

# Spurs show no respect in Philadelphia, 112-109

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PHILADELPHIA — Since the San Antonio Spurs left the Eastern Conference after the 1979-80 season, they've become strangers in these parts even though their winning habits are the same as always.

Of course, no one has forgotten George Gervin, whose three-point field goal at the buzzer Wednesday night gave San Antonio a 112-109 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers for their sixth straight win.

But the Spurs also have forward Mike Mitchell, center Artis Gilmore and playmaker Johnny Moore. They put all those parts together Wednesday night to show the 13,706 in attendance they have a good shot at unseating the Los Angeles Lakers as the best in the Western Conference.

"We average 50 wins a year but we still get no respect," said coach Stan Albeck, whose Midwest Division champions have 53 wins this season. "People

don't know we're around. That's why it's a delight to come up here and show people what kind of team we have.

"I guess it's because we're 'way down South' and the media in this league only recognize the two coasts and Chicago. I guess we're in the same boat as Milwaukee, only they're in (the Eastern) conference."

Gervin, who scored 32 points, said he "loves to come back to the East" and noted that the team respect will take care of itself.

"When we were in the East, we made a lot of fans in certain areas," he said. "There are a lot of guys in this league who get no respect. That's not a big thing with us. We'll earn our respect, and that's the best way."

The Spurs, who led by seven earlier in the final period before Philadelphia rallied, were in possession for the last shot after Julius Erving sank a foul-line jumper with 18 seconds remaining for the final two of his 31

points and tied the game at 109.

San Antonio looked to get the ball to Mitchell on the baseline but couldn't get the ball there after Philadelphia's 6-foot-10 Moses Malone switched off on the 6-3 Moore. The ball came to the foul line to Bill Paultz, who kicked it back outside to Gervin with two seconds left.

"I was supposed to come around the top of the key but their defense was pretty good," Gervin said. "I crossed over in front of Bill and he gave me the ball. I didn't know where I was when I shot it, but I felt confident it was going in."

Asked the name of the play, Albeck responded, "Prayer."

Clint Richardson, the defender on the play, said he felt he made Gervin change the arc of his shot, only to turn around and watch the ball go in.

"I might have made him shoot the ball higher," he said. "It was just a great shot. I guess that's what he gets paid for."

"We did a great job on de-

fense but it was just a great play by a player who has the ability to do that in the last three seconds," said Philadelphia coach Billy Cunningham.

The loss, the Sixers' 14th of the year, marked the end of Philadelphia's quest toward matching the Los Angeles Lakers' record 69-13 season of 1971-72.

Mitchell added 23 points and Gilmore contributed 18 before fouling out with 2:43 to play. Moore chipped in with 18 assists.

Seven of the eight San Antonio players who saw action pulled down at least six rebounds as the Spurs blitzed the Sixers, 29-15, on the boards in the second half.

"San Antonio had a lot of second shots," Erving said. "They spread the floor out pretty well and have a good idea who's going to shoot it. The other guys just crash the boards and keep the ball alive."

Malone finished with 23 points and 16 rebounds.

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## Aggies leading at A&I

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HOUSTON — Tim Smith of Colorado fired a 67 Wednesday to take the individual lead Wednesday in the All-America Intercollegiate golf tournament at the Bears Creek Masters Course.

But Texas Longhorn Mark Brooks and Texas A&M's Danny Briggs were nipping close behind, both shooting 68s.

The Texas teams were tied for the team lead at 280 each.

The Longhorn's number one player, Brandel Chamblee, scored a 70, and the Aggies top player, Paul Oglesby hit 71, one under par.

5. Lamar 288
6. Houston 290
7. Arizona 291
8. Oklahoma 295
9. NE Louisiana 296
10. Texas-El Paso 297; TCU, 297; North Texas 297
13. Sam Houston State 298; Colorado 298
15. Missouri 300; Arizona State, 300

17. New Mexico 302
18. Arkansas 303; Baylor 303
20. New Mexico State 304
21. St. Thomas 305; Wichita State 305; Texas Tech 305
24. Centenary 306
25. Kansas 307; Rice 307
27. S.F. Austin 309
28. Oklahoma City 317
29. Pan American 319

Team results of the top 15 Wednesday were as follows:

1. Texas A&M, 280; Texas, 280
3. Oklahoma State, 282; Oral Roberts 282

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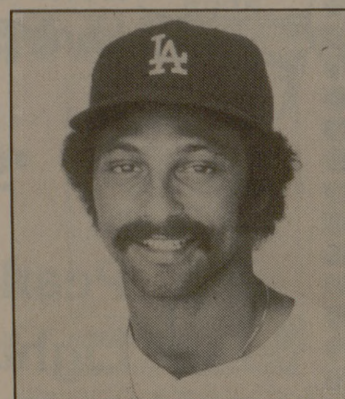
## Reuss picks up victory

# Dodgers nip Houston, 4-2

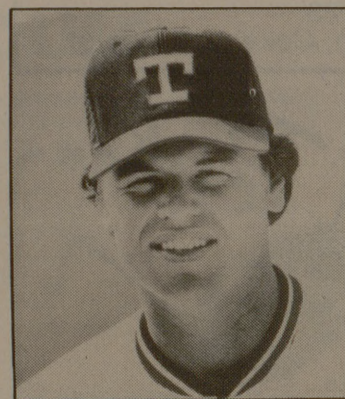
**United Press International**  
Dodger rookies may someday win the Triple Crown but until then, they must tip their caps to Ken Landreaux.

