

Astros deal Mets 3-1 defeat to even series

Scott sets record with 3-hitter; Thon, Ashby blast homers

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Scott pitched a three-hitter in a record-setting performance, beating the New York Mets 3-1 Sunday night as the Houston Astros evened the National League playoffs at two victories apiece.

Alan Ashby, given a second chance when his foul popup wasn't caught, hit a two-run homer and Dickie Thon added a solo shot, accounting for all the runs off Mets left-hander Sid Fernandez.

Scott, who beat the Mets 1-0 in Game 1, became the first pitcher in either league to pitch two complete games in a playoff series.

Scott won Game 1 with a five-hitter, equalling a playoff record with 14 strikeouts. While he was less overpowering this time out, returning on three-days rest after throwing 125 pitches in Game 1, he was no less ef-

fective. He did not give up a hit until Ray Knight's two-out single in the fifth inning, while walking none and striking out five.

That gave Scott 19 strikeouts, most ever in a league playoff. Dave Stieb had 18 strikeouts for Toronto in last year's American League playoffs against Kansas City.

The lone run off Scott came in the eighth when pinch-hitter Danny Heep drove in Mookie Wilson with a sacrifice fly.

Scott's 16½ consecutive scoreless innings bettered the previous NL record of 15½ set by Los Angeles' Don Sutton in 1974.

Rookie left-hander Jim Deshaies, 12-5 during the season, will face the

Mets' Dwight Gooden, who lost Game 1 despite giving up just one run in seven innings, as the two sides try to break the second tie of the playoffs in Game 5 Monday. There was a forecast for a chance of rain for the game.

Astros Manager Hal Lanier wrestled with the decision whether to bring Scott back on three-days rest, although he had a 5-3 record in games earlier this season that he had started without the normal four days off. But the gamble paid off as Scott had his split-fingered fastball working to perfection.

The Astros scored two of their runs in the second inning, an inning prolonged when the Mets failed to

catch a popup in foul territory by Ashby before he hit his home run.

Glenn Davis started the inning that might not have been for Houston when he lofted a soft single into center field to lead off the second.

Fernandez, making his first post-season appearance on his 24th birthday, then struck out Kevin Bass and Jose Cruz. He had a 3-1 count on Ashby when the catcher hit a high popup toward the seats in shallow left field.

Ray Knight backpedaled from his third base position with a decent chance of catching the ball for the third out of the inning. Instead, shortstop Rafael Santana, out of position to make the play himself,

called Knight off at the last second, and the ball fell untouched, one row into some VIP boxes constructed especially for the playoffs. Ashby fouled off one pitch, then hit the next one into the visiting bullpen in left field for a 2-0 Houston lead.

Ashby had just seven home runs during the season.

The Astros got their third run in the fifth inning when Thon homered to left with one out. Thon, who had just three regular-season homers, hit an 0-1 pitch from Fernandez.

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Wilson led off the Mets eighth with an infield hit behind second base. Knight followed with a hard ground ball to third. As Phil Garner threw out Knight at first, Wilson continued on to third, barely hesitating as he rounded second.

Heep drove him home with a fly ball to medium-deep center field.

New York's final hit was a single to left by Dykstra leading off the ninth. He advanced to second on an unsuccessful bunt attempt by Backman and went to third on a ground-out by Keith Hernandez. He was left there when Scott retired Gary Carter on a fly ball to center.

Sox stun Angels 7-6 in 11 innings

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Dave Henderson, whose two-run homer capped a four-run rally in the ninth inning that kept Boston alive, hit a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning Sunday that gave the Red Sox a 7-6 victory over the California Angels in Game 5 of the American League playoffs.

The Red Sox, who several times were perilously close to elimination, instead narrowed California's lead to 3-2 in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 is scheduled for Tuesday night in Boston.

Henderson's heroics, which came after his defensive miscue on Bobby Grich's freak home run had put California ahead in the sixth, enabled Boston to avoid being swept in three games at Anaheim Stadium after splitting the first two games at Fenway Park.

Don Baylor and Henderson hit two-run homers as the Red Sox overcame a 5-2 deficit in the ninth, and the same two players triggered

the Red Sox victory in the 11th.

Baylor, leading off the 11th, was hit by a pitch from Donnie Moore. It was the 36th time Baylor was hit this year and the 228th time for the AL leader in that department.

Dwight Evans singled Baylor to second and Rich Gedman's fourth hit of the game, a bunt single, loaded the bases. Henderson followed with his sacrifice fly to medium-deep center.

The victory went to Steve Crawford, who pitched out of a bases-loaded jam with one out in the ninth and also worked the 10th.

Calvin Schiraldi, tagged with Boston's heart-breaking loss in Game 4, worked a perfect 11th for the save.

The Angels battled back against three Boston relievers to tie it 6-6 in the bottom of the ninth.

Trailing 6-5, Bob Boone led off with a single against Bob Stanley. Boone, 3-for-3 Sunday and 9-for-17 in the series, was replaced by pinch-runner Ruppert Jones, who took

second on a sacrifice by Gary Pettis.

Joe Sambito relieved Stanley, and Wilfong grounded his first pitch just beyond the reach of second baseman Marty Barrett. Jones was running all the way and slid home safely.

Dick Schofield then greeted Crawford with a single that sent Wilfong to third, and Brian Downing was intentionally walked to load the bases.

But with the winning run 90 feet from home plate and the outfield drawn in, Crawford managed to get out of it by retiring Doug DeCinces on a shallow fly to right, and after going 2-0 on Grich, got him on a soft liner back to the mound.

