

# Legendary Paige, 75, dies

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Leroy "Satchel" Paige, a baseball legend and folk philosopher, died at his home Tuesday. He was 75.

Paige, who had been confined to a wheelchair in recent years because of congestive heart failure and emphysema, died after a heart attack. His wife, Lahoma, said she

had tried to revive her husband with cardiopulmonary resuscitation when paramedics arrived. She was with him when he died about 1:15 p.m. CDT.

Paige had a legendary career. He toiled for years in the Negro League, mainly for the Kansas City Monarchs, before getting a chance to play in the major leagues. He was signed by Bill Veck — a baseball legend himself — at the age of 41.

"If you knew nothing about baseball and you walked into a ballpark you just knew there was something different about this guy — something that just transmitted itself," Veck said of Paige. "The larger the crowd, the better he performed."

Paige, who referred to his "100-year career," was a crowd pleaser with his pitching and with his philosophy for a long life.

Things he said, like "Avoid fried meats which angry up the blood" and "Don't look back, something might be gaining on you" were as much a part of him as his hesitation pitch.

Paige's long illness had prepared his wife of 36 years for his death.

"I was (prepared), but I don't think the children were," Mrs. Paige said. "I was because the doctors had explained it (Satchel's condition) to me."

Kansas City, Paige's home town since 1929, honored him last Saturday by naming a ball-field after him.

"Nobody on earth could feel as good as I do now," Paige said during the ceremonies.

Alex George, a well-known Kansas City sports figure, said he was with Paige at last Saturday's dedication.

"He was in great spirits," George said. "He said that was the greatest thing that had ever happened to him. He said he had been in baseball many years and he had never received an honor like that."

Kansas City Mayor Richard Berkley characterized Paige as "a unique individual."

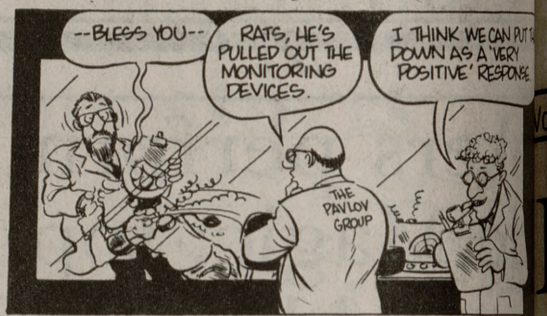
Berkley said: "He was one of the greatest pitching talents of all time. I think if he was given the opportunity to pitch his full career (in the majors) I think he would have been one of the three or four time all-time greatest pitchers in baseball. He will be greatly missed by the entire community."

John Schuerholz, the general manager of the Kansas City Royals, said he also was with Paige Saturday.

"He did as much as anyone to create an interest in baseball — as much as anyone has ever done," he said. "I was really glad to have been there because it was really a positive, moving and emotional day."

Paige's primary exploits on the mound were limited to the Negro Leagues because of racial segregation. By the time he reached the major leagues, he was past his prime, but still impressive.

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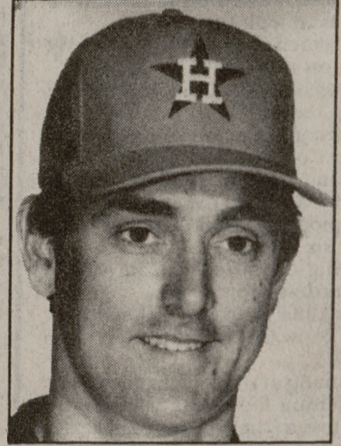
# 'Chili' cooks Astros 7-3 as Giants extend streak

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SAN FRANCISCO — No one would blame the Houston Astros if they were looking for a little relief Tuesday night after the Giants served them a little chili, San Francisco style.

Giants rookie Charles "Chili" Davis drove in two runs with a single and a double and teammate Jack Clark hit his 10th homer of the season to lead San Francisco to their fourth straight victory, a 7-3 decision over the Houston Astros.

"Before, we weren't hitting well but our pitchers were throwing well," Davis said of the Giants' 1982 season. "Then, when we started hitting our pitching fell off. Now I think we're coming around."

Astros' starter Nolan Ryan, who has had his problems this season, was far from his best in



Nolan Ryan

dropping his seventh decision of the season against five victories. "You've got to respect a guy who has thrown five no-hitters," Davis said of the Astros' veteran right-hander. "I don't think he was on tonight."

The Giants scored two first-inning runs off Ryan. Jim Wohlford singled with one out, stole second and scored on a single by Reggie Smith. Clark then singled and when center fielder Tony Scott threw wildly past third, Smith scored.

San Francisco extended its lead with an unearned run in the

third when Wohlford threw on an error by Kiko Garcia. Davis followed with an RBI double to left-center.

A double by Phil Garner, single by Alan Knicely cut the Astros' deficit to 3-1 in the Knicely then took second single by Garcia and advanced third on a double play error by Luis Pujols before scoring an infield single by Ryan.

Clark belted his homer sixth since breaking out slump two weeks ago, sixth to give the Giants a lead.

Garcia countered for Astros with a solo homer first, in the seventh to cut Francisco's lead to 4-3 and rookie Atlee Hammaker, who went 6 1/2 innings.

The Giants added a run seventh on singles by Cliff Summers, Joe Morgan, Davis and scored their final runs in the eighth on a double by reliever Gary Lacy.

Another good note for Giants was the return of injured hurler Al Bielek, who has been returned to bullpen.

"To go out and throw being on the disabled list with torn muscle — and not feel pain — feels good," the left-hander said.

# Tatum joins Aggie coaches at Festival

Michell Tatum, a one-year letterman with the Aggie basketball team, has been selected to play for the South team in 1982 National Sports Festival July 23-31 in Indianapolis, Ind. Tatum, a 6-3 post from Jacksonville, averaged seven points four rebounds a game for the Aggie Ladies during the 1981 season. The 12-member team was selected by the Festival staff from more than 80 candidates representing the 12 southern region.

Selections were made during a three-day tryout camp held Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss. To be eligible to participate, athletes must be under 20 years of age.

Members of the South squad will report to training camp Indianapolis July 19. Round robin competition between the South, East, West and Midwest teams will be held throughout the days of the Festival with an all-star team selected at its conclusion. The all-star team will represent the United States as its National Team.

Also representing Texas A&M University for the South at the sports festival will be Terry Condon, head volleyball coach, Bill women's track coach and volleyball team members Chemine Leshia Beakley and Jennifer Giese.

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