Homer sinks Astros, 5-3

United Press International LOS ANGELES — Dodgers catcher Steve Yeager says it was just a lucky break.

"I wasn't thinking home run," he said Wednesday night after he hit a two-run homer in the 14th inning to clinch a 5-3 Dodger victory over the winless Houston Astros.

'I was looking for a certain pitch with first base open," he

LaCorte) made a mistake and I was lucky to capitalize on it. I hit it as hard as I could and I was

glad it went over the fence."

Houston has dropped nine straight games to tie the National League record for losses at the start of a season held by three clubs, the last being the 1962 New York Mets.

"This was another case where

rell Thomas doubled to right field before Yeager hit a 1-0 pitch into the right-field stands off loser Frank LaCorte. It was Yeager's second homer of the season.

The Astros had taken a 3-2 lead in the eighth when Terry Puhl walked with the bases loaded to score Bill Doran.

Houston scored in the inniverse of the season.

Pat Zachry, the sixth Los Angeles pitcher, took the victory. It marked his first decision since joining the Dodgers from the New York Mets. LaCorte's record fell to 0-2.

The Dodgers tied the score 3-3 in the eighth. Derrel Tho- when Pedro Guerrero doubled

said. "(Houston pitcher Frank we were in the game all the way der, took third on a passed ball, LaCorte) made a mistake and I but still lost it," Houston mana- and scored on Steve Sax's single

The Astros made it 2-0 in the sixth when Garner led off with a double, advanced to third on Cruz's grounder and scored on Knight's sacrifice fly.

The Dodgers tied the score with two runs in the seventh mas led off with a walk, advanced on Bill Russell's groun-homer of the year.

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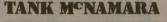
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Hargrove's timely h key 4-3 Tribe victor

CLEVELAND — Mike Hargrove decided to

come out swinging.
Hargrove, an ex-Ranger who struck out in his first two at-bats against Texas starter Charlie Hough, banged out a pair of doubles and scored the winning run in the seventh inning of Cleve-

land's 4-3 victory over the Rangers Wednesday. "Hough has a nasty knuckleball, and the only way to hit him is to keep swinging," Hargrove said.
"I didn't even swing the bat in my second strikeout, and I really hated that. It wasn't as nerveracking when I hit against (reliever) Mike Mason

Mason, a rookie left-hander, took over for Hough in the seventh with the Rangers leading 3-2 and walked leadoff man Chris Bando. Bando took second on a sacrifice bunt by Julio Franco and scored on Hargrove's double down the first-base line. Hargrove then scored the winning run on Bake McBride's bloop single to left. Hargrove drilled a leadoff double in the fifth

inning against Hough.

You can't be timid against a guy that makes the ball dance," Hargrove said. "He threw me a fast-ball, and I just guessed right. He (Hough) also threw me a screwball that dropped two feet."

Hough, who pitched four inningsol day, was making his second appearant ing arthroscopic surgery on his right kn spring training.

"I threw the ball well," he said, "although the said, "although the said," although the said," although the said, "although the said," although the said, "although th a little erratic. It is just a shame we have on a field like this. It has to be the we ball."

A wet outfield (the game was dea for 20 minutes) led to the Indians in With one out in the first, Toby Harm a bunt and scored on a hit-and-run from on Andre Thornton's single.

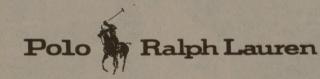
The Indians used the same form when McBride walked with one ou when George Vukovich lifted a fly two out and it fell for a double

'It was a slow track out there in right Larry Biittner is not the speediest," ger Doug Rader said. "You have to lot of credit. He was tired but would for the seventh if Mason wasn't read have it the first three innings but wa next three

Len Barker went eight innings forder in picking up his second straight in

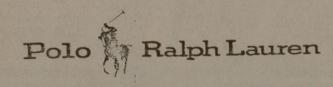
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