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## Cleveland bombs Rangers 8-3

**United Press International**  
ARLINGTON — Although it looked bad for three innings, the Cleveland Indians refused to knuckle under to Charlie Hough.

Hough defeated the Indians 8-3 in the season opener 10 days ago, and for three innings Tuesday night, the 34-year-old looked like he would repeat the effort.

The Texas knuckleballer retired the first 10 batters, but with one out in the fourth inning, the Indians suddenly ripped him for six straight hits and four runs.

By the time reliever Paul Mirabella ended the inning, the Indians had a 6-0 lead and went on to take a 9-4

victory over the Rangers in the opener of a three-game series.

Led by American League co-player of the week Andre Thornton, who drove in three runs with a home run and a double, the Indians stroked 14 hits off three Texas pitchers.

The onslaught didn't surprise Thornton, whose team has averaged seven runs a game.

"We attacked him (Hough) the same way we did in Cleveland. We are just hitting better, that's the key. We are playing better and hitting the ball," said Thornton, whose two-run homer, his fourth of the year, gave the

Indians an 8-0 lead in the fifth inning.

"I really got in a bad groove where everything I should have been hit and it was," said Hough. Eight of Cleveland's nine players had hits and five RBI.

Winning pitcher Bert Blyleven's curve ball kept the Rangers off balance as he struck out seven and threw five hits over seven innings.

His only trouble came in the fifth inning when Rangers scored three runs on a walk and three hits, two were out.

## LA uses Astros to halt slump with 10-2 victory

**United Press International**  
LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers turned to their favorite anti-slump formula Tuesday night and the antidote worked again.

Fernando Valenzuela pitched a complete game and pulled

the Dodgers out of a six-game losing streak, the longest they had suffered since 1969.

"This was only my third game, but I felt fine," Valenzuela said after the 10-2 victory over Houston. "I was getting men out and that's what counts."

Valenzuela helped lead a three-run rally in the fifth inning with an RBI single.

Finished with seven strikeouts, Valenzuela's second victory was his second victory in decisions as he bested Houston's Steve Carlton, 0-2.

The Dodgers racked up 10 hits and 10 runs — the first time they've had in a game since 1978.

Houston took a bright spot in the top of the second when Knight led off with his first hit of the year, but he tied it in the bottom of the inning on Rick Monday's homer, his first.

The Dodgers went into the fourth when Ken Reaoux singled, stole second and scored. They made it 3-1 in the fifth when Bill Russell led off with a double and scored when Valenzuela's hard ground ball error, allowing Russell to score. The Dodgers added two runs in the sixth, and three in the eighth. Monday's major league home run was the first since 1884.

Washington, D.C.'s Frank Thomas, pinch runner for Belanger, scored the first Dodger run. Alan Knievel singled in the final run in the ninth.

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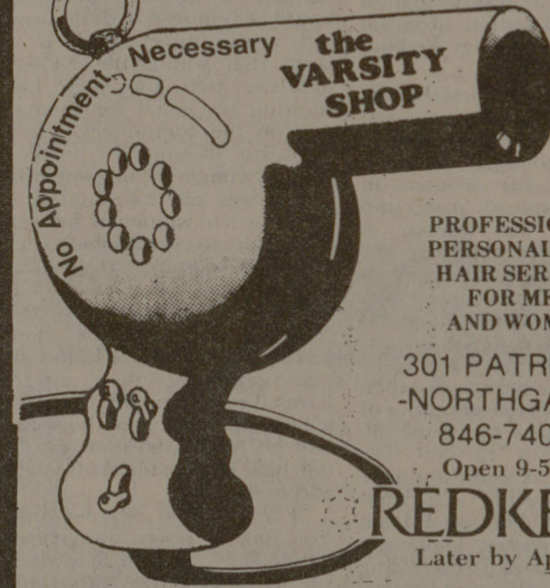
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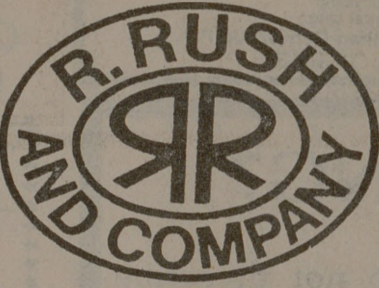
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