

Major League Baseball

National League				American League					
East				East					
Montreal	7	2	.778	—	Boston	6	3	.667	—
St. Louis	6	2	.750	1/2	Detroit	7	4	.636	—
Philadelphia	7	4	.636	1	Cleveland	5	3	.625	1/2
New York	4	4	.500	2 1/2	New York	6	4	.600	1/2
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	2 1/2	Milwaukee	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Chicago	1	9	.100	6 1/2	Baltimore	3	4	.429	2
					Toronto	3	8	.273	4

West				West					
Los Angeles	9	2	.818	—	Oakland	13	1	.929	—
Atlanta	5	5	.500	3 1/2	Chicago	5	3	.625	5
Cincinnati	5	5	.500	3 1/2	California	5	7	.417	7
San Francisco	5	7	.417	4 1/2	Texas	4	6	.400	7
San Diego	4	8	.333	5 1/2	Seattle	4	8	.333	8
Houston	3	8	.273	6	Kansas City	2	6	.250	8
					Minnesota	2	8	.200	9

Tuesday's Results Wednesday's Games

Montreal 10, Philadelphia 3	Philadelphia at Montreal
St. Louis 8, Chicago 0	Chicago at St. Louis
Houston 1, Los Angeles 0	New York at Pittsburgh
Atlanta 10, Cincinnati 1	Los Angeles at Houston
San Diego 3, San Francisco 1	San Francisco at San Diego
	Atlanta at Cincinnati

Tuesday's Results				Wednesday's Games			
Boston 10, Texas 4	Texas at Boston						
Milwaukee 6, Toronto 2	Milwaukee at Toronto						
New York 2, Detroit 0	Detroit at New York						
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 1	Baltimore at Chicago						
Chicago 2, Baltimore 1	Cleveland at Kansas City						
Oakland 4, Minnesota 3	Seattle at California						
Seattle 3, California 0	Minnesota at Oakland						

Astros finally take Dodgers

HOUSTON — Pitching made the Houston Astros a champion last season, so it was no surprise they should weather their first storm in 1981 with a strong performance from the mound.

The circumstances were down-right dire Tuesday as the Astros started lefthanded pitcher Bob Knepper against the powerful right-handed hitting Los Angeles Dodgers.

To boot, the Astros infield resembled a utility man's hall of fame, with Mike Ivie at first base, Dickie Thon at second, Kiko Garcia at short and Art Howe at third.

Knepper, however, stopped the Dodgers on three hits, and with a handful of defensive gems behind him the Astros won their first game of the season against the Dodgers, 1-0.

Making his second start of the season, the curvballing Knepper struck out three and walked none.

In 10 previous games, the Astros had won only two times and had not beaten the Dodgers in four games.

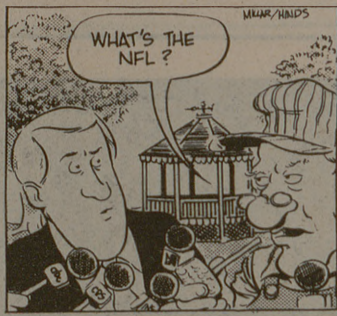
Pedro Guerrero rapped two of the Dodgers' hits but was retired in the eighth inning when leftfielder Jose Cruz made a fine reaching catch in the corner. Knepper was backed also by two excellent stops by Howe and one by Thon.

"They played perfectly behind me," Knepper said.

Knepper got the win despite a "throbbing" left foot, which had been hit by a line drive seven days earlier. The injury caused him to leave his only appearance this season after three innings.

Knepper, a 138 lifetime hitter, sparked the anemic Astros offense with two hits, and scored the only run by socking a double in the third inning and running home on Cesar Cedano's bouncing single up the middle.

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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hill

Rangers fall again, 10-4

BOSTON — Is it too early to start the Lansford Watch?

"Don't even talk about that," cracked Carney Lansford, whose blazing bat has produced 15 hits in his last 26 at-bats for an American League leading average of .485.

"We've still got 153 games to play. But I wouldn't mind staying in this streak a little longer."

Lansford continued his hot-hitting Tuesday afternoon by going 3-for-4 and knocking in two runs to pace a 15-hit attack, leading the Boston Red Sox to a 10-4 win over the Texas Rangers.

Carl Yastrzemski drove in three runs and Dwight Evans added a pair of RBIs as the Red Sox notched their third straight win and second in as many tries over former skipper Don Zimmer.

