

Sports

Astros 'Cruz' to 2-1 victory, extend skein to eight straight

United Press International
MONTREAL — Jose Cruz finds it hard to explain why he plays superbly against the Montreal Expos.

Cruz, Houston's left fielder, slapped a two-run homer in the sixth inning Thursday night, lifting the Astros to their eighth win in a row, a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Expos.

With the two RBI Cruz now has career total of 49 against Expos' pitching.

"I can't explain why I do so well

against Montreal," Cruz said. "I just go out there swinging and he (Scott Sanderson) gave me a high fastball."

Cruz now has 12 home runs for the shortened 1980 baseball season but feels he is pressing into his pre-campaign predicted goal of 20.

"I think I still have a shot at 20 but it sure took me a long time to get my first home run in the second season," he said.

Before the strike in June, Cruz had 11 home runs. But even more

important, Cruz feels the Astros are on the way.

"We are just starting an important road trip. It's always good to win the first game of a road trip but we are hot right now."

Astros' right-hander Vern Ruhle worked the first six innings and brought his record to 3-3. Dave Smith tossed the final three innings to get his sixth save of the year.

"This is the kind of a game we have to win if we are going to get the pennant," said Ruhle. "We

know we have a job to do and we have to prove ourselves. There is a lot of character on this team."

Sanderson's record fell to 7-5 and Larry Parrish hit his fifth homer for the Expos in the fifth inning.

Montreal manager Dick Williams felt that Sanderson did an excellent job.

"Sanderson pitched an outstanding game," Williams said. "He only gave up four hits. We had our opportunities but we failed to capitalize on them."

Rangers' comeback falls short, 8-5

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ARLINGTON — The Detroit Tigers seem to own the Texas Rangers this season, but Tigers manager Sparky Anderson can't explain why.

The Tigers, riding an uncharacteristic display of offense, rolled to an 8-5 victory Thursday night, marking their seventh win in nine games with the Rangers this year.

Anderson, whose team has won 26 of its last 36 games and sits atop the AL East with a 16-8 second season mark, said there was no particular reason for Detroit's mastery over the Rangers, but he

did offer some insight.

"Our pitching has been the key all year," he observed.

But it was the Detroit hitting that pleased Anderson Thursday night.

"Our offense has not scored many runs. This was our biggest night in a long time," he added.

Jack Morris, 11-4, baffled the Rangers for six innings, yielding just three singles in giving the Tigers their fifth straight win.

Morris lost a shutout bid in the seventh when Texas scored three runs. Morris, who has won 10 of his last 11 starts, left in the ninth

after giving up another run.

"I thought I was running out of gas in the fifth," said Morris, who was touched for three straight hits in the ninth before being relieved by Dave Tobik.

Kevin Saucier relieved Tobik to earn his 13th save by getting pinch hitter Bill Stein to ground into a game-ending doubleplay.

"Our bullpen has been outstanding all year, but I was nervous from the first pitch to the end. I never thought the game was in the bag. Too many things can happen — like Texas scoring five runs in the last three innings,"

Anderson said.

The Tigers pounced on Texas starter Jon Matlack for a 5-0 lead after three innings.

Mick Kelleher singled in Tom Brookens to make it 6-0 in the fifth. Detroit's last two runs came on a two-run single by Whitaker in the eighth.

Bump Wills' single drove in two Texas runs in the seventh and another scored on an infield grounder by John Ellis. Jim Sundberg singled in a run and Ellis added another RBI grounder in the ninth before Saucier stopped the rally.

Parents of former football star file claim

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SIGNAL HILL, Calif. (UPI) — Three months ago, police reported college football star Ron Settles hanged himself in his jail cell after being arrested for speeding. His parents never believed that story.

Thursday, supported by a coroner's inquest ruling, Donnel and Helen Settles filed a \$50 million claim against the police, accusing them of killing their only child.

The claim alleged Settles "was strangled or choked to death in some manner by Officer Jerry Lee Brown (the arresting officer) and several other officers of the Signal Hill Police Department, thereby resulting in his death."

The city has several weeks to either pay the claim or reject it, which would open the way for a lawsuit.

