

## Astros triumph 5-4 to take 3-game lead

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Reliever Joe Beckwith's throwing error to third base on a sacrifice bunt attempt allowed Cesar Cedeno to score from second base with the winning run in the 12th inning Tuesday night and gave the Houston Astros a 5-4 triumph over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

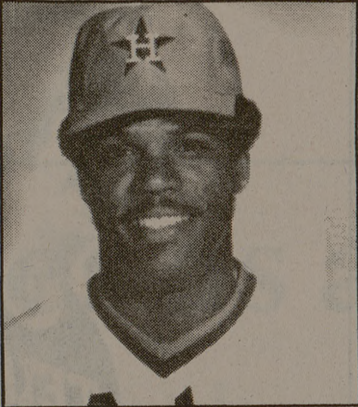
Cedeno, who went 5-for-5 with an intentional walk and two RBIs, opened the 12th off reliever Beckwith, 3-1, with a double into the left field corner. Art Howe was intentionally walked and Beckwith fielded pinch-hitter Craig Reynolds' bunt down the third base line and threw wildly into left field.

Frank LaCorte, 4-0, pitched hitless relief over the final 2½ innings to pick up the triumph.

Joe Morgan's fifth homer — his first in the Astrodome this season — tied the score against reliever Steve Howe in the ninth inning after pinch hitter Reggie Smith's two-out, run-scoring single in the eighth inning had given the Dodgers a 4-3 lead.

A pair of throwing errors by starting pitcher Nolan Ryan, four hits and a pair of walks produced three early runs for the Dodgers, but the Astros came back to tie the score behind the hitting of Cedeno, who drove in a third-inning run with a single and tied the score 3-3 in the fifth with an RBI double.

The victory gives the Astros a three-game lead in the National League's Western Division over the Dodgers. Houston now has a 41-25 record, the second best record in baseball.



Cesar Cedeno

In other National League action, New York downed the Cubs, 6-5; Cincinnati blasted Atlanta, 8-2; Eastern Division-leading Montreal slipped past the Phillies, 7-6; St. Louis defeated Pittsburgh again, 3-2; and the Padres beat the Giants, 5-3.

The 11-hit Houston attack was a turnaround from Monday night's loss to L.A., 3-0. In that game, Dodger Rick Sutcliffe shut down the Astros on only three hits, two of them by Joe Morgan.

Morgan, Landestoy, Howe, Walling, Cedeno, Cabell and Ashby tallied the hits for Houston Tuesday, and pinch-hitter Bruce Bochy was hit by a Beckwith pitch.

Cedeno, in addition to his 5-for-5 evening, stole two bases. Landestoy, Puhl and Cruz also added swipes against Dodger catcher Joe Ferguson, an ex-Astro.

## Fraud charges against UNM coach dropped

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Federal prosecutors, who failed in efforts to convict one former University of New Mexico basketball coach, announced Tuesday mail fraud charges would be dropped against another former coach.

John Whisenant, an assistant coach who left UNM after the 1978-1979 basketball season to enter private business, was indicted with his former head coach, Norm Ellenberger, in a scheme to falsify transcripts of basketball players.

Ellenberger, who was fired as coach shortly after the UNM sports scandal broke late last year, was acquitted last Friday following a week-long trial at Roswell, N.M.

The acquittal of Norm Ellenberger makes it unlikely that the federal

prosecution of Mr. Whisenant would result in a conviction," said U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson. "For that reason, I have concluded that the federal charges against John Whisenant should be terminated at this time."

### You've got to be kidding!

Aggie women's basketball star Peggy Pope (right) demonstrates a move for one of the 119 girls attending the Texas A&M Girl's Basketball Clinic held in G. Rolie White Coliseum last week. The clinic, run by Texas

A&M women's basketball coach Cherri Rapp with the help of the Aggie team, was designed to help the girls improve the mechanics of their game.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leshper

## Major League Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	East	W	L	Pct.	GB
N.Y.	44	23	.657		Montreal	37	26	.587	
Milwau	37	29	.561	6½	Phila	34	28	.548	2½
Detroit	34	30	.530	8½	Ptsbrgh	35	32	.522	4
Boston	36	31	.537	8½	N.Y.	29	35	.453	8½
Balt	35	32	.522	9	Chicago	28	34	.452	8½
Clev	33	32	.508	10	St. Louis	27	40	.403	12
Toronto	31	33	.484	11½	West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kan City	41	25	.594		Houston	39	29	.574	3
Texas	31	36	.463	9	Los Ang	41	25	.621	
Chicago	30	35	.462	9	Cinci	35	32	.522	6½
Oakland	31	38	.449	10	San Frn	30	37	.448	11½
Seattle	30	38	.441	10½	San Dgo	30	38	.441	12
Minn	29	39	.426	11½	Atlanta	28	37	.431	12½
Calif	23	41	.359	15½					

## Writers say Ruth greatest

United Press International  
MILWAUKEE — Babe Ruth, one of baseball's most revered heroes, has been selected as the greatest athlete of all time in a poll of sports writers and broadcasters run by a brewery.

More than 130 writers and broadcasters took part in the poll and Ruth was named the top choice on 111 of 112 ballots to finish first. Boxer Muhammad Ali finished second with 39 votes, football running back Jim Brown third with 92, golfer Jack Nicklaus fourth with 91, and Olympic champion Jim Thorpe fifth with 87.

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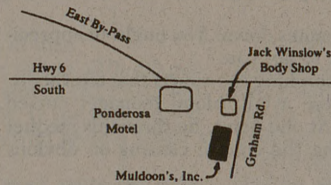
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