

Major League Baseball

National League				American League			
East				East			
St. Louis	21	17	.553	Detroit	24	16	.600
Montreal	20	19	.513	Boston	23	16	.590
New York	19	20	.487	Milwaukee	24	17	.585
Chicago	17	20	.459	Baltimore	21	17	.553
Philadelphia	17	21	.447	New York	21	18	.538
Pittsburgh	16	23	.410	Toronto	19	18	.514
				Cleveland	18	22	.450
West				West			
Houston	26	14	.650	Kansas City	22	17	.564
Cincinnati	23	16	.590	Oakland	19	18	.514
Los Angeles	22	18	.550	Minnesota	19	21	.475
San Francisco	21	18	.538	Texas	17	20	.459
Atlanta	20	19	.513	Chicago	16	23	.410
San Diego	12	29	.300	Seattle	16	23	.410
				California	12	25	.333

Sunday's Results		Monday's Games		Sunday's Results		Monday's Games	
Houston 7, San Francisco 3	Cincinnati at San Diego	Texas 4, Minnesota 3	Seattle at Texas	Milwaukee at Boston	Detroit at Baltimore	Oakland at Toronto	Cleveland at New York
Montreal 4, Chicago 0	St. Louis at Chicago	Toronto 6, California 3	Milwaukee at Boston	Detroit at Baltimore	Oakland at Toronto	Cleveland at New York	Minnesota at Kansas City
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 4	Philadelphia at Montreal	Boston 4, New York 1	Detroit 5, Cleveland 2	Chicago 11, Oakland 3	Seattle 3, Kansas City 2	Chicago at California	
New York 7, St. Louis 6	Pittsburgh at New York						
Atlanta 3, San Diego 1							
Cincinnati 5, Los Angeles 1							

Nothing seems to go right for Giants as Astros roll

United Press International
SAN FRANCISCO — Nothing seemed to go right for the San Francisco Giants Sunday.

First, Vida Blue, who tripped getting out of his car last week, had to be scratched from his scheduled start.

Then, a member of a parachute team entertaining the crowd before game time missed the stadium and broke both feet when he landed in the concrete parking lot.

Finally, manager Frank Robinson's gamble to replace Blue with a series of relievers failed and the Giants lost a "must" game with Western Division leader Houston, 7-3, possibly ending the team's playoff hopes.

Robinson, faced with the unenviable task of replacing Blue, who may have been the one man the team could have least afforded to lose, went with reliever Gary Lavelle, who made the second start of his career.

But that didn't last long.

Lavelle, 0-6, had control problems and after facing just five batters had allowed in one run and loaded the bases.

Robinson had seen enough and maybe because of the game's importance went to the quick hook.

As Robinson walked toward the mound, Lavelle exploded and stormed from the field after dropping the ball on the ground.

"I think I deserved a chance to pitch out of trouble in the first inning," Lavelle said. "I don't want to get involved in controversy. That's not my style. But there wasn't much confidence shown in me today."

Robinson said he yanked Lavelle because he wasn't throwing his best stuff.

"He just wasn't throwing well," Robinson said. "You're pitching against major leaguers, you have to come in with strikes right now, I don't care who you are."

Robinson brought in Allen Ripley who didn't pitch out of the jam. Instead, three more runs scored before the Giants escaped the inning.

Houston's Tony Scott, who haunted the Giants' pitching staff all day, ripped a double in the first inning. Scott picked up three more hits on the afternoon, including a booming homer in the sixth.

San Francisco rallied in the bottom half of the first inning when fireballer Nolan Ryan had control problems. The Giants picked up three runs when with the bases loaded, Larry Herndon cracked a long sacrifice fly and Jeff Leonard hit a slicer to right to score a pair.

The Astros continued to pound Robinson's revolving door pitching moves and picked up one run in the third to go ahead 5-3 and two more tallies in sixth. On the afternoon, Houston picked up 16 hits and stranded 14 runners on base. Terry Puhl chipped in with two of those hits.

Ryan went the distance to pick up his ninth win of the season against five losses.

Texas rallies for 4-3 win

ARLINGTON — In his first major-league at bat, Minnesota third baseman Gary Gaetti reached out for a homer with one man on base but it wasn't enough as the Texas Rangers came back with a two-run ninth inning to beat the Twins, 4-3.

"It was very exciting but I didn't see the ball," Gaetti said. "I thought it was a double and I was running for all I was worth."

Gaetti, who was called up from the Twin's Orlando, Fla. farm team, said all he saw from winning Ranger pitcher Charlie Hough, 2-1, were knuckle balls "and any knuckle ball pitcher is tough."

Hough went the distance and allowed five hits Sunday.

Bump Wills doubled to lead off the ninth off loser Doug Corbett, 2-5. One out later, Al Oliver walked and Wayne Tolleson ran for him. The runners advanced on an infield out and Wills scored on Leon Roberts' infield single.

