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Ryan whiffs 13; records career victory No. 200

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HOUSTON — It was a special game for Nolan Ryan and the staid, steady Houston Astros pitcher admitted he was a little emotional about registering his 200th career victory with a 3-2 decision over the Cincinnati Reds.

"I wanted to pitch a good game for my 200th win," Ryan said Tuesday after he struck out 13, marking the eighth time this season and the 143rd time in his career he's had 10 or more strikeouts in a game.

"As a veteran I don't get on emotional highs that much, but getting 200 was nice."

It also was a little difficult, by Ryan's own admission.

"I was struggling earlier," he said. "I gave up both runs on bad fastballs. My change-up was terrible tonight."

Houston didn't score the winning run until the bottom of the eighth after the two teams had traded leads.

Cincinnati took a 1-0 lead in the first when Eddie Milner singled, moved to second when Ryan threw wildly trying to pick him off first. Milner came around on a double by Cesar Cedeño.

But the Astros got the run back in the bottom of the inning when Tony Scott's double scored Dickie Thon, who had singled and stolen second.

Houston took a 2-1 lead in the

third when Scott singled, stole second and advanced to third when catcher Alex Trevino threw the ball wildly into center field for an error. He scored on Ray Knight's double to right.

The Reds tied the score 2-2 in the fourth on a one-out single to right by Paul Householder and an RBI double by Ron Oester.

The winning run came after Knight singled off loser Charlie Leibbrandt, and moved to second on a throwing error. Art Howe walked two outs later and Terry Puhl singled off reliever Jim Kern to score Knight.

"Nolan really battled because he wanted this game," Puhl said. "He is a real competitor."

Houston manager Bill Virdon also knew what the game meant to Ryan.

"If we hadn't scored in the eighth, Nolan would have stayed in if the game had remained tied, although it would have been hard not to pinch hit," he said.

Reds manager Russ Nixon lauded Ryan's effort, but took issue with the Houston pitcher's claim that he struggled in the early innings.

"If that's struggling I'd hate to see him on," Nixon said. "I've got nine guys that would outvote him."

The two teams will play again tonight at 7:30, with the Astros' Joe Niekro, 9-7, slated to face the Reds' Mario Soto, 8-6.

Record-breaker

Trillo going for errorless-game mark tonight

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Manny Trillo spun a couple of records Tuesday night but Wednesday he'll be going for the solid gold.

The Philadelphia second baseman will seek the major-league record for consecutive errorless games after tying that record and breaking two others in the Phillies 4-0 loss to Pittsburgh.

He broke the National League record of 86 straight games without an error set by Ken Boswell of the New York Mets in 1970. He also has not made an error in 459 consecutive chances, breaking the old mark of 458 set by Baltimore's Jerry Adair from July 22, 1964 through May 6, 1965. He easily handled three ground balls in Tuesday's game and broke Adair's record while turning a double play.

"The pressure was on tonight but the big one will be tomorrow," he said. "After that, I hope it all just goes away."

Trillo's only error this season came on opening day, April 8, on the first ball he touched. Pitcher Steve Carlton picked George Foster of the New York Mets off base and Trillo's throw to third hit Foster in the back.

In other National League games, Houston tripped Cincinnati, 3-2, Montreal edged Chicago, 4-2, St. Louis mauled New York, 9-4, Atlanta swept a double-header from San Diego, 9-2 and 8-6, and Los Angeles trounced San Francisco, 7-3.

In American League games it was: Toronto 3, Boston 1; New York 6, Detroit 5; Milwaukee 8, Texas 2; Kansas City 8, Cleveland 1; Baltimore 5, Chicago 3; Seattle 9, Minnesota 7; and California 8, Oakland 7, in 13 innings.

CARDINALS 9, METS 4 — At St. Louis, Darrell Porter's two-run homer capped a five-run sixth that carried the Cardinals to their fifth straight triumph.

BRAVES 9-8, PADRES 2-6 — At Atlanta, Glenn Hubbard hit a two-run homer with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Braves a sweep of their double-header.

In the first game, Dale Murphy had three hits, including a two-run third-inning homer and a double to lead the Braves. Murphy, who now has 25 homers, hit his homer off Padre loser Tim Lollar, 10-5.

