

Major League Baseball

American League

East

Cleveland	8	4	.667	½
New York	11	6	.647	—
Milwaukee	9	7	.563	1
Baltimore	7	8	.467	3
Boston	7	9	.438	3½
Detroit	8	11	.421	3½
Toronto	7	12	.368	5

West

Oakland	18	3	.857	—
Chicago	11	6	.647	5
Texas	10	7	.588	6
California	10	11	.476	8
Minnesota	6	12	.333	10½
Seattle	5	14	.263	12
Kansas City	3	10	.231	11

National League

East

Montreal	12	4	.750	—
St. Louis	9	3	.750	1
Philadelphia	12	6	.667	1
Pittsburgh	7	6	.538	3½
New York	4	10	.286	7
Chicago	2	13	.133	9½

West

Los Angeles	14	5	.737	—
Cincinnati	11	7	.611	2½
Atlanta	9	10	.474	5
San Francisco	9	12	.429	6
Houston	7	12	.368	7
San Diego	6	14	.300	8½

Thursday's Results

Baltimore 4, Toronto 0
Minnesota 8, Boston 4
Cleveland 3, Chicago 2
Texas 7, Kansas City 0
Detroit 2, Seattle 0
Milwaukee 12, California 1

Friday's Games

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

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Astros win, 5-1, to extend streak

ATLANTA — Houston Manager Bill Virdon, whose team broke out of an early season slump and completed a three-game sweep of the Atlanta Braves Thursday night, said the series showed his team is a "good club."

"We got to the point where we really needed to win three in a row and that's the sign of a good club," he said after the Astros defeated Atlanta 5-1 Thursday night. "Good clubs respond to where it could get drastic if they didn't."

Going into the three-game series with Atlanta, Houston had dropped to a 4-12 record. Just a year earlier, the Astros had won the National League West title.

Virdon said Houston, known more for its pitching than hitting, defeated the Braves at their own game — power at the plate.

"We've shown more power (than the Braves)," he said. "I really think that makes the difference. There's not as much importance in us not having a lot of power than a lot of clubs because our pitchers don't give up many home runs."

In Thursday night's game, Craig Reynolds and Jose Cruz each belted two-run homers to back the five-hit pitching of Joe Niekro and power Houston to a 5-1 victory. It was the Astros' fourth straight win and the Braves' fifth consecutive loss.

Houston took a 2-0 lead in the first off loser Tommy Boggs, 1-3, when Denny Walling drew a leadoff walk and Reynolds slapped his second homer of the year.

The Astros went ahead 5-0 in the third. Walling again led off with a walk, went to second on Reynolds' groundout and scored on a single by Cesar Cedeño. Cruz then smacked his third homer of the year, a two-run shot to right field.

Niekro said the Astros' early runs make his job easier. "I was fortunate to get some runs earlier in the game," he said. "You pitch a little different when you get some runs. They're (Atlanta) not swinging the bat real good. They hit some line drives and we caught them."

Atlanta scored its run off Niekro, 2-2, in the fourth when Bob Horner led off with a walk, went to third on Glenn Hubbard's single and scored on a sacrifice fly by Bruce Benedict. Niekro struck out two and walked one to notch his third complete game.

Fight Night promises exciting boxing action

By MIKE BURRICHTER
Brazos County's biggest boxing fest, Sigma Phi Epsilon's fifth annual Fight Night, promises to satisfy even the most sadistic appetites.

Fight Night is boxing competition for Texas A&M University students. Started by Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1976, it has grown every year, and this weekend about 90 Aggies will be slugging it out for individual and team trophies, as well as a niche in Texas A&M athletic lore.

Held at the Brazos County Pavilion, over 3000 spectators watched the two-day event last year, when 12 five-man teams competed in two divisions. The Creek division is fighting among the off-campus fraternities, and the open division is for just about any other campus organization, be it a dorm, corps unit, club, or just a slapped together squad. This year, a team from Moody College in Galveston is competing.

Under the direction of Fight Night Chairman Brian Armbruster the slugfest has attracted 20 teams this year.

"Everything is going to be twice as big this year," Armbruster said. "Twice as many teams, almost twice as much action and twice as much beer."

And the beer does flow. Last

year frenzied crowds consumed 105 kegs Armbruster said.

"We had some excellent fights last year that really turned the crowd on," he said.

