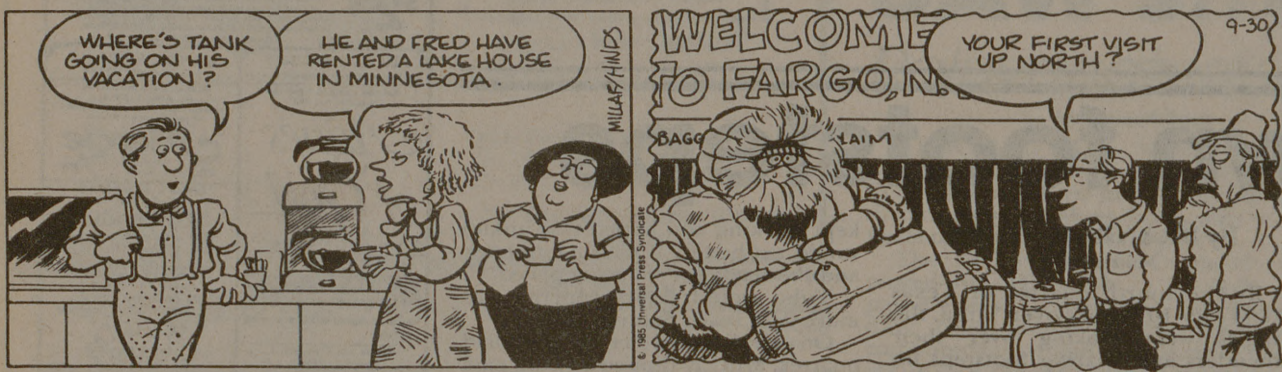## TANK McNAMARA®
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Pinch-hit double keys Ranger win

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Pinch-hitter Bill Stein's three-run double broke an eighth-inning tie Sunday and sent the Texas Rangers to a 5-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

With one out in the eighth, Gary Ward walked and Don Slaught was hit by a pitch. Ed Vande Berg relieved Matt Young, 12-18, and retired George Wright on a grounder as the runners moved up.

Reliever Roy Thomas intentionally walked pinch-hitter Bobby Jones to load the bases and then Stein, batting for pinch-hitter Oddibe McDowell, greeted reliever Paul Mirabella with his bases-clearing double.

Reliever Greg Harris, 5-4, was the winner. Young tied a team record for most losses in a season.

The Mariners took a 1-0 lead in the third against Matt Williams when Jack Perconte tripled and Phil Bradley singled.

Texas scored twice in the fourth. Ward doubled, took third on a single by Slaught and scored on a single by Curtis Wilkerson. Alan Bannister later singled home Slaught.

Reds 5, Astros 0

CINCINNATI — Jay Tibbs threw a five-hitter and Buddy Bell drove in a pair of runs Sunday to send the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-0 victory and a three-game sweep of the Houston Astros.

The Reds have won four in a row and 12 of their last 14 to stay in contention in the National League West. The Reds went into Sunday's game 5½ behind the Los Angeles Dodgers, whose magic number for clinching is four.

Tibbs, 10-15, struck out seven and didn't walk a batter to win his fourth straight decision. The right-hander is 6-4 since coming back up from the minors on Aug. 1.

Tibbs pitched his second shutout and fifth complete game of the season. He set down 11 in a row over the middle innings.

Other Sunday games:
(Home team in capitals)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

NEW YORK 4-9, Baltimore 0-2

Boston 8, DETROIT 4

California 9, CLEVELAND 3

MINNESOTA 6, Kansas City 3

Toronto 13, MILWAUKEE 5

Chicago 3, OAKLAND 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MONTREAL 7, St. Louis 5

New York 9, PITTSBURGH 7 (10)

ATLANTA 3, San Diego 2

CHICAGO 6, Philadelphia 2

LOS ANGELES 7, San Francisco 2

Aggies

"The next four teams we play are option running teams like Tulsa," Holland said. "This game will prepare us a lot for them."

So, with all the running and throwing, smashing and sliding, tackling and recovering, what can the Aggies do for an encore?

"We still have a couple of things we want to do," Sherrill said. "The worst thing we did was kick field goals and extra points."

Kicker Eric Franklin missed a 24-yard field goal and two extra points. Midway through the second quarter, the biggest cheer of the game from the 44,926 in attendance came when Franklin was replaced by Scott Slater, who hit 3-of-3 extra points the rest of the night.

But Sherrill said there's no "kicking controversy" in Aggieland.

"Eric is a good kicker," Sherrill said, "and we certainly will go back to him.

"But he needed to take the night off. If he had missed another one, it might have really snowballed in his mind. He needed to sit down."

And on a night where he could have scored more extra points than the Los Angeles Lakers.

"You guys saw that if we just execute the way that we can, nobody should be able to stop us," Nelson said.

"This was just the beginning," Murray concluded. "I'm looking forward to much better performances out of myself and my teammates."

But now any footsteps heard will be their own.

How the AP Top 20 Fared:

1. Auburn (2-1-0) lost to Tennessee, 38-20. Next: Mississippi.
2. Oklahoma (1-0-0) beat Minnesota, 13-7. Next: at Kansas St.
3. Iowa (3-0-0) beat Iowa St., 57-3. Next: Michigan St.
4. Florida St. (3-0-0) beat Kansas, 24-20. Next: at Auburn (Oct. 12).
5. Ohio St. (3-0-0) beat Washington St., 48-32. Next: at Illinois.
6. **SMU (2-0-0) beat TCU, 56-21. Next: at Arizona.**
7. Oklahoma St. (3-0-0) beat Miami (Ohio), 45-10. Next: Tulsa.
8. LSU (2-0-0) was idle. Next: No. 11 Florida.
9. Penn St. (4-0-0) beat Rutgers, 17-10. Next: No. 15 Alabama (Oct. 12).
10. **Arkansas (3-0-0) beat New Mexico St., 45-13. Next: at TCU.**
11. Florida (2-0-1) beat Mississippi St., 36-22. Next: at No. 8 LSU.
12. Michigan (3-0-0) beat No. 17 Maryland, 20-0. Next: Wisconsin.
13. UCLA (2-1-1) lost to Washington, 21-14. Next: Arizona St.
14. Brigham Young (3-1-0) was idle. Next: at Colorado St.
15. Alabama (4-0-0) beat Vanderbilt, 40-20. Next: at No. 9 Penn St.
16. Nebraska (2-1-0) beat Oregon, 63-0. Next: New Mexico.
17. Maryland (2-2-0) lost to Michigan, 20-0. Next: at N. Carolina St.
18. USC (1-1-0) lost to Arizona St., 24-0. Next: Oregon St.
19. Air Force (3-0-0) beat New Mexico, 49-12. Next: Notre Dame.
20. Virginia (2-1-0) lost to Navy, 17-13. Next: Duke.