

Houston beats Braves 2-1 for first win streak of year

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ATLANTA — Don Sutton says there's nothing like the "comforts of home" to get him back on the winning path again.

"I can't explain it, but there's something about pitching in Atlanta Stadium that brings out the best in me," the 36-year-old former Los Angeles Dodger said after beating the Braves, 2-1, for the 34th time in 15 years — but his first as a member of the Houston Astros.

"I'm from the South (Clio, Ala.) and I always feel comfortable to be back here, to be in Atlanta," he said. "For some reason, I always have better stuff in this ball park."

Sutton really had "better stuff" Tuesday night. He had a perfect

game through the first four innings, then retired nine more in a row after giving up a leadoff homer to Bob Horner in the fifth.

He allowed a leadoff single by Chris Chambliss to start the eighth, then retired the next three batters before retiring for the night with a two-hit, eightstrike-out, no-walk performance for eight innings of work.

Astros' manager Bill Virdon went to his bench in the top of the ninth when Houston, trying to pad that one-run, loaded the bases with only one out. That move almost backfired when the Astros failed to score and Mike Lum led off the bottom of the ninth with a pinch-hit single off reliever Dave Smith.

"The thing is, it didn't backfire," retorted Virdon. "The thought of leaving Sutton in never crossed my mind. He said he was getting tired."

"That's right," said Sutton. "Coming out was my idea. Even if the situation hadn't called for a pinch batter in the top of the ninth, I wasn't going back in to pitch. I'd had it."

For Sutton, who left Los Angeles after 15 seasons to sign as a free agent with the Astros, the victory was his first for Houston after getting off to an 0-3 start.

"Don hasn't been pitching as badly as that 0-3 might indicate," said Virdon. "In his previous start (six days earlier) he lost a 1-0 decision to the Dodgers."

Texas takes Red Sox, 9-0

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ARLINGTON — Pat Putnam's three-run homer highlighted a four-run fourth inning and three pitchers combined on a five-hitter Tuesday night, lifting the Texas Rangers to a 9-0 victory over the Boston Red Sox 9-0 in a game delayed 48 minutes by rain.

It was the second straight shut-out registered by the Rangers' pitching staff.

Buddy Bell beat out an infield hit to load the bases and Johnny Grubb gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead with a sacrifice fly. Putnam then followed with his first homer of the year, a 420-foot shot over the center field fence.

Texas added three runs in the sixth on a two-run single by Mario Mendoza and an RBI single by Bump Willis. The Rangers scored two runs in the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Jim Sundberg and an RBI single by Billy Sample.

Texas starter Ferguson Jenkins gave up two hits and struck out three before taking himself out of the game after three innings because of respiratory problems. Steve Comer, 2-0, picked up the victory, giving up two hits in 3 2-3 innings, and Bob Babcock hurled the final 1 1-3 innings.

Kings, Rockets ready for tonight's fifth game

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KANSAS CITY — Cotton Fitzsimmons resents the status of his NBA Kings as third class citizens in Kansas City and is always quick to comment on the subject.

The Kings annually line up behind the baseball Royals and football Chiefs for fan interest in this town and they sometimes even have to fall in behind local golfer Tom Watson.

So it was with an impish grin that Fitzsimmons offered comment on the current sports scene in Kansas City — even though his Kings appear on the verge of elimination in the Western Conference championship series against the Houston Rockets.

Kansas City trails in games, 3-1, with Game 5 on tap here tonight. But the defending American League champion Royals are in even more of a predicament with their worst start in history — 3-9 — to fall behind the frontrunning Oakland A's by an already whopping 11 games.

"I'll bet the Royals are glad the playoffs are going on," said Fitzsimmons. "I'll bet I'll get a thank you from Jim Frey (Royals' Manager). The heat's off them right now. And I don't mind. I kind of like playing basketball in baseball season. Two or three more weeks of this would suit me fine."

To extend that season the extra two or three weeks their coach desires, the Kings would have to provide a third straight miracle in the 1981 playoffs.

Kansas City, a 40-42 finisher during the regular season, defeated the Trail Blazers in Portland in the third game of their best-of-three series and then defeated the Suns in Phoenix in the seventh game of their best-of-seven series to earn its berth opposite Houston.

But only three teams in NBA history have ever rallied from a 3-1 deficit to win a playoff series.

"This makes it all the better," said Fitzsimmons. "Now if we win, not only will all of the NBA be talking about us, the whole world will be all talking

about us, too."

The Rockets themselves are miracle workers, having beaten the Lakers twice in Los Angeles to win that best-of-three series and then the Spurs three times in San Antonio to capture that best-of-seven series. The Rockets have taken the 3-1 lead in this series with back-to-back wins over the weekend in Houston.

"We're on the doorstep," said Houston guard Calvin Murphy. "I'm almost afraid to think about it. There's a quiet tension around here now. It isn't over until you've got four (wins). But it sure feels good to go back to Kansas City up 3-1."

"We're confident we won't have to go back home Friday," said Houston forward Robert Reid of a potential Game 6. "At first during the playoffs we were surprising people. But now we're playing well and it shouldn't be a surprise any more. We're playing with a lot of confidence."

