

Doubles power Giants' victory over Astros, 4-1

HOUSTON (AP) — San Francisco's Will Clark and Bob Melvin hit run-scoring doubles and Jeff Leonard scored two runs, leading the Giants to a 4-1 victory over the Houston Astros Wednesday night.

The victory placed the Giants within one game of a season-opening sweep in the Astrodome. They've won only three of their last 15 games in the Astrodome.

Clark, who hit a home run in his first major league at bat Tuesday night, doubled to right field in the third inning, scoring Dan Gladden, who doubled to center.

Leonard singled to open the fourth inning, stole second and scored the Giants' second run on a double by Melvin to right field off Houston starter Mike Scott, 0-1.

Leonard led off the sixth with a single to Dickie Thon, who fielded the ball deep at shortstop and threw to first base. Leonard advanced to third on singles by Chris Brown and Melvin, loading the bases and chasing Scott.

Rob Thompson then grounded into a double play, scoring Leonard.

San Francisco starter Scott Garretts, 1-0, blanked the Astros on two hits through five innings. He lost the shutout in the sixth on a leadoff double by Thon and a run-scoring single by Craig Reynolds.

The Giants added a run in the ninth when Astros reliever Frank DiPino walked Giants pitcher Greg Minton, who advanced to second on a single by Gladden. A long fly out by Clark sent Minton to third and he scored on a sacrifice fly by Chili Davis.

Phillies 5, Reds 3

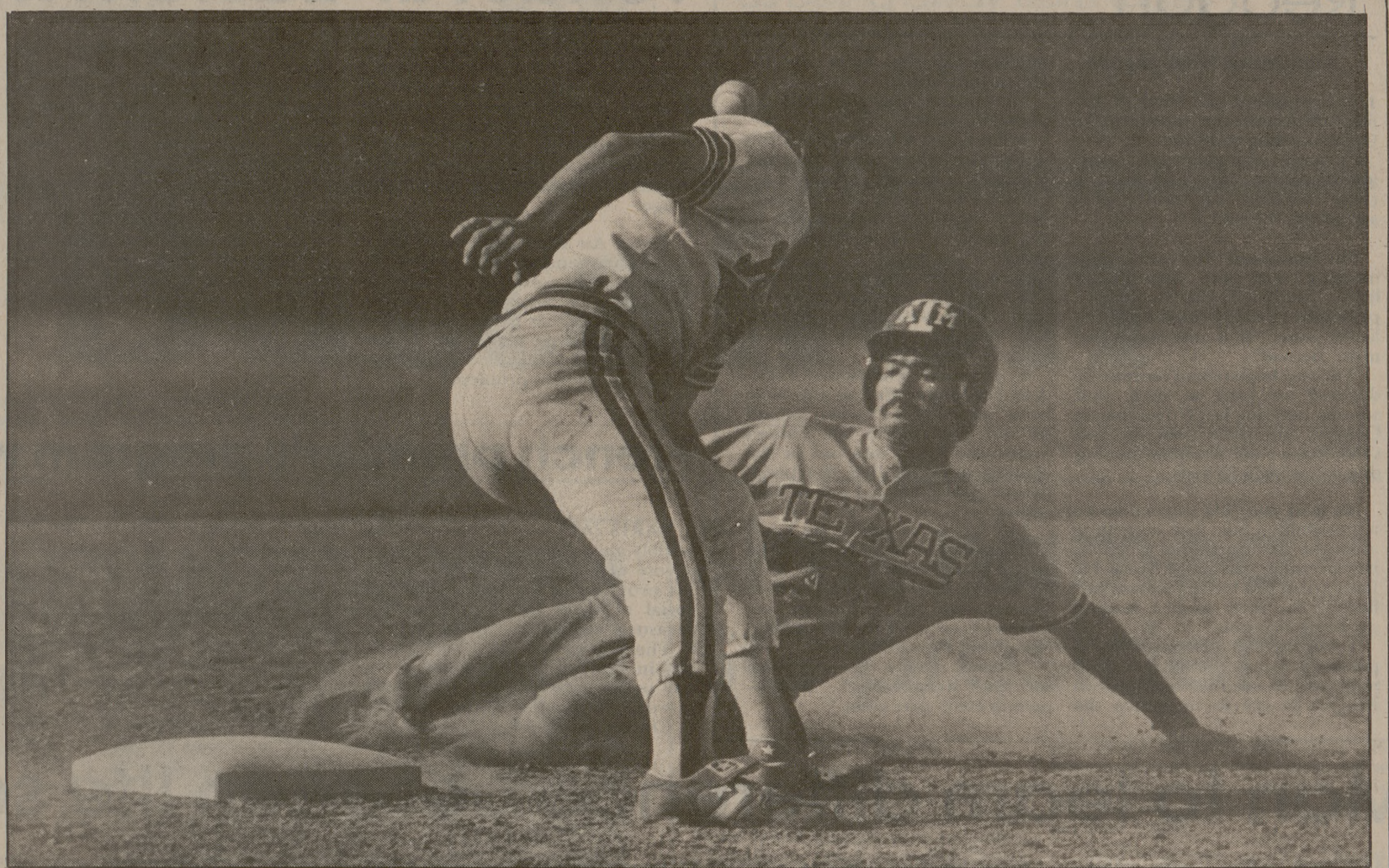
CINCINNATI (AP) — Glenn Wilson broke a 1-1 tie with an 11th-inning sacrifice fly and John Russell followed with a two-run homer Wednesday night to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 5-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Phillies scored four times in the 11th off Ted Power, 0-1, the third Cincinnati pitcher. Garry Maddox led off with a single and Juan Samuel also singled. Both runners advanced on Mike Schmidt's long fly out, and Wilson snapped the 1-1 tie with his fly ball to center.

