

Sports

Major League Baseball

American League				National League							
East				East							
Detroit	18	9	.667	—	St. Louis	15	9	.625	—		
Milwaukee	17	11	.607	1½	Montreal	13	12	.520	2½		
Baltimore	15	11	.577	2½	New York	13	13	.500	3		
New York	15	12	.556	3	Chicago	12	15	.444	4½		
Boston	14	12	.538	3½	Philadelphia	10	16	.385	6		
Cleveland	15	13	.536	3½	Pittsburgh	10	18	.357	7		
Toronto	13	12	.520	4	West						
West				Houston				18	9	.667	—
Kansas City	13	14	.481	—	San Francisco	16	10	.615	1½		
Oakland	12	13	.480	—	Los Angeles	16	11	.593	2		
Texas	11	14	.440	1	Atlanta	14	12	.538	3½		
California	11	14	.440	1	Cincinnati	13	13	.500	4½		
Chicago	11	15	.423	1½	San Diego	8	20	.286	10½		
Seattle	10	17	.370	3	Sunday's Results						
Minnesota	10	18	.357	3½	Monday's Games						

Garner paces Astros in 12th inning win

United Press International
MONTREAL — If Houston doesn't finish first in the Western Division of the National League, Astros' manager Bill Virdon knows his team will have tried its best.

The Astros grabbed their 10th victory in their last 11 games Sunday when Phil Garner's one-out single scored Dickie Thon in the top of the 12th inning to notch a 4-3 win over the Montreal Expos.

"We're playing now like we're capable," said Virdon. "I don't think we'll win 10 out of 11 all the time. We are playing good baseball and our pitching is good."

"I know we will be contenders as we go through the season." The Astros are battling the Los Angeles Dodgers for first place in the West.

Garner said he was happy with his contribution to the win, and was beginning to feel at home with the Astros.

"That RBI has been a long time coming," said Garner, who joined

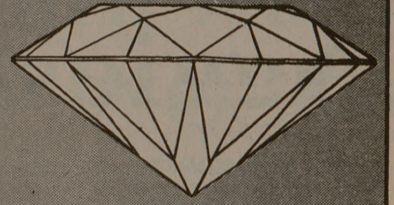
the Astros after he was traded last week from the Pittsburgh Pirates. "Everyone knows I did not want to leave Pittsburgh, but if you have to go somewhere, Houston is a good place to come to."

The Astros' second baseman noted Sunday's game was the final against an Eastern contender. "Now, we have to play all our games in the West. If you can't beat the guys beside you or in front of you, then you don't deserve a pennant."

The Astros used four pitchers, with the win going to final reliever Frank LaCorte, who brought his record to 4-2.

Elias Sosa, the last of five Montreal pitchers, took the loss, bringing his record to 1-2.

Andre Dawson drove in all three Expos runs, with a two-run inside-the-park homer in the third, and another solo blast over the fence in the eighth, which tied the score 3-3.



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ARLINGTON — Pitcher Mark Mercer made one mistake and it cost the Texas Rangers the victory.

Mercer hung a slider to Detroit catcher Lance Parrish with two outs in the eighth inning and Parrish blasted a two-run homer into the left field seats, erasing a 3-2 Texas lead and giving Detroit a 4-3 decision.

The Tigers rallied twice in recording their seventh win in the last eight games and remaining atop the American League East.

"If you're going to beat us, you're going to have to beat us with your strength against our strength," Detroit manager Sparrow Anderson said.

Kirk Gibson had opened the eighth with a triple off starter Danny Darwin. It appeared Gibson would be stranded after Mercer came on in relief and struck out the next two batters.

Then Mercer, 0-1, threw the fat one to Parrish.

"Well, it was the right time to do it," Parrish said.

"It felt very good. I feel fortunate to be able to win a game for us. It was a big uplift."

Kevin Saucier, 4-1, pitched to

two batters in the seventh and earned the victory. Aurelio Lopez relieved in the eighth and earned his third save.

The Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second on a double by Tom Brookens and a single by Lou Whitaker, but Texas took a 2-1 advantage in the fourth on three hits and a sacrifice fly. Al Oliver doubled and went to third on Buddy Bell's single. Bobby Jones singled in Oliver and Jim Sundberg fled to right to score Bell.

