

Walling's single in 9th gives Astros 7-6 win

HOUSTON (AP) — Denny Walling's bases-loaded single drove in the winning run and capped a four-run ninth inning rally as the Houston Astros defeated the Atlanta Braves 7-6 Tuesday night.

Alan Ashby led off the ninth for Houston with a solo home run to cut Houston's deficit to 6-4.

After a pair of strikeouts, Bill Doran walked, bringing on Gene Garber in relief of Paul Assenmacher.

Doran moved to third on Billy Hatcher's single and scored on a single by Phil Garner.

Glenn Davis singled in Hatcher, and an intentional walk to Kevin Bass loaded the bases for Walling's game-winning hit, which scored Garner.

Larry Andersen, 2-0, was the winner and Garber, 2-2, took the loss.

Dale Murphy's solo homer and Glenn Hubbard's three-run double had helped give Atlanta a 6-3 lead going into the bottom of the ninth.

Al Hall led off the Braves' first

with a double and eventually scored on Gary Roenicke's sacrifice fly.

Murphy then hit his third homer of the season over the right-center field fence.

Houston cut the deficit to 2-1 in the second when Jose Cruz doubled and scored on Ashby's single to center.

Atlanta increased its lead to 5-1 in the sixth on Hubbard's bases-loaded double. Murphy singled with one out and moved to second on Graig Nettles' single.

Houston added a pair of runs in the seventh when pinch-hitter Jim Pankovits singled and scored when center fielder Hall misplayed Doran's fly ball for a three-base error. Hatcher then extended his hitting streak to 14 games, singling in Doran.

The Braves added a run in the ninth when Ken Oberkfell beat out an infield single and moved to second on a sacrifice. He scored when reliever Larry Andersen fielded Rafael Ramirez' grounder and threw wildly to first.

Texas ends losing skid by edging Baltimore

ARLINGTON (AP) — Charlie Hough did not have had a good knuckleball, but home runs by Ruben Sierra, Larry Parrish and Scott Fletcher were enough Tuesday night to enable the Texas Rangers to end a nine-game losing streak by beating the Baltimore Orioles 6-4.

Hough evened his record at 1-1 by pitching his way out of trouble most of the night. He threw 149 pitches, allowed 10 hits, walked three and struck out seven.

"I didn't have a very good knuckleball early on," said Hough, "but I managed to work out of some jams and finally found a rhythm. That's a pretty darned good hitting team out there."

The Orioles, who left 10 runners on base, including the bases loaded in the first and fifth, got a seven-hitter from Mike Flanagan, 0-2. But three home runs accounted for five of the six Texas runs.

Sierra's homer, his first of the season, was a three-run shot in the first that wiped out a 1-0 lead Baltimore had taken in the top of the first.

"I was happy to see those early runs," said Hough, who walked two batters and hit Ray Knight with a pitch to force in the Orioles' first run in the first inning. "The way I was pitching early, I needed all the runs they could get me."

Ranger Manager Bobby Valentine made a trip to the mound in the ninth after the Orioles had scored to make it 6-4 and had a runner on second with Fred Lynn at the plate.

"I wasn't going to take him out unless he told me he was on his last legs and couldn't get the guy out," said Valentine. "He said he could, so I just said to go get him."

Parrish hit a solo homer, his third, in the third for a 5-3 lead and Fletcher opened the eighth with his first home run.

Bob Brower led off with a double and later came home on an RBI grounder by Pete O'Brien. With two outs, Parrish walked and Sierra homered into the left-field bleachers in left.

Baltimore pulled within 4-3 in the second on a solo home run by Ken Gerhart and Cal Ripken Jr.'s sacrifice fly. The Orioles left the bases loaded in the fifth for the second time in the game and Parrish homered in the bottom of the fifth. Eddie Murray hit an RBI double in the ninth.

Navratilova, Evert advance in Virginia Slims tourney

HOUSTON (AP) — Top seed Martina Navratilova defeated Camille Benjamin 6-2, 6-1 in first-round action Tuesday night at the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of Houston Women's Tennis Tournament.