After going hitless in his first two games, Lansford has been on a tear. He has a reputation of being a streak hitter and he credits the

old hitter's axiom of "seeing the ball better" for his current binge.

"This is definitely the best start I've ever had. The first two games, I didn't see a thing but now I'm more relaxed. I'm also getting more outside pitches and if I can lay off the inside stuff, I'll be better off," he said.

Lansford's third-inning single off loser Ferguson Jenkins, 1-1, gave Boston the lead in the 2-1. His fifth-inning double in Tony Perez, who had Gary Allenson's second in the game then scored in

Al Oliver drove in a pair for Texas but the Rangers held pretty much in check southpaw John Tudor, who entered nine hits in his 1981

Sports panel agrees that college jocks compensated

WASHINGTON — A panel of sports reporters and a football player agreed Tuesday that despite supposedly tight NCAA recruiting rules, some college athletes are given under-the-table inducements to attend certain schools.

And Houston Oilers lineman Elvin Bethea said two players that were once his teammates told him only half-jokingly they made more money in college than as professional athletes.

He declined to name them or the school they both attended. Bethea said they were joking when they said it, but that he believed their story was true because he knew of other cases.

The panel on sports journalism was part of the convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

CBS commentator Brent Musburger called college athletics hypocritical for claiming that the athletes are also students who play for the love of the game. Referring to illegal payoffs of money, cars or jobs, Musburger urged the NCAA to "get it up on top of the table where it belongs." He said the compensation for athletes could be money, cars or anything of value so long as the players were paid something for their role in building up college athletic department treasuries.

When an editor asked if college payoffs hadn't

ended because of strict NCAA enforcement and newspaper exposes, three of the panelists responded immediately and emphatically.

"I think it still exists," Musburger said. Washington Post sports editor George Solomon said "it's worse" than before and Bethea made his charge about the players that told him they made more money in school than they did as professionals. He said the minimum salary for an NFL player is \$22,000.

"Athletes are pampered and babied in college," Bethea said. "A lot come to the pros and don't know what's going on and expect the handouts." He said, "It's happening even more now than when I was in college 13 years ago."

Bethea said sports reporters were missing a "disaster" story by not examining what happens to athletes who are exploited in college and then fail to make the pro ranks.

On the question of reporters' lack of access to some athletes, Bethea said a great many players want to be written about for their off-the-field lives, which he said would make them appear more human.

New York Times columnist Dave Anderson said lockerroom interviews are "the only link between players and fans and the player has the obligation to answer whether it was a fastball or a curve. All we ask is that they answer questions for five minutes after the game."

Smith to announce plans

HOUSTON — The interest is so great in the future plans of out-of-work baseball executive Tal Smith that he has sent invitations to friends, business associates and the media announcing an announcement reception.

There was no hint in his cheerful "let the cat out of the bag" invitation what Smith would be doing, but since his firing as Houston Astros General Manager Oct. 27, he has talked of entering private business and leaving pro baseball after 22 years with the sport.

"It's not a press conference," Smith said Monday. "That would be presumptuous on my part. I didn't want to give it more importance than it should take. I don't know that this is news."

His firing by new Astros owner John McMullen Oct. 27 angered many Astros fans and triggered 20 Astros limited partners to dissolve the business' structure and dilute McMullen's authority. It did not result, as some limited partners had thought it would, in Smith's return to the club.

Since that time, Smith, 47, has occupied a small 11th-floor office loaned him by a friend, and until six weeks ago he believed he might be rehired to the team

which he and Manager Bill Virdon in five years had made into a National League division champion.

McMullen, of Montclair, N.J., replaced Smith with former New York Yankees President Al Rosen, and months later one source close to McMullen said the owner wanted to fire Virdon but didn't follow the reaction to Smith's firing.

Smith's decision to take a job comes as the Astros, a near unanimous choice to win the West Division again, have begun the season with a 2-7 record.

He will tell of his plans at a 10 a.m. Friday reception in the Library Room of the University Club.

"This is nothing earthshaking or out of the ordinary. I'm just going to tell everybody my plans," he said.

Smith could have collected a paycheck from the Astros during this baseball season because his contract extended through 1981. His contract contained an attendance incentive, something he had negotiated when the team was in last place several years ago.

The Framington, Mass., native began his career in pro baseball as the Cincinnati Reds' farm system secretary in 1958. He was hired and made the first payroll of the

new Houston franchise in 1961, and he spent all but two of the years until 1980 with the team.

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