Tigers head back home for a 'Royal' coronation

DETROIT - Home for what should be a coronation, the Detroit Tigers took the day off Thursday while Kansas City hoped to prolong the American League playoff series with a Royal quirk.

The Royals trail 2-0 in the best-offive series and not many people ex-pect them to become only the second team in history to win a playoff after losing the first two games.

Nevertheless, Kansas City - for reasons not quite clear — captured five of six games in Tiger Stadium this year. So one of the few things in the Royals' favor is a knowledge that they can win in the Tigers' home

"If we win three in a row we'll be in the World Series," Kansas City manager Dick Howser said. "That's what it will take. We've won three in a row before in Detroit and maybe

we'll do it again. If so, they must begin Friday night with National League castoff Charlie Leibrandt (11-7) on the mound. Detroit, seeking its first AL pennant since it captured the 1968 World Series, has named righthander Milt Wilcox to oppose him. Wilcox compiled a career best 17-8 record as the club's No. 3 starter.

The weather forecast called for seasonable temperatures and a 20 percent chance of showers in the afternoon. If the Tigers can wrap up the series, they will be thwarting the weatherman as well as the Royals. The forecast for the rest of the weekend is less than wonderful.

Almost as satisfying as the Tigers' two victories was the way in which lentless offense and the combined pitching of Jack Morris and Willie Hernandez.

Wednesday night's 11-inning, 5-3 triumph was a tense struggle in which Detroit escaped despite a rare failure by Hernandez

This ability to find ways to win, combined with the enthusiasm of the home fans, should make Detroit dif-

An enthusiastic crowd in the hundreds greeted the Tigers on their arrival Thursday morning. The throng waited until past 4 a.m. EDT for Detroit's charter plane. The crowd was big enough to force air terminal officials to ask the pilot to land in another area of the airport to land in another area of the airport to avoid the crush of fans.

The crowd still managed to find the Tigers' charter and gathered to chant for the team as club officials and media people left the plane.

It's little wonder the fans found themselves so worked up. Not only do they love the Tigers, but Game 2 was by far the best of the four playoff games in the majors this fall. Hal McRae's pinch RBI double off Hernandez added to the drama.

To tell you the truth, Willie Hernandez shouldn't even have been in there," Detroit manager Sparky Anderson said. "He had a temperature and a strep throat.

"I called down there (to the bullpen) to ask him to warm up and let me know how he felt when he was done. He said he was all right — but I knew he would. But I knew he didn't feel well by the way he threw.'

Fortunately for the Tigers, they have two aces and not just one. Auhis teammates figured a way to han-dle Royals' reliever Dan Quisen-

"It's like pitching coach Roger Craig says," Anderson said. "When it comes to heart, the 'Mexican Raven' has one of the greatest.

The Tigers finally passed their "Quiz" in the 11th on Johnny Grubb's two-run double. Quisenberry, as effective with a quip as he is with his pitches, kept his sense of hu-

"It was a sinker that ended up in right field," Quisenberry said of the pitch to Grubb. "I could have turned around and thrown it there if they wanted me to. It gets catalogued in the 'mistake' category.
"I didn't know where the pitch

ended up but it wasn't low and away like it was supposed to be. If it was, I take my hat off to him.

Grubb has been used for two seasons by Anderson as a part-timer. Sometimes he plays the outfield, sometimes he's the DH and he often

'Last year Sparky used me pretty much the same way," Grubb said.
"And that helped me get used to it.
With a great ballclub like the Tigers,
I'm just happy to help in any way I

'John has done a tremendous job for this club since I've been here," Anderson said. "I hope to God he'll stay here. We need him.'

The only team to overcome a 2-0 playoff deficit was the 1982 Milwaukee Brewers against California. But each was forged. Tuesday night's 8-1 relio Lopez replaced Hernandez in that was on their home field. Still, decision was a runaway built on a re-

Landry respects Cardinal attack

United Press International

DALLAS - The Dallas Cowboys, who are searching for their running game, and the St. Louis Cardinals, who are simply searching for a win, meet Sunday in a renewal of what for the better part of two decades has been a

very one-sided rivalry.