The two divisions showcase markedly different styles. In the past, the open division has been made up of several experienced boxers, while fraternity rivalries have livened the Greek division. However, the talent seems to have evened out as more fighters are taking it more seriously.

The highlight last year had to be when James Zachry won the super heavyweight title with a second round knockout over Mike Bailey. Zachry, a football standout at Texas A&M now in the Canadian Football League, knocked out current Aggie starter Fred Caldwell to reach the finals. The other super heavyweights couldn't be happier.

Perhaps the best boxer last year was Allen Cooper, who won the middle weight title for Moore Hall. He showed the crowd the "Ali shuffle" in defeating Joel Aikens.

Cooper isn't fighting this year, and that has to be a major disappointment, as the open middle weight division appears to be the most competitive this year. Brian Rice, winner of Fight Night two years ago and amateur boxing

veteran, has to be the favorite. But Aikens is returning, as well as Dave St. Germaine, runner up last year while fighting in the light heavy weight division.

The Greek division is always exciting because some of the fraternities possess passionate rivalries, and it makes for hard hitting action both in and out of the ring. Several fighters in the Greek division have fought before, setting up at least one interesting rematch.

Last year Mike Lavoie entered the light heavy weight division as the clear favorite. When he approached the ring to fight Mike Murphy, several of Murphy's fraternity friends sneered, "Better get the medics ready for your pledge, Lavoie's going to kill him."

In their corners, Lavoie flexed his muscles, while Murphy stood looking frightfully pale. When the bell rang, Murphy strolled to the center of the ring and pummeled Lavoie into submission.

Murphy and Lavoie square off at 7 p.m. tonight.

This year the Sig Eps, Sigma Chi's and Pikes have each entered two teams.

Fighting starts at the Pavilion today at 5 p.m. and the preliminary bouts conclude at midnight. Quarterfinal action starts Saturday at 10 a.m. and ends at five. The semifinals and finals begin at 7 p.m. Saturday night.

Rangers beat Royals, 7-0

United Press International
ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers manager Don Zimmer suggested during spring training that pitching could be one of his team's major assets.

The Rangers continued to strengthen the idea Thursday night as Rick Honeycutt tossed a five-hitter to beat the Kansas City Royals, 7-0, notching Texas' fourth straight shutout.

The win, coupled with a three-game sweep of the Boston Red Sox, gives the Texas pitching corps 36 consecutive scoreless innings. The American League record is five games and 54 innings set by the 1974 Baltimore Orioles.

"I don't know about last year's staff because I wasn't here," Zimmer said, "but I have said all along that this was the best pitching staff I've ever coached."

Honeycutt, 2-0, relied on a sinker that forced Kansas City hitters to ground into 18 infield outs. "I had a good sinker all night," he said.

It was so good that several Kansas City batters accused him of

throwing a doctored baseball.

"I thought he was juicing something on the ball," said Kansas City manager Jim Frey.

"I get checked whenever I have a good sinker," Honeycutt responded.

Meanwhile, Zimmer accused Kansas City pitchers of throwing at Texas batters, particularly in the eighth inning when Jim Wright hit Billy Sample on the left shoulder. At the time, Texas led 7-0.

"Just because we are hitting over .300 doesn't mean teams can start throwing at us," said Zimmer, who was ejected from the game for protesting about Wright's pitching.

"As far as I'm concerned, he threw at Sample," he said.

The Texas pitching has been accompanied by a torrid hitting attack.

Ladies soccer team places second

The Texas A&M University women's soccer team completed its season over the Easter weekend in a San Antonio tournament with a second place finish.

The Aggies were the number one seed in the A division. The 32-team tournament had three divisions.

The women took the field Saturday morning against The Sting, a Fort Worth club team. The Aggies took the game 3-2 as Carol Smith scored two goals and Carol Gittinger added the third.

The Aggies returned to action that afternoon to play the Dallas Cyclones, another team club, taking the game 2-0. Gittinger and Daphne Love each contributed goals in the winning effort.

The undefeated Aggies entered Sunday's final, against The Force, another Dallas club team, hoping for the championship. That was not the case as The Force won 1-0 on a deflected head ball.

"It was not a real good goal but it went in and that's what counts," head coach Steve Niles said. "We controlled the tempo throughout the game but just couldn't get the goals."

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