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Houston running back Raymond Tate is pulled down to the turf by Texas A&M linebackers John Roper (83) and Dana Batiste (48). The Aggies pulled down the Cougars as well, 43-16, to improve to 4-1 on the season, but went unranked in this week's AP Top 20 poll.

Royals facing elimination again

Blue Jays have chance to clinch in Game 6

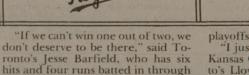
TORONTO — George Brett doesn't like the situation his Kansas City Royals are in, but he's seen it so many times that he thinks it might work to their advantage.

"Maybe it's the experience of losing so many playoff games and the only World Series we were in," Brett said. "It could help. No one's uptight about it (being down to Toronto in the series 3-2)."

Once again, the Royals will be facing elimination in the American League playoffs when they go into Game 6 Tuesday night against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Toronto could have wrapped up the best-of-seven series Sunday in Kansas City, but lost 2-0. The Blue lays now return to familiar Exhibition Stadium and can bring the first World Series to Canada by winning either Tuesday night or in Game 7





"I'm looking forward to practice tomorrow (Monday) to work on some things," he said. "To get some rest Monday night and come back strong Tuesday.

The Blue Jays got eight hits off Danny Jackson in the Game 5, the same number of hits by Kansas City. But Toronto, which hit nearly .300 with runners in scoring position during the regular season and was 11for-38 in those situations during the



playoffs, did not get any timely hits. "I just want to leave this game in Kansas City and get home," Toron"Everybody was in the bu to's Lloyd Moseby said. "We didn't

get the job done."

So Moseby and his teammates packed up their equipment — and their still-corked champagne — and headed back to Toronto, where they will face surprise starter Mark Gu-

Gubicza, a starting pitcher the entire season, began the playoffs in the bullpen. He was odd-man-out when Kansas City Manager Dick Howser set up a rotation of left-handers Charlie Leibrandt, Bud Black and

Danny Jackson, along with righty Bret Saberhagen.

But Howser's plans changed Sunday when Jackson started while Black, who was scheduled to pitch Game 6, got ready in the bullpen. "We had decided before the game

that if we needed a left-hander, Black would be it," Howser said. Buddy Black was up twice and

"Everybody was in the bullpen, Bret and everybody," he said. "We had to win. It'll probably be the same

situation Tuesday night. So, Howser won the game but lost a starting pitcher. It was a trade he

did not mind making.

"Gubicza pitched well for us this season, and I don't hesitate going to him," he said. "He's one of the rea-

Gubicza was 14-10, including an August loss to Toronto when he got shelled in his only outing against the

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(continued from page 8) play, and Herr held at second. Herr,

who homered in Game 3, wound up at third shortly thereafter, however, when Valenzuela threw the ball into center field on an attempted pickoff. The Cards failed to score Herr as Jack Clark lined out hard to Bill Madlock at third, Cesar Cedeno struck out and Tito Landrum, Coleman's replacement in left field, flied

The double was Herr's fourth of the playoffs, tying a record set by Pete Rose of Cincinnati and Matty Alou of Oakland, both in 1972. And the RBI were the fourth and fifth in the series for Herr, who had 110 during the season.

The Cardinals again had the first two runners of the second inning aboard on a double by Terry Pendleton and a walk to Darrell Porter. Forsch sacrificed the runners to second and third, but McGee struck out and Smith popped deep to shortstop Mariano Duncan to end the threat.

In the fourth inning, the Dodgers

tied the score on Madlock's second home run in as many days but lost an opportunity to go ahead when the Cardinals turned a double play. Ken Landreaux led off the fourth

with a single up the middle. Guerrero then hit a fly ball to the warning track in center field for the first out, bringing up Madlock, who had hit a solo homer off John Tudor in a 12-2

Madlock lined a 2-0 pitch from Forsch into the second deck in left field to tie the score 2-2 and give him five RBI for the series. Forsch then walked Mike Marshall, bringing up

Twice Forsch pitched out while Scioscia was at bat, apparently hedg-ing against the hit-and-run. The first time, Porter had Marshall hung up between first and second, but his throw was wide of first and in the ground. First-baseman Clark made a nice back-handed pickup of the onehopper to keep Marshall at first.

But, on the second pitchout, Porter lunged for the ball as Scioscia

swung, and Scioscia took first when his bat made contact with the catcher's glove for interference. Forsch threw one pitch to the next batter, Greg Brock, who lined it foul into the right-field seats.

And that was the end of a day's work for Forsch, who was 9-6 as a spot starter during the season but finished 3-1 while occupying a steady spot in the rotation in Sep-tember. Left-hander Ken Dayley was brought on to face pinch-hitter Enos Cabell, who grounded into a routine double play started by Pendleton at

Valenzuela was in trouble again in the fourth and fifth innings, but emerged unscathed

With two out in the fourth, Valenzuela walked Porter for the second time in the game, and Dayley, who batted only five times with two hits during the regular season, singled up the middle, sending Porter to second. Valenzuela got out of the inning by striking out McGee for the second time.

There again were two outs in the Cardinals fifth when Clark singled into right field. He advanced to second on a wild pitch that bounced at least a foot in front of the plate, and after going 3-0 on Cedeno, Valenzuela walked him intentionally. Landrum then bounced into a forceout at third.

The Dodgers wasted a leadoff single by Landreaux in the sixth. Landreaux singled for the second time to center field, but Guerrero and Madlock both flied to right, and Dayley made a sprawling stop of a hard come-backer by Marshall for the

In the seventh, the Dodgers lost an even better opportunity when a walk to Scioscia and a single by Ca-bell chased Dayley with none out. Rookie power pitcher Todd Worrell came in and threw three straight balls to Steve Sax, who was trying to bunt. Worrell then struck him out.





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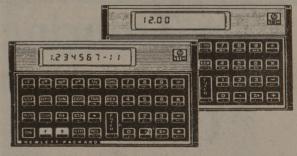
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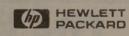
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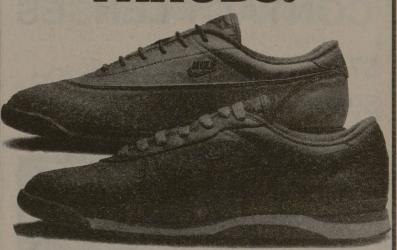
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