

Atlanta leads in West

Pennant races heat up

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There were many who thought the Atlanta Braves would fold in the National League West pennant race under the pressure of having to play their last seven games on the West Coast.

But they have done just the opposite so far — Atlanta whipped San Francisco, 8-3, Tuesday night to sweep a twogame series from the Giants and took over first place in the NL West when the Los Angeles Dodgers were beaten by Cincinnati, 4-3, in 10 innings.

"I feel real good about this team," said Manager Joe Torre after the Braves had piled up 13 hits off five San Francisco pitchers. "We've waited patiently for a long time. I have to feel very good about our chances because of the way we are playing."

Terry Harper's bases-loaded double, a drive to left that hit the foul line, capped a five-run third inning that sparked Atlanta's victory.

And victories are also coming frequently in Milwaukee, where the Brewers are using a combination that could put a lock on the American League Eastern Division title.

"Paul (Molitor) starts it and Robin (Yount) keeps it going," outfielder Gorman Thomas said Tuesday night, after the Brewers pounded the Boston Red Sox, 9-3, and increased their lead to three games over the Baltimore Orioles.

Yount drove in three runs and Molitor had two of the Brewers' 17 hits in continuing to set the scene for Milwaukee's power hitters.

Ted Simmons also drove in

three runs as the Brewers reduced their magic number to four.

Yount's first-inning homer was his 200th hit this season and he became the first American League shortstop to reach that level since Harvey Kuenn did it in 1954.

In other AL games, it was Kansas City 5, California 4; New York 6, Cleveland 4; Oakland 5, Texas 4; Toronto 3-4, Minnesota 0-3; Chicago 3, Seattle 1; and Detroit 9, Baltimore 6.

In the NL, it was Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2; New York 3, Pittsburgh 2 in 10 innings; Montreal 5, St. Louis 4 in 10 innings; Atlanta 8, San Francisco 3; and Cincinnati 4, Los Angeles 3 in 10 innings.

ROYALS 5, ANGELS 4 — At Kansas City, Mo., George Brett's run-scoring single in the seventh

enabled the Royals to stave off elimination in the AL West. The loss left California's magic number at two for clinching its second Western Division title in four years.

YANKEES 6, INDIANS 4 — At Cleveland, Jerry Mumphrey drove in three runs with a homer and a single and Dave Winfield belted his 37th homer to power the Yankees.

A'S 5, RANGERS 4 — At Arlington, Texas, lighthitter Fred Stanley went 2-for-4, drove in a run and scored twice to spark the A's.

BLUE JAYS 3-4, TWINS 0-3 — At Toronto, Jim Clancy came within three outs of a perfect game and settled for a onehitter in the opener and pinchhitter Gino Petrali delivered a two-out, run-scoring double in the 10th inning of the second game, to complete the sweep of a double-header from the Twins.

WHITE SOX 3, MARINERS 1 — At Chicago, Harold Baines slammed a two-run homer and Dennis Lamp allowed four hits in 8 2-3 innings, to lift the White Sox.

TIGERS 9, ORIOLES 6 — At Detroit, Lance Parrish set an American League record for catchers with his 31st home run of the year, a two-run shot with one out in the seventh, to lift the Tigers.

CINCINNATI 4, LOS ANGELES 3 — At Los Angeles, pinch-hitter Ron Oester singled home the tie-breaking run in the 10th inning as the Reds handed the Dodgers their seventh straight loss.

MONTREAL 5, ST LOUIS 4 — At Montreal, Warren Cromartie doubled in Al Oliver from second base with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning to lift the Expos.

METS 3, PIRATES 2 — At New York, Rusty Staub's run-scoring, pinch-hit single with one out in the 10th inning lifted the Mets to their fourth win in a row.

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Tigers' Robinson sets sights on league title

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GRAMBLING, La. — Grambling Coach Eddie Robinson is pleased to have the 300th football win of his career safely behind him, but he'd just as soon stop celebrating so he can start getting ready for the next game.

Robinson became the fourth collegiate football coach in history to win 300 or more games when his Tigers stomped Florida A&M, 43-21, Saturday.

"I'd love to celebrate more, but we've got Prairie View coming up this Saturday," the 63-year-old coach said. "Those same players who carried me off the field after we won are going to be hating me the rest of the week because I might be working them too hard."

Selected as UPI's Coach of the Week, Robinson has a career record of 300-98-13 in 40 years at the small north Louisiana school.

Only Alabama's Bear Bryant has more wins (318) among active coaches. Ahead of Robinson on the all-time charts are Amos Alonzo Stagg with 314 and Glen "Pop" Warner with 313.

"I see my name alongside those great men,"

Robinson said, "and I just find it hard to believe I've read so much about Stagg and Warner. I have known Bear for so many years. I don't know if I'm really worthy of all this praise, the praise that has just constantly followed me for the past several weeks."

"Really, the name Eddie Robinson in the press books stands for all of the players and assistant coaches on my team. I haven't done that much. They're the ones who should be praised."

The buildup to Robinson's 300th victory included hundreds of media representatives and well-wishers calling the Tigers' boss about the historic occasion.

"It's good to have the pressure off now. I think all of my assistants and players can breathe a little easier," Robinson said.

"They've been worked up over this thing more than I have. The past several days have really been tough on everybody because of the attention focused on No. 300. Now we can get back to the business of contending for our championship."

Schramm says ball back in players' end of field

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DALLAS — The man who guides the fortunes of the Dallas Cowboys front office is at all optimistic that anything will be accomplished Thursday when representatives of labor and management gather for an NFL strike bargaining session.

Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm said Tuesday the best way to settle the week-old strike would be for

negotiators Ed Garvey and Jack Donlan to get together in secret and do what they could to overcome their differences.

"You can't bargain with the press waiting outside for a news conference," Schramm said. "What Garvey should do is call Donlan and say, 'Jack, let's get together somewhere and talk.' That way there is no embarrassment if they don't settle."

When asked why Donlan, management's negotiator, did not make such a call, Schramm said:

"That invitation was made and declined."

Then, when asked when such an invitation was made, Schramm said:

"I'm not going to say anything more on the matter. But somewhere down the road you have to understand who is willing to bargain."

"I think he (Garvey) will run this strike as long as he can control the players," Schramm said. "You can't be optimistic when the management council asked him to negotiate on Wednesday and he said he could not meet until Thursday."

Schramm said he felt it was up to the players' association to make the next move since management offered last Sunday to guarantee its \$1.6 billion wage package.

"The ball is in their court," said Schramm.

Schramm said if the NFL owners accepted the union's

current proposal, the Cowboys would lose money in each year of the contract despite the league's \$2.1 billion television contract.

"Seven clubs lost money last year," Schramm said. "Football has never been a sound business investment."

"In fairness, the teams are an asset that have increased in value. You could sell a team for a profit. But that must not be much of a motive because people aren't doing it."

"I'm not pleading poverty," he said. "But we have to make an agreement that will allow us to be financially stable over the course of the bargaining agreement."

Schramm said he did not know how many games would have to be saved in order to complete the season, but he was sure if 10 games was enough to constitute a viable year.

He also said he had no problems with collegiate teams missing their games to Sunday if the course of the strike.

"There have been some colleges apparently concerned if they played on Sunday, other times," Schramm said.

"They are afraid it might be the traditional high school Friday, colleges on Saturday, the pros on Sunday schedule."

"But these are unusual times. If we don't play on Sunday, I don't see why the colleges playing on Sunday would be a intrusion."

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