



Finding some daylight

staff photo by David Fisher

George Smith, the Aggies' freshman fullback from Georgia, finds some running room during his team's defeat at the hands of Boston College Saturday night.

Smith rushed four times for 41 yards and had two pass receptions for 13 yards during the game. Smith was among the nation's finest high school players.

Phillies sweep Astros on Vukovich homer

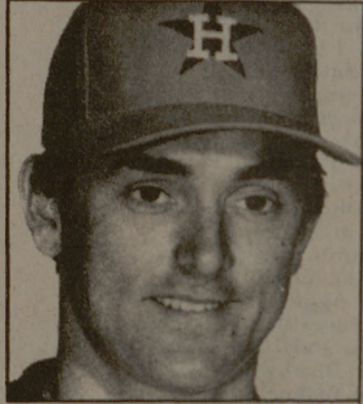
United Press International PHILADELPHIA — For Pat Corrales, the best move he made Sunday was the one he didn't make.

"We discussed in the dugout making a double switch and taking George Vukovich out of the game," the Philadelphia manager said about some mid-game strategy in the Phillies-Houston Astros game. "But I wasn't going to take George out. He had good swings all day."

Vukovich saved his best swing for the sixth inning, when he teamed with Mike Schmidt for back-to-back homers off Nolan Ryan, giving the Phillies a 4-3 victory over the Astros and a sweep of their three-game series.

Vukovich's game-winner, his sixth homer of the season, came one pitch after Schmidt had tied the game with a two-run shot. Ryan had allowed one hit and retired 15 straight batters before allowing a two-out walk to Gary Matthews, which preceded Schmidt's 30th homer.

"It felt like a high fastball on the inner half of the plate,"



Astros' Nolan Ryan loses first game since early July

Schmidt said. "You've got to be choosy when he pitches. When he throws it above waist-high, you've got to lay off it."

So why did Schmidt swing at a pitch that might have been above waist-high?

"Well, I had about one one-hundredth of a second to mull it over," he replied. "It just happened. I was just looking for a fastball and I wanted to take an

easy swing at it. And it was a home run."

Vukovich, who had an RBI single in the first, said he felt Ryan would get ahead of him right after following Schmidt's blast, ignited the Veterans Stadium crowd of 33,983. He was

"I thought he might try ahead of me and throw the ball, and that's what I'm for," he said. "I got it down and in. We need to win. You've got to beat a pitcher like Nolan Ryan if you want to win this thing."

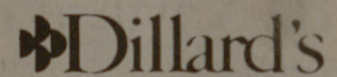
The weekend trend in Phillies appeared to be the timely hit when they need it. Schmidt homered in the first for a 2-1 triumph Friday and Bo Diaz brought in three runs with a double Saturday's 4-2 victory.

"That's what I call using hits," Corrales said. "I just we can get the same result of the season."

Ryan, 14-10, who had four hits and struck out seven in the seventh, lost his first since July 9.

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Rangers' 19 hits plaster Chicago in 10-7 victory

United Press International CHICAGO — The Texas Rangers banged out a season high 19 hits Sunday, leaving their manager, Darrell Johnson, at a loss to explain his team's explosiveness.

The Rangers ended Chicago's six-game winning streak with a 10-7 triumph, preventing the White Sox from sweeping the series and gaining on first-place Kansas City.

Johnson had one theory, pointing to a science fiction convention that was being held at the hotel where his team was staying. The Rangers lost the first six games they played at Comiskey Park this year.

"There were 10,000 weirdos there, maybe they put a spell out," Johnson said.

The Rangers, whose previous high was 18 hits, scored two in the first, three in the third and took the lead with four in the fifth inning. Buddy Bell's two-run single in the fifth put the Rangers ahead to stay.

"We never seem to hit very well here and I know I hardly ever," Bell said. "But it's hard to get excited when you're 24 games out. Heck, a win is a win."

Jim Sundberg, Larry Parrish and Bucky Dent each had three hits for the Rangers.

Dent, hitting only .175, had a

two-run double in the three-run third and singled and scored in the fifth.

"When I came over here from New York, it was almost like spring training again for me," said Dent, who was traded to the Rangers in exchange for Lee Mazzilli. "It was an adjustment for me to start facing right-handers again."

Jon Matlack, 6-6, who relieved starter John Butcher when the White Sox scored five runs in the fourth, earned the victory while Dave Schmidt shut out the Sox over the final three innings to earn his sixth save.