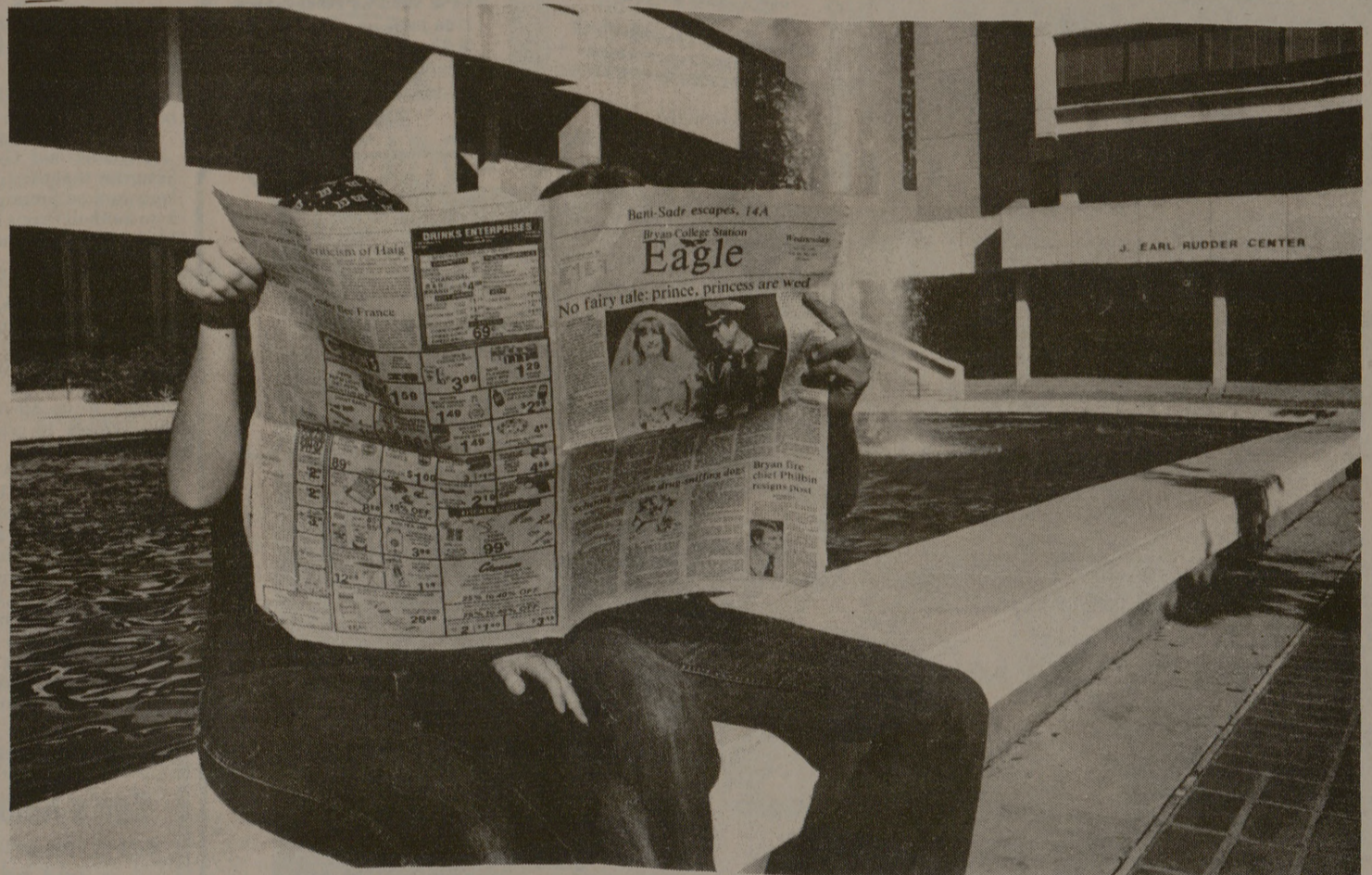
Detroit tied it in the seventh on Alan Trammell's two-out triple that scored Whitaker, but Texas reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the seventh when Wayne Tolleason scored from third on an infield out.

"Pitching is what's going to have to carry us the rest of the way. Our hitting surely isn't," said Anderson, noting three of four games against Texas were decided by a single run.

The win completed a 7-4 road trip for the Tigers and gave Detroit a 9-3 season record against the Rangers.

"I don't want to talk about it," said Texas manager Don Zimmer, whose team went 2-5 in a seven-game home stand.

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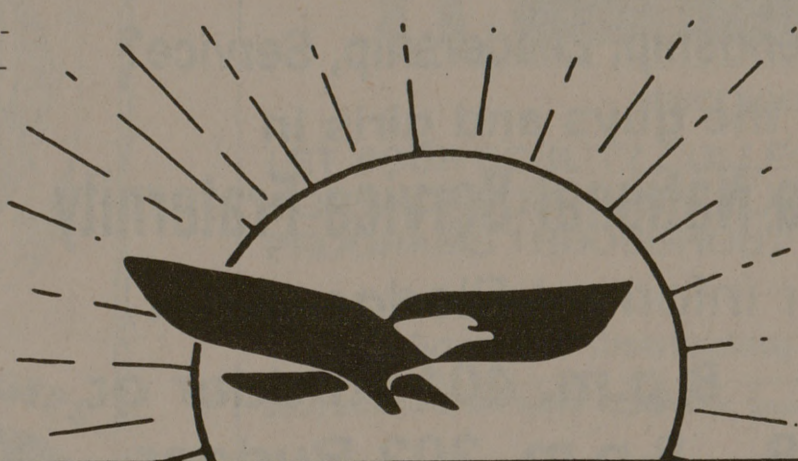
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