Dallas has won 10 of the last 11 meetings and, since 1966, the Cowboys own a 24-7 edge. The Cowboys, having a 4-1 record compared with the Cardinals 2-3, are a touchdown favorite to continue that trend and stay atop the NFC East going into their game next week with the Washington Redskins.

'But you can't look upon the Cardinals as a tune-up game,' Dallas coach Tom Landry said "They are one of the highest scoring teams in the league. They scored 28 points against Miami last week and didn't even have (running back) Ottis Anderson in

"They are as good as anybody in our division at the skilled positions.

St. Louis has, indeed, been scoring points at a high rate this year. The Cardinals' 146 points are tops in the NFC and are surpassed only by Miami and San Diego in the AFC

But the Cardinals have lost two straight scoring battles, to New Orleans and Miami, at least partly because the injury bug has

plagued the team's defense.
"We have got to get ourselves going," Cardinals' coach Jim Hanifan said. "We have been doing a

lot of things good, but we have to put it all together. Last week, for nstance, I think (quarterback) Neil Lomax had his best game as a member of the Cardinals. But

we fell down in other areas."

Anderson, bothered by a pulled hamstring, is expected to return to the St. Louis lineup this week and attack a defensive unit that allowed Chicago's Walter Payton 155 rushing yards last

Nevertheless, it is because of the defense and special teams that Dallas has managed to forge its winning record thus far this

The Cowboys are averaging 101 yards per game on the ground and Tony Dorsett is averaging only 3.4 yards per rush. Last week against the Bears he

picked up just eight yards on eight carries during the first half.
"Eight for eight," said Dorsett.
"It sounded like I was coming to bat in the second game of a double header." ble header.

The absence of the running game, however, is no laughing

"Sometimes when things are not going right, the tendency is to blame other people," Landry said of his team's inability to move the ball on the ground. "When peo-ple start thinking that they may may be the ones that are having problems and work to cure those problems, then we may get this thing resolved."

The Cowboys' aerial game, however, has picked up some of the slack with Dallas.

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THE RICHARD SMITH STORY

Last Spring, Bill Presnal

our former State Representative resigned from office in order to go to work for Texas ACM This allowed Gov. Mark White (Dem.) to call a Special Election to fill the vacancy. Would you believe he set the election during A&M's Spring Break? He did Why? To keep the Aggies from voting. He knew we could make a difference There are only 45,000 registered voters in Brazos County (which alone makes up this State Representative District.) There are 37,000 students at AFM! so obviously if we register to vote and vote we can make a difference. As it turned out, many Aggies did register to vote and vote absentee for Aggie Richard Smith '59. Heis the only experienced conservative, independent candidate who can go to Austin and get the job done. To Richard Smith A&M isn't just a part of the district, A&M is a commitment and a concern that all Aggies share. It ended up that over 13,000 people voted last March. Our candidate, Richard Smith, lost by 29 votes (to force a runoff). By two tenths of one percent of all the votes cast last March our candidate lost The conservative Republican lost to Mark White's chosen Democrat, Neeley Lewis. That was the Special Election. The Battalion Editorial

Board called the scheduling of the Special Election by the Democrats "an attack on Texas A&M students, staff and faculty members." The Student Senate passed a resolution in opposition to the setting of the election date when Aggies could not vote Governor White (Dem.) refused to even see the student government leaders concerning the issue. The Bryan-College Station Eagle Editoria Board said, "Let's face i this whole thing smack of partisan politics at it most petty level, "...Democrat Party offici had described March as a 'convenient day' for the election." Conven to keep the Aggies from voting. Convenient the Democrats to unfair help Neeley Lewis.

On Nov. 6, we have a chance to prove that we won't be pushed around again. Richard Smith and Neeley Lewis are on the ballot again-this time in a fair fight. We will determine the winner, if we register! vote (the deadline is Oct 6) and then vote on No 6. Mark White and the Democrats can't set this election when the Aggies can't vote. It's up to us!

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