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Blue Jays nip Red Sox 4-3; Atlanta loses again

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Once considered an easy mark in the AL East, the Toronto Blue Jays are now getting high grades from their opponents — including the Boston Red Sox.

Jim Clancy, Dale Murray and Roy Lee Jackson scattered eight hits and Damaso Garcia had two hits, stole two bases and drove in the tying run with a bases-loaded single Wednesday night to give Toronto a 4-3 victory over the Red Sox and a sweep of their three-game series.

"We've been swept before but never by the Blue Jays," Boston Manager Ralph Houk said. "It's their pitching that was so good."

It was the last-place Blue Jays' sixth straight triumph, putting them just three games under .500 and a half-game behind Cleveland in the battle for the basement.

"Anytime you win six in a row and three at a time from a club you've never swept a series from in your entire history, it sure makes me emotional," said Jackson, who picked up the victory by retiring the final seven batters. "The guys want to play because we know we have the personnel to win."

In other AL games, Texas clipped Milwaukee, 6-3, Detroit edged New York, 3-2, in 12 innings, Chicago defeated Baltimore, 4-1, Kansas City crushed Cleveland, 8-0, California clubbed Minnesota, 6-3, and Seattle beat Oakland, 7-4.

In the National League, it was San Francisco 7, Atlanta 6 in 12 innings; Montreal 3, Chicago 0; Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 1; Houston 3, San Diego 0 and Cincinnati 2, Los Angeles 1. St. Louis at New York was

postponed by rain.

RANGERS 6, BREWERS 3 — At Milwaukee, Buddy Bell's run-scoring single ignited a four-run seventh to pace Texas. Dave Schmidt, relieving Ranger starter Rick Honeycutt after Milwaukee had scored three runs in the sixth, earned the victory. The Brewers' Moose Haas, 9-7, allowed the Rangers to take a 4-3 lead in the seventh inning after Milwaukee had been ahead 3-2.

TIGERS 3, YANKEES 2 — At Detroit, Jerry Turner's sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 12th lifted Detroit.

WHITE SOX 4, ORIOLES 1 — At Chicago, Richard Dotson and Dennis Lamp combined on a five-hitter and Steve Kemp had two RBI to lead Chicago to a sweep of their three-game set with Baltimore.

ANGELS 6, TWINS 3 — At Minneapolis, Don Baylor's grand slam capped a five-run seventh to lead the Angels. Minnesota pitcher Terry Felton broke a 68-year-old major-league record with his 14th straight career loss.

ROYALS 8, INDIANS 0 — At Kansas City, Mo., Amos Otis collected three singles, drove in two runs and scored twice to spark Kansas City.

MARINERS 7, A's 4 — At Seattle, Floyd Bannister and Bill Caudill combined on a five-hitter and Dave Henderson drove in two runs to pace Seattle.

In the NL, when Reggie Smith deplored his lack of playing time earlier in the season, Giants' Manager Frank Robinson put him in the lineup.

With Smith playing regularly, the Giants, not coincidentally, are embroiled in a pennant race.

"I think we are ready to play with anyone and I'm as excited as any of our younger players," Smith said Wednesday night after belting a two-run homer in the bottom of the 12th inning to give San Francisco its 10th straight victory, an 8-6 triumph over the fading Atlanta Braves.

"I've never been on a ballclub that has been so far back and made such a splurge as this club has," Smith said.

For the Braves, in the midst of a slump, it was the ninth straight loss and Manager Joe Torre can't seem to find a solution.

