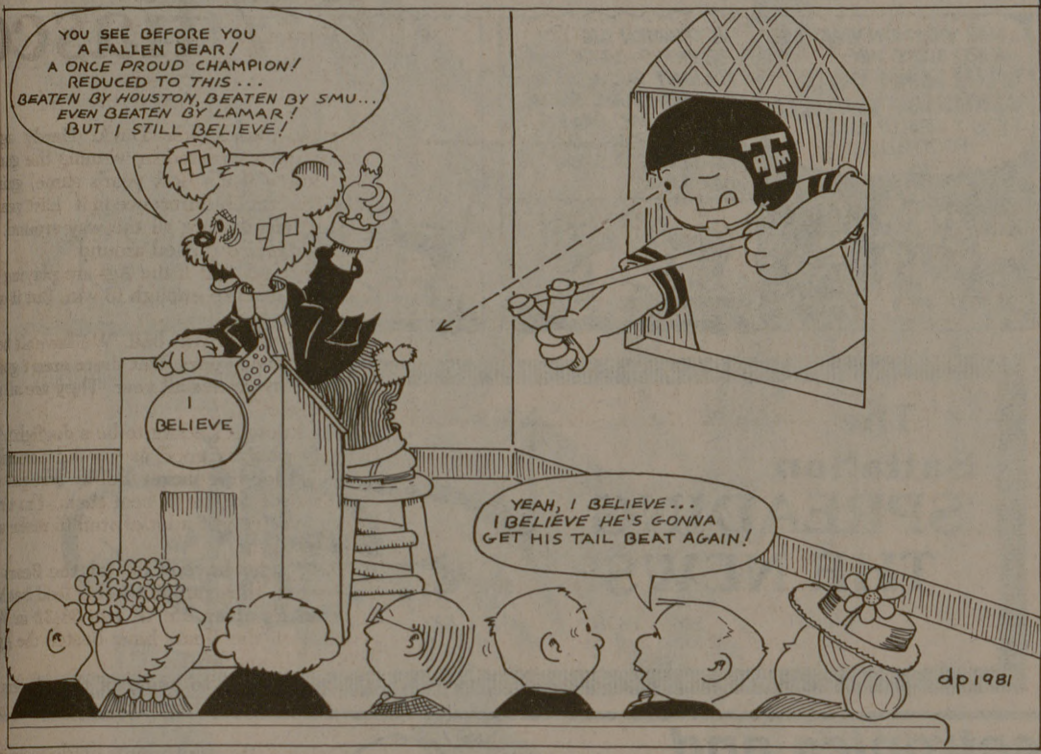


Sports



Yankees humiliate A's 13-3 for second win

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OAKLAND, Calif. — With the Oakland A's banking on some home cooking today to save their jeopardized season, the New York Yankees continue to display an insatiable appetite for a world championship.

The Yankees, seeking their fourth World Series berth in the last six years, treated five Oakland pitchers like batting practice fodder Wednesday, setting a slew of American League Championship Series batting records en route to a 13-3 humiliation of Billy Martin's Western Division champions.

The Yankees, holding a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series, try to nail down the sweep at Oakland Coliseum in Game 3 behind hard-throwing rookie left-hander Dave Righetti, who has already notched two postseason victories. Right-hander Matt Keough will start for the shell-shocked A's.

"I'm pumped up for it," said Righetti, who had an 8-4 record with a 2.05 ERA during the regular season. "The biggest part is to stop them early and get some runs. We don't lose too many games when we get the lead."

And the Yankees hit Oakland early and hard in both games at Yankee Stadium, taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning of Game 1 on Craig Nettles' bases-clearing double. On Wednesday, New York waited until the fourth before lowering the boom on Oakland starter and loser Steve McCatty and a quartet of struggling relievers.

Dave Winfield, who made a spectacular leaping catch to rob Oakland slugger Tony Armas of a second-inning homer, drove in the winning runs with a bases-loaded double in a seven-run fourth and Lou Piniella, a third-inning replacement for an injured Reggie Jackson, capped the outburst with a three-run homer.

"We are going to try and sweep," said Winfield, who is blossoming under the national

spotlight in his first exposure to post-season play. "If you can solve their starting pitchers and get to their bullpen, you'll do all right."

McCatty, a 14-game winner during the regular season, was even more critical of his club's pitching staff—which had yielded only five runs in four previous playoff games in 1981.

