

Major leagues

Better 'timing' boosts Rangers past Toronto

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TORONTO — Texas manager Doug Rader and Rangers' third baseman Larry Parrish agreed: the only thing separating victory from defeat was timing.

"We got beat Monday night because we weren't smart enough to hit one out with runners on base," Rader said, referring to Monday's defeat despite three Texas solo home runs. "Tonight we wised up."

Rader was referring specifically to Larry Parrish and Jim Sundberg, each of whom belted two-run home runs Tuesday night to power the Rangers to a 7-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

"It's all a matter of when you hit them," Parrish concurred. "If this series had been played in Texas, the homer I hit last night would have gone for a double. The one I hit tonight would have been a sacrifice fly."

Parrish, who drove in three runs, and has hit four homers and driven in 10 runs in his last six games, extended his hitting streak to seven games.

"I think my early success this year has a lot to do with my starting to feel at home as an outfielder," he said.

Texas opened a 1-0 lead when Parrish stroked a first-inning RBI double, and extended its lead to 3-0 in the fourth on Sundberg's two-run homer off loser Jim Gott, 0-2. The Rangers made it 5-0 in the sixth when Buddy Bell tripled and Parrish belted his fifth homer.

Texas added a run in the eighth when Dave Hosteter walked and scored as Wright's single skipped under the glove of Barry Bonnell for a two-base error.

Toronto scored two runs in the eighth on Jesse Barfield's sixth homer and the Rangers got their final run in the ninth when Pete O'Brien clubbed a solo homer.

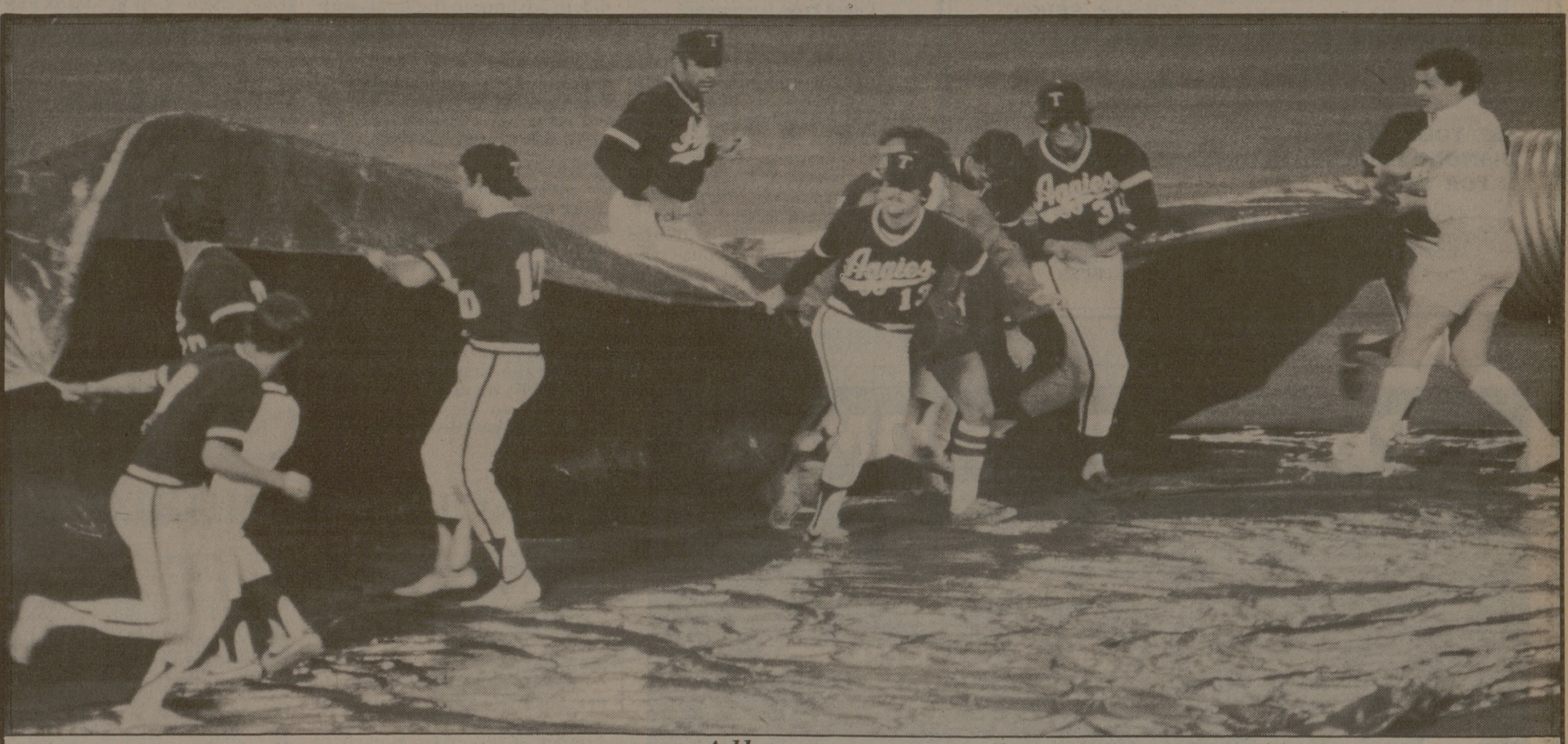
Texas, which entered the game with a league leading 2.70 team ERA, received a solid pitching performance from winning starter Jon Matlack, 2-1, who pitched six 1-3 scoreless innings.

