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AL Stars squelch Nationals, 3-2

Clemens outshines Gooden as pitching silences NL bats

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens won his vaunted duel with Dwight Gooden as the American League paired precision pitching and the power of Lou Whitaker and pinch-hitter Frank White to beat the National League 3-2 Tuesday night in baseball's 57th All-Star Game.

Clemens, 15-2 for the Boston Red Sox after a 14-0 start, opened with three perfect innings, while Whitaker and White hit homers for the Americans. Whitaker's was a two-run shot in the second inning off Gooden, the New York Mets' 1985 Cy Young winner.

Clemens, Ted Higuera of Milwaukee, Charlie Hough of Texas, Dave Righetti of the New York Yankees and Don Aase of Baltimore, the major-league save leader with 23, held the NL to five hits, only one through the first seven innings.

The victory was only the second in the last 15 All-Star Games



for the Americans, the last one in 1983. St. Louis' Whitey Herzog was the losing manager both times. It was also the first time the AL had won in a National League park since 1962 at Chicago's Wrigley Field. The Nationals still lead the series 36-20-1.

Gooden, 10-4 but only 5-4 in his last nine decisions, worked the

first three innings, giving up the two runs on three hits and striking out just two in his third All-Star Game. His relief, Fernando Valenzuela of Los Angeles, tied an All-Star record set by Carl Hubbell in 1934 by striking out five in a row and pitched three scoreless innings for the Nationals.

But the spotlight was on the American League pitching, which gave up only one earned run. Noted for their longball prowess, the AL did come up with the homers by Whitaker and White in the vast Astrodome, site of the 1968 All-Star Game.

That was enough, though the AL survived a shaky eighth by Hough and a two-on, one-out jam in the ninth. San Francisco's Chris Brown put the NL on the board, doubling, going to third on a wild pitch and scoring from third when Boston's Rich Gedman let a Hough knuckleball get by on a third strike to Montreal's

Hubie Brooks. Brooks went in second on a Hough balk and scored on a single to left by Steve Sax.

Clemens, working in his first All-Star Game on just three days rest, was untouchable, throwing 21 strikes in 25 pitches. While he struck out only two, he retired nine straight, the first pitcher since 1980 to throw three perfect innings.

"I felt sluggish all day yesterday," said Clemens, who is from the Houston area. "Today, coming out to the 'Dome, I got all the adrenalin flowing. Coming home and pitching like this in the All-Star Game with my family here is like a dream come true."

White, pinch-hitting for Whitaker with two out in the seventh, hit an 0-2 pitch from the Astros Mike Scott for his home run. The ball just barely cleared the wall in left-center.

AL ace Clemens earns MVP honors

HOUSTON (AP) — A measure of how well All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Roger Clemens pitched Tuesday night came from his catcher, Lance Parrish.

"He was tough," Parrish began. "Somebody said they clocked him at 96 or 97 mph. I can believe it. He was as good as anybody."

"The ball he threw best was the third strike on (Darryl) Strawberry. It popped."

Clemens, the American League starter in Tuesday night's All-Star Game, pitched three perfect innings to start the AL toward a 3-2 victory over the National League.

Parrish said that Clemens' fastball was made especially effective by a hard-breaking changeup.

The Boston right-hander threw 25 pitches in his three innings, 21 of them for strikes.

"That's something you don't see that often," Parrish said, "a guy throwing that hard and able to finesse the breaking ball and throw it for strikes."

"Do you want to know how much I enjoyed catching him? He was pitching so well that I even enjoyed the warm-ups."

Clemens, who grew up in the Houston area, handed out 50 tickets to relatives and friends. It

was the first time he had ever pitched in the Astrodome, located just 30 miles from his home at Katy.

"It's just a thrill, all of this happening at home," Clemens, 23, said.

He was pitching on just two days' rest, after pitching a complete-game victory on Saturday against California.

"Yesterday, my arm was a little heavy, but today it felt good," he said. "Hopefully, when we get to crunch time in the American League East, it means I'll be able to come back a little sooner, on three days' rest."

Clemens said he felt very good while loosening up before the game, but couldn't have anticipated retiring all nine batters he faced.

"You never imagine something like this coming around," he said. "This was a big win. The American League had not won in a National League park for quite a while (since 1962 at Chicago's Wrigley Field)."

His hopes for the rest of the season?

"Just to have the type of season in the second half that I've had in the first half."

U.S. protests disqualification of boxer

MOSCOW (AP) — The United States boxing team formally protested the disqualification of light heavyweight Harvey Richards by a Soviet referee Tuesday at the Goodwill Games, while the Soviet Union swept the gold medals in the men's individual gymnastics events.

Richards, of Springfield, Ill., appeared to be outpointing Nils Hausgaard Madsen of Denmark in their quarterfinal bout in the 178-pound class when referee Yuri Frolov stopped the fight at 2:09 of the second round and disqualified the American.

There was much confusion as to why the bout was halted.

American team coach Roosevelt Sanders, team physician Steve Good-

man and the media director for the U.S. Boxing Team, Leslie King, said the disqualification came after Richards was called for an intentional low blow.

But Omar Greene, a manager for the U.S. team, was quoted as saying that the referee told him that an intentional low blow was not the reason for the disqualification. Greene, however, said he didn't know why the bout was stopped.

