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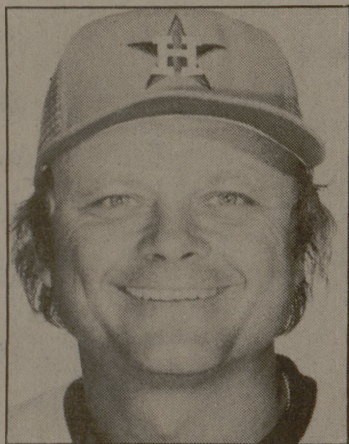
# The Battalion Sports

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## Padres survive homer to slip past Astros, 3-2

## Hanging in there

*Boston's Tudor strikes out eight in 6-4 defeat of Rangers*



Astros' Joe Niekro takes 3-2 loss to San Diego

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — San Diego pitcher Tim Lollar believes in challenging hitters.

Though his philosophy cost him a two-run homer earlier in a 3-2 win over Houston Tuesday and now the Padres are ready to challenge the Astros for third place in the National League West.

Lollar and Sid Monge combined on a six-hitter in the first two innings, but had to rely on an RBI single in the sixth inning to survive. Gwynn's hit completed Mattox, "the Padres' comeback from man is — the two-run blast by Hous-

used — by Kevin Bass.

But Lollar, who allowed six hits and struck out six, had no apologies for the 1-0 win.

"I just pitched the same way here tonight as I would anywhere else," said Lollar, 5-10.

"You have to challenge the hitters."

The Padres got to loser Joe Niekro, 9-10, early when Alan Wiggins singled to right field, advanced to second, and scored on infield out and wild pitch in the eighth.

Then, trailing 2-1 in the eighth, Bobby Brown hit a two-run triple to left center and both scored on a passed ball by George Bjorkman. Wiggins then walked, stole second and scored on Gwynn's single to

center.

**BRAVES 7, GIANTS 2** — Bob Watson homered and hit an RBI single to give the Braves the win over San Francisco.

**REDS 5, DODGERS 4** — At Cincinnati, Paul Householder's two-out single with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning scored Dave Concepcion from second base to lift the Reds to victory.

**CUBS 5, CARDINALS 3** — At Chicago, Ron Cey had an RBI double in a three-run first inning and an RBI single in a two-run second inning, helping the Cubs hand the Cardinals their eighth straight loss.

were the only guys out in the bullpen who were rested."

"In the first three innings he had great control," said catcher Gary Allenson, who watched Tudor retire the first nine batters. "He only threw one curve ball the first three innings."

"He went with his best stuff, the fastball and the change-up. The big change with John this year is he has confidence in himself. Once he found out what a great fastball he has, he learned to rely on it."

Ranger outfielder Billy Sample, who hit his 12th homer in the ninth, said Tudor is "one of the premier pitchers in this

league. I tell you he threw some good sinkers and changeups that had me baffled."

Tony Armas hit his 24th home run to tie Milwaukee's Cecil Cooper and the White Sox' Ron Kettle for the league lead, and Glenn Hoffman had three hits to drive in two runs.

On Hoffman, Houk said, "I like him in that ninth spot. It's almost like having a good leadoff hitter at the bottom of the lineup."

Hoffman said he is being more selective in hitting. "I feel I've been a lot more consistent."

Rick Honeycutt, 14-7, took the loss for the Rangers.

**ROYALS 8, BREWERS 2** — Willie Wilson had four hits and two RBI to help lead the Royals past the Brewers. Wilson also hit his 12th career inside-the-park home run.

**BLUE JAYS 8, YANKEES 0** — At New York, Dave Stieb fired a three-hitter for his first victory since July 10 and Cliff Johnson keyed a three-run first inning with his 19th homer as Toronto snapped a six-game losing streak.

**INDIANS 4, ORIOLES 3** — At Baltimore, Ron Hassey capped a two-run sixth inning with a sacrifice fly to lift the Indians to their third straight triumph

and hand the Orioles their fourth consecutive setback.

**WHITE SOX 6, TIGERS 5** — At Detroit, Rudy Law walked on four straight pitches with the bases loaded and two out in the top of the eighth inning to cap Chicago's comeback from an early 4-0 deficit.

**ANGELS 8, TWINS 2** — At Anaheim, Calif., Brian Downing, Bobby Grich and Bob Boone each slammed two-run homers to spark the Angels.

**A'S 7, MARINERS 6** — At Oakland, Calif., Dwayne Murphy's two-run homer in the seventh rallied the A's for their fifth straight triumph.

## A&M student closer to Olympics with spot in Pan American Games

by Rose Delano

**Battalion Reporter**  
Alayna Snell is one step closer to competing in the 1984 Olympics.

Snell, a senior animal science major at Texas A&M, will be representing the Virgin Islands at the Pan American Games in Venezuela this August.

"I'm real spiked up about it because this is the biggest game there is besides the Olympics," she said.

Snell began training at Fort Sam Houston since May, and

was told last week that she had qualified in three events and maybe a fourth.

"It's all big news to me," she said. "I'm still celebrating."

The native of South Africa will compete in the 200-meter race, 800-meter race and foil style fencing. She is tied in qualification for the 400-meter race.

A transfer student from the College of the Virgin Islands, Snell came to Texas A&M on a track scholarship last fall but was unable to compete due to an injury.

Snell's brother Leland has

been helping her train for the Pan American games. She said he was next after her in qualifying to compete in fencing at the games.

"He's been helping me a lot," she said. "He coaches me on the sideline."

Snell, who has been fencing for a year, said that her height — she's only 5-2 — is a definite advantage.

"It's good for fencers to be short," she said, "because you can get in. Long people have a disadvantage. You think if someone is tall they can lunge in and get you, but usually a short

person is quicker."

Snell has been running since she was 15, when she gave up horse riding.

She lived on a horse farm in South Africa until she was 18, and she said that she misses the horses. She hopes to go into breeding and training of horses after she graduates.

Snell said that a couple of years before she knew her family was going to leave South Africa she dropped horse riding and changed to running.

"I'm a rider," she said. "That's my best sport."

She's a member of the Texas

A&M Polo Club. She said that she would like to compete in show jumping, but can't afford it.

Snell participates in many sports. When she was at the Jacksonville University in Florida she was a member of a rowing crew. She has also competed in net ball, a version of basketball, while living in the Virgin Islands. She enjoys waterskiing, wind surfing and scuba diving.

"You name it, I do it," she said. "The only sports I haven't tried are winter sports because I have lived in hot countries."

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