

TANK McNAMARA

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Cincy's woes continue; Expos rip Dodgers, 4-1

United Press International
McNamara's band has played its last song for the Cincinnati Reds, yet the melody lingers on. John McNamara was fired as manager of the Reds early Wednesday, but his replacement, Russ Nixon, couldn't turn things around immediately and watched the Reds blow a lead and lose, 3-2, to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"They didn't win but they sure played hard," said Nixon, who has coached for the Reds since 1976 after managing successfully in the minor leagues. "I know we got beat, but I hope you guys up in the press box saw a little different team tonight." Willie Stargell's pinch-hit home run in the eighth inning off Tom Hume gave the Pirates a three-game sweep of the series. It was Stargell's 475th career homer over a 21-year span, tying him with Stan Musial for 14th on the all-time home-run list.

Larry McWilliams, 6-4, was the winner with relief help from Kent Tekulve, who retired all six batters he faced to record his 15th save and third in the past three games.

The loss was the Reds' 59th of the season, most in the National League, but some players felt Nixon could start the club in the right direction.

"He's not going to be as low key as Mac," rookie Paul Householder said. "He's going to be a motivator."

Ron Oester said: "I don't think it was Mac's fault. It's unfortunate the manager is the one

who gets it. Russ will be real aggressive and he'll stress fundamentals."

Elsewhere in the NL, St. Louis blanked Atlanta, 8-0, New York beat San Francisco, 6-2, Houston topped Chicago, 2-1, Philadelphia downed San Diego, 7-1, and Montreal defeated Los Angeles, 4-1, in 11 innings.

In American League games, Kansas City outslugged Toronto, 9-7, Baltimore nipped California, 8-7, Oakland defeated Cleveland, 6-4, Texas topped Boston, 6-3, then lost, 6-1, Chicago defeated Detroit, 9-3, in 12 innings, Milwaukee whipped Minnesota, 10-4, and Seattle edged New York, 6-5, in 12 innings.

EXPOS 4, DODGERS 1 — At Los Angeles, Tim Wallach doubled home three runs in the 11th inning to give the Expos a victory. Dodger starter Fernando Valenzuela, after his 14th victory, was relieved in the ninth inning by Steve Howe, who took the loss. Howe is now 5-2.

The game featured three All-Star pitchers in the Los Angeles pair and Montreal starter Steve Rogers. Rogers, who recorded the victory, now has a 12-4 record for the season.

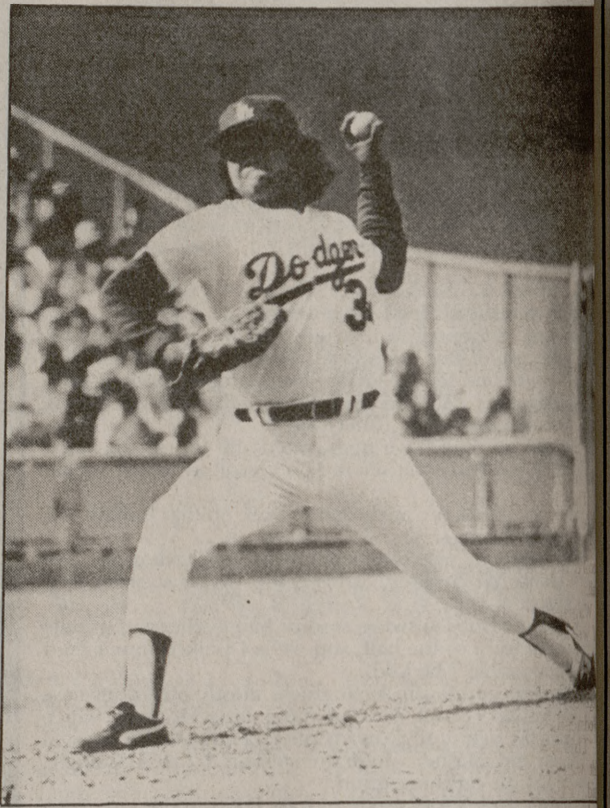
CARDINALS 8, BRAVES 0 — At St. Louis, George Hendrick drove in three runs with a triple and single to help the Cardinals snap the Braves' four-game winning streak.

