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Astros foiled

Wanderer's homer pushes Padres to victory

United Press International
SAN DIEGO — Outfielder Bobby Brown of the San Diego Padres has bounced around too many places to call his latest address home.

"I just want to do what I can for the club," Brown said Monday night after his three-run homer with two out in the bottom of the 10th gave the Padres a 7-4 victory over the Houston Astros.

"If I fit in with their plans, great. But if they want to trade me, it's up to them. I'm not going to try to figure it out. I'm going to go and play baseball and enjoy myself."

Brown, with his fourth major

league team, has played on 12 different minor league teams.

The outfielder's homer, his second in two days since being purchased from Las Vegas of the Pacific Coast League Saturday night, came on a 1-0 pitch off loser Bill Dawley, 5-4, who had entered the game in the ninth inning.

Luis Salazar opened the 10th with a single to left and was sacrificed to second by Tony Gwynn. Pinch hitter Ruppert Jones was walked intentionally and Garry Templeton fouled out for the second out before Brown's decisive homer.

"We had a lot of people in our organization who are familiar

with Brown," said Houston manager Bob Lillis. "He (Dawley) just got the ball above the belt to him (Brown) and there's not much you can do about that. You've got to give him (Brown) credit, though. He hit the ball a long way."

Astro Terry Puhl connected for his fifth homer of the season with the bases empty in the first, but the Padres came back with two in the bottom half of the inning on a home run by Juan Bonilla, his second, following an infield hit by Brown.

"I think Bobby is very anxious to prove himself here," said San Diego manager Dick

Williams. "He's been a real shot in the arm for us."

Houston took the lead in the top of the fourth on Ray Knight's seventh home run of the year, following a single by Jose Cruz.

At the bottom of the fourth, the Padres wiped out a 4-3 Houston lead when Tony Gwynn sliced a two-out double inside the left field line to drive in Sixto Lezcano and Salazar, both aboard on singles.

Phil Garner pulled the Astros into a 4-4 tie in the top of the sixth with a sacrifice fly that scored Terry Puhl, who had singled and reached third on a single by Dickie Thon.

SWC coaches set stage for season

by Joe Tindel Jr.

Battalion Staff
DALLAS — The Southwest Conference's football coaches came armed with the usual arsenal of jokes and a few tidbits about their respective football teams Monday. The event was the annual SWC Coaches Kickoff Luncheon, held in Dallas' Hyatt Regency Hotel, adjacent to Reunion Tower.

"This is great just to see all these guys sitting side-by-side, almost arm-in-arm," joked Dallas radio sports personality and master of ceremonies Brad Shaster about the coaches. "Somebody needs to take a picture. This is kind of like a family portrait of the Manson family."

And each coach drew his share of laughs, taking advantage of perhaps his only chance to meet with his adversaries in a light-hearted atmosphere before the 1983 football season kicks off this fall.

"We didn't go to staff meet-

ings on Sunday morning; we all went to Herman Hospital to see who was available," Rice's colorful Ray Alborn said in regard to his team's lack of physical health last season.

"We feel like we're going to have to ride the arm of (quarterback) Brad Taylor, who has as fine an arm as you can see anywhere in college," said Arkansas defensive coordinator Don Lindsey, who filled in for Head Coach Lou Holtz. "We'll just have to find anyone to throw it to or hand off to or anybody to hold them up front."

The SWC's newest mentor, TCU coach Jim Wacker, drew a few chuckles with his reference to the utility of setting unreasonably high team goals.

Wacker said one conference loss sends those goals down the drain. His alternative to such goal setting is aimed at getting the best possible performance from his players each week.

As for each team's outlook for fall, most coaches cited lack of experience as an overall team weakness, but admitted that some promising newcomers should add to the excitement this fall.

Texas A&M coach Jackie Sherrill expressed his confidence in USC transfer John Mazur, who will fill the shoes of quarterback Gary Kubiak. Sherrill said the Aggies' excellent recruiting results this spring has left the quarterback position in good shape.

