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Niekro's arm hurls Astros to 6-1 victory over Giants

SAN FRANCISCO — Joe Niekro figured he had one

coming.

Over the years, or ever since the Houston Astros reclaimed him off a junk heap in 1975, Niekro consistently has pitched well against the San Francisco Giants, especially in Candlestick Park, but he's had little to show

for the effort.

Wednesday, the veteran knuckleballer held the Giants to three hits, and this time he wound up a 6-1 winner.

"I've pitched a lot of good games in this park,"Niekro said, but I've always come up short. I'd like to blame the wind for it, but that hasn't been the case. It seems something crazy always happens in my games here."

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out Wednesday's game as Niekro took charge of the Giants right at the start and, except for a brief lapse in the third, he had little to worry about.

But the wind did blow, and for a knuckleballer that can be trouble, more so if the wind is at his back.

"My knuckleball was taking off," said Niekro, "so I had to go to a cut fastball and slider. In as long as I can remember, I threw less knuckleballs in this game than any other, maybe only 50 percent of the time.

You wouldn't know it the way the Giants were chasing everything Niekro threw toward the

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said Niekro. "Even when you go to something else, the batter has it in his mind that you will throw

A single by Johnny LeMaster, a sacrifice by losing pitcher Bill Laskey (4-4) and a double by Joe Morgan produced the Giants' only run in the third inning. Reggie Smith singled after one out in the fourth for the other San Francisco hit as Niekro scored his fifth victory in nine decisions and reduced his earned run average to 2.53.

The victory came on manager Bill Virdon's 51st birthday, and Niekro couldn't be happier

"If it wasn't for Bill Virdon," said Niekro, now 37, "my career might have been over in 1975. He was instrumental in the Astros getting me and then he put me in the starting rotation.'

Virdon never has had to regret the move.

'Joe is an accomplished pitcher who never lets the game get out of hand," Virdon said. "It's a pleasure to watch him work."

"When a guy like that has things going for him," observed Giants manager Frank Robinson, "it's pretty hard to do any-



Joe Niekro

two RBI to make things eas Niekro. The game snapped Francisco's winning street four games and moved Astros into a tie with the 6 Dennis Walling, Ray Knight for fourth place in the NLV

Malone is free; Me Ph Houston makes and score return priority lear

United Press International HOUSTON — Rockets' all-star center Moses Malone is now eligible to shop for contracts with other National Basketball Association teams, while his lawyer reviews a reported \$1.9 million offer from the Houston

Malone and teammates Elvin Hayes, Bill Willoughby, Mike Dunleavy, Calvin Garrett and Major Jones became free agents Wednesday after the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Philadephia 76ers in the final playoff series game which closed out the NBA season.

The negotiations of Malone, the league's leading rebounder, were watched with interest by the Rockets' owner, Maloof Companies of Albuquerque, N.M., as the firm considered offers to buy the NBA franchise, which has been valued at \$11 million to \$12 million

General Manager Ray Patterson confirmed he and Rockets' controller Bud Reynolds were contacted by Elektra-Asylum best contract from another. At Los A Records Chairman Joe Smith team and bring it back w and talent agent Ivr Azoff of Los

that they have made contact with Malone.

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