

Rare homer lifts Rangers

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ARLINGTON — Bud Harrelson hits a home run only a little more often than a volcano comes to life in the state of Washington, so he deserved to be a hero Wednesday night.

He deserved it even though Al Oliver represented the big gun with a three-run home run as the Rangers put together a near perfect effort in drubbing the Milwaukee Brewers, 8-1. Medich, 7-3, threw a six-hitter and Oliver chipped in with the homer that gave the Rangers a 6-0 lead in the fifth.

But for the Rangers, the fun part of the game came in the sixth when Harrelson, hitting only .182 for the season, lashed a home run into the left field seats. Milwaukee left fielder Ben Oglivie didn't even bother running back to the wall.

"He (Oglivie) apparently has seen more home runs than I have," Harrelson said.

Most people have seen more homers than has Harrelson, who has hit only seven of them in his 14-year career and who had not had one since 1977.

"My wife is coming into town tomorrow," said Harrelson, 36, "so she missed it. I guess she will have to wait 10 more years before another one. I don't know why everybody is making such a fuss about somebody

who drove in the seventh and eighth runs of an 8-1 game. But I'm glad they are."

Texas players laid down a "white carpet" of towels for Harrelson to walk on in the locker room after the game and one-by-one they came by to congratulate him.

"I passed out in the dugout I was so shocked," Oliver said.

"Now everybody will be going for the fences," added Texas pitcher Gaylord Perry.

Harrelson's most recent home run came off Jim Kaat, then of Philadelphia, and his first homer was an inside-the-park affair in old Forbes Field against Pittsburgh's Juan Pizarro. But the rest are blurred in his memory.

"I used to remember all of them," he said. "The only trouble is that I've never seen a one. Other guys have this home run stance where they stand there and watch the ball go out of the park. I'm always running as hard as I can with my head down."

On the serious side, Oliver said he thought the Rangers were on the verge of coming out of their woeful slump, which has seen them fall farther and farther behind front-running Kansas City in the American League West.

"We've played three good games

in a row," Oliver said. "That's a good sign."

The Rangers entered Wednesday's game mired in fifth place, 11 games behind American League Western Division-leading Kansas City. The victory raised Texas' record to 28-34.

The Rangers entertain the Brewers again tonight in Arlington.

