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Drabek pitches Pirates past Reds

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Doug Drabek provided the Pittsburgh Pirates with some arms control of their own Wednesday night to send the National League playoffs back to

Drabek allowed two runs and seven hits in eight-plus innings as the Pirates beat the Reds 3-2 in Game 5. Bob Patterson came on with one out and runners on second and

day night at Riverfront Stadium with Cincinnati needing one victory for its first NL pennant since 1976.

The NL winner, of course, will have the honor of trying to knock off the Oakland Athletics. All the defending World Series champions iled 3-1 and came back to win both.

Drabek, looking for his second complete game of the series, gave up a leadoff single in the ninth to Paul

straight postseason games.

If history is any indication, the Pirates may have the Reds right where they want them. In the 1925 and 1979 World Series, Pittsburgh tra-

third and, after an intentional walk, got a double play to end the game.

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The done is win three consecutive American League pennants and 10 straight postseason games.

O'Neill, and Eric Davis followed with an infield single off the third base bag. Hal Morris sacrificed the runners to second and third and Patter-

> The Pirates intentionally walked Chris Sabo to load the bases. Jeff Reed then hit into a 5-4-3 double play, started by Bobby Bonilla, to end the game.

Pats' Dykes, Friar involved

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A scuffle outside a nightclub Wednesday left New England Patriots wide receiver Hart Lee Dykes hospitalized with an eye injury and teammate Ir-

in club fight

ving Fryar with a weapons charge. It was unclear what started the early morning fracas, but Fryar filed a police report that said he was hit over the head from behind while trying to help Dykes.

Fryar's attorney, Peter DiBiase, said the wide receiver was walking to his car outside Club Shalimar around 1:20 a.m. when he noticed Dykes arguing with some people.

He said a witness told police someone was "needling Dykes about how poorly the team was doing," but poice would not confirm that.

Fryar looked again and "at that point (Dykes) was lying in the street and there were four or five people assaulting him," DiBiase said.

Fryar went to help Dykes, also a wide receiver, and was hit from behind. "He knows that he was hit with an object, not a fist," DiBiase said. He said a witness told police that Fryar "was hit with a bat or a bat-like

Witnesses told police Fryar ran to his car, grabbed a 9mm Smith & Wesson handgun, put it in his boot and returned to the scene, according

It said he pointed the gun at peo-ple who "scattered and fled in all di-

Police questioned a suspect but released him pending further investi-gation, said Major Milton Wilson. Fryar, who required stitches to lose a gash on his head, was charged with carrying a gun without

apermit, a felony. "He does have a Massachusetts permit, however it is not valid under certain conditions," said Capt. Bernard Gannon. "This is not one of

Ump ejects Bosox's Clemens

Pitcher kicked A's_ out after cursing Continued from page 9

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -Boston's Roger Clemens flamed out of the AL playoffs in a rage Wednesday, cursing and screaming in frustration at the home plate umpire after getting thrown out in the second inning of Game

Clemens stood on the mound, preparing to pitch and swearing at home plate umpire Terry Cooney when Cooney bolted from behind the plate and said he'd had enough abuse.

Cooney signaled the disbelieving Clemens out of the game. Boston manager Joe Morgan charged Cooney from the dugout and Clemens had to be restrained. Reserve infielder Marty Barrett also rushed out from the dugout and was ejected. Boston players tossed two coolers and a garbage bin from the dugout onto the field.

John Peale, a film messenger for The Associated Press who was located directly behind the backstop, recounted this ex-change that led to Clemens' ejec-

Clemens: You son of a bitch. You don't know where the strike

Cooney: What? Clemens: I'm not talking to you. You son of a bitch.

Then followed a stream of other profanities before Cooney tossed Clemens.

Clemens, pitching on three days rest despite a bout with tendinitis that has plagued him the past month, threw hard but had trouble with his control before he

four hits in the opener, took a twohit shutout into the ninth. He left after a leadoff double by Ellis Burks and an RBI single by Jody Reed, yet still beat Boston for the 10th straight

time, including six victories this year.
Rick Honeycutt ended it quickly, getting Wade Boggs to ground into a double and retiring Mike Greenwell

on a grounder.

Actually, the end came sooner, only it wasn't officially listed that

Clemens, perhaps the most domi-nant pitcher in the majors this sea-son, had shut out Oakland for six innings in the opener, but left with a 1-

In this game, he got into trouble right away, giving up a single to Rickey Henderson to start the game. He got out of that, but Carney Lansford and Terry Steinbach singled with one out in the second and Mark McGwire had an RBI grounder. Then, all hell broke loose.

After missing on a close 3-1 pitch to Willie Randolph, Clemens began yelling at Cooney. The umpire took off his mask and, as Boston manager Joe Morgan ran onto the field, Cooney made the sign of an ejection.

