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Double dose Bucs hit two slams in 15-5 victory

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The Pittsburgh Pirates performed a feat rarely achieved in the long history of baseball en route to a 15-5 trashing of the Chicago Cubs.

Bill Madlock and Richie Hebner hit the grand slams and it marked only the 31st time a team has hit two grand slams in one game. Hebner's third career grand slam and his second homer since he rejoined the Pirates capped a five-run third inning off starter Dickie Noles, 8-12, and erased a 4-0 Chicago lead. "Hebner was a great acquisition for us," Pirates' Manager Chuck Tanner said.

Madlock's third career slam and 18th homer of the year came in the fourth off reliever Mike Proly.

The Pirates remain in the thick of the National League East race. They trail first-place St. Louis by only 3½ games.

"It's worked out fortunate for

us," said Tanner. "When we lost last night, we only lost a half game in the standings and tonight we gained the half game back. Things like that keep us right in there."

Elsewhere in the NL, St. Louis blanked Philadelphia, 2-0, Montreal downed New York, 3-1, Houston whipped Atlanta, 4-0, Los Angeles nipped San Diego, 1-0, and San Francisco edged Cincinnati, 2-1.

In American League games, Baltimore swept a double-header from New York, 5-4 and 5-3, Milwaukee beat Detroit, 6-3, Boston crushed Cleveland, 12-1, Kansas City defeated Seattle, 5-2, California blanked Chicago, 7-0, and Minnesota edged Texas, 3-2. Oakland at Toronto was rained out.

CARDINALS 2, PHILLIES 0 — At Philadelphia, Darrell Porter hit a two-run homer and rookie John Stuper combined with Bruce Sutter on a five-hitter to help the Cardinals regain first place in the NL East by one-half game over Philadelphia.

EXPOS 3, METS 1 — At Montreal, Al Oliver drove in two runs with singles in the first and second innings, enabling the Expos to move within two games of first place St. Louis in the NL East.

ODGERS 1, PADRES 0 — At Los Angeles, Pedro Guerrero doubled in a run in the first inning and Fernando Valenzuela pitched a six-hitter for his 18th victory in helping the Dodgers boost their NL West lead over Atlanta to 1½ games.

GIANTS 2, REDS 1 — At San Francisco, Dave Bergman's two-run seventh-inning homer, only the second hit of the game for San Francisco, lifted the Giants to victory. Cincinnati's Alex Trevino hit his first major-league homer in his 1,056th at-bat.

In the AL, the handlebar mustache is gone, but the right arm of the Milwaukee Brewers' reliever Jim Slaton is still strong as the season draws to a close.

"Rollie makes it look a lot easier than that, believe me," Slaton said after 3½ innings of three-hit relief in Milwaukee's 6-2 triumph over the Detroit Tigers Tuesday night. "I'm no Rollie Fingers, that's for sure."

He might not be Fingers, but he could be all the first-place Brewers will have in their bullpen. Fingers, out with a bad arm since Sept. 2, may not pitch the rest of the season.

"Maybe I can pick up the slack a little bit, though," said Slaton, who lowered his ERA to 3.20 with his sixth save of the year. He also has a 10-5 record.

Doc Medich, 11-13, went the first 5½ innings, allowing seven hits and two runs for the victory.

Don Money, whose line drive right at Glenn Wilson sailed over the rookie center fielder's head for a critical two-run triple in the seventh, sounded as if he's enjoying the pennant race.

"It's a lot more fun playing this way than being 10, 12, or 15 games back," said Money, who also hit his 15th homer of the year.

ORIOLES 5-5, YANKEES 4-3 — At Baltimore, Cal Ripken Jr.'s sixth-inning grand slam capped a five-run rally in the nightcap to spark surging Baltimore to a double-header sweep, moving them within 1½ games of Milwaukee. In the opener, Benny Ayala homered and later singled in the game-winning run in the eighth to lead the Orioles.

RED SOX 12, INDIANS 1 — At Boston, Glenn Hoffman knocked in three runs and Tony Perez and Ed Jurak drove in two apiece to lead Boston.

ANGELS 7, WHITE SOX 0 — At Chicago, Doug DeCinces drove in one run and scored another and Bruce Kison, 8-5, scattered seven hits to pace California to its fifth straight triumph. The Angels remained one game behind Kansas City in the AL West.

Aggie thoughts centering on crucial word: rebound

Rebound. It's a tall, skinny word. A jumping, shooting word. A slamming, jamming, dunking word.