"We have some rookies on this team with Triple Crown potential," Landreaux said Wednesday night, when he singled in two runs in support of Jerry Reuss to lead the Dodgers to a 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

"I'm happy to hold my own on this team," Landreaux said. "I've worked hard and fought hard to get here and I'm happy to do my job."



**Ken Landreaux leads LA past Houston by two runs**



**Rick Honeycutt pitches 7 innings in Ranger victory**

Henderson tripled and walked four times to lead the A's.

**ORIOLES 11, ROYALS 1** — At Baltimore, John Lowenstein drove in three runs with a pair of singles to lead a 14-hit attack and boost Baltimore.

**TIGERS 9, TWINS 5** — At Minneapolis, Kirk Gibson, Mike Ivie and Lou Whitaker all cracked RBI singles in a five-run sixth and Dan Petry and Aurelio Lopez combined on a seven-hitter.

**ANGELS 4, BREWERS 3** — At Anaheim, Calif., Bobby Clark doubled home the tie-breaking run in the fifth and lefthander Tommy John tossed a six-hitter to lead California back from a 3-0 deficit.

**MARINERS 6, YANKEES 2** — At Seattle, Todd Cruz drove in four runs, three with a pair of homers, and rookie Matt Young picked up his first major-league victory.

Landreaux collected eight runs batted in and both game-winning RBI as the Dodgers took two straight.

Reuss, 1-0, went seven innings, scattering seven hits and walking one. Steve Howe picked up his first save.

"Reuss pitched well tonight," Lasorda said. "He's like a fine wine. The older he gets, the better he gets."

In the eighth, Marshall singled and was replaced by pinch-runner Derrel Thomas. Loser Dave Smith, 0-1, retired the next two batters, but Thomas then stole second. Pinch hitter Rick Monday was intentionally walked before Steve Sax drew a walk to load the bases. Landreaux followed with a line single to right to gain his second game-winning RBI.

"We gave them too many base runners tonight," Houston skipper Bob Lillis said. "We walked 10 men."

In other games, Montreal blanked Chicago, 3-0, Atlanta trimmed Cincinnati, 5-1, and San Diego defeated San Francisco, 5-3. Pittsburgh at St. Louis was rained out.

**MONTREAL 3, CHICAGO 0** — At Chicago, Al Oliver hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and added a solo shot in the ninth in support of Steve Rogers' six-hitter, giving Bill Virdon a successful debut as Montreal manager.

**BRAVES 5, REDS 1** — At Cincinnati, Pascual Perez pitched a seven-hitter and Glenn Hubbard singled in two runs for Atlanta. Loser Bruce Berenyi, who pitched 7 2-3 innings, committed two defensive mistakes that led to two runs.

**PADRES 5, GIANTS 3** — At San Francisco, Dave Dravecky, 1-0, pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game in the major

leagues and Gene Richards went 3-for-4, including a homer, in leading San Diego. Bill Laskey, 0-1, took the loss.

And in the American League, for three games at least, Texas Manager Doug Rader has helped wash away his team's blunders, and the result is a spotless record.

"They didn't make any mistakes, and in this threegame set they did the things winning teams have to do," Rader said, after Wednesday night's 4-1 triumph over the White Sox gave Texas a series sweep.

George Wright, Rick Honeycutt and Dave Tobik laid the foundation for the triumph.

Wright drove in the tying and winning runs with a fifth-inning double, Honeycutt worked the first seven innings, allowing eight hits, and Tobik picked up a save with two innings of hitless relief.

Wright's first hit of the season delivered Pete O'Brien from third base and Jim Sundberg

from first to erase a 1-0 Chicago lead. O'Brien led off with a walk against loser Richard Dotson and went to third on Sundberg's single.

The Rangers added two more in the seventh on an RBI triple by pinch-hitter Larry Biittner that scored O'Brien and chased Dotson. Billy Sample's run-scoring double against Salome Barojas drove in Biittner.

Chicago took a lead for the third consecutive game. Vance Law led off the third with a single, reached third on consecutive infield outs, and scored on Tony Bernazard's double.

In other games, Oakland defeated Cleveland, 5-3, Baltimore thrashed Kansas, City 11-1, Detroit topped Minnesota, 9-5, Milwaukee nipped California, 4-3, and Seattle beat New York, 6-2.

**A's 5, INDIANS 3** — At Oakland, Calif., Dwayne Murphy drove in two runs and Rickey



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