dusty Baker's reaction to the way the World Series has been going is understandable in light of the fact the Dodgers have not taken full advantage of any number of opportunities they've had in the five Series games played so far.

The Yankees may go on to win their second straight world cham-

ionship but they are far from an invincible ballclub.

To begin with, they are vulnerable to left-handed pitching. Moreover, it is fairly common knowledge Thurman Munson has trouble throwing, but the Dodgers have stolen only four bases thus far. Finally, none of the Yankee outfielders have especially strong arms, and the Dodgers haven't exploited that aspect, either.

Much of the Dodgers' present plight is due to their own defense, which has been pitiful on occasion, especially in the infield. Bill Russell has committed three of the club's six errors and Davey Lopes and Steve Garvey one apiece.

Lopes, who had two of the Dodgers' nine hits in Sunday's contest, bristled when someone asked him whether he thought it was the club's worst performance of the year.

"Why do you people go after negative points?" he wanted to know. "Why not give them credit for getting hits? You ask me what do I think can turn it around for us? Nothing can turn it around except good baseball. We're not getting good pitching. We're not playing defense. If we don't turn that

around, we'll be losers again that simple."

In tonight's sixth game, the Dodgers will have the benefit of being in their own friendly environment where they overpowered the Yankees in the first game of the series and beat them in Game No. 5. Ron Cey's three-run homer and clutch relief pitching of Tom Seaver were the Dodgers' key factors.

Don Sutton, beaten in the game, goes against Catfish Hunter, whom the Dodgers defeated in the second game, tonight. The Dodgers feel good about that but means are they overconfident?

"He (Hunter) is going to be a tough pitcher you can't let go out and do the job. Some of our best pitchers are going to be beat themselves. Not Hunter, though."

What it comes down to is not only help the Dodgers can get from themselves, and if they can't get it, they certainly can't get it from the last two games in New York. They'll have nobody really to blame but themselves.

Maybe that's what made Baker react the way he did last evening.

Horns to start McEachern

United Press International

AUSTIN — Senior Randy McEachern's consistent play and two touchdown passes against North Texas State has at least temporarily stalled efforts by freshman Donnie Little to unseat McEachern as the starting quarterback for the Texas Longhorns.

Coach Fred Akers, who started Little against the Eagles then inserted McEachern after Little had fumbled three times, said he will continue to evaluate both quarterbacks during the week, but said McEachern's performance had earned him the starting role in Saturday's Southwest Conference showdown with league co-leader Arkansas.

"He'll start off there for sure. Like I said before, he's pretty tough to move out of there," Akers said of McEachern, whom he picked as the Horns' offensive player of the game in the victory over North Texas.

"Randy completed five of seven passes for two touchdowns and engineered all our scoring drives," Akers said. "He provided the charge that was necessary to win the ball game for us."

Akers also praised the ball carrying of freshman running backs Brad Beck and A.J. Jones, who both drew their first starting assignments against the Eagles. He said Johnny "Ham" Jones, Texas' leading ball carrier for the season, will be ready to play against Arkansas, but said fullback LeRoy King still is doubtful because of a torn shoulder muscle.

Johnny "Lam" Jones, the Longhorns' speedy wide receiver who sparked the win over North Texas with a 41-yard touchdown run shortly before halftime.

"That run he had just shot electricity into our football team," Akers said. "Lam" Jones bruised a shoulder in the North Texas game and will miss practice the first part of the

week, but Akers said he will be ready to play against the Razorbacks.

The Longhorn coach expressed concern about the number of penalties assessed against his team, a problem that has plagued Texas most of the season.

"That's got to go," Akers said, shaking his head. "We've got to be leading the world (in penalties)."

Akers, an Arkansas graduate, had a terse analysis of this year's Razor-

back team. "Arkansas is a good and experienced," he said.

"They have been awfully creative in their games to date but they've got quite a few running backs, and they've got good quarterbacks they can have confidence in."

He said the coaching staff chosen tackle Steve McEachern the Horns' defensive player of the game against North Texas State.

Ags win SFA rodeo

By SALLY BLAND

The Texas A&M University rodeo team traveled to Stephen F. Austin last weekend to compete in the first college rodeo of the season.

The men's team did well by bringing home the team trophy for first place.

Contributing the most points to the men's team was Mark Ivy. Ivy won the calf roping and placed third in the team roping. His partner was Jerry Todd.

Ivy was named the all-around champion for his versatility in order to win this title, he entered at least two events in each of the three events he entered. He competed at the Collegiate Finals in Bozeman, Mont. last summer but failed to place in the three events he entered.

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Others who contributed to the Aggies were Clayton Zorn, Joe Dutton, Mike Beasley, Cobb and Jake Hersman.

The women's team had two with only two women counting any points for the Aggies.

Glenda Raney split fourth in the barrel racing event. Raney came in all the women's events, but to place in the break-away and barrel racing this weekend. Freshman Leslie Walker placed third in the barrel racing event. The team will go to College Station next weekend for its second rodeo of the year.

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