"Our quarterback situation today is better than what it was this time last year because of depth — depth from young people coming in," Sherrill said.

Sherrill also mentioned the Aggies' switch to the 3-4 defense, a move made to take advantage of Texas A&M's wealth of linebackers, and announced that safety Billy Cannon will move to an outside linebacker position to add speed.

Oakland tries again for Raiders

United Press International
After crying "misdeal" during the last hand of its ongoing judicial card game, the city of Oakland, Calif., Monday revealed its ace hidden up its sleeve.

In an emergency petition, Oakland city officials asked the California Supreme Court Monday to prevent the Los Angeles Raiders from playing their 1983 schedule at the Los Angeles Coliseum by upholding an earlier ruling favoring the Raiders in the city's eminent domain case.

The action would force the Raiders to stay in Oakland for the 1983 season until the dispute is settled at a trial.

In 1982, the Raiders played in Los Angeles.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Nat Agliano said the city had not proven that the club was a threat to the city's existence and had acted against it, enabling the

organization to base in Southern California.

The petition filed to the court charges that Agliano showed a "deep antipathy" to the state high court's earlier decision which sided with Oakland.

At New York, NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle announced Los Angeles Rams linebacker Mike Reilly, will be fined \$5,000 and suspended for all 1983 season games. Reilly is serving a one-year prison term for drunken driving and felony vehicular manslaughter.

At Plainview, N.Y., former New York Jets star Gerry Philbin was in "satisfactory" condition at Central General Hospital after nearly drowning in his backyard swimming pool Saturday.

HOUSTON OILERS — At San Angelo, Texas, the Oilers released former SMU lineback-

er Victor Simon, Angelo State defensive tackle Dexter Robertson, Northeast Louisiana guard Scott Boucher, and Concordia defensive end David Kjergaard.

ATLANTA FALCONS — At Suwanee, Ga., the Falcons waived linebacker Greg Zappala of Miami, wide receiver Mark Millwood of Arkansas Tech, defensive back Kris Van Norman of Nebraska, punter Case de-Bruijn of Idaho State and wide receiver Stanley Floyd of Houston.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — At Charleston, Ill., the Cardinals released kickers Todd Cox of Dubuque and Alex Falcinelli of Rutgers, punter Michael Johannes of Indiana State and wide receivers DeWayne Jett of the University of Hawaii and Ken Blair of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

DENVER BRONCOS — At Greeley, Colo., the Broncos cut 15 players, including ninth-round draft choice, defensive back Brian Hawkins.

Others cut — all free agents — were: running backs DeWayne Robinson, Brendon Crite and Tim McCray; linebackers Ray Cone and Ben Kiefer; defensive ends Tom Fox and Tyrone Evans; tight end Mike Lively; quarterback Jim Arrivey; tackle Scott Sax; punter Calvin Murray; kicker Steve Tobin; and defensive backs Wayne Jones and Andra Jones.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — At Green Bay, the Packers said defensive end Byron Braggs, a Packer for three years, will be sidelined for an undetermined length of time following arthroscopic surgery today. Starting linebacker Mike Douglass is to be examined for a rapid heartbeat problem.

Cowboys cut 14 rookies

United Press International
THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — The Dallas Cowboys released 14 rookies Monday, including ninth-round draft choice Al Gross.

The cuts reduced the Cowboys' training camp roster to 87. All NFL teams must have their rosters down to 60 players by Aug. 16.

The Cowboys continued two-day workouts Monday in preparation for their pre-season opener Saturday in Dallas against the Miami Dolphins.

In addition to Gross, a safety from Arizona, the Cowboys released 13 free agents. Those placed on waivers included center Dan Bertelson of Wyoming;

defensive tackles Mark Daniels of Southwest Oklahoma, Eric McCree of Boise State and Broderick Thompson of Kansas; cornerbacks Terry Waller of Richmond and Rodney Gilbert of Wittenberg; and wide receivers Ron Harvey of Boise State and Jon McKee of Virginia Tech.

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