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Astros swamped again by Atlanta, 14-0; Perry takes 284th to lead Rangers to win

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ATLANTA — Bob Horner homered and drove in four runs to back five-hit pitching of knuckle-thrower Phil Niekro and lift the Atlanta Braves to their fourth straight victory, a 14-0 thrashing of the Houston Astros Wednesday night.

Niekro, 6-10, struck out seven to lead Atlanta to a 14-0 victory. He pitched into 16th place on the all-time list with 2,488. Backed by a 19-hit attack, he notched his 18th shutout and eighth complete game of the year.

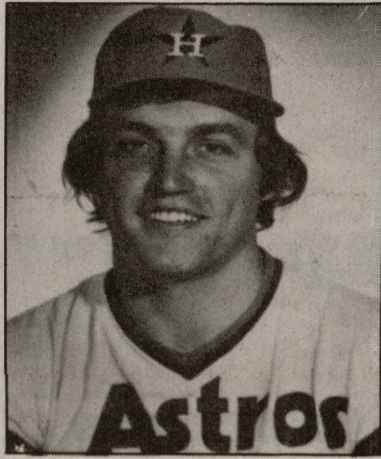
The Braves took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a home run by Vern Riffe, 5-2, on a double by Niekro and a RBI single by Horner. Atlanta added a run in the second on Glenn Beard's RBI single and the improving Riffe for seven runs

in the third with two out to build a 10-0 lead.

Two-run singles by Luis Gomez, Niekro and Chambliss and an RBI single by Gary Matthews were the key blows in the third. Atlanta used a three-run homer by Horner, his eighth, in the fifth and a solo shot by Jeff Burroughs, his seventh, in the eighth, to cap the scoring.

Right fielder Terry Puhl led the weak-hitting Astros with a one-for-three evening.

The loss dropped Houston to only 1 1/2 games ahead of the L.A. Dodgers in the National League's Western Division due to the Dodger's victory over the San Diego Padres Wednesday, 10-7. The Cincinnati Reds also gained a game on Houston by beating the San Francisco Giants, and are now 5 1/2 out.



Terry Puhl

United Press International
SEATTLE — Gaylord Perry pitched a six-hitter and struck out 10 and Mickey Rivers and Richie Zisk drove in two runs each Wednesday to lead the Texas Rangers to a 6-3 triumph over the Seattle Mariners.

Perry, the leading winner among active pitchers, picked up his 284th career victory while raising his season record to 5-6. He allowed just one walk through the first three innings. Juan Beniquez led off the fourth with his third homer of the season.

The Mariners scored again in the fifth on singles by Jim Anderson and Bob Stinson with Anderson scoring on Mario Mendoza's double-play grounder. Perry allowed the third run in the ninth.

Texas scored in the first on a triple

by Mickey Rivers and a run-producing single by Buddy Bell. They went ahead 3-0 in the third on Al Oliver's RBI single and Zisk's two-run single. Rivers' groundout drove in a run in the fourth and his sacrifice fly closed the Rangers' scoring in the sixth. Rick Honeycutt, 7-6, took his fourth loss in a row.

The win moved the Rangers' record to 36-39, 8 1/2 games behind the red-hot American League Western Division-leading Kansas City Royals, who also won Wednesday, beating the Minnesota Twins, 4-3.

Texas is currently in third place in that division, 1/2-game behind the Chicago White Sox and 3 1/2 ahead of the fourth place teams, Seattle and Minnesota.

Picnic at the Pool' set for tomorrow

by RICHARD OLIVER
Sports Editor

The Fourth of July is tomorrow, another hot day is expected. One way to cool off, though, would be a picnic at the pool.

The Intramurals Department and Memorial Student Center are co-sponsoring a July Fourth "Picnic at the Pool" Friday for all Aggies living in town for the holiday.

From noon until dark, Cain Pool and DeWare Fieldhouse will be the site of intramural activities for all groups, a diving exhibition, food, and three bands.

The day's schedule will be as follows:

The activities start at noon with open pool swimming, followed at 1 p.m. with games for all ages. From 2:30 until 4:30, the Basement Committee band will provide entertainment.

At 4:30, a 15-minute diving exhibition will be held. During this time, grills will be set up and hot dogs will be cooked. The hot dogs will be 10-cent and drinks will be free, and will be served at 5 p.m.

From six until closing, the groups Bryan Grassfire and Cambridge

Band will be playing.

Everyone is welcome, and admission is free for all Texas A&M University students, faculty and staff and their families. A student or recreation ID or pool pass is required, however, and all guests without cards will be charged \$1; children will be charged 50 cents.

In other intramural news, entries for second summer session intramural sports will open July 10, with seven events offered — slow pitch softball, three-man volleyball, three-

man basketball, tennis doubles, handball doubles, racquetball singles, and golf doubles.

Wimbledon nearing final round of action

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WIMBLEDON, England — Fourth-seeded Australian Evonne Cawley was already here.

But for old adversaries Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert and the crunch was scheduled to today when they met to fill the berth in the women's finals of the \$684,000 Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

Third-seeded Lloyd, champion in 1974 and 1976 and a runnerup to Navratilova two years ago, had the benefit of a rest day Wednesday as her opponent had a testing semifinal duel with veteran Billie King.

Navratilova, chasing her third consecutive title, eventually ousted King, 7-6, 1-6, 10-8, but it was a close fight as the six-time former champion pushed the Dallas-based Czech to the brink.

Navratilova, who had taken the tie-breaking set before rain stopped play Tuesday, was given a roast in the second set as the years

rolled back for a rejuvenated King. Evert holds a 25-12 head-to-head advantage over Navratilova.

Cooling, the 1971 titleholder and three times runnerup, was stretched to the limit by 17-year-old Californian Tracy Austin, whose hopes of becoming the youngest champion of the century disappeared in a 6-3, 0-6, 6-4 defeat.

On the men's front, Jimmy Connors was slated to play fellow American Roscoe Tanner today to decide who will join defending champion Bjorn Borg, and Americans John McEnroe and Brian Gottfried in the semifinals.

Connors, champion in 1974 and losing finalist in 1975, 1977 and 1978, was left a round behind the others after his fourth-round match against Hank Pfister was halted by rain, at 5-5 in the second set Tuesday. The 25-year-old southpaw from Belleville, Ill., wrapped it up 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) Wednesday to earn a quarter-final clash against last year's runner-up, Tanner, who had a rest day.

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