The 23-year-old Benjamin kept pace with the world's top-ranked player through the first four games, winning her first two service games.

But when Navratilova, 30, warmed up, she broke Benjamin's serve in the fifth game, and then won 12 consecutive points to win the set 6-2.

Third-seeded Chris Evert glided past Nathalie Herremann of France 6-1, 6-1 in other first-round action.

Evert will take on Argentinian Marianna Perez-Roldan in a second-round match Wednesday.

Fourth-seeded Zina Garrison battled 17-year-old Halle Gioffe for one hour, 35 minutes before winning 6-7, 5-7.

With the match tied 5-5 in the second set, Garrison gave up only one of the final nine points of the match.

Garrison will take on Elise Burgin of Baltimore, Md., in a second-round match Wednesday.

Fifth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina quickly eliminated qualifier Amy Schwartz of Miami 6-1, 6-1 in first-round action. Two weeks ago, the 16-year-old Sabatini, ranked 10th in the world, defeated Garrison, Pam Shriver and Manuela Maleeva before losing to Evert at Hilton Head.

Sabatini will take on Michelle Torres in the second round.

Sixth-seeded Lori McNeil eliminated Brazilian Pat Medrado 6-4, 6-4. McNeil, ranked No. 13 in the world, will play Andrea Jaeger of Saddlebrook, Fla., Wednesday.

Evert's victory was the 1,267th in her career.

"When I hear those stats, I cringe because I can't believe I've been in the game that long," said Evert, 32. "But I try to feel fresh every time I walk on the court, like it's my very first match."

NHL playoffs resume tonight

From the Associated Press

Montreal Coach Jean Perron, whose Canadiens trail Quebec 1-0 in the Adams Division series, is quick to point out that his team lost the first game of its playoffs with Hartford and the Calgary last year, then rebounded to win the NHL's Stanley Cup.

The Canadiens, whose 13-game winning streak was snapped Monday night by the Quebec Nordiques 7-5, try to bounce back tonight when the best-of-7 division championship series resumes at Montreal.

In the Patrick Division finals, the host Philadelphia Flyers will attempt to stretch their 1-0 lead against the New York Islanders tonight. The Flyers won the opener 4-2.

In Tuesday night games, the Toronto Maple Leafs played the Detroit Red Wings to open the Norris Division finals and Winnipeg met the Edmonton Oilers for the start of the Smythe Division finals.

Perron was uncertain whether Patrick Roy, last year's Conn Smythe Trophy winner as the most valuable player in the playoffs, will be in the Canadiens' goal for the second

game. He was replaced after Quebec's seventh goal.

"We're used to playing tight games, and using four lines the way we do, it should have been to our advantage," Montreal forward Bobby Smith said. "But it just seemed we were killing penalties every time we turned around, and that's not our game."

