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Yankees beat Rangers on six-hit shutout, 5-0

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ARLINGTON — The veteran-laden New Yankees scored their fourth straight win — their 11th triumph in the last 12 games — Tuesday night thanks to the efforts of youngsters.

The 25-year-old rookie southpaw, Ray Fontenot, stifled the Texas Rangers with a six-hit, 5-0, for his first major league shutout and complete game, and first baseman Steve Balboni, 26, powered his first major league grand slam.

"That was one thing that was really nice about tonight's win," said Fontano, a former Ranger farm hand who earned his third straight win, including his second against Texas.

"The Yankees have so many veterans, so I'm very happy for myself and Steve; two rookies who can contribute as much as the veterans."

Fontano, who was signed by the Rangers in 1979 and was traded to the Yankees later that year as part of the Oscar Gamble-Mickey Rivers deal, that was made in August, said

he bears no malice toward his former employer.

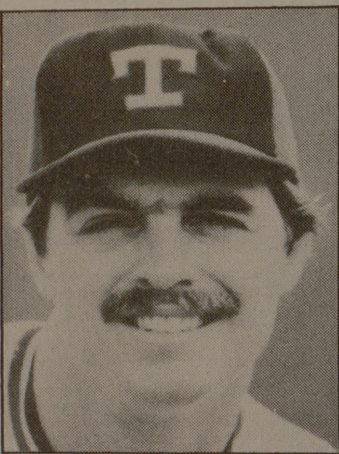
"In fact, I'm very thankful to the Rangers for signing me and giving me a chance to play professional baseball," said Fontano, whom the Yankees called up from Columbus, Ohio, June 19.

"I really have no special motivation for beating them. I pitch against them as I would against any club."

Balboni, who was recalled twice this season from Columbus, said he was just happy to stay away from hitting into a double play or striking out with the bases loaded and one out in the fourth inning.

"I just wanted to drive the ball somewhere and try to get a run home," said Balboni, who broke a scoreless tie. "This is one I'll remember. This (Arlington Stadium) is a tough park to hit a home run in."

Ranger manager Doug Rader said Frank Tanana's pitch that Balboni connected with was similar to the one thrown by Texas reliever Odell Jones in the ninth inning of Monday's 6-5 loss to New York, which Yankee



Pitcher Tanana gives up hit that beats Rangers

slugger Dave Winfield hit for a decisive triple.

"It was a 'can't miss' job," said Rader. "It was an inexcusable pitch to throw."

Rader also said Fontano did not look as sharp as he did in defeating the Rangers 3-1 on July 16 in Yankee Stadium, when he lasted 7 innings and allowed five hits.

"He hasn't given us much," said Rader.

Expos beat Reds, 5-0

Phillies slip past Astros, 1-0

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It seems only fitting that baseball's coldest hitter during the season's hottest month snap out of his slump in an air conditioned building.

Joe Morgan, who still has not had a hit outdoors this month, ended an 0-for-35 streak with a solo homer off Nolan Ryan in the fourth inning at the Astrodome Tuesday night to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros.

Morgan's blast, on an 0-1 pitch, came with two out in the fourth inning and Charlie Hudson and Al Holland made it stand by combining to blank the Astros on a six-hitter.

"It is always nice to get the big hit, especially since I haven't been contributing lately," said Morgan, who has been criticized by Phillies' management lately for his poor performance at the plate.

Morgan's homer came on a hanging curve and tagged Ryan, 9-4, with his third loss in a row.

It was a great homecoming for Hudson, 4-3, who defeated the Astros for the second time this year.

Hudson, a native of Ennis, Texas, who attended Prairie

View A&M University near Houston, went 7 2-3 innings to notch the victory. Holland got the last four outs to gain his ninth save.

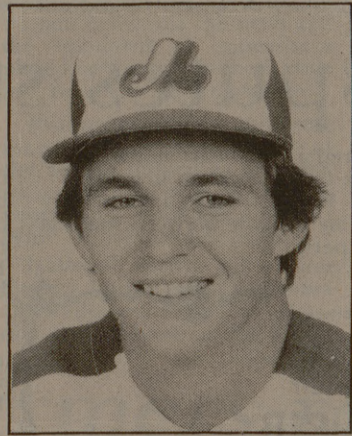
Ryan, who allowed only three hits, struck out five to move past Philadelphia's Steve Carlton on the all-time strikeout list. Ryan now has 3,591 strikeouts to 3,588 for Carlton.

Elsewhere in the NL, Los Angeles downed Chicago 5-2, Montreal blanked Cincinnati 5-0, New York edged Atlanta 2-1 in 10 innings, St. Louis nipped San Francisco 6-5 and San Diego whipped Pittsburgh 6-1 then lost 10-5.

