

# Astros fall to Pirates, 6-3

Houston is one game back in the wildcard race.

HOUSTON (AP) — Rich Aude hit a two-run single in the 11th inning after Todd Jones walked the bases loaded

to give the Pittsburgh Pirates a 6-3 victory Wednesday and hurt the Houston Astros' wildcard chances.

The loss snapped a four-game winning streak and dropped the Astros one game behind Los Angeles in the NL

wild-card race. The Dodgers played the Colorado Rockies later Wednesday.

With one out in the 11th, Jones (6-4) walked Al Martin, who stole second.

After Jay Bell grounded out, Jones intentionally walked Orlando Merced and walked Jeff King to load the bases.

Mike Henneman then replaced Jones and gave up Aude's two-run single to center field.

Carlos Garcia followed with a single that scored King.

Dan Miceli (4-4) pitched two innings and struck out four for the victory. Jeff McCurry pitched the 11th for his first major league save.

## Pirates 6, Astros 3

PITTSBURGH		HOUSTON	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Martin lf	5 1 1 0	Cangelosi lf	3 2 1 0
JBell ss	6 1 2 0	Biggio 2b	4 0 2 1
Merced rf	3 2 2 0	Bagwell 1b	5 0 3 2
King 1b	5 1 2 2	May rf	3 0 0 0
Cummings cf	4 0 1 0	Simms ph	1 0 0 0
Lieber p	0 0 0 0	Eusebio ph	1 0 0 0
Christie p	0 0 0 0	Magadan 3b	2 0 0 0
Liriano ph	1 0 0 0	Shipley 3b	2 0 0 0
Miceli p	0 0 0 0	Hunter cf	5 0 0 0
Aude ph	1 0 1 2	Wilkins c	4 0 1 0
Garcia 2b	5 0 2 1	Gutierrez ss	4 1 0 0
Young 3b	5 0 2 0	Drabek p	1 0 0 0
Ench c	2 0 1 0	Tmson ph	1 0 0 0
Slaughter	3 0 0 0	Mouton ph	2 0 0 0
Ericks	1 0 0 0		
Burnifield	2 1 1 1		
Totals	43 6 15 5	Totals	38 3 7 3

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Houston 000 020 100 00 -3

E-Magadan (16) DP-Houston 1, LOB-Houston 9, Pittsburgh 12, SS-Martin(20), King(7), Cangelosi 2 (20), Biggio (31).

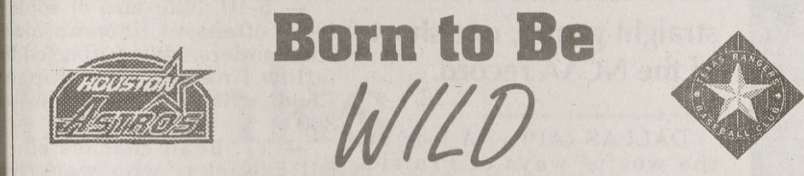
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Ericks	4-1-3	3	2	2	5	1
Plesac	12-3	0	0	0	0	2
Lieber	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Christiansen	1-1-3	2	1	1	0	0
Miceli W, 4-4	2	1	0	0	0	4
McCurry S, 1	1	1	1	0	0	0

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Drabek	5-2-3	9	0	0	9	4
Tabaka	2-3	1	1	1	3	0
Dougherty	0	1	1	1	0	0
Veres	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Brocail	3	1	0	0	1	2
Jones L, 6-4	2-3	0	3	3	4	0
Henneman	1-3	2	0	0	0	0

## Rangers 11, A's 2

OAKLAND		TEXAS	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Brosius cf	4 1 2 0	Nixon cf	4 0 0 1
Berroe rf	4 0 1 1	McLemre 2b	4 0 0 0
Herrera lf	0 0 0 0	Clark 1b	3 2 2 1
Gates 2b	4 0 0 0	Gonzalez dh	4 1 1 1
McGwire 1b	2 0 0 0	Tettleton rf	3 2 2 2
Tartrabull dh	4 0 1 0	Frazier lf	0 0 0 0
Steinbach c	3 0 0 0	Rodriguez c	4 1 1 1
Paquette 3b	1 0 0 0	Greer lf	4 2 2 3
Jawier lf	4 1 1 0	Painuly 3b	4 2 2 1
Gallego 3b	3 0 1 0	Gil ss	4 1 2 1
Bordick ss	3 0 1 0	Hoffman p	0 0 0 0
Helfand c	0 0 0 0		
Totals	33 2 7 1	Totals	34 11 12 10

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Van Pelt L, 4-8	4-1-3	9	9	7	1	6
Wajcwkai	1-2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Prieto	1	0	0	0	2	0
Wengert	1	3	2	2	0	0
Texas						
Rogers W, 16-7	6	7	2	2	2	2
Whitside	1	0	0	0	1	1
Hoffman	1	1	1	0	1	1



Charting the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers' quests to earn wildcard spots.

National League				American League			
Colorado	75-65	.536	—	New York	76-65	.539	—
Houston	74-66	.529	1	California	74-66	.525	2
Chicago	71-69	.507	4	Texas	72-68	.511	4

# Rangers stave off elimination

Texas battered Oakland's Todd Van Poppel in the 11-2 rout of the Athletics.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rusty Greer's three-run homer highlighted a five-run first inning and Kenny Rogers matched a career high with his 16th victory Wednesday as the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 11-2.

The Rangers kept alive their slim hopes for the franchise's first playoff appearance in 23 years. Another loss

by Texas or a victory by New York will knock the Rangers out of the wild card race.

Rogers (16-7) improved to 4-0 in September, keeping the A's in check on six hits over eight innings.

Rogers struck out two and walked two, taking advantage of the big early lead by throwing strikes and letting the A's put

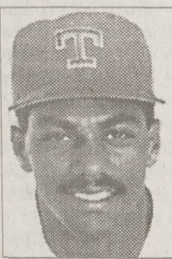
the ball in play.

Oakland, already eliminated from post-season contention, lost its fifth straight.

Will Clark started the first-inning outburst against Todd Van Poppel (4-8) with a solo homer, his 15th.

Juan Gonzalez followed with a single, took second on Mickey Tettleton's single and scored on a single by Ivan Rodriguez.

Van Poppel allowed nine hits and nine runs in just 4 and 1/3 innings, although only seven of the runs were earned. An error by Van Poppel contributed to the Rangers' scoring outburst.



Gonzalez

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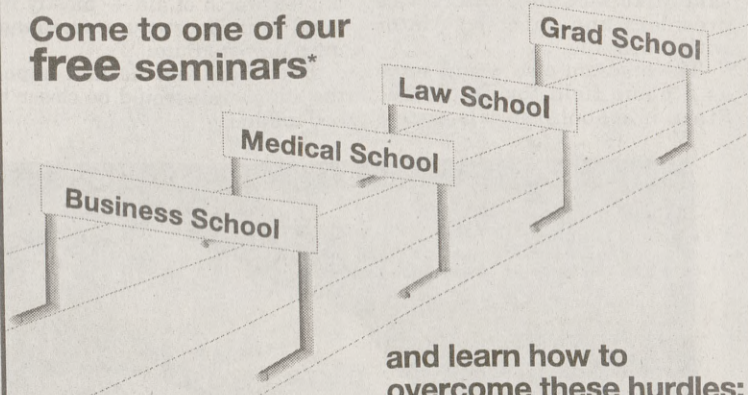
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