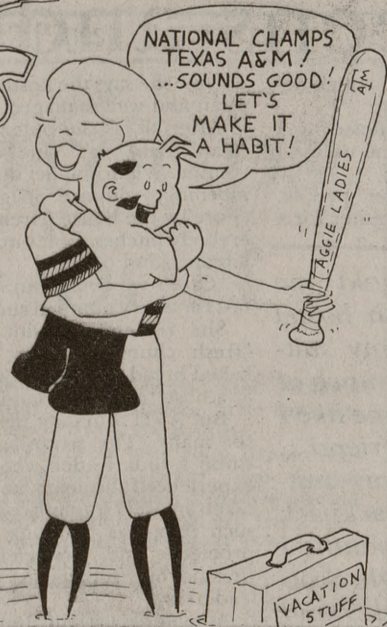


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## Rare start earns Palmer easy victory over Texas

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ARLINGTON — It has taken Jim Palmer 16 years to win 250 games, but since his previous starting assignment was May 6, he figures it will take him 20 more years to get to the 300-win mark.

"I know it is going to take that long if I only get started once every three weeks," said Palmer, 36. "I guess winning 250 games is a milestone as far as history goes. But it is not one as far as I'm concerned. When you get to 249 you don't want to stop at 250."

Palmer's 250th win — making him the 32nd pitcher to ever reach that plateau — came Tuesday night at the expense of the lowly Texas Rangers. With Baltimore power hitters Gary Roenicke and John Lowenstein providing long ball support, Palmer (2-2 for the year) came out on the favorable end of a 10-3 decision.

It also provided additional fuel for the latest chapter in one of the longest running love-hate relationships in baseball — that between Palmer and Orioles' manager Earl Weaver.

Palmer had been taken out of the starting rotation because of general ineffectiveness and had been used four times out of the bullpen since his most recent start.

"Jimmy pitched real good tonight," Weaver said afterwards. "That's great for us. We have five good starters now and I plan to use them all for the next few weeks until we have a day off. Then one of the starters will have to miss a turn. I don't know which one it will be yet."

Palmer, naturally, hopes it is not he.

"I want to pitch regularly to see if my arm feels as good as I think it does," said Palmer. "You need to pitch regularly to have that good control. I don't mean control so you don't walk anybody. I mean control in the strike zone."

"I feel I have pitched this way all year. There have been games where I've pitched good and I just couldn't figure out how I had given up seven runs. But when things are not going your way they aren't, that's all."

Baltimore scored an unearned run in the first and then unloaded for three in the third — two of them coming on Lowenstein's 10th home run of the season. Roenicke produced back-to-back homers in the sixth and seventh innings, both of them coming with Lowenstein on base.

Texas, meanwhile, has lost 22 of its last 27.

"I know what they are going through," said Palmer. "We lost nine in a row and when you do something like that it is a team effort. No one player causes you to do that."

## No changes — yet

### Rangers' owner Chiles decides on status quo

United Press International  
ARLINGTON — Claiming a baseball team can be run like any other business, Texas Rangers owner Eddie Chiles has opted for status quo rather than a mass hanging.

Chiles, following his well-publicized and well-guarded meetings on Monday with management and players alike, announced Tuesday that no major alterations would be forthcoming within the team's power structure.

Instead, he said, goals would be set and some sort of noticeable progress would be expected by the all-star break.

"I know sometimes I talk like I'm mad and I'm disappointed and I don't like what's going on," said Chiles, who is in his second full year of ownership of the

Rangers. "But it's never been my style to wave my arms and fire people. I really don't think that is the way to go about it."

"It seems that in the sports world, if you have difficulties you fire someone. In industry that's not true. The poor guy who got you in trouble is often the guy who has to sit there and get you out of trouble. There is no use in getting mad and taking action in anger. I think it is the poorest thing you can do."

As is usually the case, the Rangers had high hopes this season. But going into their Tuesday night meeting with the Baltimore Orioles, the Rangers had an 11-25 record.

Chiles refused to discuss any specifics from Monday's meetings, such as what manager Don Zimmer and general manager

Eddie Robinson felt were the causes of this year's dismal showing.

He would not say much of anything, in fact, except that the team is off course and that it is going to try to get back on course. To help do that, Chiles said, a set of goals would be established.

"We will have checkpoints," said Chiles. "The first major checkpoint is the all-star break. But we will have weekly checkpoints, too."

"The won-loss record will be included (in the criteria that de-

termines whether goals have been reached), but the record won't be everything. That does not give you all the information you need."

Chiles was asked what would happen if the team's goals, none of which he would specify, were not met.

"I'm not going to presuppose that they won't be reached," said Chiles. "It's like an airplane that is going across the country. You pass checkpoints and if you are off course a little bit you can make adjustments that will get you on course."

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