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A&M's Buckley, Harrison receive honors

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M's Marcus Buckley and Tony Harrison each received accolades from the Aggies' 26-13 victory over Missouri on Saturday.

Buckley was named AP's Defensive Player of the Week while Harrison was chosen for the AT&T Long Distance award for their performances against the Tigers.



Buckley

Buckley, a senior linebacker,

had eight solo tackles, including a sack for a 12-yard loss. He tackled the ball carrier on two occasions for losses totaling three yards, and once he pressured the quarterback into an interception.

Despite not being at 100 percent as he overcomes a mysterious ailment in his ankle joints, Buckley has had 21 tackles in four games. He's recovered two fumbles and caused two more fumbles.

He has four sacks totaling 33 yards and six tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses totaling 22 yards. Buckley has been credited with five quarterback pressures.

Buckley said you haven't seen anything yet.

"I'm feeling better every week," Buckley said. "The cool

weather helped in Missouri, and now with an off week, I should be back close to 100 percent for the Texas Tech game."

Buckley didn't believe his effort Saturday was his best, and he said the strong effort that the Tigers showed is something the Aggies will see every week.

"I thought I could have played better against Missouri," he said. "I jumped too soon on one screen pass or I could have had an interception."

"I thought our coaches did a

good job at halftime of making adjustments and we were able to execute in the second half. One about it, we'll get every best shot each week."

Harrison, a junior wide receiver, made only one catch Saturday. The reception, however, turned into a 73-yard touchdown in the opening seconds of the second half, tying the score of the game 10-10.

On a third-and-10 from the Tiger's 27, A&M quarterback Granger threw to Harrison, who ran a curl route, caught the ball, broke a tackle and raced down the sideline for the score.

Harrison, who received preseason All-Southwest Conference honors, has made eight catches far this season for a total of 103 yards.



Harrison

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Astros lose two to Reds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Bip Roberts quickly conceded he was lucky. No one even had to ask Milt Hill about his good fortune — it was obvious on one pitch.

Roberts got his ninth-straight hit, one shy of the NL record, and Hill survived the wildest pitch of the day to get his first major-league save Tuesday as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Houston Astros 4-3 for a doubleheader sweep.

Jose Rijo won his fifth-straight decision and singled home a pair of runs for a 6-3 win in the first game. Roberts bore down on a record and Hill simply bore down too hard as the Reds won their sixth-straight in the second game.

Roberts singled and doubled twice in his first three at-bats, giving him nine hits in nine consecutive at-bats over three games. He rested his sore right ankle in the first game, and left the second after aggravating the injury with the streak intact.

The NL record of 10-consecutive hits has been accomplished six times since 1900, most recently by Woody Williams of the Reds in 1943. The major league record is 12-straight hits by Boston's Pinky Higgins in 1938 and Detroit's Walt Drogo in 1952.

Roberts didn't realize he was one hit shy of the record until he'd left the game.

"It's one of those things where everything I'm hitting is falling in right now," said Roberts, who has raised his average from .308 to .320 with the streak. "At the plate now, the ball looks pretty big and when I hit it, there's nobody standing there. You have to have a little luck."

His luck came Monday night in the form of rain. He flied out in his first at-bat, ending the streak, but the game was postponed by rain after four innings, wiping out the out.

He took advantage Tuesday by leading the Reds' second-game offense. He doubled and scored in the first inning on Barry Larkin's groundout, singled in his next at-bat, then doubled home Dave Martinez for a 3-2 lead in the fifth off Shane Reynolds (0-3). Larkin followed with a double to score Roberts with the eventual winning run.

"Bip's using the whole field to hit with, too," manager Lou Piniella said. "I notice he's had hits off breaking balls, off straight change-ups, and off fastballs. It's impressive."

The Reds' bullpen was lucky to hold the lead that Roberts generated.

Scott Bankhead (10-4) relieved Chris Hammond and pitched out of a bases-loaded threat in the fifth by getting Ken Caminiti to fly out, preserving the 4-2 cushion.

Rafael Ramirez hit an RBI single off Norm Charlton with none out in the ninth to make it 4-3, but Casey Candaele also tried to score on the play and was thrown out at the plate by left fielder Reggie Sanders.

Hill relieved with two outs and the bases loaded and Jeff Bagwell up. Bagwell, who had homered earlier in the game, pulled Hill's first pitch foul, then took a ball way outside.

Hill's next pitch was over Bagwell's head, but it deflected off his bat for a foul tip that kept it from being a game-tying wild pitch. Bagwell hit the next pitch for a routine fly out to center.

Twins get 13th-inning win over Rangers, 1-0

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — In a game out of the dead ball era, the defending world champion Minnesota Twins kept their flickering pennant hopes alive Tuesday night.

Pedro Munoz delivered a two-out single in the top of the 13th inning to score Kirby Puckett from second base as the Twins defeated the Texas Rangers 1-0.

Oakland, which lost to Chicago 8-3, still has the magic number of four to succeed the Twins as champions of the American League West.

Nolan Ryan pitched gallantly again for the Rangers but left after six scoreless innings with a no-decision in his return from two missed starts in the rotation because of a muscle pull.

Ryan gave up four hits in six innings. It was the fifth game he has pitched in this year that the

Rangers have lost by a shutout. "Overall I was pleased with the way I threw the ball," Ryan said. "I felt fine and had good stuff. I had command of all three of my pitches."

Kenny Rogers, 2-6, was the victim of the Twins' lucky 13th-inning uprising while Larry Carter (1-0), who came up from Portland last week, got his first victory since Oct. 3, 1990.

Minnesota manager Tom Koza said, "Our pitchers did a fabulous job. We had a couple of chances against Nolan but he just beat away when he had to. But Munoz came through when we needed it."

Munoz said "it's fun hitting with Puckett in front of you. You know he's always going to be a base."

Rick Aguilera earned his 44th save, becoming the third pitcher in major league history to pitch back-to-back 40-save seasons.

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talk about it, having a more checkered collegiate career than the Great One, Lena Guerrero, herself, but someone had to say it.

I've seen you out there screaming your lungs out for Jeff Granger hoping that he can throw a football like a football, instead of like a baseball destined to kill worms.

I've heard you sigh, hoping that GHT would actually run for more yards than his mouth says he can.

I've watched you shrink in horror at the thought that if we possess one of the best offensive lines in college football, egads, what does the worst one look like!

I have not, however, seen you at a volleyball game and that's your loss, not mine.

And I have definitely not

seen you study, and that will be your loss come Christmas time when your family gathers around the table to chew on your behind which your father roasted longer than the turkey because the turkey cost him \$19.95 and you cost him \$5,000 a semester.

So take my advice, please. Aggie football and volleyball will be back next weekend, the Pokes will be in Philadelphia, and the Oilers' offense might catch more of Warren Moon's passes than the opposing defense will and baseball season will be mercifully over.

Even Aggie basketball will be just around the corner.

So go ahead Aggies, bury yourself in the books, whatever and wherever they may be. And rest easy knowing that your football brethren will be hitting the book as well. The play book that is.

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