Clemens, however, did not seem to realize that he was the one who was gone. But after another minute, he caught on and charged the plate.

A few Red Sox players, coaches and Morgan tried to intercept Clemens, but he pushed past and even shoved an umpire in an attempt to get Cooney.

In the meantime, two water coolers and a trash bin full of bubble gum and sunflower seeds got tossed onto the field from the Boston du-gout, and Marty Barrett and coach Dick Berardino got into a brief skir-

Ousted Clemens gives cap to fan

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Roger Clemens, ejected fromt Game 4 of the AL playoffs on Wednesday for cursing at home plate umpire Terry Cooney, gave his cap as he left the park to a 60-year-old Oakland fan who's ridiculed the Boston right-hander for seven years.

"We've been feuding for years," said Bob Northrup, of Napa, Calif. "He's thrown coffee and Kool-Aid on me before. Oh, he's been so angry at me, he's wanted to whip me."

But Wednesday, as he was given a police escort from the dugout to the clubhouse, Clemens stopped and turned around. He walked over to Northrup, gave him his cap, and walked away from an appreciative, clapping crowd. The fans were chanting, "We want Clemens! We Want Clemens!'

But Northrup had his own piece of Clemens.

"Actually, he was never friendly to us before until yester-day (Tuesday)," Northrup said. "He stopped and talked to me. I told him I have tickets for tomorrow, so go out and win the game. He signed a ball for me. Until that time, we were adversaries, more so than any other player in

the American League."
"We've called him Butterbutt, Crisco Kid, and Fat-in-the-Pan," said Ernie Nagy, who sits next to

Northrup.
"I yelled at him as he was walking by (after the ejection)," Northrup said, "and I said, "Lousy call, good game!' He went about 10 or 15 feet, turned around, and gave me his cap."



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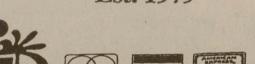
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Whatever was said, one thing is sure: the Clemens' punishment did not fit his crime. Clemens was wrong in saying what he did. But Cooney was wrong for taking this important of a game into his own hands. Down three games to zero, Clemens was

Common sense says that Cooney should have issued Clemens a warning, not an ejection. That should have calmed the pitcher down and would have allowed the game to continue to be what it was: a classic duel between two of baseball's greatest pitchers.

If I was a baseball fan and paid \$35 to see Stewart vs. Clemens, I'd be very disappointed to end up seeing Stewart vs. Bolton. Or Stewart vs. the Red Sox bullpen, which is what it turned out to be. Clemens' ejection took the life of a close ballgame. Instead, everyone was buzzing about Clemens.

Former catcher Tim McCarver, whose major league spanned two decades, said a player shouldn't be ejected unless he shows the umpire up, i.e. jumping up and down shouting in his face. He said that as a

catcher, he would question the umpire's calls 10 times a game and never got ejected.

But times, sadly, have changed. Umpires used to be the grandfathers of baseball. They'd let players get whatever gripes they had off their chest, then walk away. After all, what do anyway? When was the last time anyone saw a call reversed because someone like a Roger Clemens didn't like it?

Now umpires have become baseball's brats. Denkinger sat there on national television and turned red as he tried to rationalize a man like TerryCooney mistaking his job as umpire for God. Umpires don't have to take abuse like that, Denkinger said, and Cooney was absolutely correct for what he did.

The only problem is, he wasn't. A warning could have produced another ending to the game, although we'll never know. As it is, the A's advance to the World Series for the third year in a row. But their four-game sweep over the Red Soxnow has an imaginary asterisk to it, and Clemens and company will have to wait until next year.

Bucs' Perkins says team to still play conservatively

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) -- Conservative offensive strategy helped the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to coach Ray Perkins says he's not going to change his philosophy just because it didn't work against the Dallas Cowboys.

'We try to do things in the way that wins the game," Perkins said after Sunday's 14-10 setback dropped the Bucs (3-2) out of a tie for first place in the NFC Central Division.

"So I'm not going to stand here and try to answer questions about why we don't throw it more, why we don't run it more, why we don't blitz ... I'm not a stat guy. I don't care about stats.

An improved running game was instrumental in back-to-back victories over the Detroit Lions and Minnesota Vikings that helped Tampa Bay to a 3-1 start - the club's best since a 5-0 get-

On Sunday, Vinny Testaverde first two quarters - three of them on third down - and the Bucs trailed 7-3 at halftime. The NFL's top-rated quarterback finished with 13 completions in 21 at-tempts for 194 yards with a sizea-ble chunk of that coming on Gary Anderson's catch-and-run on a 58-yard scoring play

"Any time you throw the ball five times in the first half, it's going to look like you're throwing it more in the second half," Testa-verde said. "Even if you only throw it six times

"But in the passing game, there were holes there in their defense that would've enabled us to throw the ball a little more," added Testaverde, who's thrown for seven touchdowns with only two interceptions this season.

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