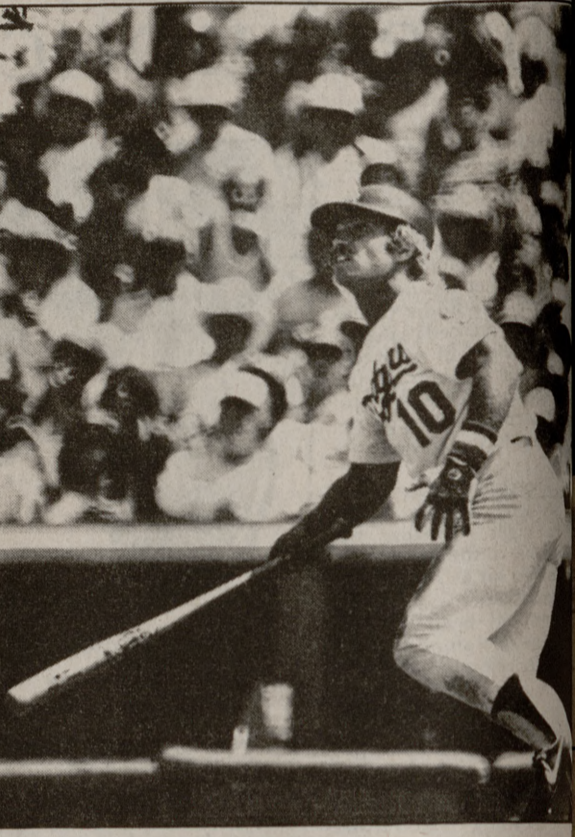
The Padres' two runs in the opener came on a two-run homer by Garry Templeton, his sixth of the season, in the sixth inning.

Harvey Kuenn, the replacement for the Brewers' Manager Bob Rodgers, has sympathy for the man who soon will become No. 4 in the season's managerial firings.

"I never like to see anyone get fired," Kuenn said Tuesday night after his Milwaukee Brewers downed the Texas Rangers 8-2 and after Texas Manager Don Zimmer had been told of his imminent dismissal. "He (Zimmer) and I are good friends. He's a very good baseball man."

The other firings were New York's Bob Lemon and Cincinnati's John McNamara.

Gorman Thomas drove in five runs with his 24th and 25th home runs of the season and Ted Simmons added a two-run double to lead the Brewers over the hapless Rangers, in the midst of a 3-13 slump that sealed Zimmer's fate.



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straight games, is now 8-7. Red Sox loser John Tudor had beaten Toronto twice this season, but watched his record fall to 6-8.

YANKEES 6, TIGERS 5 — At New York, Jerry Mumphrey blasted a three-run homer and Oscar Gamble added a two-run shot to power the Yankees.

Gamble's homer came after a two-out single by Mumphrey in the first inning. Mumphrey also scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Rick Cerone in the seventh inning.

ROYALS 8, INDIANS 1 — At Cleveland, Lee May belted his 353rd career home run, a two-run shot, and George Brett hit a two-run blast to cap a four-

run eighth inning to power the Royals.

ORIOLES 5, WHITE SOX — At Baltimore, Cal Ripken Jr. hit a two-run homer with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Orioles a victory over the White Sox.

MARINERS 9, TWINS 1 — At Seattle, Dave Adler belted two home runs, including a grand slam, to lead the Mariners.

ANGELS 8, A's 7 — Anaheim, Calif., Don Baylor singled to right with two outs in the bottom of the 13th to drive in Bob Boone from second base for his 15th game-winning hit since the start of the season, lifting the Angels to a 5-4 lead over Oakland.

Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma State, who had a 119-94 win over the South's 119-94 win over the West.

The top scorer of the day was Gerald Wilkins, who had 11 points for the North. Wilkins transferred to Tennessee after a year at Chattanooga after a year at Cherokee, Mo., Junior College.

In the women's games, the favored South clobbered the West 115-84, and the North edged the East, 83-81.

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After the rain, the temperatures were still high and the gymnasium was like a sauna.

"It was tough. The humidity really got you down," said Ronald Harper, Dayton, Ohio, whose North team lost to the East, 116-109, in opening-round action.

"You got drained after playing for a while," said North Carolina recruit Curtis Hunter, who scored 17 points along with

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Much-needed rain provides relief at Festival; two injured

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INDIANAPOLIS — The National Sports Festival finally received relief from the oppressive heat and humidity which has blanketed Indianapolis ever since the event began last week.

More than an inch of rain fell on the city, and cooled things off a little, but it ruined the schedules for softball and baseball games, and injured a couple of people.

Two cases of electric shock were reported at Eagle Creek Park, where the canoe-kayak events were being held.

Marty Risch, 28, a park employee working as a venue coordinator for the festival, got a shock when he unplugged an amplifier in a tent during the storm and suffered a small burn on his right hand.

Roxanne Barton, 25, of Homer, Mich., gold medalist in the women's 500-meter kayak race, suffered secondary shock when Risch bumped into her.

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