



1984 looks good for Astros' Ryan

With 16 years in the major leagues, Houston pitcher Nolan Ryan has seen many a spring training come and go. But exhibition season 1984 is proving to be better than most.

The right-hander, who has pitched five no-hitters in his career, retired the first 19 Detroit Tigers Sunday. His streak ended when Alan Trammell was safe on an error in the seventh inning in the game at Lakeland, Fla.

Joe Sambito relieved Ryan in the eighth, with the Astros leading 1-0, and was tagged with the loss in Houston's 2-1 defeat.

Overshadowed by Ryan's performance was the job by Jack Morris, who pitched the first seven innings for the Tigers. Morris allowed just two hits and the lone Houston run in the first inning.

The score remained 1-0 until the bottom of the eighth when Lance Parrish greeted Sambito with a leadoff single. Parrish moved to third base when Sambito threw wildly to first on a pickoff play.

After Kirk Gibson was hit by a pitch, Glenn Wilson tied the score with a sharp single to left. Pinch hitter Barbaro Garbey was safe on another error to load the bases. John Wockenfuss then hit a sacrifice fly for the game-winning RBI.

The winner in relief was Pat Larkin. Jerry Ujder pitched the ninth inning to record a save. The Tigers improved their exhibition record to 5-9. Houston fell to 8-6.

In other exhibition games: At Bradenton, Fla., outfielder Ruppert Jones scored the tying run in the fifth inning and later drove in an insurance run to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-4 decision over the St. Louis Cardinals. Jones, a non-roster player, was with the San Diego Padres last season before declaring himself a free agent.

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a quintet of Texas pitchers combined on a seven-hitter Sunday, helping Rangers defeat the New York Yankees 5-3. It was the first loss in relief for Dave Righetti.

At West Palm Beach, Fla., infielder Brad Mills broke a 1-1 tie in the sixth inning with a two-out, two-run single which carried the Montreal Expos to a 4-2 triumph over the Kansas City Royals. Left-hander Chris Welsh pitched three shutout innings to get the victory.

At St. Petersburg, Fla., outfielder George Bell drove in five runs with a home run, single and triple to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to an 11-inning, 6-3 win over the New York Mets.

At Winter Haven, Fla., Mick-

ey Hatcher snapped a 2-2 tie with his first homer of the spring and Rick Lysander pitched out of a ninth-inning jam to lead the Minnesota Twins to a 4-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox. Hatcher's slammer was only the second homer in 12 games for the Twins this spring.

At Clearwater, Fla., Len Matuzek collected four hits and drove in four runs and Mike Schmidt blasted his first spring home run as the Philadelphia Phillies romped over the Chicago White Sox 8-1. Last year's Cy Young Award winners John Denny and LaMarr Hoyt matched off against each other — with winner Denny giving up one run in six innings and Chicago's Hoyt giving up six runs in just over four innings.

At Yuma, Ariz., Paul Molitor extended his spring training hitting streak to nine games to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-1 win over the San Diego Padres. Molitor hit a pair of singles to boost his spring average to .543. He now has 19 hits in 35 at bats.

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Nice 'break' for softball team

While the rest of the Texas A&M student body took off for the spring break, the defending national champion Aggie softball team went about business as usual, pushing their record to 11-2.

The team, that is ranked No. 1 in the nation this season, defeated New Mexico, Southern Illinois, Iowa State, Baylor, and Oklahoma while claiming the University of Oklahoma tournament championship.

Freshmen pitcher Shawn

Andaya ring-mastered four of the victories. When you have a spring break like the one Andaya had, it's really hard to know what to write home about.

Do you write about the New Mexico game where Andaya tossed 11 strikeouts, giving up only one walk as the Ags won 2-0?

Or how about the game against Baylor where Andaya tossed a no-hitter, struck out 17 and the Aggies won 8-0? Or the Oklahoma game where Andaya gave up a hit. The Aggies won

that one 1-0.

Or you might want to write about the championship game also played against the Sooners. For three innings Yvette Lopez held Oklahoma scoreless, but in the fourth she ran into trouble loading the bases with no outs.

Enter Andaya. She promptly struck out the side, one, two, three. She then pitched nine more shut-out innings. That's right, nine more shutout innings.

In the bottom of the 13th,

with the score tied at 0, Andaya reached first on a fielders choice. Patti Holthaus's single scored the run, and the Aggies were the tournament champs.

Andaya had a great spring break and she's now 10-0. Lopez season mark is now 7-2 after victories over Southern Illinois, and Iowa State.

The A&M softball team's next home game is Tuesday at 4 p.m. against the University of Texas-Arlington.

Ags sweep Kansas; SWC race begins

Texas A&M rode the relief pitching of Barry Smith to an 8-3 win to sweep a doubleheader Sunday from the Kansas Jayhawks.

Smith picked up his third win without a loss as the Aggies scored four runs in the third inning and added seven more in the sixth, including a three-run homer by Buddy Haney. Duke Lohr, 2-1, was the loser.

In the opener, A&M's Rob Swain hit two home runs as the Aggies blanked the Jayhawks, 9-

Eggleston knocked in the winning run with a triple as Rice rallied in the seventh inning to grab a 6-4 win over the University of Houston.

David Hinrichs, now 5-0, took the win for the Owls despite allowing 10 hits and four walks in his seven innings.

Rice now stands at 22-2 and 2-1 in SWC play, including a split of Saturday's double header with Houston. The Cougars are now 19-9 and 1-2.

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Sherman Corbett, 4-2, was the winner while John Heeney, 1-1, took the loss.

Kansas dropped to 9-7 for the year while A&M moved its record to 16-6.

In other Southwest Conference action, Texas Christian University jumped into first place in the SWC by concluding a sweep of Texas Tech with a 6-3 win in Fort Worth.

Darrin Roberts hit a solo home run in the bottom of the third inning to break a 3-3 tie and lift TCU to victory.

The Frogs' Mickey Kazmierski improved his record to 3-1 while Tech's Bob Gross dropped to 3-2.

TCU is now 13-5 and 3-0 in SWC play following the Tech series. The Raiders dropped to 12-12 and 0-3.

In Houston, James Thompson hit a home run and Bobby

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