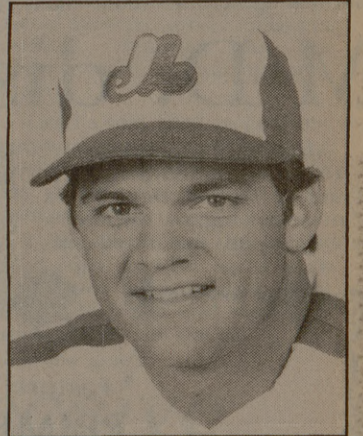
In American League games, Detroit topped Seattle 8-3, New York blanked Texas 5-0, San Diego downed Kansas City 2-0, Minnesota nipped Milwaukee 6-5, Toronto downed Chicago 6-4 then lost 4-3, Oakland walloped Boston 9-2 then lost 5-3 and Baltimore edged California 5-4.

EXPOS 5, REDS 0 — At Cincinnati, Bill Gullickson pitched a three-hitter and Tim Wallach cracked a solo homer and an RBI double to lead the Expos to victory.

DODGERS 5, CUBS 2 — At



Tim Wallach powers Expos with homer, RBI double



Montreal's Bill Gullickson shuts out Reds on six hits

Chicago, Ken Landreaux had four hits and drove in three runs with a homer, double and single to lead the Dodgers to victory.

METS 2, BRAVES 1 — At New York, Mookie Wilson hit his first homer since May 29 with one out in the 10th inning to lift the Mets to victory.

CARDINALS 6, GIANTS 5 — At St. Louis, Tom Herr drilled his third single of the game with two outs and the bases

loaded in the ninth inning to drive in Willie McGee with the run that gave the Cardinals their third victory in a row.

PADRES 6-5, PIRATES 1-10 — At Pittsburgh, Ruppert Jones smashed a three-run homer to lead the Padres to victory in the opener, but Mike Easler had three hits, including a two-run homer and a two-run double, to help the Pirates win the nightcap.

Royals' Gaylord Perry — alive and kickin'

by Milton Richman
UPI Sports Editor

Seconds after George Brett was flying out of the dugout like Superman III, someone in the press box asked me who was that bald-headed old guy right in the middle of all the fuss, and I told him that was no bald-headed old guy, that was Gaylord Perry.

It sure was. What do you think, he was going to sit back there when all the other Kansas City Royals were angrily charging onto the field to show how they felt about that called-back pinetarr homer?

Perry wasn't that far behind Brett coming off the bench. In fact, he was the only one on the field at that time all, he and plate umpire Tim McClelland were

resting for Brett's bat. McClelland is no flyweight; he's over 6-foot-5. But the 6-4, 200-pound Perry is no pushover, either, even though he'll be out in two months. He wound up with the bat Sunday. Next thing you know, a flying squad of Yankee Stadium security men converged on him trying to get the bat away. Perry outwitted them by flipping it to one of the other Kansas City players in the dugout.

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Ultimately, Royals pitcher Steve Renko found himself in possession of the bat but was forced to give it up to umpire Joe Brinkman because there simply was no one else left for him to toss it to.

When I asked Perry afterward why he was so anxious to get the bat, he shrugged, smiled and confessed he didn't know. There were many who didn't miss the irony in the fact that Perry, of all people, seemingly

was the one most concerned in keeping the "evidence" from winding up in the umpires' hands.

Over the 21 years he has pitched in the big leagues, Perry has been accused of using all sorts of illegal substances. Last August, while he was still pitching for Seattle, he was suspended 10 days and fined \$250 when caught doing just that by umpire Dave Phillips, and that makes him the last major

leaguer ever to be penalized for such an illegality.

Yet there he was, one of the first Kansas City players out there, trying to do what he could to help with that pinetarr bat.

He couldn't explain it, but I think I can.

It's that tremendous competitive nature of his. Gaylord Perry comes from the old school that teaches everyone must earn what he's paid.

When the Mariners released

him last June 25, they were obligated to pay him for the remainder of the year, so he could've sat home on his duff in Williamston, N.C., and merely collected the money. Not him, though.

"They wanted me to retire," he says. "I told 'em no thanks, I wanna continue. I felt I could still pitch for some ballclub and I'm happy Kansas City is giving me the chance."

Before the struggling Mariners let him go, Perry made sure

they were associated with at least some part of baseball history when he recorded the 300th victory of his career with them last year. He was 3-10 and had a 4.94 ERA when they released him.

Although some of the younger Mariners thought he was overly critical of them, Perry still has many supporters left in Seattle.

Perry has started three times for the Royals and has lost his only decision. He seems to feel more at home with them than he

did with the Mariners because they have more veterans. He hasn't changed his philosophy about the game.

Perry says he's happy to be with the Royals and he fits in with them fine because of his competitiveness.

"I'm taking it one year at a time," laughs the veteran right-hander, realizing it's a cliché. He thinks a moment and then adds, "Which doesn't mean I'm retiring at the end of this year."

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