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Francona injured in 8-3 Montreal victory

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The Montreal Expos managed to salvage the finale of a three-game series with the first-place St. Louis Cardinals and now they must try to salvage Terry Francona.

"It may have been a very costly win," Montreal Manager Jim Fanning said.

Andre Dawson's bases-loaded double finished off a five-run second inning Wednesday night, carrying the Expos to what may have been an expensive 8-3 victory over the Cards.

Francona was forced to leave the game in the seventh inning after he ran into the left-field wall chasing a hit by Julio Gonzalez. He was helped from the field and his injury was tentatively diagnosed as a twisted right knee. A comprehensive examination is scheduled for today.

"That takes the joy out of winning," said Fanning. "I'll be the happiest guy in the world if I get a report tomorrow his knee is OK."

The Expos, who had lost the first two games of the series, sent 10 batters to the plate in the second, knocking out Dave LaPoint, 3-1, who suffered the first loss of his major-league career after five victories.

Mark Littell relieved LaPoint and was greeted by Dawson's three-run double into the leftfield corner.

In other NL games, it was Chicago 7, Philadelphia 6 in 11 innings; Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 3, and Los Angeles 6, San Diego 0. New York at Pittsburgh was postponed by rain.

CUBS 7, PHILLIES 6 — At Chicago, Ryne Sandberg singled home Jody Davis with the winning run in the 11th inning to give the

Cubs their third consecutive victory after a 13-game losing streak.

REDS 7, GIANTS 3 — At Cincinnati, Cesar Cedeno belted two home runs and a triple, driving in six runs, and Mario Soto, 6-4, regained the major-league strikeout lead (115) to pace the Reds.

DODGERS 6, PADRES 0 — At San Diego, Pedro Guerrero drove in three runs and Bob Welch pitched a three-hitter for his third shutout of the season, enabling Los Angeles to complete a sweep of their three-game series with the Padres.

In the American League, rookie pitcher Frank Viola pitched a strong seven innings, leading the Minnesota Twins to a 5-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Viola scattered five hits, walked one and struck out four in notching his first major-

league victory. Tom Brunansky cracked a two-run homer and Kent Hrbek doubled home two runs to help the Twins snap a four-game losing streak.

Minnesota has now beaten the Royals twice in seven games and Viola has been the winning pitcher in both of them.

"The first time I faced them I was behind the batters all night," said Viola. "They waited on my pitches. Tonight I made them hit my pitches. I feel my stuff is good enough to get by."

Viola, making his third major-league start, encountered his only difficulty in the seventh when Hal McRae launched his 10th home run into the left-field bleachers. He also doubled in a run in the ninth.

BREWERS 2, ORIOLES 2 — At Baltimore, Milwaukee tied the score at 2-2 when Robin

Yount led off the sixth with his ninth home run and his third off Oriole pitching this season.

YANKEES 4, RED SOX 1 — At New York, Ken Griffey drove in two runs and belted his second homer in as many nights, in a rain-shortened sixinning game delayed twice, then called.

ANGELS 7, BLUE JAYS 1 — At Anaheim, Calif., Steve Renko overcame a shaky first inning and Don Baylor and Doug DeCinces homered to help the Angels snap an eight-game home losing streak.

WHITE SOX 7, A's 6 — At Oakland, Calif., Greg Luzinski's fourth hit, a run-scoring single with one out in the 10th, sparked Chicago. Salome Barojas, 4-1, who pitched the final 3 1-3 innings, was the winner.

Milestone in the making?

Thorpe hopes to end average year with Open victory

by Milton Richman
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PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Boy, are they hungry. There are 153 competitors all after the same prize and every last one of them has a different reason for wanting it.

Jack Nicklaus, the Golden Bear, would gladly give the whole animal kingdom to win his fifth U.S. Open. Nobody ever has and it would be equivalent to breaking Hank Aaron's home-run record or running a three-minute mile.

Arnold Palmer looks at it another way. He's 52 and he'd love to be the oldest man ever to take home the title.

And Jim Thorpe's eyes dance whenever he thinks about winning. In one way, it would be an even bigger milestone than another victory

for either Nicklaus or Palmer. It would make Thorpe the first black man ever to win the U.S. Open.

"If I can win," says the 32-year-old transplanted North Carolinian now living in Buffalo, N.Y., "I can write my own ticket. It would be something that would encourage a lot of other blacks to play golf. Outside of myself, Calvin Peete is the only other black golfer in this field."

Thorpe turned professional 10 years ago and might as well have done so in a vacuum for all the recognition he received until a year ago. Playing in his first U.S. Open at Merion in Ardmore, Pa., he birdied the last two holes for a four-under-par 66 that made him the first-round leader by one stroke.

His name, the same as that of the legendary

Indian track star from Carlisle, Pa., lent itself to some imaginative writing by those who covered last year's Open and before he finished playing the four rounds, Thorpe had it pretty well established that, yes, he had played some football for Morgan State, but no, he wasn't an Indian.

Thorpe couldn't keep up that first-day pace at Merion and ended up tied for 11th place behind eventual winner David Graham.

Through it all, though, the affable Roxboro, N.C., native made many new friends among the gallery members and media alike. Not once did he turn down anyone for an autograph and not once did he tell a sports writer to get lost.

"All it takes is spending 5 or 10 minutes with people," Thorpe reasons. "What will it hurt to

stop for a little while? I've seen guys who wouldn't stop to sign an autograph or wouldn't answer whenever people would say 'hi,' and I never could understand that. Golf is supposed to be a gentleman's game. We're supposed to be gentlemen, aren't we?"

Jim Thorpe is a gentleman. He has been in 19 tournaments this year and made only \$10,137, yet it hasn't soured him.

"It's been sort of up and down for me since last year's Open," he says. "I have no real complaints, though. They don't mistake me for the old Jim Thorpe so much anymore."

Manufacturers haven't been breaking down Thorpe's door petitioning him for endorsements of their product or to do TV commercials but he isn't complaining about that — or

anything else.

"I'd just like to be successful at golf because I have a super family and I want to provide for them," he says.

"My little girl, Sheronne, is going to school now and whenever she sees my name or picture in the paper, she takes it to class with her and shows it to her teacher and her friends. That makes her feel so good and when she feels good that makes me feel good."

Thorpe has had help from other players on the tour and he makes a point of crediting them whenever he can.

"J.C. Snead has been very helpful showing me how to putt on fast greens," he says. "Lee Trevino also has helped me with striking the ball and setting up."

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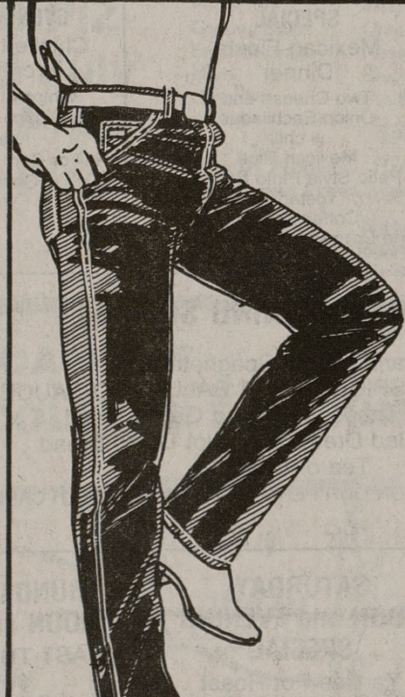
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