Kansas City, which captured the season series from the Rockets 4-2, is not in a mood to concede anything to Houston and appeared loose in workouts Monday and Tuesday — almost as if the Kings themselves were ahead 3-1.

"You can't think about being down 3-1 just like you can't think about being up 3-1," said Kansas City guard Phil Ford. "You can't worry about numbers. You worry about the game — not the series. We were up 3-1 on Phoenix and they pushed us to seven (games). We still feel we can win this thing."

Kansas City hopes for increased playing time Wednesday night from All-Star guard Otis Birdsong, the team's leading scorer this season with a 24.9 average. Birdsong sprained an ankle in the opening game of the Phoenix series and did not see any action against Houston until Game 3.

Birdsong scored 12 points in 21 minutes in Game 3 but came back after only one day of rest to score a mere two points in 14 minutes in Game 4. He has now had three days to rest the ankle for Game 5.

Yaz, Evans escape injury in fatal crash after game

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DALLAS — Boston Red Sox outfielders Carl Yastrzemski and Dwight Evans escaped injury in a grinding three-car collision late Tuesday that killed three persons and injured four others.

The collision occurred on Interstate 30 just inside the Dallas city limits about 11:45 p.m.

"Suddenly lights just came at us," Yastrzemski said. "The cars just exploded. They hit head on and just exploded. The car in front of us just started to spin and the cabbie jammed on the brakes but our cab still hit the other car."

"The front end of our cab was just ruined — totaled. We don't know how nothing came through the windshield. There were bodies flying all around us and tires, even the roof of one car."

"The cab pulled over to the side of the road and we got out to see if we could help but there wasn't much we could help but there wasn't much we could do. There were bodies lying all over the road. I'll never know how we weren't killed or hurt."

A sheriff's department spokesman said it appeared the accident was triggered by a collision involving two cars in front of the cab occupied by Yastrzemski and Evans.

The players were returning to their Dallas hotel following Tuesday night's game with the Texas Rangers in Arlington.

Major League Baseball

American League					National League				
East					East				
Cleveland	7	4	.636	1/2	St. Louis	9	2	.818	1
New York	10	6	.625	—	Montreal	12	3	.800	2
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	1	Philadelphia	11	6	.647	3
Boston	7	7	.500	2	Pittsburgh	5	6	.455	5
Detroit	7	10	.412	3 1/2	New York	4	8	.333	6 1/2
Baltimore	5	8	.385	3 1/2	Chicago	1	13	.071	10 1/2
Toronto	6	11	.353	4 1/2					
West					West				
Oakland	17	3	.850	—	Los Angeles	14	4	.778	—
Chicago	11	4	.733	3 1/2	Cincinnati	9	7	.563	4
Texas	8	7	.533	6 1/2	Atlanta	9	8	.529	4 1/2
California	10	9	.526	6 1/2	San Francisco	8	12	.400	7
Minnesota	5	12	.294	10 1/2	San Diego	6	12	.333	8
Seattle	5	13	.278	11	Houston	5	12	.294	8 1/2
Kansas City	3	9	.250	11 1/2					

Tuesday's Results	Wednesday's Games	Tuesday's Results	Wednesday's Games
Texas 9, Boston 0	California at Oakland	Houston 2, Atlanta 1	Montreal at Philadelphia
Minnesota 4, Seattle 1	Boston at Texas	St. Louis at Chicago p.p.d. rain	San Francisco at Los Angeles
New York 4, Detroit 1	Seattle at Minnesota	Montreal 6, Philadelphia 3	St. Louis at Chicago
Kansas City at Cleveland p.p.d. rain	Toronto at Milwaukee	Cincinnati 11, San Diego 2	Houston at Atlanta
Toronto 6, Milwaukee 2	Chicago at Baltimore	Pittsburgh 8, New York 0	San Diego at Cincinnati
Chicago 8, Baltimore 6	New York at Detroit	San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 1	Pittsburgh at New York
California 3, Oakland 1	Kansas City at Cleveland		

Ferragamo to leave Rams heads north to Montreal

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MONTREAL — Vince Ferragamo says he turned aside repeated appeals from his former teammates and signed a contract with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League because they made him an offer he couldn't refuse.

"Sure, I had calls from my teammates, but I now think they understand my decision," the former Los Angeles Rams' quarterback said.

"The contract was the main reason I signed. It was something I just couldn't turn down."

Team officials said Ferragamo, a 27-year-old free agent, signed a multi-year contract, but terms

were not released. However, the agreement was believed to be for four years at \$400,000 per season.

The package also was believed to include a clause giving Ferragamo a share of the gate receipts for every fan above the 40,000 mark to attend home games in Montreal's Olympic Stadium.

The Alouettes also announced the signing of receiver James Scott, 29, who played out his option with the Chicago Bears. Scott signed a three-year contract, team officials said.

Last season Scott caught 36 passes for the Bears for 696 yards, an average of 19.3 yards per catch.

"I'm very happy to be here, and be part of the Alouettes," said

Scott. "Playing on a team with Vince as a quarterback is a great opportunity for any receiver."

Rams' General Manager Don Klosterman said in Los Angeles he was disappointed by Ferragamo's decision but he expected his club would have another good season with Pat Haden back in the spot he surrendered to Ferragamo.

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