"Last year the guys went through a lot of nonsense," said Matlack, commenting on the poor performance turned in by the 1982 pitching staff. "It was an awfully embarrassing situation and I don't want to go through that again."

Toronto manager Bobby Cox wasn't the least bit surprised by the strength of the Texas pitching staff.

In other AL games, Baltimore dumped California, 4-2, Boston clipped Oakland, 3-1, Kansas City clubbed New York, 5-2, Cleveland topped Minnesota, 3-1, Chicago nipped Milwaukee, 7-6, and Detroit nipped Seattle, 2-1, in 11 innings.

In the National League, it was Atlanta 5, Montreal 2; Houston 7, New York 4; Philadelphia 13, Cincinnati 7; San Diego 4, St. Louis 3; Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 4; and San Francisco 5, Chicago 4.



All wet
 Rain halted this game for the Texas A&M baseball team in 1982, and the Aggies will pull the tarp on the '83 season in this weekend's season-ending series against UT. Friday's game begins at 7:30 in Olsen Field.

Ryan awaiting final word on hamstring

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HOUSTON — Team physicians said it would be several days before they could determine if Houston Astros pitcher Nolan Ryan would be moved to the 21-day disabled list because of a pulled hamstring, a spokesman said.

Ryan, who has been injured more than he has been healthy this season, Tuesday said the in-

jury he suffered during a Monday night game against the Mets in New York was "bad."

"I'm in less pain than I was last (Monday) night when I pulled it," Ryan said, "but I don't have any mobility."

A team spokesman said it would be several days before swelling decreased enough in Ryan's left thigh for doctors to thoroughly examine and diag-

nose the injury. The team is expected to place him on a 21-day disabled list.

Ryan will be examined sometime this week by team physician Dr. Bill Bryan.

Before traveling home Tuesday, Ryan said he felt like the injury was a bad one that would require the team to take him off the active roster for at least 21 days. He was on crutches.

The injury was sudden, and it left Ryan crawling.

"I've never had a muscle pop like that," he said. "It was as if somebody had shot me."

"The muscle didn't get tight like normal pulls. I felt nothing wrong until it popped," he said. "The way a pitcher uses his leg, and that being my landing leg, and me being a power pitcher, this is a bad injury. It's not some-

thing that you can take care of by missing a start and coming back."

Ryan has suffered a number of injuries this season. He started the season on the 21-day disabled list from an infection.

He recuperated from that to set the major league all-time strikeout record Friday in Montreal, and before falling off the mound Monday night he had struck out 12 Mets.