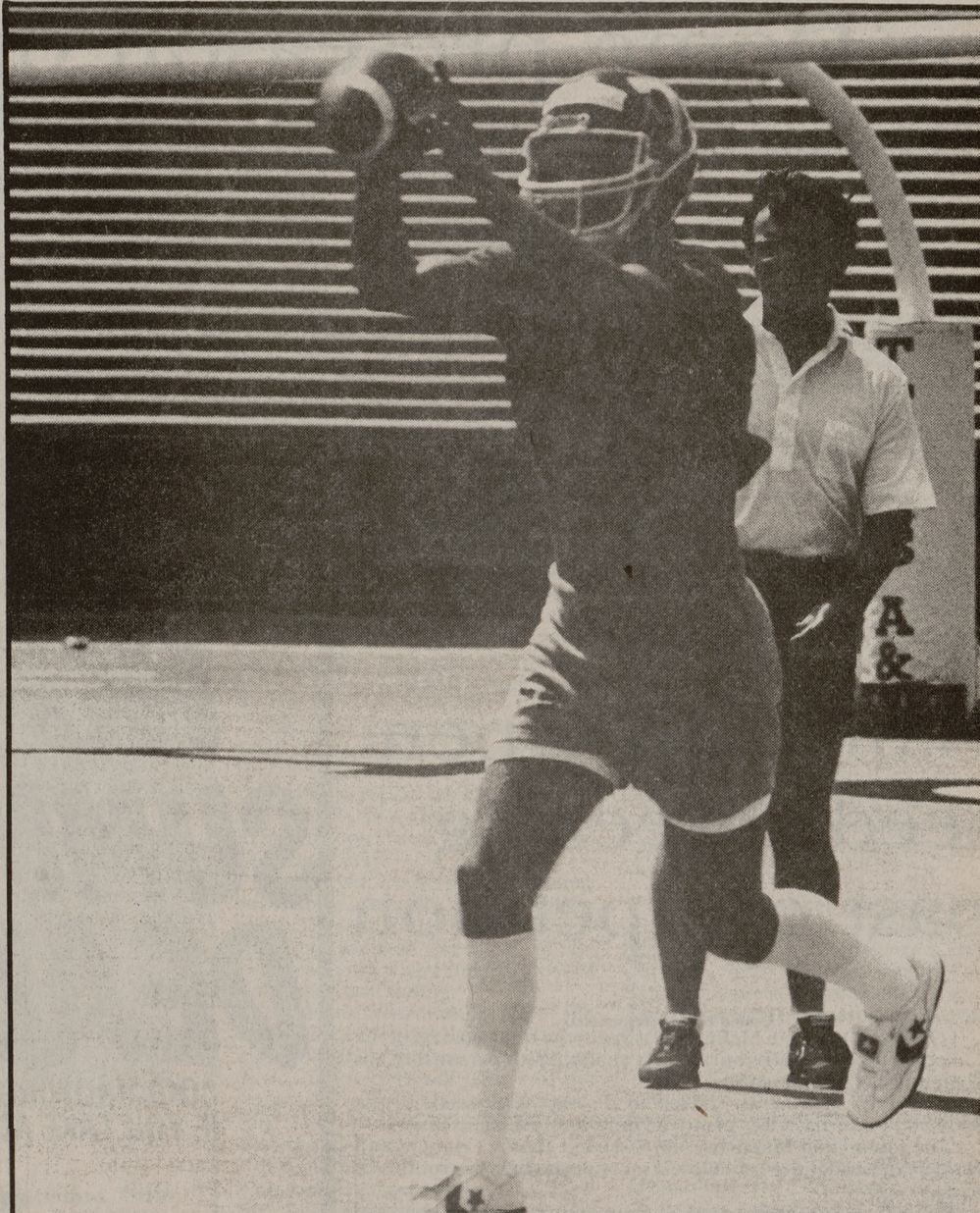
"It's a classic slump and I wish it would end," Torre said. "In this game we got enough hits and enough runs, but our bullpen let us down. Of course, I'm very concerned."

The Giants' winning streak is their longest since they won 12 in a row April 30-May 13 during 1966. San Francisco has posted the major leagues' best record — 28-13 — since June 27.

EXPOS 3, CUBS 0 — At Montreal, Gary Carter belted his 22nd home run and Charlie Lea yielded three hits in 7½ innings to help the Expos snap Chicago's six-game winning streak.

PHILLIES 4, PIRATES 1 — At Philadelphia, Bo Diaz drove in the tie-breaking run with an eighth-inning groundout and Garry Maddox followed with a two-run single to lift the Phillies.

REDS 2, DODGERS 1 — At Los Angeles, Cesar Cedeno stroked a two-run double in the first inning to back the strong pitching of Bob Shirley and bring an end to the Dodgers' eight-game winning streak.



staff photo by John Ryan

Right before his very eyes

While Aggie receiver coach Jerry Pettibone looks on, freshman wide receiver Shea Walker, from Port Arthur, brings down a pass thrown during a workout Wednesday afternoon in Kyle Field. The freshmen, who have been practicing

since Tuesday, will be joined by the varsity Friday. The players and coaches will be on hand in Kyle Field Saturday at 2 p.m. for a photo day, during which fans can take pictures and obtain autographs from staff and players.

Ryan, Houston cool off SD 3-0

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SAN DIEGO — Nolan Ryan may have pitched the eighth no-hitter of his career, but the Houston Astros' right-hander says he never really got into a groove.

"I sure didn't feel that comfortable," Ryan said Wednesday night after hurling his 49th career shutout in a 3-0 Houston victory over the San Diego Padres. "It was a strange game." Ryan said he relied more on his curve and changeup than his blazing fastball.

"I kept them off balance by getting the changeup over," he said. "I got ahead of the hitters on location. When I had to rely on different pitches, I was getting them over. Toward the end, I think my velocity was a little better."

After retiring the first 13 batters he faced, Ryan yielded a one-out single to Terry Kennedy in the fifth inning, thereby spoiling what could have been his sixth career no-hitter.

"The hit came early enough in the game that it didn't really upset me," Ryan said. "If it had been a no-hitter in the seventh or eighth inning, I would have felt a little different about it."

Houston catcher Alan Ashby said: "The pitch was a low changeup and he (Kennedy) just hit it in the right spot. It was right off the end of the bat."

"Anybody would be glad to get a one-hitter, but it wasn't his best stuff — not by any means. Early on he had a good changeup and later he had a good curve, but it wasn't what you'd call awesome."

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