Police claimed Settles, 21, hanged himself with a mattress cover three hours after his arrest last June 2 for allegedly assaulting an officer during booking. He was stopped in his car for speeding and became violent while in the police station, officers reported.

But Wednesday, a coroner's inquest jury ruled, 5-4, that the Long Beach State running back died "at the hands of another, other than by accident."

The district attorney's office said after the verdict the investigation is continuing but no decision had been made on whether the officers involved, all white, or anyone else would be charged in Settles' death.

Relatives and friends testified Settles was looking forward to a football career and was not the type of person who would kill himself. Signal Hill police officers

cited their Fifth Amendment rights and refused to testify at the inquest, which is not legally binding.

In their claim, Settles' parents said their son's death was caused by "the negligent hiring and retention of Brown, as well as Officers Steven Owens, John Parker, Patrick Shortall, cadet Jerry Fleisher and all members of the department including Chief Gaylord Wert."

According to the claim, Settles died because of "the negligent conduct of Brown and the other

officers in applying a police carotid or choke hold on Ron Settles."

The police would not comment on either the verdict or the claim.

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American League

	East	West
Detroit	16 8 .667	—
Baltimore	13 10 .565	2½
Milwaukee	14 11 .560	2½
Boston	12 10 .545	3
New York	12 12 .500	4
Cleveland	12 12 .500	4
Toronto	10 12 .455	5

	West	East
Kansas City	13 11 .542	—
Oakland	11 11 .500	½
Chicago	11 12 .478	1½
California	10 11 .476	1½
Texas	10 12 .455	2
Minnesota	10 15 .400	3½
Seattle	8 15 .348	4½

National League

	East	West
St. Louis	14 7 .667	—
Montreal	12 10 .545	2½
New York	11 12 .478	4
Chicago	11 13 .458	4½
Philadelphia	8 15 .348	7
Pittsburgh	8 17 .320	8

	West	East
Houston	16 8 .667	—
San Francisco	14 9 .609	1½
Los Angeles	14 10 .583	2
Atlanta	13 10 .565	2½
Cincinnati	12 11 .522	3½
San Diego	7 18 .280	9½

Thursday's Results	Friday's Games	Thursday's Results	Friday's Games
Detroit 8, Texas 5	Detroit at Texas	Houston 2, Montreal 1	Houston at Montreal
California at Cleveland, ppd., rain	Milwaukee at Minnesota	Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 3	Pittsburgh at San Diego
Oakland 10, Baltimore 0	Oakland at Baltimore	San Francisco 12, Chicago 0	Chicago at San Francisco
Seattle 7, Boston 7, susp., 19 inngs.	Seattle at Boston	Cincinnati 9, Philadelphia 3	Cincinnati at Philadelphia
Kansas City 3, New York 2	California at Cleveland	St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 3	Atlanta at New York
Chicago 4, Toronto 3	New York at Kansas City		St. Louis at Los Angeles
Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 3	Toronto at Chicago		

Area Golden Gloves Club opens season

The Bryan Golden Gloves Boxing Club has started training for the fall boxing season, and coach T.J. Watt hopes to attract many people from the Bryan-College Station area to participate in the club. He says the club is open to anyone interested in learning the skills of boxing and in competing with other boxers in the same age group.

The organization currently has only eight members, but Watt says "the ideal situation" is to have fighters in the 11 boxing weight groups, including heavyweight,

lightweight and featherweight classifications. He wants the club to begin participating in boxing tournaments by October or November. Although the club isn't in a particular region of boxing teams, Watt says: "If we can work up a team with good enough boys, we'll participate in a region."

Watt, who has coached professional and amateur boxers for a number of years, says the club contains three college students, and he hopes that several more will join the club. He has coached

the Bryan Golden Gloves Club for about a year, and the club has been in existence for a year and a half.

As the only coach of the club, Watt trains all the boxers. And he says that he enjoys coaching his club members, and that he likes to handle their training without outside help.

"If I take a boy (to train), I don't want anybody messing with him," Watt says.

The club practices Monday-Friday at the Haswell Park gym in Bryan at 6 p.m.

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