It's definitely a basketball word. But on Saturday, rebound will take on a football flavor.

Because when the Texas Aggie football team "tips off" with the UTA Movin' Mavericks, you can bet your high-top sneakers that Jackie Sherrill's lineup will be doing its best Claude Riley imitation.

It's simple. The Aggies *have* to rebound. Ever since Coach Jack Bicknell and his Boston College Eagles taught the Aggies how to begin a football season, the pressure has been on. It'll be interesting to see how well Texas A&M performs against the Movin' Mavs. Followers of Aggie football may also find answers to a few questions.

Are the Aggies as good as preseason experts thought? Was the Boston College loss just a once-in-a-season case of secondary let-down? Did Aggie fans flood their cultivating Cotton hopes in a rain of tears?

And most importantly, can the Aggies rebound against UTA?

Gary Kubiak says not to worry. The Aggies' senior quarterback saw his chance for an impressive opening game shot down by the sharpshooting precision of Eagle quarterback Doug Flutie. Instead of showing an extensive media gathering and a national cable television audience that he was worthy of Sherrill's praise, Kubiak was forced to watch Flutie riddle the Aggies' secondary with the expertise of a hired gun.

It was an upset — gangland style.

But Kubiak says the Aggies are over the



John Wagner

loss — and that rebounding is the first thing on their minds.

"I was really down after the game, but after looking at the films, I think we did a lot of things well," he said. "We just had some things happen to us early that we couldn't overcome."

"You can never put a game completely out of your mind, because you can't go back and replay it. But it's behind us now, and I think we learned a great deal from it. You just try to learn from your mistakes."

And you hope your next opponent doesn't. Don't think UTA head coach Bud Elliott hasn't been sitting mesmerized in front of films of Boston College's conquest, trying to find ways for his quarterbacks to slice through the Aggie defense, Flutie-style.

And don't think Elliott's quarterbacks can't execute, either. The Southland Conference Coach of the Year used two of them in UTA's 63-10 picnic over Sam Houston State University Saturday, and they com-

bined for four touchdown passes in leading the Mavs to 543 yards of total offense.

Those 63 points that starting quarterback Kraig Hopkins and backup Danny Jackson accumulated set a UTA scoring record. And they didn't waste any time.

The Movin' Mavs led 21-0 at the end of the first quarter and 42-3 at the end of the first half.

Still, you can't compare SHSU and Texas A&M. Not even the most optimistic of Las Vegas fortune tellers would give the Movin' Mavs more than a long-shot chance of upsetting the Aggies. But ...

The terrible thought of a long-shot coming through has been haunting Aggie faithful for close to two weeks now. What looked like a candy store of a schedule in August suddenly looks like a meat locker, and you can't blame those with tickets in their hands for worrying.

You also can't blame Kubiak for wanting to get on with the season. The Aggie quarterback didn't have a bad game against Boston College, completing 23 of 43 passes for 260 yards and one touchdown, but it wasn't a Heisman-hyping performance. Kubiak says he is ready to play again. Enough of all this uncertainty, right?

"I'm pretty anxious to get back on the field again," he said. "After sitting around for two weeks, we can't wait to get back out there."

"You don't play any team the same, so you don't play the same way two games in a row. But you try to do what you know you do best. We're going to do the things we know we can do, and hopefully we'll do them better."

And that's a rebound even Shelby Metcalf could be proud of.

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A&M second in SWC golf

A sub-par round by Texas Christian's Bjorn Svedin could not keep defending NCAA champion Houston from dominating the final round of the Southwest Conference fall golf classic Tuesday in Fort Smith, Ark., and taking a 37-stroke victory over No. 2 Texas A&M.

The Cougars fired an 877 total over the three rounds. The Aggies trailed with 914, and Arkansas was third at 923. Texas, tied with Arkansas for third as the final round began, took fourth at 925.

Scores of Texas A&M's six-team squad include Danny Briggs-Gary Krueger fifth at 297, Paul Oglesby-Kel Devlin at 305 and David Jones-Jacky Lee at 312.

Svedin of TCU fired the only sub-par round, hitting a two-under 70, but TCU finished fifth in the tournament at 926.

Billy Ray Brown and John Slaughter of Houston shot a 145 in the stroke play round to pace the Houston attack. Brown has an even par 72 and Slaughter finished at 73.

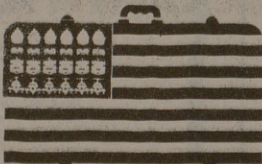


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