

Astros lose again, 5-2

United Press International
HOUSTON — The Houston Astros were supposed to be getting the kind of pitching the Los Angeles Dodgers are and for the Astros the situation is getting worrisome.

eight, nine games," Davey Lopes said, "no matter how early it is, it's not going to be easy to make up." Houston outhit the Dodgers 11-9, but the Dodgers bunched key hits after some of the eight walks issued by three Astros pitchers to win 5-2.

Steve Garvey's two-run single and Ron Cey's run-scoring single in the first inning, before anyone was out, followed three walks by Joaquin Andujar.

Astros manager Bill Virdon, said, "Our problem is hitting, not pitching."

Through 10 games, however, the Astros' starting staff has been unstable with J.R. Richard still shelved, Nolan Ryan hurt and neither Don Sutton nor Bob Knepper pitching well.

Texas drops one to Bosox

United Press International
BOSTON — Don Zimmer may have left the Boston Red Sox for the Texas Rangers, but he still is having his troubles with two of his least favorite former players — Dwight Evans and Gary Allenson.

Zimmer, the Rangers' manager this year, returned to Fenway Park only to suffer a 4-2 defeat Monday.

Zimmer said all the Rangers' problems began after Allenson was hit on the head at bat by a pitch from Texas starter Doc Medich, 1-1.

"It seemed that when Medich hit Allenson everything blew apart. It seemed that everything started after that," Zimmer said.

After the blow, Allenson was sacrificed to second by shortstop Glen Hoffman, advanced to third on Rick Miller's infield out and was singled home by Jerry Remy. To make Zimmer's day complete, Evans followed by mashing Medich's first pitch into the left-field screen for a two-run homer.

Major League Baseball

National League

East				
Montreal	6	2	.750	—
St. Louis	5	2	.714	½
Philadelphia	7	3	.700	—
New York	4	4	.500	2
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	2
Chicago	1	8	.111	5½

West				
Los Angeles	9	1	.900	—
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	3½
San Francisco	5	6	.455	4½
Atlanta	4	5	.444	4½
San Diego	3	8	.273	6½
Houston	2	8	.200	7

Monday's Results

Montreal 9, Philadelphia 8
St. Louis 6, Chicago 1
Los Angeles 5, Houston 2
San Francisco 9, San Diego 0

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia at Montreal
Chicago at St. Louis
New York at Pittsburgh
Los Angeles at Houston
San Francisco at San Diego
Atlanta at Cincinnati

American League

East				
Detroit	7	3	.700	—
Boston	5	3	.625	—
Cleveland	4	3	.571	—
New York	5	4	.556	—
Baltimore	3	3	.500	—
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	—
Toronto	3	7	.300	—

West				
Oakland	12	1	.923	—
Chicago	4	3	.571	—
California	5	6	.455	—
Texas	4	5	.444	—
Kansas City	2	5	.286	—
Seattle	3	8	.273	—
Minnesota	2	7	.286	—

Monday's Results

Baltimore at Chicago ppd. rain
Boston 4, Texas 2
Milwaukee 5, Toronto 4
New York 6, Detroit 2
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 2
Oakland 3, Minnesota 0
California 6, Seattle 1

Tuesday's Games

Texas at Boston
Milwaukee at Toronto
Detroit at New York
Baltimore at Chicago
Cleveland at Kansas City
Seattle at California
Minnesota at Oakland

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Seko wins Boston Marathon

United Press International
BOSTON (UPI) — There was the acceptance of defeat for Bill Rodgers well before the finish with the unfamiliar rear view of others battling it out for the title he wanted so desperately.

By the time he passed his running-goods store in Cleveland Circle, 4 miles from the finish line, Rodgers knew his bid for an unprecedented fourth straight Boston Marathon victory was over.

Less than a minute earlier, Toshihiko Seko had moved into the lead in, ironically, the same spot. The Japanese clerk then simply outran runner-up Craig Virgin to win Monday in an American record time of 2:09:26, a mere second better than Rodgers' 1979 time.

And with the defeat ended any hope Rodgers might have of becoming the only man to win four straight Boston Marathons. The race that catapulted him to international stardom also dealt him an historical double-whammy. His record, and his string, are gone.

"I could see Seko and Virgin battling it out and I thought they were going to pull away," said Rodgers, 33, who finished in 2:10:34. "I thought then it would be interesting to see who (Seko or Virgin) would win."

The 24-year-old Seko remained back in the pack for the first two-thirds of the race while unheralded rabbit Gary Fanelli of

Oreland, Pa., set a blistering early pace in the favorable, cool, running conditions.

Greg Meyer, who used to work at Rodgers' store, held the lead briefly before Seko and Virgin, the American recordholder at 10,000 meters, took over on the Newton hills.

Seko quickly lost Virgin, who eventually finished 60 seconds off the pace, and had nothing but police motorcycles for company the final mile. He has not lost a marathon since that cool, drizzly April day two years ago when Rodgers set his then-American record.

"I'm sorry I broke the record," Seko apologized to Rodgers through an interpreter in the post-race news conference. "I didn't really have any plan. I just went at my own pace. I knew where he (Rodgers) was and I was just following the crowd."

As convincing as Seko's record-setting victory was, it almost paled in comparison to the mark established by New Zealand's Allison Roe, who won the women's division. The 24-year-old secretary, who has been running marathons only one year, smashed the Boston record by nearly eight seconds in winning in 2:26:45.

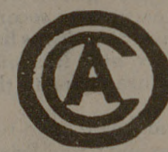
Only the incomparable Grete Waitz of Norway has run a women's marathon any faster — a 2:25:42 time last October in New York.

Patti Catalano, the prohibitive pre-race favorite, finished Boston second for the third straight year, this time in 2:27:51 — nearly two minutes better than her previous best.

"I never had the lead at all —

not until the end," Roe said. "What I had planned was to and go with the leaders for 18 to 20 miles, but Patti got in front of me at the halfway mark and sort of pulled her (Catalano) about 2 miles to go."

The Association of Baptist Students will be presenting C.D. Walker as guest speaker on Tues., April 21. Bro. Walker is the former pastor of Central Baptist Church of Lubbock, Tex. and is now executive director of state missions for the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at 304 Highland. Call 693-1529 for more information.



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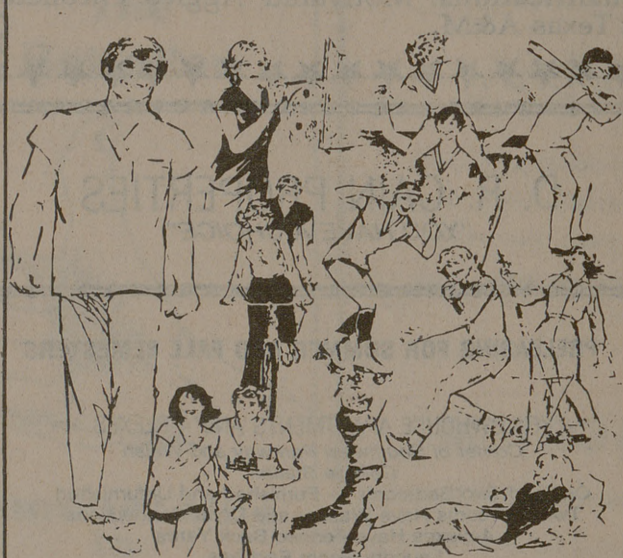
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