

Sports

Major League Baseball

National League					American League				
East					East				
Montreal	23	19	.548	—	Detroit	26	17	.605	—
St. Louis	22	19	.537	1/2	Boston	25	17	.595	1/2
New York	20	22	.476	3	Milwaukee	25	19	.568	3
Chicago	19	21	.475	3	Baltimore	22	19	.537	3
Philadelphia	18	23	.439	4 1/2	New York	22	20	.524	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	17	25	.405	6	Toronto	19	21	.475	5 1/2
					Cleveland	20	23	.465	6
West					West				
Houston	27	15	.643	—	Oakland	22	18	.550	—
Cincinnati	25	17	.595	2	Kansas City	23	19	.548	—
San Francisco	23	18	.561	3 1/2	Minnesota	21	22	.488	2 1/2
Los Angeles	22	20	.524	5	Texas	18	22	.450	4
Atlanta	21	20	.512	5 1/2	Seattle	18	24	.429	5
San Diego	13	31	.295	15	Chicago	16	26	.381	7
					California	15	25	.375	7

Braves' unsung heroes lift Atlanta past Astros, 3-1

United Press International
HOUSTON — It was definitely not the first time Atlanta Braves' Rich Mahler recorded his first complete game and RBI in the major leagues while Matt Nietro had his first at-bat in the majors and drove in a run. The two accounted for all of the Braves' runs in their 3-1 victory Wednesday night over the National League Western Division-leading Astros.

"I was happy with it. In my dreams I always thought my first hit in the majors would have been a line drive to the fence but I'll take this," the rookie catcher said. "It was a knuckleball going out of the strike zone and I was fortunate even to hit it."

Nietro, who dropped to 9-8, said he was not in top form Wednesday night.

"My knuckleball was out the window tonight. Sinatro and Mahler both hit bad knuckleballs," he said. "Mahler just pitched good against it. There's nothing you can do about it."

Mahler said he was pleased with

his nine innings' performance. "I tried to set up my breaking stuff with the fastball and it definitely helped," he said. "It's been a pretty tough year for all of us. The second half, we haven't been able to put things together offensively. To be a good pitcher, sometimes you have to pick up the offense and also hold the other team to one run."


It was Mahler's stunning pitching that made the Astros look flat, said Houston manager Bill Virdon.

"Good pitching always makes you look flat. You have to give Mahler all the credit," he said.

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Cookie hits homer to lift Seattle, 2-1

United Press International
SEATTLE — Seattle shortstop Paul Serna's grandfather was with Mexican revolutionary hero Villa. Serna himself spent part of the summer riding buses, going for Laredo Nuevo in the Mexican League.

But today Serna is a major league player who takes an airplane to games, and he intends to keep that way.

Serna hit a home run off the left field pole in the seventh inning Wednesday night for Seattle's first run in a 2-1 victory over the Texas Rangers.

It was the fourth American League homer for Serna, who was called up at the beginning of September after spending the season in Mexico learning to play shortstop.

Dale Henderson scored when Cruz hit into a double play in the seventh for the game-winning run, giving the Mariners their second straight victory.

About Serna, Seattle manager Lachemann said: "We haven't had any hitting from the shortstops. I could not afford to have a shortstop hitting .190 or .200. He was hitting .300 in the Mexican League and we brought him up. But I didn't expect the power he's had."

Texas' only run was unearned and came as the result of an error by Serna. Mickey Rivers reached base on the error in the fourth and scored on Buddy Bell's sacrifice

Serna made up for the miscue with his homer in the seventh, which was followed by singles from Dave Henderson and Terry Lingo. Henderson scored the winning run Cruz' grounder.

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