

Sports

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Woods powers Astros to win

Houston clinches at least a tie for West title

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HOUSTON — Rookie Gary Woods hit a game-tying, solo home run to ignite a three-run fourth inning and Joe Morgan singled in two runs Thursday night as the first-place Houston Astros held off a ninth-inning uprising to score a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

The victory, combined with Los Angeles' 3-2 loss to San Francisco, gave the Astros at least a tie for the National League West title. The Dodgers would have to sweep their three-game series against the Astros this weekend to force a one-game playoff to decide the division. The Astros can clinch the division by winning one of the three games.

Joe Niekro, the Astros' 21-game winner in 1979, struck out four and walked none to run his record to 19-



12 in his last scheduled start of the regular season. He left in the ninth after allowing a double to Gary Matthews. Joe Sambito relieved and surrendered an RBI single to Chris Chambliss before Frank LaCorte came on to record his 11th save by

striking out Dale Murphy to end the game.

Astros fielders Jose Cruz, Enos Cabell and Morgan each made sparkling defensive plays.

Chambliss' 17th home run of the season powered the Braves to a 1-0 lead in the second but Braves' starter Larry McWilliams, 9-14, could not hold it.

Woods, a right-handed hitter who has played only against left-handed starters, had not been in a game in seven days. On his second at-bat, he slammed an 0-1 McWilliams pitch above the left field fence.

Rafael Landestoy and Alan Ashby followed with singles, and both moved up a base on Niekro's sacrifice bunt preceding Morgan's line drive single just out of the reach of first baseman Chambliss.

Atlanta pushed runners to third and first bases with one out in the fourth, but Niekro struck out Chambliss and got out of the inning when third baseman Cabell fielded Dale Murphy's roller on the run and nipped Murphy at first with his throw.

Left fielder Cruz fielded Bob Horner's drive off the wall in the seventh and threw a strike to second baseman Morgan to nab Horner at second base.



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Wilson changes starting lineup

By RICHARD OLIVER
Sports Editor

The major changes that Tom Wilson has been hinting at for over a week were revealed Thursday, and the biggest change came at the spot everyone expected — quarterback. David Beal was handed the football for Saturday's contest against Texas Tech, which comes as no surprise to anyone, as Beal has been running the first team in practice since last week.

Another big change occurs at fullback, where Thomas Sanders has knocked out regular David Hill for the starting nod.

Here's a starting lineup for the Aggies, who will begin their Southwestern Conference season:

Offense: *Split end*- junior Mike Whitwell; *Left tackle*- junior Tommy Thompson; *Left guard*- junior John Osborn; *Center*- junior David Band; *Right guard*- junior Kent Adams; *Right tackle*- junior Tim Ward; *Tight end*- junior Pat Flinn; *Quarterback*- senior David Beal; *Tailback*- sophomore Johnny Hector; *Fullback*- freshman Thomas Sanders; *Flanker*- David Scott.

Defense: *Left end*- sophomore Van Sant; *Left tackle*- Fred Caldwell; *Right tackle*- senior Arlis James; *Right end*- freshman Scott Falk; *Strongside linebacker*- freshman Jerry Bullitt; *Middle linebacker*- sophomore Bobby Stroger; *Weakside linebacker*- junior Mike Little; *Cornerbacks*- junior Danny Davis and freshman Greg Williams; *Safeties*- sophomore Van Barnett and senior Leandrew Brown.

Specialists: *Punter*-Rock King; *Kicker*- Alan Smith. The practices this week have been perhaps the most spirited of the year.

Cornerback Dan Davis said the team is pretty tired of sitting around and is prepared to play after a two-week lay-off.

"We're ready to go out and get on the right track," he said Thursday night. "If we win this one, we'll be tied for the (SWC) lead. If we really get up and get at 'em, we can beat 'em."

The Aggies will have some inexperience in the starting lineup, but Davis, a senior, offers a philosophical approach to that.

"We've got some younger players starting, and some older guys on the second team now," he said. "At least

we know we've got some capable backups."

Davis said the shock of the dismissals because of alleged drug use by some members of the team has worn off.

"Everybody carries the attitude that since we got a lot of publicity, we can go two ways; we can go our separate ways or pull together and play some football," he said.

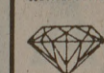
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