Major League Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	East	W	L	Pct.	GB
N.Y.	40	21	.656		Montreal	34	23	.586	
Boston	33	28	.541	7	Phila	33	24	.579	1/2
Milwau	32	28	.533	7 1/2	Ptsbrgh	34	27	.557	1 1/2
Balt	32	30	.516	8 1/2	N.Y.	27	32	.458	7 1/2
Clev	30	29	.509	9	Chicago	25	32	.439	8 1/2
Toronto	29	30	.492	9 1/2	St. Louis	23	38	.377	12 1/2
Detroit	28	29	.491	10	West	W	L	Pct.	GB
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Houston	37	23	.617	
Kan City	39	23	.629		Los Ang	35	26	.565	3
Chicago	30	29	.508	7 1/2	Cinci	33	29	.532	5
Oakland	30	33	.476	9 1/2	San Frn	27	35	.436	11
Texas	28	34	.452	11	Atlanta	26	34	.433	11
Seattle	28	35	.444	11 1/2	San Dgo	27	36	.429	11 1/2
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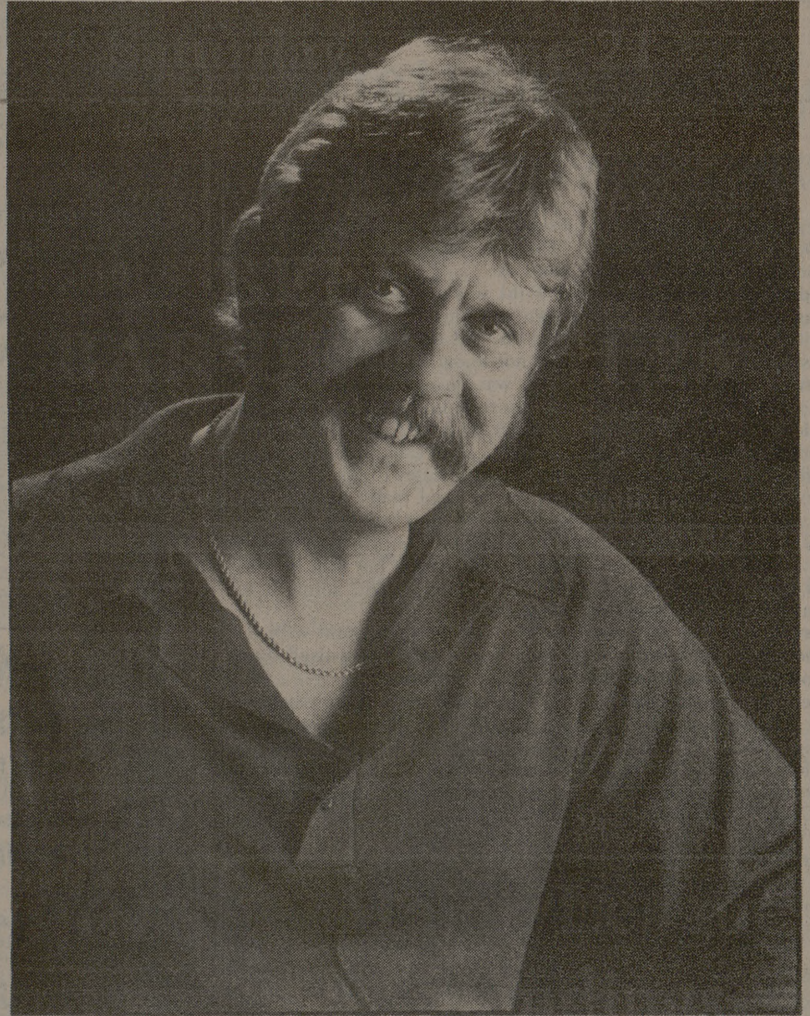
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An unidentified Texas A&M intramural softball player tosses a ball at the Penberthy Fields before an evening game. A record 130 softball teams have signed up for first summer session action, and the resulting overflow of games has taxed the Penberthy complex fields.

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Softball teams' playing leaves fields torn up

by RICHARD OLIVER
Sports Editor

When 130 different softball teams go on one section of ground day after day for six weeks straight, that plot of ground is bound to get a ragged.

This simple factual statement is becoming a reality at the Penberthy Ball Fields adjacent to Olsen Hall on the Texas A&M University campus.

A record 130 intramural softball teams are playing on the Penberthy complex, and the overflow of teams is taking its toll on the field.

"We've had record numbers signing up for all our intramural activities," Pat Fiero, intramural information director, said. "Almost every sport is signed out."

Fiero said due to the popularity of intramural softball and the ensuing

demands on the fields, intramural play in the sport will be limited next summer session to only 72 teams, and all play will be on Duncan Field.

"It's not going to be very popular," said Fiero, "and a lot of teams will not get in, but we have to get the Penberthy fields back in shape."

Getting the fields back in shape is going to require time and watering, and Fiero said the only way to achieve those goals is non-use.

Watering the fields has proved to be a major problem lately, due to the constant ballplaying. However, sometimes the fields are watered in spite of the ballgames.

"The other night the sprinklers came on at twelve midnight," said Fiero. "They came on right in the middle of a ballgame, though. We had a lot of hot officials stalking around."

Dallas signs two prospects, leaving only 3 unsigned

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DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys signed linebacker Larry Savage of Michigan State and defensive tackle Norm Wells of Northwestern in the 8th and 12th round draft.

Dallas has now signed eight of its 1980 draft picks.

Savage, 6-2, 213, is an outside linebacker prospect. He started two years and lettered four years at

Michigan State. Wells, 6-5, 249, missed most of the 1978 season with a knee injury, but came back to start for Northwestern last year.

The Cowboys' remaining unsigned draftees are cornerback Lester Brown of Clemson (No. 7), linebacker Matthew Teague of Prairie View A&M (No. 10) and linebacker Gary Padjen of Arizona State (No. 11).

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