Dodgers 1, Padres 0

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Welch shut out San Diego on three singles and Mike Marshall singled home the game's only run in the fourth inning Wednesday night to give the Los Angeles Dodgers a 1-0 victory over the Padres.

In fashioning his 17th career shutout, the 29-year-old Welch struck out five and walked just one.



Slide of Hand

Texas Tech's Dan Spencer, left, is missing a vital element if he plans to make a tag on Texas A&M's Don Wren at third base — the ball

that's on his shoulder. A&M, which stands alone atop the SWC at 7-2, travels to Waco this weekend for a 3-game series with Baylor.

Photo by Bill Hughes

Jays ruin Ranger pitcher's big league debut, 3-1

ARLINGTON (AP) — Toronto's Doyle Alexander scattered seven hits in 8½ innings and posted his 150th major-league victory Wednesday night as the Blue Jays beat Texas 3-1 and spoiled rookie Edwin Correa's debut with the Rangers.

Correa, at 19 the youngest player in the big leagues, was struck in the left leg by Rance Mullinik's line drive in the fourth inning and came out of the game after the fifth. He yielded five hits, struck out eight and walked two.

Tommy Lee took a 2-0 lead in the fifth inning on singles by Damaso Garcia and Lloyd Moseby and a two-run double by Tony Fernandez. The

Blue Jays roughed up Dave Rozema for a run in the sixth on Jesse Barfield's single and a double by Cecil Fielder.

Alexander gave up a leadoff double in the first inning to Oddibe McDowell but worked out of trouble and took a five-hit shutout into the ninth. But Pete O'Brien opened the ninth with his first home run of the season and one out later Gary Ward doubled. Tom Henke took over and notched his first save.

Brewers 4, White Sox 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Robin Yount stroked four singles, scored once and knocked in a run as Milwaukee edged the Chicago White Sox 4-3 Wednesday.

Brewers' righthander Tim Leary, 1-0, gave up just five hits and two runs in seven innings. Ray Searage got the save as the Brewers beat the White Sox for the second straight game.

Chicago starter Richard Dotson, 0-1, was tagged for five hits and four runs in six innings, in his first regular season appearance in 10 months.

Tigers 6, Red Sox 5

DETROIT (AP) — Dave Bergman's pinch-hit single with the bases loaded in the 10th inning drove in the winning run as the Detroit Tigers beat the Boston Red Sox 6-5 Wednesday.

Boston had taken a 5-4 lead in the top of the 10th. With two outs, De-

troit reliever Willie Hernandez, 1-0, walked Glenn Hoffman and Ed Romero ran for him. Romero went to second on a single by Dwight Evans and scored on a single by Wade Boggs to snap the 4-4 tie.

Kirk Gibson started the two-run Tiger 10th with a single and went to second when Bob Stanley, 0-1, walked Lance Parrish. Steve Crawford took over for Boston and was greeted with a single by Darrell Evans that scored Gibson to tie it 5-5.

Royals 7, Yankees 4

NEW YORK (AP) — George Brett hit two solo home runs and Steve Farr pitched 4½ innings of near-perfect relief as the Royals de-

feated the New York Yankees 7-4 Wednesday night.

Brett's first homer led off the third inning against Ed Whitson, 0-1, and snapped a 2-2 tie. It was the 194th home run of Brett's career, breaking the club record he shared with Amos Otis.

Whitson, who struggled through a 10-8 season in 1985 during which he was berated by Manager Billy Martin and threatened by fans, left the game later in the third inning to a shower of boos.

Twins 5, A's 4

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Kent Hrbek broke a 3-3 tie with a run-scoring, eighth-inning double off Oakland reliever Jay Howell, and

the Minnesota Twins beat the A's 5-4 Wednesday.

Hrbek, who also had the game-winning RBI in the Tuesday night season-opener, drove the ball into the right field corner to score Kirby Puckett from second base. Hrbek scored on a two-out single by Roy Smalley.

Puckett opened the inning with a single and advanced on Mark Salas' sacrifice.

Orioles 4, Indians 3

BALTIMORE (AP) — Pinch hitter Juan Bonilla hit a two-run double off the right field wall with two out in the ninth inning to give the Baltimore Orioles a 4-3 win over the Cleveland Indians Wednesday.

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