Astros' 11-run comeback win one for record books

ton manager Terry Collins knew just how bad St. Louis manager Joe Torre felt after the Astros matched the National League record for biggest comebacks.

The Astros amazingly turned an 11-0 deficit into a 15-12 victory Monday night over the St. Louis Cardinals, but it recently was a much different story for Houston.

"We were on the other end of a game like this the other night," Collins said, referring to last Friday when the Astros blew an 8-0 second-inning lead and lost 11-8 to the Pittsburgh Pirates. "And it's no fun."

But on Monday, before a crowd of 24,012 at the Astrodome, they had an 11-run

sixth inning and turned the tables on the Cardinals in a big way.

The mega-rally was one short of the major-league record of 12 set by several AL teams. It tied the NL record last set in April 1976 when the Philadelphia Phillies turned a 12-1 deficit to the Chicago Cubs into an 18-16 victory in 10 innings.

And the Astros had never overcome a deficit larger than

"I still can't believe it, and I was there," Astros second baseman Craig Biggio said.

Things looked pretty bleak at first for Houston when the Cardinals took an 11-0 lead in the first three innings and an 11-4 lead into the sixth.

Strike

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away with strikes interfering with the fans' enjoyment of watching the games.

Some small market clubs

will be hurt severely by these changes. In fact, they might have to shut down, but hey, that's big business.

And some clubs with a lot of financial backing may get all of the top players, creating baseball dynasties. Once again, that's just big business at work.

Hopefully these guys can

get their disputes worked out in time for the Series. If not, maybe the commissioner will completely overhaul the All-American game.

After all, if American capital is what they want, American capitalism is what they should get.

Corked bats increase bat speed

Corking a bat

an all-wood model. How and why it is done:

Belle-incident raises awareness of hollow bats

UNDATED (AP) - So why would Albert Belle want to cork his bat, anyway?

A bat filled with cork can hit a baseball farther than a completely wooden model, although it won't turn a bench-warmer into Babe Ruth.

"If you hollow out the barrel and lighten the bat, you can swing it faster and that means you can hit it better," says Rex Bradley, vice president of the company that makes Louisville Sluggers. "Players do it for bat speed, but many of them believe it just makes the bat more live-

Belle was suspended Monday for 10 days for using a corked bat. He is appealing the penalty, meaning he can continue playing for the Cleveland Indians until a hearing is held July 29.

Big Eight

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The inside scoop

Eight eight times in the past 22

Steve Wujek, the assistant

sports information director at Missouri, said Missouri has "owned" the Big Eight in basket-

"We have won the conference

the Mississippi, in 1839. Missouri's journalism school is re-

ported as being the first one in

Kansas is also known as a na-

tional powerhouse in basketball.

They are a regular fixture in the

school year, Kansas became the

first school to place a team in the

final four, in the college world se-

goes to the nation's top line-

backer, is named after John Out-

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A corked bat is, on average, two ounces lighter than an all-wood bat, enabling a player to swing the bat faster.

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that of a pencil to as wide as a dime.

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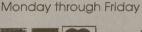
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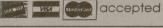
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about. Oklahoma was a member of the Southwest Conference from 1915-19. Last year, A&M and Oklahoma renewed their series in Norman. They will meet this year September 10 at Kyle Field.

Oklahoma is one of the most successful schools to ever field a collegiate football team. They have won six national championships, with the latest coming in 1985 under Barry Switzer, who is now the coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Oklahoma's 47-game winning streak from 1954-57 is an NCAA record. Oklahoma's rivalry with Texas is one of the most famous and most watched college games every year. Oklahoma's intrastate rival,

Oklahoma State, has also enjoyed much success. Oklahoma State has won more national championships than any other Big Eight school. Their 44 national titles in wrestling is a feat unmatched in any sport by any other school. Famous Cowboys include Bar-

ry Sanders and Thurman Thomas, two of the top running backs in the National Football League today.

Missouri is annually one of the top basketball schools in the country. They have won the Big

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methods that are unique," Guerrieri said. "Some of the coaches take notes and try and implement it into their pro-

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The coachers that help Guerrieri during the camp include high school, junior college and college coaches. The camp has a six-to-one camper to coach ratio.

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Colorado won the national championship in football in 1991 with a 10-9 victory over Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl. In the twice in the last five years," he said," and we have had two final past three years, Colorado ranks eight appearances in the NCAA fifth nationally in winning per-Missouri is also famous for being the first public educational institution to be founded west of Colorado has one of the more famous mascots in the nation.

They have had 32 straight

winning seasons, and have been

ranked in 362 out of 365 Associ-

Before each home game, a buffalo runs around the stadium. Iowa State bears a dubious distinction for A&M fans, as they are the farthest school from College Station, at 1082 miles. The

Cyclones recruit heavily in Texas,

with nine Texans listed on their final four. During the 1992-93 Kansas State and Oklahoma were both bowl winners last year. Kansas State defeated Wyoming, 52-17 in the Copper Bowl. They finished the 1993 campaign with

a 9-2-1 record. Each school in the Big Eight can claim much success. Slocum agrees, and even goes a step fur-

Nebraska is recognized as one of the top national powers in col-"If you combine all the schools lege football. Their coach, Tom in the Big Eight and the four Osborne, is the winningest active SWC schools joining in '96, the head coach in Division I, at 205new conference will have more 47-3. Nebraska tied Alabama's national championships than any NCAA record last year with an appearance in their 25th straight other conference in the nation. he said. "That's pretty special."

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Cleveland's five homers fuel victory

CLEVELAND (AP) — Albert Belle, facing a 10-day suspension for using a corked bat, hit one of Cleveland's five home runs and also tripled Tuesday night as the Indians beat the Texas Rangers

Paul Sorrento homered twice and drove in a career-high five runs, and Jim Thome and Wayne Kirby also homered for Cleveland, which is 25-5 over its last 30 games at Jacobs Field.

The Indians received a couple of scares in the game. Second baseman Carlos Baerga twisted his right ankle on a pickoff attempt in the third inning, and starter Charles Nagy fell to the ground in pain after Rusty Greer lined a ball off his left knee in the eighth. Nagy finished out the eighth before leaving; Baerga left

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Cards destroy Astros

Palacios pitches one-hit shutout

HOUSTON (AP) — Vicente Palacios pitched a one-hitter, allowing only a single in the third inning by Andujar Cedeno, and the St. Louis Cardinals routed the Houston Astros 10-0 Tuesday night for their first win since the All-Star break.

The Cardinals, who tied an NL record by blowing an 11-run lead in a 15-12 loss Monday night, had no trouble holding off Houston this time. St. Louis had lost five in a row

and eight of 10 games, and was the only team not to win since the All-Star game last Tuesday.
Palacios (2-7) retired the final 21 batters after Cedeno's leadoff

single in the third. He tied a career-high with eight strikeouts and walked one. Mark Whiten had three hits, including a homer and a double,

drove in three runs and scored

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Darryl Kile (6-5) pitched 4 1-3 innings, allowing eight runs on eight hits. The Astros had won

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