

# Sports

## Raines' triple leads NL to 2-0 win in 13 innings

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tim Lincecum's two-run triple in the 13th inning Tuesday night gave the National League a 2-0 victory over the American League in an All-Star game that made a mockery of baseball's year of the home run.

Raines, the Montreal superstar no one wanted during his free agency after last season, lined a 2-0 pitch from Oakland's Jay Howell to left-center field to decide the third-longest All-Star Game in history. The Nationals now have won all eight extra-inning games and lead the series 7-20-1.

Pitching dominated like never in previous All-Star games.

In the twilight zone of Oakland

Alameda County Coliseum, it was more like the dead ball era. In the midsummer showcase of a season of record paces for home runs and scoring, the only records set were for offensive futility.

There were just seven hits by both teams through nine innings — the fewest ever — and no All-Star Game had gone scoreless past the sixth inning. Only 11 times before were there no homers, the last time in 1978.

But Raines, who missed the first four weeks of the season before resigning with Montreal, finally produced the verdict.

Atlanta's Ozzie Virgil opened the 13th with a single, and pitcher Lee

Smith struck out trying to bunt because there were no pinch-hitters left on the NL bench. Montreal's Hubie Brooks singled to right field, moving Virgil to second, and Willie McGee flied out before Raines tripled off Howell, whose 4.96 earned run average was the highest among the 17 All-Star pitchers.

Smith pitched three innings of two-hit ball with four strikeouts for the victory, and Sid Fernandez, the last player left on the NL roster, pitched the 13th for a save.

AL starter Bret Saberhagen, Kansas City's 15-game winner, was almost perfect for three innings and Detroit's Jack Morris, Seattle's Mark Langston, Milwaukee's Dan Plesac,

New York's Dave Righetti and Toronto's Tom Henke were nearly as good.

NL starter Mike Scott of Houston, Rick Sutcliffe of Chicago and Orel Hershiser of Los Angeles each pitched two innings of one-hit ball before Rick Reuschel of Pittsburgh, John Franco of Cincinnati, Steve Bedrosian of Philadelphia and Smith took over.

Bedrosian, who leads the majors with 24 saves, saved the NL in the ninth with his glove and arm.

Bedrosian walked the Yankees' Dave Winfield and the Red Sox's Dwight Evans with one out and the Mariners' Harold Reynolds followed with a grounder that first baseman

Keith Hernandez of the New York Mets fielded and threw to second for a forceout. The relay from Brooks to Bedrosian covering first base was wide, but Bedrosian caught the ball with a dive, rolled over and threw to Virgil at the plate, who held on in a hard collision with the charging Winfield to finish the double play and end the inning. It was the second time Winfield had been doubled up in scoring position.

In the top of the ninth, the Nationals posed their biggest threat when Raines reached third with one out with a single, stolen base and first baseman Mark McGwire's throwing error.

## Howe reports to Rangers' farm team

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Steve Howe reported to the Oklahoma City 89ers Tuesday declaring himself to be in the best shape of his life.

The Texas Rangers signed Howe to a minor league contract Sunday. Oklahoma City is the Rangers' American Association farm team.

"I'm throwing the ball condition-wise and arm strength-wise right now as well as 1983," Howe said. In that year, the lefthander appeared in 46 games, had an ERA of 1.44 and had 18 saves.

Texas General Manager Tom Grieve introduced Howe at a news conference at All Sports Stadium. He said Howe would pitch two or three innings in Tuesday night's game against the Iowa Cubs.

"The only thing we know for sure is that he'll pitch tonight," Grieve said. "I haven't been in baseball that long but I do know you don't make predictions... until you see the performance on the field."

Grieve said Howe would make "no more than two outings" from the bullpen before starting a game.

"Steve is healthy and ready to pitch," Grieve said. "He can probably do more than we think he can."

Howe answered questions for 40 minutes, while glancing down on the field where the 89ers were preparing for their 7:35 p.m. game against Iowa.

"There's times when I didn't want the spotlight and times that I did," Howe said. "But it's there and I have to deal with it."

Howe said he's not nervous about his initial step in returning to the majors. "I'm more nervous about what I say when there's 50 million people asking questions," Howe quipped. "I can close everything out there."

