## Astros dump Cubs as Ryan

United Press International CHICAGO — Houston right-hander Nolan Ryan is a man truly

voted to his work.

The 35-year-old pitcher picked up his 199th major league tory Wednesday in an outing that almost proved unbearably inful. Ryan, who earned his 10th victory of the season against ne losses by beating the Chicago Cubs 2-1, lasted only five in-

When I walked Bill Buckner at the top of the sixth, my right hurt so much that I decided I'd better call it a day," Ryan said. Ryan suffered an injury to his right hip and elbow when he sled at the top of the stairs in his Houston home Sunday. The Astro right-hander, unsure of his readiness for the game, dadvised Manager Bill Virdon to have reliever Mike Lacoss

dy for an emergency start if necessary. Ryan thought he may have aggravated the hip in the third hing when he was forced at second on a ground ball by Dickie

It became obvious to me as the game wore on that I might not able to finish," Ryan said.

The Cubs beat Ryan, who struck out four Cubs, including three the first inning Wednesday, in his two previous starts against

"Today I got the Cubs to swing at some bad pitches and usually ywere out in front of the ball, and while I walked four I felt I salmost unbeatable," he said.

The Cubs were stopped in their tracks mostly by a poor base ming play by Larry Bowa in the seventh inning. Houston, which ed a run in the first inning on a triple by Thon and a wild pitch Allen Ripley and another run in the sixth on Art Howe's single, reliever LaCoss on the mound.

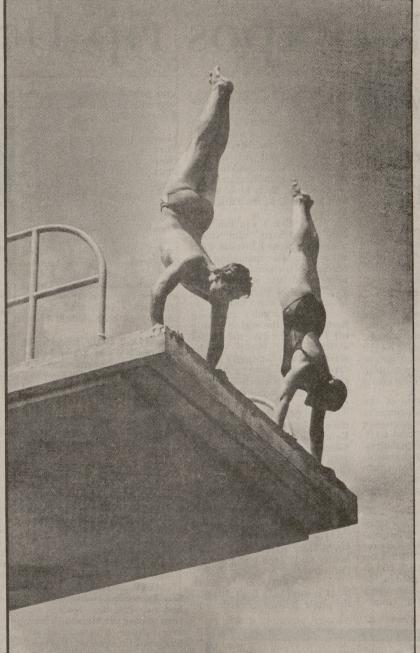
LaCoss gave up a leadoff single to Jody Davis in the top of the renth and then Bowa bounced a single into right field, sending vis to third. Bowa, however, thinking "Davis might be cut down third," decided to try to reach second.

The only problem was that Bowa stopped between first and tond. While Bowa was being gunned down, Davis decided to try score from third and was cut down at the plate on a throw from

cond baseman Phil Garner.
"As it turned out," Chicago manager Lee Elia said, "that bad stake by Bowa cost us at least one run because LaCoss walked nch-hitter Bump Wills and Junior Kennedy to lead the bases. Buckner then rolled out to Garner to end the threat. The Cubs of their only run in the eighth inning whn Leon Durham lead off the his 13th home run of the year. When Jay Johnstone singled out later, Virdon summoned Frank LaCorte, who retired the xt five batters to preserve Ryan's ninth career victory over the bs and his second save of the season.

laCorte had lost the first game of the series when, but recorded eAstros' first save since July 2. The victory was only Houston's ind over the Cubs in 12 games this season and their first at

The Astros open Frida y against the St. Louis Cardinals, who are second place in the National League East. Former Houston ither Joaquin Andujar, 7-8, will face Joe Niekro, 9-6 in the series pener. The Astros have beaten Andujar twice this season.



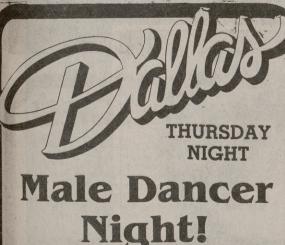


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Darcy Wilson and Kirk Mason, members of the Cain pool. Wilson, a sophomore pre-med stu-pus Christi. Both divers competed during the Texas A&M diving team, practice synchronous dent, is from League City, and Mason, a junior past season for Aggie swimming coach Mel dives off the 10-meter platform at the Wofford majoring in environmental design, is from Cor-Nash, in his fourth year at A&M.





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