An appeal to Richards' disqualification was sent to the International Amateur Boxing Association with a decision expected Thursday, King said.

While Richards' fate is undecided, three other Americans advanced and three were eliminated.

Michael Simon of Washington, D.C., reached Thursday's semifinals in the 178-pound class with a 4-1 decision over Nikolai Lapkov of Bulgaria, and Roy Jones of Pensacola, Fla., moved into the semifinals of the 139-pound class by outpointing Gordon Joyce of Ireland 5-0.

Arthur Johnson of St. Louis reached the final of the 112-pound division, edging David Griman of Venezuela 3-2.

The three Americans who lost in semifinals were beaten by Soviet fighters.

The biggest surprise was the elimination of heavyweight Michael Bent of Cambria Heights, N.Y., who was outpointed 4-1 by Vladimir Belai.

The only gold medals awarded Tuesday were in gymnastics, and the Soviets collected them all.

Their seven golds increased their overall total of medals to 155, including 66 golds. The United States is a distant second in both categories with 99 medals and 34 golds.

In tennis, two American women surprisingly reached the singles final, with victories over Soviets. Caroline Kuhlman of Lakeside Park, Ky., outlasted the Soviet's top player, Larisa Savchenko 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, while Beverly Bowes of Lubbock, defeated Svetlana Parkhomenko 6-1, 6-1.

In volleyball, the American team reached the semifinals with a 15-15-10, 15-13 victory over Japan.

PGA commissioner to compete in British Open

TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP) — PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman, making a mini-comeback as a professional golfer, was getting just a little nervous after a half-dozen practice rounds on Turnberry's Ailsa course.

"I was being very quiet. I wasn't saying anything about the course. Nothing."

"Then, a couple of nights ago, Tom Kite and Larry Nelson were having dinner at the hotel and I stopped by their table. We talked a while and then Nelson said, 'That's the toughest golf course I've ever

seen,' Beman said, then leaned back in his chair and laughed.

"You have no idea how glad I was to hear him say that; to find out somebody else thought that."

"I was afraid I was the only one who felt that way about it," said Beman who, in the first round of the 115th British Open Championship on Thursday, will achieve a "first" in professional sports.

Beman, 48, away from competition for more than 12 years, will become the first commissioner of a major sport to compete in that sport at its highest level.

It may not be quite the equivalent

of Peter Ueberroth competing in the World Series or Pete Rozelle playing in the Super Bowl. Still ...

"It's a challenge, and it's fun," said Beman, a former U.S. and British amateur champion who won four American Tour events as a full-time player before he took over as commissioner in 1974.

He had not played competitively until beginning his preparations for the British Open earlier this season.

"There's lots of different kinds of golf: social golf, competitive golf, tournament golf, then big tournament competitive golf," said Beman, who will match strokes with the

world's greatest players: Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus, Seve Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle, Ray Floyd and Greg Norman.

"I wanted to give it a try. 'I love golf. I missed being away from competitive golf,'" said Beman, whose plans to compete in the U.S. Open were sidelined by an aching hip.

Beman said that under no circumstances would he attempt to compete in an American PGA Tour co-sponsored event (the U.S. Open is not a co-sponsored tournament).

"It would not be appropriate," he said.

Cowboys safety Clinkscale has yet to report to camp

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Veteran strong safety Dextor Clinkscale was still missing from the Dallas Cowboys training camp Tuesday, with Cowboys management saying they did not know why he had failed to show.

In a press release on Tuesday's camp, the Cowboys said Clinkscale had yet to notify them of the reason for his absence. Veterans were to report to camp Sunday.

Clinkscale's attorney, Paul Schoonover of Dallas, told the Dallas Times Herald that Clinkscale was not a contract holdout.

"At this time, we're just choosing not to say anything about what Dextor is doing," Schoonover said.

The collective bargaining agreement between management and the players association said players are to report 15 days before the first preseason game. Cowboy veterans were asked to report Sunday—21 days before the London game against Chicago.

But Coach Tom Landry said he agreed to hold only one workout per day in London if the team would re-

port early. The Cowboys normally hold two practices a day.

Clinkscale is the club's player representative to the NFL Players Association.

Tight end Doug Cosbie, assistant player representative, said he was notified last week by the players association that the team shouldn't report Sunday.

"But they really didn't make any big deal out of it, so I can't imagine that would be the reason that he didn't show up," Cosbie said.

The Cowboys released two rookie free agents Tuesday, cutting their training camp roster to 101 players, including 51 rookies and first-year players.

Placed on waivers were safety David Carter of California and offensive lineman Greg Rea of Nevada-Reno.

In addition to Clinkscale, the team's first three draft choices were still absent from camp. Wide receiver Mike Sherrard of UCLA, running back Darryl Clack of Arizona State and defensive lineman Mark Walen of UCLA have not come to contract terms.

A&M Tennis Open entries available

Entries are being accepted for the Texas A&M "Kaepa" Open Tennis Tournament to be held at A&M's Omar Smith Tennis Center July 31-Aug. 3.

Depending on the number of entries, approximately \$1,500 in total prize money will be awarded in the championship division.

The entry deadline is July 25. Entry blanks can be picked up at either the A&M tennis office or the Royal Oaks Racquet Club at 4455 Carter Creek Parkway in Bryan.

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