Howe, the National League's Rookie of the Year in 1980, said whispered threats that this is his last chance in baseball don't bother him.

"I don't look at it that way," he said. "I'm going after Rookie of the Year again. I'm here to play baseball, and the days I'm here I'm going to help Oklahoma City win ballgames. That's the way I look at it."

## Jackson, L.A. agree to contract; baseball still Bo's main priority

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson said Tuesday that he had agreed to a contract with the Los Angeles Raiders that would enable him to fulfill his dream of playing both professional football and baseball.

Jackson said he would join the NFL team in the fall as a running back after he finishes playing outfield for the Kansas City Royals, where he is the team's leading home run hitter.

Neither Jackson nor his agent, Richard Woods, would comment on the terms of the contract. But sources told the Associated Press that the deal is for \$2.6 million over five years, including a \$1 million signing bonus. He also will receive a \$1 million loan.

He is believed to receive about \$300,000 a year from the Royals on a five-year deal.

Woods said it may be a few days before the Raiders contract is signed.

Raiders Coach Tom Flores said Jackson's agent approached the team, which had drafted the former Auburn star in the seventh round last April.

"This all happened in just the last couple of weeks," said Flores.

The 24-year-old Jackson, who combines power and speed in both sports, said he would rest "as long as

I need" back home in Alabama after the baseball season before joining the Raiders.

When that would depend on the success of the Royals, who trail Minnesota by two games in the American League West.

If Kansas City fails to win the division title, its season would be over Oct. 4, but if the team is involved in playoffs and World Series, the season could run until November.

If the Royals fail to win their division, Woods said he expected Jackson to be ready for football by early November — which would be about halfway through the regular NFL season.

Jackson said he anticipated being used on a part-time basis, splitting time with Marcus Allen and other backs.

"I don't have anything to prove to no one," Jackson said at a news conference near the Auburn campus where he played both sports. "I'm doing it because it's a goal."

Flores said, "Obviously, we would find some ways to use him. We said when we drafted him, we were doing it with the idea of not disrupting his baseball career. We feel that if anybody has the ability to play both, he is the person."

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## Kerfeld has shaky return with Astros after AAA stint

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros relief pitcher Charlie Kerfeld, a cartoon character of sorts on his first night back from the minors, wasn't able to help the team avoid another loss to the New York Mets.

After relieving Astros starter Bob Knepper, Kerfeld held the Mets scoreless in the eighth inning Sunday despite two walks.

But New York outfielders Len Dykstra and Mookie Wilson reached base to start the ninth, and Astros Manager Hal Lanier chose to take no more chances.

Down came the curtain on Kerfeld, and on came reliever Dave Smith with the Astros still behind 3-2. Two more runs were scored with Smith on the mound, and Kerfeld was charged with them, along with the three walks and a hit.

"I know the fans wanted to see me strike out six guys in a row," said Kerfeld, who had one strikeout. "It wasn't exactly the way I wanted to come in. I just had a bad day."

"I've had plenty of bad days in Houston," Kerfeld added. "This one was just magnified. One day isn't the whole season."

Banished to the club's AAA team in Tucson in April after erratic work in the Astros' first 19 games, the 23-year-old right-hander was called back late Satur-

day night as Lanier continued his search for relief help.

Reliever Ron Mathis returned to Tucson after five weeks with the Astros to make room for Kerfeld.

A crowd of 33,582 welcomed Kerfeld, whose off-beat antics — unlike last year — failed to make Astros management laugh this season when his pitching faltered.

Kerfeld has been known to don cartoon character T-shirts under his uniform and has worn an earring. During the playoffs last year, he sprayed fans with champagne after the Astros clinched the Western Division.

Kerfeld said his demotion to Tucson in late April did several things.

"I learned about myself, mostly. You find out a lot about yourself when things go bad."

Bad they were. When he left for Arizona, after just 12½ innings pitched for the Astros, his ERA had ballooned to 9.23. With the Toros, he went 4-4 with a 4.74 ERA.

What was different, however, was Kerfeld's attitude and weight, which, like his ERA, had ballooned — to 265 pounds. He now weighs 249 pounds.

"That probably wouldn't have mattered so much if I had been pitching better," he said. "But when you're not throwing well, everything adds up."

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