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**Astros regain winning touch by skimming past Cubs 6-4**

CHICAGO (AP) —Denny Walling hit a two-run double and Jose Cruz had a solo homer to highlight a four-run sixth inning Monday, leading the Houston Astros to a 6-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs. The loss eliminated the fifth-place Cubs from the National League East race. Billy Hatcher opened the sixth with a single, extending his hitting streak to 11 games, and Craig Reynolds drew a walk off Ed Lynch, 4-4. Walling doubled to right, scoring

both runners. Walling took third on an infield out and scored on Kevin Bass' sacrifice fly before Cruz hit his sixth homer to right. The Astros added two runs in the eighth on a single by Dan Riessen and a run-scoring double by Bass, who later scored on a single by Alan Ashby. Danny Darwin, 1-1, allowed seven hits over six innings to win his first game for Houston since being acquired from the Milwaukee Brewers on Aug. 15.

Dave Smith pitched out of a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the ninth for his 28th save. Darwin, whose other loss was against the Cubs, allowed two runs in the fifth inning. Shawon Dunston singled, went to third on a single by Jerry Mumphy and scored on a sacrifice fly by Ryne Sandberg. Gary Matthews walked and Keith Moreland singled to left scoring Mumphy.

**Red Sox rally to upend Rangers**

BOSTON (AP) — Tony Armas hit a three-run double and Jim Rice added a solo home run Monday night as the Boston Red Sox rallied for their third consecutive victory, a 4-1 decision over the Texas Rangers. After spotting Texas a 2-0 lead on Pete Inavaglia's 21st homer and Larry Parrish's 22nd, the Red Sox bounced back to retain their 3½-game lead over Toronto in the American League East. Left-hander Bruce Hurst, 9-7, who struck out nine, allowed five hits in the first three innings before settling down. Hurst yielded only two more hits before needing relief help from Steve Crawford after he gave up a double to Steve Buechele and a walk to Toby Harrah in the seventh inning. Crawford, making his first appearance since being disabled with a sore shoulder on July 18, ended the threat by retiring Scott Fletcher on a foul pop and getting Ruben Sierra to hit into a double play. The Red Sox then hiked the score to 6-2 with two runs in their half of the seventh. Crawford gave up consecutive two-out, pinch homers in the ninth to Oddibe McDowell, No. 17, and Darrell Porter, No. 8.

innings, the Red Sox scored three runs on Armas' double off Texas starter Edwin Correa, 8-12, to go in front for good in the third.

Wade Boggs started the inning with a ground single off Correa's hand and took second as Marty Barrett grounded out.

**Major League Baseball**

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	77	54	.588	New York	68	43	.612
Toronto	74	58	.561	Philadelphia	69	62	.527
New York	70	61	.534	St. Louis	66	65	.504
Detroit	69	64	.519	Montreal	63	65	.492
Baltimore	66	65	.504	Chicago	55	76	.420
Cleveland	65	67	.492	Pittsburgh	53	77	.408
Milwaukee	64	66	.492				

  

West Division				West Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	74	57	.565	Houston	74	57	.565
Texas	69	63	.523	Cincinnati	67	64	.511
Oakland	61	71	.462	San Francisco	66	66	.496
Kansas City	60	70	.462	Los Angeles	62	69	.473
Seattle	58	75	.434	Atlanta	61	69	.469
Chicago	55	73	.434	San Diego	61	71	.462
Minnesota	55	75	.427				

  

**Monday's Games**

Boston 6, Texas 4	Houston 6, Chicago 4
Baltimore 9, California 3	New York 5, San Francisco 2
Toronto 5, Cleveland 4	Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 5
Minnesota 9, Milwaukee 3	Montreal 7, Los Angeles 6
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