METS 6, GIANTS 2 — At San Francisco, Mookie Wilson had two RBI and scored two runs to pace the Mets to victory. Pete Falcone, who gave up six hits, went five innings to get the victory.

PHILLIES 7, PADRES 1 — At San Diego, Mike Schmidt, Bob Dernier and Bo Diaz each homered and Dick Ruthven scattered eight hits in leading the Phillies.

In the AL, after a fight-marred game the night before, the Milwaukee Brewers Wednesday night used their bats to defeat the Minnesota Twins.

Ben Oglivie hit a grand slam and Don Money drove in three runs with a pair of homers to power the Brewers to a 10-4 vic-



Fernando Valenzuela

tory. "There was no carry-over at all," insisted Milwaukee Manager Harvey Kuenn. "We had to win a ballgame. We can't afford to be playing games out there."

Moose Haas, 7-5, scattered 11 hits and struck out seven in eight innings for his third straight victory. He gave way to Rollie Fingers in the ninth.

"Three wins in a row and this is probably the best stuff I've had," Haas said.

Oglivie hit his 22nd homer of the season over the right field fence to cap a six-run fourth inning.

Money hit his first homer of the game in the third to give the Brewers their first run and added a two-run shot in the ninth.

"I haven't had a two-homer game since a long time ago," said

Money, who has 12 homers this season.

RANGERS 6-1, REDS 3-6 — At Boston, Mike Tompkins pitched a two-hitter over eight innings and Jim Rice hit a home run to carry Boston in the second game. In the opener, Dave Hostetler and Jim Sweeney drove in two runs each. Texas snapped a seven-game losing streak.

ROYALS 9, BLUE JAYS 5 — At Toronto, Willie Wilson capped a 4-for-5 performance with his ninth career inside-the-park homer, to raise his AL-leading batting average to .348. The Royals snapped Toronto's five-game winning streak.

ORIOLES 8, ANGELS 7 — At Baltimore, Benny Ayala two-run pinch double in the eighth lifted the Orioles. Ayala hit came off Doug Corbett as made a loser of Andy Hassler.

A's 6, INDIANS 4 — Cleveland, Dan Meyer singled home two runs to highlight a five-run fifth inning and Ben Kingman picked up his first save of the year to help the A's.

WHITE SOX 9, TIGERS 5 — At Detroit, Greg Luzinski's 12th homer of the season, a solo shot highlighted a six-run 12th inning carried the White Sox.

MARINERS 6, YANKEES 12 inings — At New York, Bobby Brown scored from third base on Manny Castillo's ground ball in the 12th inning to lift the Mariners. Reliever Bill Campbell was the winner.

Padres' Wiggins says yes to drug care, treatment

United Press International
SAN DIEGO — San Diego Padres' President Ballard Smith said Alan Wiggins was arrested early Wednesday morning on a charge of possession of cocaine and has agreed to enter a detoxification center for treatment.

The 24-year-old outfielder, called once by Los Angeles Dod-

gers' Manager Tom Lasorda "the fastest man on two legs," was arrested by San Diego police at 2:30 a.m. (PDT) after he threw what they said was about a gram of cocaine out of his car. Wiggins posted \$2,000 bail Wednesday morning and was freed. He was to be arraigned on the felony count July 28.

Ballard met Wednesday with Wiggins, his agent, and attorney. Afterward he announced Wiggins' decision to voluntarily submit to detoxification treatment.

The Padres will pay all expenses, and Wiggins' pay and benefits will continue, a club spokesman said. Smith said he fully expected Wiggins to return to the team upon conclusion of treatment and to contribute to the Padres' "finest season ever."

The Padres are one of the first professional sports teams to establish an employee assistance program for players and staff. "Operation Cork" offers Padres' employees confidential consultation and guidance for problems caused by alcohol, drug dependency, and personal or emotional troubles.

Wiggins was called up from Hawaii near the end of last season, but did not make the pre-season cut. He was called up again May 3, and batted .263 in the 57 games he appeared in. He leads the club with 29 stolen bases and has scored 33 runs.

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