

# Major leagues

## Ryan surpasses strikeout mark as Astros win

United Press International  
Nolan Ryan surpassed Walter Johnson's strikeout record Wednesday night with his 3,509 career strikeout against the Montreal Expos.

Not only that, but the Houston Astros, Ryan's team, won, not a small feat in itself.

The Astros defeated the Expos 4-2 in Montreal behind Ryan's five-hitter, but it was the five strikeouts that provided the most relief.

"I guess I'll be excited later," Ryan said after the game, "but I don't get too excited over anything. I didn't realize, beginning

this season, that the 15 strikeouts I needed would be so difficult to get. It's been frustrating."

Phil Garner and Dickie Thon drove in two runs apiece to help the Astro cause, and Frank LaCorte came on in the ninth to finish up for Ryan.

"This is almost a superhuman accomplishment," Montreal manager Bill Virdon, who was Ryan's manager the previous three years in Houston, said.

"Not only does a pitcher have to possess great talent, but the only you can set this kind of record, to strike out 3,509 batters, is through endurance. It's an ex-

ceptional feat that Nolan has stayed physically strong for so long."

**PHILADELPHIA 6, ATLANTA 2** — Three Philly pitchers combined to pitch a six-hitter Wednesday and the Phillies broke Atlanta's five-game winning streak with a 6-2 victory in Atlanta.

**CARDINALS 7, DODGERS 6** — At St. Louis, Mike Ramsey tripled in the eighth inning and scored on Darrell Porter's single to right field, giving St. Louis a 7-6 victory over the Dodgers.

Bruce Sutter picked up the win for the Cardinals as he shut out Los Angeles for the final two innings. The Dodgers led 4-0 going into the sixth inning, but a five-run Cardinal sixth brought them back into the game.

**GIANTS 3, PIRATES 2** — At Pittsburgh, Darrell Evans smashed a solo home run and Bill Lasky went 7 1/3 strong innings for his first win of the season to lead San Francisco to a 3-2 victory over the Pirates.

Evans' third home of the year put the Giants ahead 3-0, and they were able to hold on for the win.

**METS 2, REDS 1** — At Cincinnati, pinch-hitter Danny Heep delivered a sacrifice fly to deep center field in the top of the ninth inning to score George Foster and give the Mets a 2-1 victory over the Reds.

**CUBS 5, PADRES 4** — At Chicago, Larry Bowa lashed a one-out double to score Jerry Morales from second base in the bottom of the 10th inning, lifting Chicago to a 5-4 victory over San Diego.

Bill Campbell pitched two innings for the win. It was his first decision of the year.

**TWINS 5, INDIANS 3** — John Castino's eighth inning, two-run home run erased a 2-1 Minnesota deficit and lifted the Twins to a 5-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Al Williams, 2-1, picked up the victory with two innings of solid relief before Rick Lysander came on to record his first major league save.

**BREWERS 6, WHITE SOX 2** — At Milwaukee, rookie Tom Tellman pitched 5 1/3 innings of four-hit relief after replacing injured starter Jerry Augustine and Ben Oglivie drove in two runs to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-2 victory over Chicago.

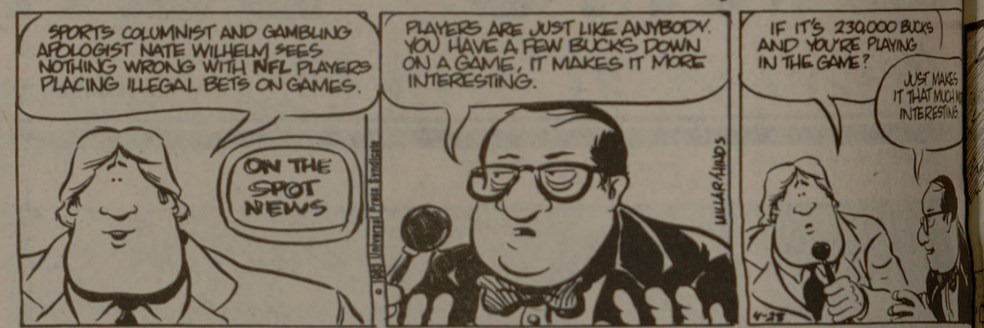
Floyd Bannister was the loser. His record is now 1-3.

**YANKEES 6, ROYALS 0** — At New York, Bob Shirley scattered eight hits en route to his second career shutout and Steve Kemp singled in two runs in the third inning to lift New York past Kansas City.

Shirley evened his record to 1-1.

### TANK McNAMARA

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## Oiler front office says 'shape up or ship out'

United Press International  
**HOUSTON** — The Houston Oilers' selection of five defensive backs in the National Football League draft should tell Oiler veterans charged with off-season drug and alcohol offenses to "shape up or ship out," General Manager Ladd Herzog said Wednesday.

"We can't overemphasize how concerned we are with this situation," Herzog said. "I think the draft picks that we took yesterday (Tuesday) demonstrate the concern about the defensive secondary situation."

Starting cornerbacks J.C. Wilson and Greg Stenrick were arrested outside a private club here Jan. 12. Wilson was charged with driving while intoxicated and Stenrick was charged with possession of cocaine.

Oiler safety Vernon Perry was arrested April 3 at a lounge he operates in Jackson, Miss. and charged with possession of cocaine, resisting arrest and violating state liquor laws.

Stenrick pleaded no contest to the charges and Wilson pleaded guilty to drunken driving

charges. Perry is free on \$5,675 bond.

Oiler coach Ed Biles said the Oilers were to improve the team image.

"The only way you can change that image is your actions," said Biles. "This draft has been an indication of where we are going and what we're trying to accomplish as an organization."

The Oiler defense, once the backbone of that advanced to the playoffs three straight years, dropped to last in the NFL last season.

Houston's pass defense was 25th among NFL teams.

After filling two needs in the offensive line their first two draft choices, the Oilers selected Michigan safety Keith Bostic with their selection in the second round.

The Oilers added cornerback Steve Brown in the third round, cornerback Greg Oregan in the third round, cornerback Greg Oregan of Oklahoma State in the fourth round, Steve Haworth of Oklahoma in the sixth round and safety Kevin Potter of Missouri in the seventh round.



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## Worthington to transfer to OCU

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**AUSTIN** — Jack Worthington, a starting guard with the Texas Longhorn basketball team and transferred to west Texas State University, he plans to follow coach Lemons to Oklahoma City.

The 6-2 Worthington for Lemons as a freshman years ago, but quit this season after Lemons had been replaced by Bob Worthington.

Worthington said he decided to transfer to Oklahoma City next fall. He will have a year to pick up his years of eligibility.

As a freshman, Worthington averaged 14 points and 3.3 assists a game. Last year, he averaged 5.6 points.

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