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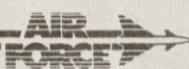
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Astros' Howe relieved from duties

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane's search for "dynamic leadership" began Tuesday with the firing of manager Art Howe and general manager Bill Wood and the elevation of Wood's assistant, Bob Watson, to the top front-office job.

McLane, fulfilling his promise for full evaluations at the end of the season, met with both Wood and Howe on Monday and lowered the boom Tuesday, engineering the biggest shakeup in the Astros' 32 years of existence.

"This is a tremendous challenge, an important step forward in my life," Watson said. "Five years ago, when I came here, I said one reason was to make Houston a big winner. I tried to assist my mentor, Bill Wood. I'd

like to say thanks to him. I've always wanted to be a general manager."

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Blue Jays take down Chicago 7-3 in game 1

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — John Olerud led the majors in hitting in spring training. He led the league in hitting in the regular season. One game into the post season, he's at it again.

Olerud got three hits, scored three times and doubled home Toronto's go-ahead runs, sending the Blue Jays past Jack McDowell and the Chicago White Sox 7-3 Tuesday night in Game 1 of the AL playoffs.

It seemed like the only pitch thrown by a Chicago player that did not wind up as a hit was Michael Jordan's ceremonial first ball. A record crowd of 46,246 at Comiskey Park sent the later innings talking about the Bulls' superstar's rumored retirement from the NBA.

In a series billed as Toronto's hitting versus Chicago's pitching, the Blue Jays' bats dominated. Paul Molitor, who homered and drove in three runs, and Ed Sprague each had four of the 17 hits for the defending World Series champions.

The offensive onslaught enabled Juan Guzman to survive a wild ride. He walked a career-high eight, threw three wild pitches and hit a batter, all in just six innings, but wound up with the victory and a 4-0 lifetime record in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, McDowell, who tied for the major

league lead with 22 wins, was tagged for an AL playoff-record 13 hits in 6 2-3 innings.

There was so much hitting that the game did not end until 11:52 p.m. EDT. Baseball moved up its starting time by a half-hour this year, partly to accommodate CBS-TV's desire not to delay David Letterman's show, but the Blue Jays still made it a late night.

Olerud, whose error at first base helped the White Sox take a 3-2 lead in the fourth, put Toronto ahead with a two-out, two-run double in the fifth. Molitor followed with an RBI single for a 5-3 lead.

Chicago had its share of offense, too, although most of it was created by Guzman's wildness. He set an AL record with 26 wild pitches, and he walked Frank Thomas three times.

Thomas started at designated hitter instead of at first base because of an injured left tricep. He drew a walk from Duane Ward in the ninth to set an AL Playoff record with four, and singled. Chicago, however, left 13 runners on base and never could get the one hit it needed. The White Sox wasted their last chance in the ninth after Ward walked the first two batters. Ward struck out two and retired Lance Johnson on a fly to end it.

Game 2 will be Wednesday afternoon and Dave Stewart (12-8), with a 6-0 career playoff mark, will face Chicago's Alex Fernandez (18-9).

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the 12th man. A game at USC means merely watching. But Aggies have the opportunity to feel like they are part of the team, that they are needed for the success of the team.

At USC or UCLA games fans cheer and root for their team, but as soon as the teams start stumbling down the rankings, their

fans disappear.

It was so bad one year, that when USC's senior football players were supposed to be introduced for the last time fans booed and threw an array of objects at them.

This would never happen at A&M. That's why the Tsar wishes he would have played at A&M.

No, I never played college football. My college football experiences have been restricted to watching games from the stands

at the L.A. Coliseum, Rose Bowl and Kyle Field.

But as a person who has experienced being a part of another cheering section, I can fairly say that being an Aggie separates us from the rest. We are truly faithful fans.

In my eyes, my brother has earned the title of Tsar. He was right. Our football team is "damn good." And when he visits A&M for the t.u. game, I will try to teach him those traditions that he tried to describe.

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Lady Aggie Golfers take third at tournament

Texas A&M's women's golf team grabbed third place on Tuesday in the Memphis Women's Intercollegiate with a final round 311.

Senior Julie Chapman shot a career-low of 230 (80-76-74) and finished third individually.

Four other A&M golfers placed in the tournament. Kristina Edfors came in tenth, Jennifer Murray was 16th, Joanne Lefson was 24th and Lisa Allee placed 58th.

Cross country team makes strides against competitors

The Texas A&M men's and women's cross country teams both placed second in the Northwestern State Invitational on Saturday.

A&M's April Sangalang finished second with a time of 18:20 in the women's three-mile course.

South Alabama came in first overall in both men's and women's competitions.

Lady Aggie netters open up fall season with strong showing

The Aggie women's tennis team started their fall season with the Texas A&M 4-way Invitational on Sunday.

Sophomore Lonna Logan and the doubles team of freshman Nancy Dingwall and sophomore Wilson Pate took championships in their divisions.

Although there were some unexpected losses, head coach Bobby Kleinecke said he was "really excited about this team's future after seeing how they performed this weekend."

Baseball's Aggie Fall World Series to begin on Friday

The Texas A&M baseball team will sponsor its annual world series at the conclusion of fall drills. The game times are: Game 1, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.; game 2, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.; game 3, Oct. 12 at 3:45; game 4 (if needed), Oct. 13 at 3:45; and game 5 (if needed), Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

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