

Group still on expedition

Ultimate baseball fans?

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ST. LOUIS — A group of three baseball "fanatics" is more than halfway through what its members say is a world-record attempt to see all 26 major league baseball teams in the

span of one week. Bill Rattray and Joe Hoban, both of Houston, and Miles Berry of Los Angeles completed the fourth day of their seven-day baseball expedition Monday by seeing the Pittsburgh Pirates

play the St. Louis Cardinals before flying to Dallas for the New York Yankees-Texas Rangers game.

The three, who are all airline employees, plan to see 13 games in 13 cities between last Friday and Thursday.

"Part of it is the challenge in itself," Rattray said. "We are fanatics and we're big baseball fans. We go to wherever we can see a game because we enjoy it."

The fanatics' schedule started with a day game in Chicago followed by a night game in Los Angeles Friday. Saturday, they were in Cincinnati for a day game and in Atlanta for a game that night.

Sunday was an easy day, just seeing a day game in Philadelphia, before flying to St. Louis.

During the rest of the week, the three will see games at Cleveland and Toronto on Tuesday, Boston and Kansas City on Wednesday, and at Minneapolis and Anaheim on Thursday.

"This is something that can only be done at the start of the season because you don't get all of those day games in the middle of the week later in the year," Rattray said.

"There was nothing else going on this week, so we thought we would go out and see some baseball games."

Rattray estimated that the plane fare alone for the trip would be \$2,000 each if the three did not have airline discounts and the ability to fly cheaper on a space-available basis.

Sometimes, the good guys do win — even in hockey

I watched a hockey game on television Saturday. At least I thought it was a hockey game.

I was home for the weekend, and I had nothing better to do. So I planted myself in front of our television, complete with 30 cable channels capable of bringing me any type of entertainment I wanted, from porno flicks to Christian broadcasting to women's wrestling from Mexico City.

I chose hockey. The New York Rangers were playing the Philadelphia Flyers in a Stanley Cup playoff game. It was an important contest and both teams were ready. The Spectrum in Philadelphia was packed to the gills with out-of-work rink rats screaming for blood. All the ingredients for a great hockey game.

Now, I'm not ignorant when it comes to discussing hockey. I grew up with the Houston Aeros, with Mark, Marty and Gordie Howe, Terry Ruskowski, Rich Preston, Ron Graham and all the gang. I was a fan when they played in the old Sam Houston Coliseum, and I was a fan when they moved into The Summit. I loved to watch the Aeros as they battled in the now-defunct World Hockey Association, and I thought hockey was the best sport ever invented.

But this wasn't hockey as I remember it.

This was a cross between Dorothy Hamill and Chuck Norris; a heavyweight bout on ice. If the game had been on during prime time, the censors would have cringed. Young children wouldn't have been allowed to witness what took place.

It was not a pretty sight. In fact, it was downright boring.

I quit counting the fights and scuffles and arguments and penalties and the pun-



john wagner

ches thrown and the players hit with sticks and the fans getting involved and ... well, you get the message.

What happened to quick skating, sharp passes and unbelievable goaltending? What happened to smooth plays, puck control and a game so spectacular it has been likened to ballet at 78 rpm? It didn't take long to figure out.

The Rangers had the skaters, the passers, and the scorers. The Flyers didn't, and to make sure New York didn't use its talent to an unfair advantage, Philadelphia slowed the pace of the game down.

And oh, did they slow it down! By bullying the smaller Ranger team, Philadelphia was able to jump to a quick three-goal lead. The referees called 70 minutes of penalties in the first period alone, and New York was on the short end of the stick on most of them.

When Ranger forward Ron Duguay, a 40-goal scorer this year, was ejected for fighting, things began to look really bleak for the good guys.

So when the first period ended, I turned off the television.

Of course, there had been fighting when the Aeros played, and I, as a wide-

eyed youngster, used to watch, and yes, at times, even hope there'd be some fist action.

But this was different. This wasn't players going at each other, "blowing some steam" as the announcers used to say. This was one team leaning on the picking fights in the corner, slating front of the net, cross-checking and intimidating.

And the Flyers are masters at this sort of play. In the late 1970s, they were the most successful teams in pro hockey. They also led the National Hockey League in penalty minutes for several years.

Their style was hit and hit and then fight. The only problem was it worked, and every team in hockey tried to emulate the Bullies from Philadelphia.

Needless to say, they were black on the face of professional hockey. They are intentional.

I thought, however, that things changed. I thought heavies were out, and quickies were in. I believed it when I thought the NHL had forsaken hitting and scoring. But when I saw the Flyers using their old tricks, I was just a little disappointed.

And when I opened up the Sports section and saw that the Rangers had come from behind to win the game 4-3, I was delighted.

You can imagine my surprise when I read on and saw that Cam Connor, who used to bully for my beloved Aeros, had scored the winning goal. Connor had wanted to be known for more than roughneck abilities. The Flyers' coach complaining about the lack of officiating. Well, what do you know.

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Yankees stave off Rangers for victory

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ARLINGTON — New York Yankee followers tolerate a losing streak at the start of the season about the way they do a blizzard in April and having both in the same year probably would

have been too much. So it was with quite a bit of relief that New York manager Bob Lemon had a win to look at Monday night, even if it was an untidy one. The Yankees, who went into

the meeting with Texas as the only major league club without a victory, turned a 10-1 rout into a 10-7 squeaker. It took a timely relief performance by Shane Rawley in the ninth to wipe out a Texas threat when the Rangers had the tying run at the plate.

"It sure is good to get the first one," Lemon said. "They made us earn it, though."

New York had built a seemingly insurmountable lead, thanks to a three-run homer by Willie Randolph in the second inning and a solo homer by Dave Winfield in the fifth. New York pounded out 14 hits, seven each

against Frank Tanana and Matlack.

But Texas stormed back and scored four times in the eighth and twice more in the ninth to have two on with only one out when Rawley was called upon.

Rawley, a recent acquisition from Seattle, struck out pinch hitters LeRoy Roberts and rookie Bobby Johnson to end the game.

"The only thing I had in mind was stopping them," Rawley said. "It was a situation where you kept waiting for it to end and then kept waiting sure."

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