Jim Sundberg then lined a game-winning hit to right field to make a winner of Hough.

Speaking of the ninth inning rally, Rangers manager Don Zimmer said, "If Wills isn't stealing, the game is over because that's a double play. Bump steals on his own."

"It was a helluva game for us to win," Zimmer said. "If we had lost it would have been like sticking a pin in a balloon. Everybody got beat today that had to get beat."

Zimmer noted that the Rangers are four games behind the first-place Royals, "but more importantly we're just three down on the loss side."

Minnesota took a 2-0 lead in the second when Dave Engle drew a walk and Gaetti knocked him in with his homer.

Texas made it 2-1 in the third. Mark Wagner doubled, advanced on Wills' bunt single and scored on Bill Stein's sacrifice fly.

Minnesota took a 3-1 lead in the fourth on Tim Corcoran's ground-out and Texas closed to 3-2 in the seventh on a throwing error by catcher Sal Butera.

TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Rookie puts Mets back in race with homer

United Press International
NEW YORK — Not since 1969, the year they astounded the baseball universe by coming up with a new miracle every day to win the world championship, were the amazing Mets this ecstatic.

To a man, they came pouring out of their dugout at Shea Stadium Sunday like some enormous tidal wave of sheer joy to wait at home plate as a welcoming committee for the man who only a moment before had deposited one of Bruce Sutter's pitches into the right field bullpen.

He had done it with one on and two out in the bottom of the ninth inning for a pulsating 7-6 win that made it three in a row over the National League's Eastern Division-leading St. Louis Cardinals in a game in which the Mets had once trailed by five runs, and the victory moved them within 2½ games of first place.

There were only 13,337 in the stands to witness this spectacle, but from all the noise they made and the way they rocked the stadium with their cheers for the grinning Mets' rookie rounding the bases with his third home run of the season, it sounded more like 10 times that number.

"Moo-kie! Moo-kie!" the fans hollered affectionately, even lovingly, at him as he kept running with a beatific smile.

When Mookie Wilson crossed home plate, he was smothered by his elated teammates, each seeking to be the first to hug him, pound him on the back or give him one of those high-fives for suddenly projecting them squarely into the middle of the pennant race.

"It got a little scary when I saw my buddy (Mets' pitcher) Ed Lynch halfway down the third base line," the small-boned, high-pitch voiced Wilson laughed afterward. "I didn't wanna run over anybody but I wanted to make sure to touch the plate. When that ball cleared the fence, I was so happy, I could've run into a tank and not felt anything." Wilson and third baseman Hubie Brooks each collected four hits in a 22-hit attack and the Mets' uphill triumph was strictly vintage 1969.

After the Mets tied the score at 5-all in the seventh with three runs on John Stearns' RBI single, Doug Flynn's RBI double and Rusty Staub's runcoring pinch single, the Cards, who had led 5-0 after three innings, went in front again, 6-5, in the top of the ninth with the aid on an error by Wilson in center field.

Cardinal rookie Tito Landrum hit a towering drive to deep center and Wilson, playing much too slow, chased it to the fence. The ball hit the fence, one bounce and when Wilson tried to grab it he mishandled it, and Landrum made it home.

"I let the ball play me instead of playing it," explained the Mets' center fielder. "A more experienced guy would've given him a double instead of trying to catch the ball like I did. But that's me — aggressive. I gave it my best shot. I felt that the run had scored, but I wasn't gonna go home and shoot myself."

Sutter, who never has much trouble with the Mets, looked as if he had everything under control again when he got the first two men up easily enough in the last of the ninth. But Frank Taveras kept things alive with a double, and then after Wilson worked the count to 3-and-1, he rocketed the next pitch into the right field fence and the whole place went bananas.

"I don't think I've been this excited since I managed the club," said Joe Torre.

Herb Norman, the Mets' longtime equipment man, said, "I haven't seen our clubhouse this happy since 1969."

If the 5-foot-10, 170-pound Mookie Wilson, who runs like the wind, sounds like Willie Mays when he talks and sometimes plays like him, the Mets have their most exciting performer, certainly their most animated one, since the colorful Tug "You Got Believe" McGraw.

"I love the competition, the game and everything about it," says Wilson, who gives all he has and uses short-legs it even though he's getting only a \$32,500 minimum. "Naturally, I'd like to make as much as I can, but the money isn't everything. Management is never gonna complain about you playing too hard."

Wilson always has time for everyone, teammates, the media or the fans.

"It doesn't take much to make me smile," he says, and then goes out and proves it every day.

He doesn't pamper himself, either. He suffered a severe ankle sprain making a catch on the Prime Mike Easler two weeks ago and read in the paper he'd be out for three weeks, but he was back playing three days later.

