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# Oakland continues dominance at Skydome, takes 1-0 series lead

THE ASSOCIATE PRESS

TORONTO— The Oakland Athletics always manage to do things with flair at the SkyDome.

Even without Jose Canseco hitting rocket shots, the A's still won with plenty of power Wednesday night.

Mark McGwire and Terry Steinbach hit consecutive home runs in the second inning, and Harold Baines led off the ninth with a homer that gave the A's a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 1 of the American League playoffs.

Jack Morris and Dave Winfield, the two free agents that Toronto signed in the winter to help them win in October, did their jobs.

Winfield hit a solo home run in the sixth that made it 3-2, and doubled and scored the tying run in the eighth on John Olerud's two-out single.

Morris had not allowed a hit since the fourth inning before Baines connected.

Baines singled in his first two at-bats, then won it when he hit Morris' second pitch of the ninth

inning into the rightfield stands.

"It was a slider up over the plate," Baines said. "I was trying to drive it well. I don't consider myself a great home run hitter, but it was a great time to hit one."

Dave Stewart went 7 2-3 innings and maintained his reputation as a big-game pitcher, and Dennis Eckersley enhanced his status by pitching the ninth for a save.

The A's won their seventh straight playoff game, a streak that dates back to 1989, when they wiped out Toronto in five games.

Toronto will try to even the series Thursday night when David Cone pitches against Mike Moore.

"Everybody has kind of written us off," Steinbach said. "But our attitude all year has been kind of, 'Let's play ball.' Now we have a big game tomorrow. We have a real tough pitcher going against us in David Cone."

Pat Borders also homered for Toronto.

McGwire silenced another sell-out crowd in the SkyDome with a two-run shot in the second. Steinbach followed with a homer to left, marking the first consecutive

homers in the AL playoffs since Rick Cerone and Lou Piniella did it for the New York Yankees in 1980 against the Kansas City Royals.

After Borders put the Blue Jays on the board, Winfield made it a one-run game in the sixth.

Winfield doubled with two outs in the eighth, finishing Stewart, and Olerud singled past reliever Jeff Russell's reach to make it 3-3.

Russell, acquired along with Ruben Sierra and Bobby Witt in the Aug. 31 trade that sent Canseco to the Texas Rangers, was the winner despite allowing the game-tying single. The loss was the second in nine postseason decisions for Morris.

Joe Carter showed no ill effects of a freak accident Tuesday night that sent him to the hospital. He and teammate Roberto Alomar attended the Toronto Maple Leafs' National Hockey League opener, which was highlighted by an indoor fireworks display.

Carter looked up at the wrong time and got a burning cinder in his left eye.

# Braves take 2-0 lead over Pirates

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Oh, what pitching. Atlanta has it all. Oh, what hitting. The Braves own that, too.

Steve Avery on the left, John Smoltz on the right, 20-game winner Tom Glavine ahead of them. Everywhere the Pirates look, they see trouble. They're playing the best team in baseball and the certainly look second-best to the Braves in the National League playoffs.

Pittsburgh finally ended 11 years without a big inning in the postseason, but the four meaningless runs in the seventh came after Atlanta was well on its way to a 13-5 victory Wednesday and a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 series.

The Braves' run total tied the record for most in a league championship series game.

Avery continued a record run of shutout pitching with six scoreless innings and Ron Gant hit a grand slam as the tail end of Atlanta's lineup continued to torment Pittsburgh. Gant finished 3-for-4 with and four RBIs.

Only two of the 10 teams to trail 2-0 in the NL playoffs have rallied to win the series.

Avery extended his previous scoreless streak to a record 22 1/3 innings to break Ken Holtzman's mark of 18 innings for the Oakland Athletics in 1973-74. The streak was stopped by Lloyd McClendon's RBI double and Jose Lind's two-run triple as Avery tired in Pirates' four-run seventh.

Avery gave up six hits in 6 1/3 innings, but only two over the first six.

Counting the playoffs, Avery is 6-0 the last two seasons against the Pirates, who again received very little production from big guns Andy Van Slyke and Barry Bonds, a combined 1-for-8.

Gant hit the first grand slam of his career in the fifth off Bob Walk, who appeared to injure his right thumb on a follow-through several batters before. The bottom end of the Braves' order had six hits and drove in seven of them, eight runs. Mark Lemke had three hits and Damon Berry had two.



DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

Junior Sheila Morgan was one of the lone bright spots of the Lady Aggies in Wednesday's loss to Texas, as A&M was only able to hit for a .072 average.

## Morgan

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every game from a team concept, and that a team win is more important to her than individual statistics.

"I try to go out there and do the best I can for the team, and go out there and give it all I can," Morgan said. "I try to hit hard and hit high and block a lot of balls."

Lady Aggie head coach Al Givens also cited Morgan for solid, consistent play.

"Sheila has been playing well for us all season long," Givens said. "She generates a lot of enthusiasm and plays hard, and physically she can be pretty intimidating at the net."

Givens added that the team

was not able to take advantage of Morgan's abilities against archrival Texas.

"The problem was we weren't passing well enough to use her," Givens said.

"We played really tentative tonight, with the exception of Sheila."

Morgan promised that she and the rest of the Lady Aggies will play a better match when they meet Texas again, on October 28th in Austin.

"We're definitely going to play a lot better than we did tonight," she said.

The Lady Aggies will now travel to Houston this Saturday to take on the University of Houston. The next home match for the Lady Aggies will be Oct. 21 when they host Texas Tech at 7 p.m.

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