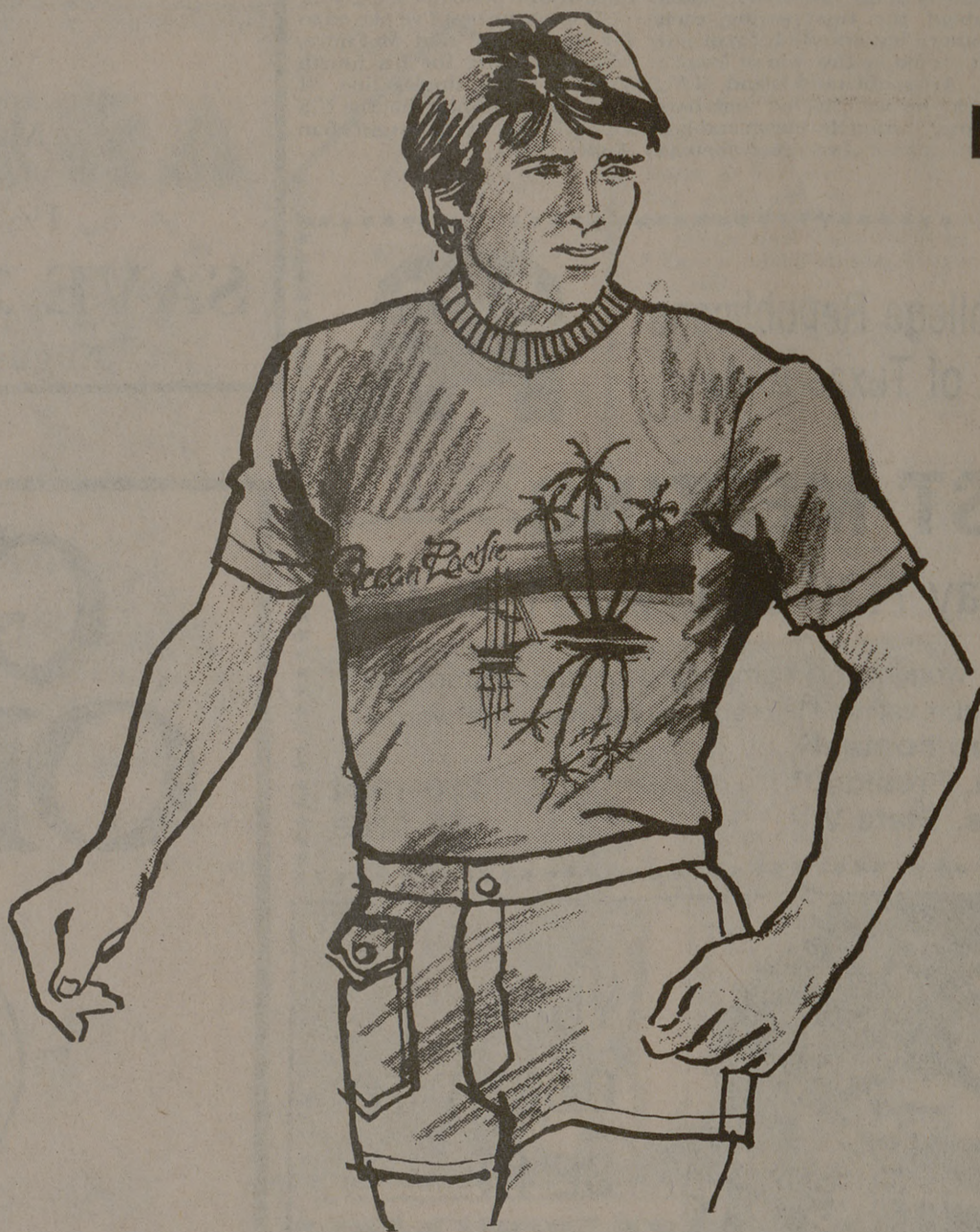
"I just threw strikes and got ahead and made them hit my pitch," Schmidt said.

The White Sox relief pitching did not match the Rangers'. Salome Barojas, one of five Chicago pitchers, was tagged with the loss.

"It was one of those days where our offense had to pick up our pitching," said Chicago manager Tony LaRussa. "We had our opportunities but we just didn't capitalize on them."

After Vance Law's solo homer closed the gap to 9-7 in the fifth, the White Sox had the bases loaded in the seventh and two runners on in the eighth without scoring.

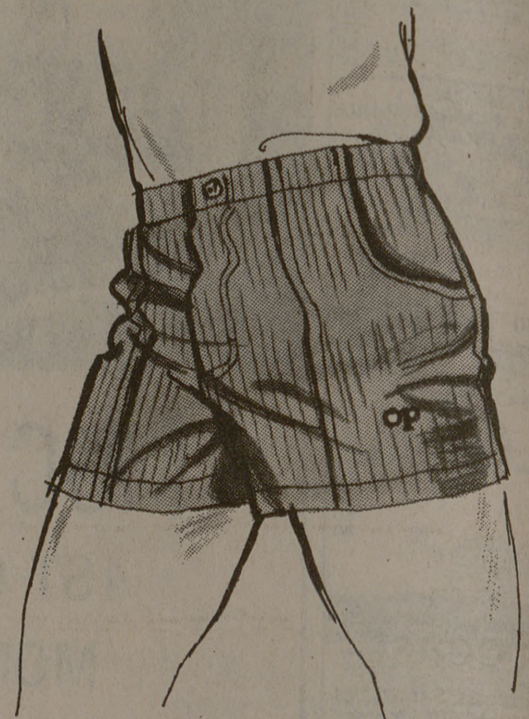
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