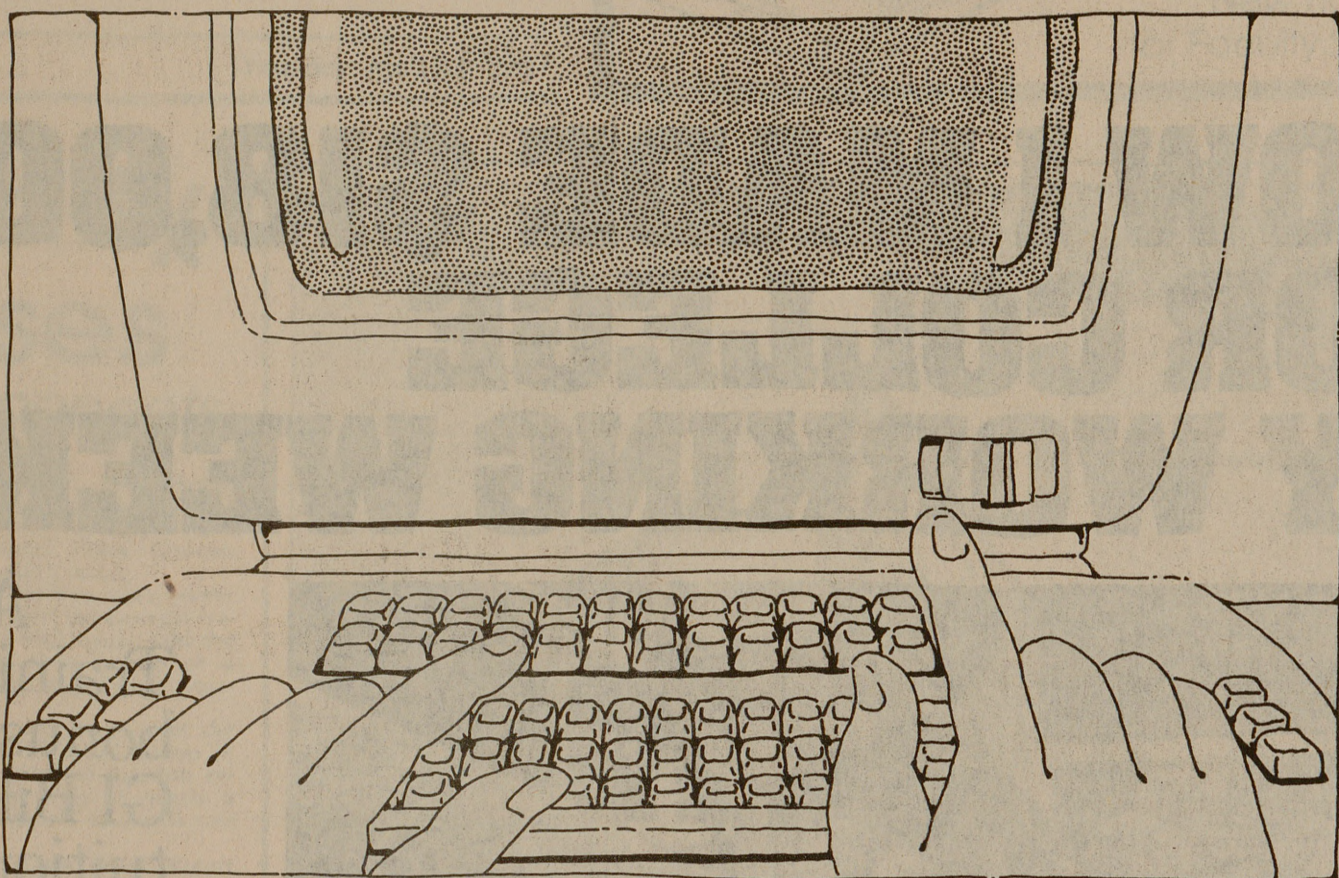
The Canadiens had held Quebec without a shot in the second period when Chris Nilan was sent off for four minutes, with the score tied 2-2. Early in the third period, Nilan again drew a double minor and Dale Hunter deflected Steven Finn's shot from the blue line to give the Nordiques a 5-4 lead.

Nordiques Coach Michel Bergeron said the week playoff probably hurt the Canadiens, and he said he hoped his team could continue to take advantage of it.

"The big thing was to win one out of two here," he said. "Now, we have to avoid a letdown on tonight."

Tim Kerr scored twice early in the first period and added a power-play goal in leading Philadelphia over the Islanders, who gained the finals with Saturday night's four-overtime 3-2 win over Washington.

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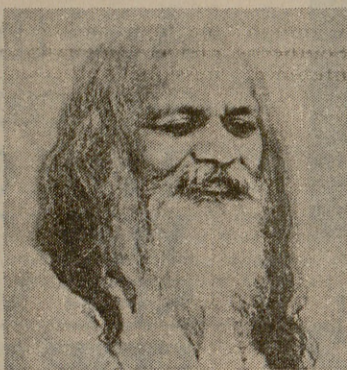
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