The Red Sox, who had blown a three-run lead in the ninth inning Saturday night in a stunning game won by Grich's RBI single in the 11th, took a 2-1 lead into the sixth behind Bruce Hurst.

With two outs, DeCinces doubled before Hurst worked a 1-2 count on Grich, who had struck out in his previous two at-bats. This time, Grich hit a long drive that Henderson seemed to have within range.

Henderson leaped just short of the fence and got his glove on the ball, but his momentum carried his glove above the wall and the impact knocked the ball loose and over the fence for a two-run homer.

Major League Baseball Championship Series

Sunday, Oct. 12
Boston 7, California 6, 11 innings, California leads series 3-2
Houston 3, New York 1, series tied 2-2

Monday, Oct. 13
Houston (Deshaies 12-5) at New York (Gooden 17-6), 2:05 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14
California (McCaskill 17-10) at Houston (Boyd 16-10), 7:20 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15
New York at Houston, if necessary, 2:05 p.m.
California at Boston, if necessary, 7:20 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16
New York at Houston, if necessary, 7:20 p.m.

Cowboys overpower Redskins 30-6

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, backed by Herschel Walker's two touchdown runs and 155 yards receiving, knocked the Washington Redskins out of the NFL unbeaten ranks with a 30-6 victory on Sunday in a key NFC Eastern Division showdown.

Washington dropped to 5-1 while the Cowboys got back into the division race with a 4-2 ledger.

Walker scored on two 1-yard runs, but killed the Redskins with his six pass receptions. Washington was

also flagged for interference on Walker to position the Cowboys for a field goal.

The Redskins, burdened by three missed field goals, a lost fumble, and an interception, couldn't get their offense untracked. George Rogers scored on a 2-yard run in the third period but suffered a sprained ankle and was lost for the day.

Rafael Septien kicked three field goals for the Cowboys and rookie wide receiver Mike Sherrard made a spectacular 27-yard touchdown

catch of a Steve Pelluer pass.

Walker set up his own 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter with a 69-yard reception of a lobbed Pelluer pass.

Walker played a big part in two Septien field goals in the second quarter.

He was involved in a 36-yard pass interference penalty to the Washington 7. Septien kicked the field goal from 21 yards out.

Septien kicked a 38-yard field goal after Walker made a one-

handed catch on a 26-yard pass from Pelluer to the Redskin 28 in the second period.

Walker made a spectacular 27-yard run with a screen pass to the Redskins 1-yard line and followed it up with the Cowboys' final touchdown in the fourth period.

Pelluer passed for 323 yards, the most by a Cowboys' quarterback since Gary Hogeboom had 389 yards in 1985.

Bears dispose of Oilers; Payton sets record

HOUSTON (AP) — Chicago's Walter Payton scored on a 1-yard run and became the first player in NFL history to gain 20,000 yards by rushing, receiving and returns to lead the Bears to a rugged 20-7 victory over Houston Sunday.

The Bears, 6-0, won their 12th straight game dating back to last season's Super Bowl title, but they had to battle a tough Oilers' defense and a boisterous crowd of 46,026. The Oilers fell to 1-5.

Payton's touchdown run in the third quarter gave the Bears a 14-0 lead and gave him exactly what he needed to hit the 20,000-yard plateau. He had 19,939 yards going into the contest.

Payton, a 12-year veteran, finished with 76 yards on 22 carries and caught one pass for 30 yards, giving him 20,045 career rushing, passing and return yards.

Chicago was forced to settle for Kevin Butler's 31-yard field goal

with 9:52 left in the game after the Bears failed to score three times from the Oiler 3-yard line.

Play was delayed several minutes while officials tried to quiet the roaring Oiler crowd.

Butler added a 27-yard field goal with 1:28 left in the game.

Payton's record touchdown was set up by a 44-yard kickoff return by Thomas Sanders and aided by a roughing-the-passer penalty on

third down by Oiler safety Keith Bostic.

Dennis Gentry found an opening in the middle of the Oiler defense and broke up the scoreless battle with 2:16 left in the first half on a 21-yard touchdown run to give the Bears a 7-0 lead.

The Oilers scored for the first time with 1:30 to go in the third quarter on an 18-yard touchdown pass to Drew Hill from Warren Moon.

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New England	3	3	0	.500	162	112	Washington	5	1	0	.833	120	97
Akron	2	4	0	.333	153	190	Dallas	4	2	0	.667	172	114
Buffalo	1	5	0	.167	118	135	Philadelphia	2	4	0	.333	84	142
Indianapolis	0	6	0	.000	55	165	St. Louis	1	5	0	.167	76	129
Central						Central							
Cleveland	4	2	0	.667	138	143	Chicago	6	0	0	1.000	166	67
Cincinnati	3	3	0	.500	121	142	Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	133	84
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	.200	63	125	Detroit	3	3	0	.500	106	116
Houston	1	5	0	.167	100	119	Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167	100	153
West						West							
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	179	101	Green Bay	0	6	0	.000	74	177
Seattle	4	2	0	.667	148	88	West						
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	112	111	Atlanta	5	1	0	.833	150	108
L.A. Raiders	3	3	0	.500	106	102	LA Rams	4	2	0	.667	116	110
San Diego	1	5	0	.167	118	159	San Francisco	4	2	0	.667	160	97
							New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	91	115

Sunday's Games
Miami 27, Buffalo 14
Chicago 20, Houston 7
Detroit 21, Green Bay 14
Cleveland 20, Kansas City 7
Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 14
New Orleans 17, Indianapolis 14
New York Jets 31, New England 24

St. Louis 30, Tampa Bay 19
Dallas 30, Washington 6
Los Angeles Raiders 14, Seattle 10
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Denver 31, San Diego 14

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