"It would be easy to say that we can forget about all this after a few beers on the plane ride home," said McCatty, who lasted just 3 1-3 innings before leaving with Oakland still ahead 3-2. "This was easily the worst performance of my career and I would have to save it for this game. I'm very embarrassed and I'm sure our fans in Oakland are very disappointed."

McCatty left the game with the bases filled and Dave Beard promptly allowed five straight hits, including a three-run home run by Piniella. Nettles, who went 4-for-4, added a three-run homer in the seventh off Bob Ovwchinko.

In setting records for most hits (19) and runs in a game, the Yankees' imposing lineup featured an abundance of heroes — despite

the absence of Jackson, who left after a slight strain of the left calf.

Jerry Mumphrey had four hits and scored twice, Larry Milbourne, filling in brilliantly for the injured Bucky Dent at shortstop, went 2-for-5 with two runs scored and Willie Randolph, relegated to the ninth position in the batting order, had two hits, scored one run and drove in another.

The Yankees' batting pyrotechnics obscured a strong 5 2-3 inning relief stint by winner George Frazier, who pitched just 27 2-3 innings all season. Frazier took over for a battered Rudy May with runners on second and third and one out in the fourth and allowed only one run before getting speedy Rickey Henderson to tap back to him for an inning-ending double play.

"It's unbelievable," said Frazier. "My mother, father, wife and son were here and it's the first time my mother and father have seen me pitch live."

Nettles became the first player in league playoff history to get two hits in the same inning when he lashed two singles in the fourth.

Even series at one game each

Burris, Expos beat Dodgers

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MONTREAL — It was supposed to be one of the Los Angeles Dodgers' easier games.

Rookie pitching phenom Fernando Valenzuela was supposed to work his magic against the Montreal Expos while the Dodgers were supposed to pounce on Expos' starter Ray Burris, who has been with more clubs than some golfers.

But things don't always go as planned.

Wednesday night in Los Angeles it was Burris who worked some magic, throwing a five-hit shutout and lifting the Expos into control of the National League Championship Series with a 3-0 victory. It was the Expos' first win at Dodger Stadium in their last 11 games and just their second in the last 21 games in Los Angeles.

The Expos now host the Dodgers for the remainder of the best-of-five series, with the third and

fourth games scheduled for Friday night and Saturday and a fifth game slated for Sunday afternoon, if necessary.

Burris, a seven-year major league veteran, also has played for the Chicago Cubs, New York Yankees and New York Mets. He signed as a free agent in February after being released by the Mets.

"This is very gratifying," the 6-foot-5, 200-pound right-hander said after helping the Expos even the series at one game each. "I've played for a number of managers and a number of clubs, and this has to be the greatest experience of my career."

"Tonight I mixed my offspeed pitches," he said. "I used a slider, changeup and curveball. Earlier this year I went mostly with the hard stuff against the Dodgers and they clobbered me."

The only batters to bother Burris were Dusty Baker and Bill Rus-

sell, both of whom had a pair of singles.

The Expos jumped on Valenzuela for a pair of runs in the second inning to give Burris all the support he needed. Montreal, which had managed only eight hits against Valenzuela in 18 innings previously this season, rapped out four in the second and might have had an even bigger inning if right fielder Pedro Guerrero hadn't thrown out Warren Cromartie at the plate for the final out.

Valenzuela retired the next 10 batters in a row but the Expos got to him for another run in the sixth with the aid of a throwing error by left fielder Baker. With one out, Andre Dawson singled and Gary Carter sent him to third with

another single. When Baker's throw to second went astray, Dawson scored to give Montreal a 3-0 lead and Burris then sealed the win. The Expos knew losing both games in Los Angeles would virtually guarantee them an early start on winter vacation.

"No doubt about it, it would have been very, very difficult to come back and win the series if we'd lost both games here," said manager Jim Fanning. "Now it's an entirely different series."

Montreal catcher Gary Carter, who had two of the Expos' 10 hits, said the win changed the series dramatically.

"We feel very confident now with three games in Montreal coming up," he said.

Soccer team to host TSU Saturday at 2

The Texas A&M men's soccer team will host Texas Southern University in a nonconference game Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Main Drill Field.

The game was originally scheduled in Houston but TSU wanted to move it.

Both programs have just recently been given varsity status at their respective schools.

The Aggies are currently 3-3-2 for the season, 3-0-2 in conference action.

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