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IM Game Plan

ENTRIES OPEN: Handball Singles registration begins today, Monday, Sept. 21. Entries close Tuesday, Sept. 29 and play begins Monday, Oct. 5. The tournament is single elimination in Classes A and B and round-robin in Class C. United States Handball Association rules will be in effect. Matches will consist of two games of 21 points and an 11 point tie-breaker, if necessary. Draws will be posted Thursday, Oct. 1 in the IM Office after 2:00 p.m. For more information and entry forms stop by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, 159 East Kyle.

ENTRIES OPEN: For anyone who can hit the "Big T" shot, the long driving contest is for you. Registration begins today, Monday, Sept. 21 and runs until Tuesday, Sept. 29. The contest will be held Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the driving range next to the Polo Field. Each contestant has three drives. The longest of the three will be the official distance. The official balls will be Club Specials or Titleist 90. One of the balls must be used. Awards will be given to the Men's and Women's Champions.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING: Captain's meetings for soccer and Innertube Water Basketball are scheduled for Thursday, September 24. The Soccer meeting begins at 5 p.m. in room 267 of G. Rollie White. The Innertube Water Basketball meeting follows at 5:30 p.m. in the same room. It's important that every team be represented at these meetings. Schedules will be distributed and rules clarified.

ENTRIES CLOSE: If you haven't signed up already for Soccer, Innertube Water Basketball, Golf Singles, or Pickleball Singles and Doubles, then hurry over to 159 East Kyle before tomorrow, September 22, when entries close at 5:00 p.m.

OFFICIALS MEETING: Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. Lynette Ginn will meet with persons interested in officiating soccer or innertube water basketball in Room 267 G. Rollie White.

EVENTS BEGIN: Flag Football and Tennis Singles play begins today, and the Homerun Hitting Contest is scheduled to start at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23 at Olsen Field. Practice for that event will be held from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Olsen Field.

Signing up for intramural events, left to right, Scott Howells, Todd McKane, Michael Boehne and Mark Norris.

Steve Powell Is Tae Kwon Do Champion

The Greater Gulf Coast Tae Kwon Do Championships were held Saturday, September 12th in Galveston, and TAMU club members came home with several notable awards.

Steve Powell placed first in the black belt hard style form and by the end of the competition was declared Grand Champion. Other winners were:

- Shigeru Kathda Second place - Black Belt Hard Style Form
- Sandy Pierson - First place - Women's Black Belt Form
- Susan Miller - Second place - Women's Brown Belt Fighting
- Andrew MacDonald - Second place - Middle Weight Green Belt Fighting

Terry Craig - Third place - Light-weight Brown Belt Fighting.

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IM Kickers

William Jordan, Carol Sullivan, and Janet Braly became Intramural landmarks last Wednesday evening as they captured the annual Field Goal Kicking Contest. These three individuals were the first winners of the new INTRAMURAL CHAMPION T-shirts, thus making history.

Jordan fought off stubborn challenges from Tracy Byers, Doug Janda, George Gavallos to capture both the longest goal and total predicted distance. His winning shot came from the 44 yard line.

Carol Sullivan owned the longest kick in the Women's Division with a boot from the 18 yard line while Janet Braly captured the total distance with successful kicks from the goal, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, and 15 yard lines.

FOR THE RECORD

While thousands of TAMU students, faculty, and staff participate in the many team sports offered by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department, our statistics show that quite a few are involved in our informal recreation program, as well. From September 1979 to August 1980, individuals passed through our doors 309,021 times. With the opening of East Kyle in 1980, the number of informal recreational participations increased to 444,259. In just the last eight months, the new racquetball courts in East Kyle have been used 54,132 times.

Racquets and Reservations

Anyone who doesn't have the time or the desire for involvement in the organized competitive sport program may wish to note that facilities and equipment are available for use on an individual basis. Bats, balls, nets, horseshoes, and more may be borrowed.

Check-out windows are located in East Kyle and Dewar, and for most items, all that is needed is proper identification. Racquets for tennis, badminton, and racquetball may be rented for 50 cents at both of these locations. Tennis racquets are also available at the tennis courts. In addition, tennis balls, racquetballs, and handballs may be purchased at retail prices.

Students, faculty, staff, spouses, and dependents may reserve handball-racquetball courts for one hour and tennis courts for one and a half hours by coming to the Intramural-Recreational Sports Check-Out Room (157 East Kyle) or phoning 845-2624.

Reservations must be made one day prior to the day you wish to play. There are 25 handball-racquetball courts and 36 tennis courts, but they go fast, so call or come by early. Our doors open at 8:00 a.m. and close at midnight.

Jogging enthusiasts can test our one-mile jogging trail or stop by 159 East Kyle and pick up a jogging map which charts courses around campus varying in distance from one to twelve miles.

Womens field-goal kicking champion Carol Sullivan and Janet Braly watch one of Braly's kicks heads for the up-rights.

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Dave Kerr trains new football officials for the 1981 intramural flag football season.