

Bucs remain in 1st with 10-1 win over Padres

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jose DeLeon pitched a four-hitter in only his second major-league appearance as the surging Pittsburgh Pirates downed the San Diego Padres 10-1 last night behind a pair of homers by Johnny Ray.

DeLeon was flitting with a no-hitter until Alan Wiggins lined a 2-1 pitch into left field with one out in the seventh. DeLeon, 2-0, also yielded a two-out single to Juan Bonilla in the eighth.

A right-hander recalled from Hawaii of the Pacific Coast League on July 18, DeLeon pitched up his first major-league victory last Saturday by allowing just four hits in eight innings in a 5-2 Pittsburgh over San Francisco.

The Pirates, winning for the 15th time out of their last 19 games, took a 3-0 lead against loser Eric Show, 10-7, in the first.

Phillies 3 Astros 1
HOUSTON (AP) — John Denny and Willie Hernandez combined on a four-hitter as the Philadelphia Phillies beat Houston 3-1 last night and handed the Astros their fourth straight loss.

Denny, 10-5, who came into the game with the fourth best ERA in the National League, struck out three and walked one in seven innings as he won his fourth straight game. Hernandez pitched the last two innings, recording his sixth save.

Joe Niekro, 8-6, suffered the loss for Houston, striking out five while giving up seven hits and all three runs over eight innings. It was Niekro's first loss in his last five starts.

Expos 6 Reds 3
CINCINNATI (AP) — Gary Carter tripled

and scored on Warren Cromartie's single to snap a sixth-inning tie and ignite a three-run rally that carried the Montreal Expos to a 6-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds last night.

Rookie Greg Bargar, who started the season with Montreal's Class AA Memphis farm club, picked up his second major-league victory in three starts. Bargar, 2-0, scattered six hits over five innings, getting help from reliever Bob James, who pitched the final four innings for his second save.

Bargar also drove in a run with his first major-league hit, a second-inning single off loser Frank Pastore, 4-5, to give Montreal a 3-1 lead.

Cardinals 7 Giants 6
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tommy Herr's one-out sacrifice fly in the eighth inning, his second straight game-winning RBI, gave St. Louis a 7-6 victory yesterday over the San Francisco Giants in a game in which the Cardinals stole nine bases.

David Green, pinch-hitting for winning pitcher Dave von Ohlen, 3-2, beat out an infield hit to start the winning rally, which gave the Cardinals their fourth win in a row. Green stole second, moved to third when George Hendrick fouled out to right field and scored on a deep fly to center by Herr, who won Tuesday night's game with a ninth-inning single.

Cubs 2 Dodgers 1
CHICAGO (AP) — Pinch-hitter Jerry Morales hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the eighth inning to break up a pitcher's duel and give the Chicago Cubs a 2-1 victory yesterday over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Morales' fly gave the victory to reliever

Lee Smith, 4-5, who started the eighth in relief of Ferguson Jenkins.

Ryne Sandberg started the winning rally with a leadoff single off loser Bob Welch, 8-10. He stole second when the next batter, Bill Buckner, struck out. Welch then intentionally walked Ron Cey, and Keith Moreland walked to load the bases.

Left-hander Steve Howe then replaced Welch, and Morales, batting for Jay Johnstone, drove the ball to left to score Sandberg.

Braves 6 Mets 3
NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael Ramirez's two-out, two-run single highlighted a four-run eighth inning as the Atlanta Braves rallied to defeat the New York Mets 6-3 yesterday and averted a three-game sweep at the hands of the last-place Mets.

The Braves had lost a 2-0 lead when Mookie Wilson cracked a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth to give the Mets a 3-2 lead.

But the Braves bounced right back in the eighth. Rookie Craig McCurtury was the beneficiary of the big inning, improving his record to 12-5. Doug Sisk, third of six New York pitchers, took the loss and dropped to 4-3.

Rangers 3 Mariners 5
SEATTLE (AP) — Pat Putnam drove in four runs with a pair of homers and Mike Moore gave up three hits in 2-3 innings as the Seattle Mariners beat the Detroit Tigers 5-3 last night and ended their six-game losing streak.

Putnam, who was recalled from the minors on a wild pitch by Charlie Hough, 8-9, and scored on Kemp's triple past diving center fielder George Wright. Don Baylor followed with an RBI single.

Keough, 4-5, walked one, struck out four and retired 15 in a row until Billy Sample hit his 10th home run with one out in the bottom of the eighth. Gossage then came on to earn his 13th save.

Yankees 4 Tigers 3
ARLINGTON, TEXAS (AP) — Steve Kemp drove in New York's tie-breaking run with an eighth-inning triple while Matt Keough and Rich Gossage scattered eight hits as the Yankees defeated slumping Texas 4-3 last night for their 12th victory in 13 games.

With the score tied 2-2 in the top of the eighth, Dave Winfield walked, went to sec-



Phillies Joe Lefebvre slides safely into third base with an RBI triple in the second inning last night in the Astrodome. Astros third baseman Phil Garner awaits the late throw. With the help of Lefebvre's triple, Philadelphia went on to defeat Houston 3-1.

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Brett decision delayed until today

By JOHN NELSON AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK — While baseball waited for MacPhail, the American League president waited for one last report yesterday before deciding the fate of George Brett and his pine tar bat. The question, meanwhile, lingered: Were umpires correct in disallowing a two-run homer by the Kansas City Royals' third baseman because there was too much tar on his bat? The answer, to be announced today, apparently is not a simple yes or no. Originally, the league thought it could produce a decision by yesterday, but MacPhail's assistant, Bob Finkel, said a ruling would be made at an 11:30 a.m. EDT press conference at league headquarters. Finkel said MacPhail was "waiting for one more report. It's something technical, I think, but I'm not sure what it is." He said that among those with whom MacPhail had talked were members of baseball's rules committees, including umpire-in-chief Dick McCall. Brett's bat would revolve around an interpretation of the two rules used to nullify his homer against the New York Yankees. "I don't want to get into that," Finkel said. "I assume that will be covered in MacPhail's statement." It all began Sunday night when Brett hit a two-run homer with two out in the ninth inning at Yankee Stadium, giving the Royals a 5-4 lead. Yankees manager Billy Martin, however, complained to home plate umpire Tim McClelland that the amount of pine tar on the bat exceeded an 18-inch limit. After examining it, McClelland and crew chief Joe Brinkman agreed and called Brett out. It was the final out in the game, and the Yankees won 4-3. The bat has since been sent to MacPhail's office, along with reports from the umpiring crew and a protest of the decision by the Royals. "Two rules were invoked by the umpires to nullify the home run. The first says, in essence, that a bat may not be treated with any foreign substance, including pine tar, more than 18 inches from the end of the handle. If an illegal bat is detected by an umpire, it should be removed from the game. The other rule says a batter is out for "illegal action" if he uses or attempts to use a bat that has been altered or tampered with "in such a way to improve the distance factor or cause an unusual reaction on the baseball." This rule, however, does not specifically mention pine tar as a substance.



Leo Rautins

Sixers sign No. 1 choice Rautins to contract; terms not revealed

By MICHAEL RODDY Associated Press Writer
PHILADELPHIA — Leo Rautins, who used to drive two hours from his home in Toronto to the United States in search of a pickup basketball game, has been signed as the Philadelphia 76ers' No. 1 draft choice. Rautins, a 6-8, 210-pound forward who played college ball at Syracuse, signed a three-year contract, terms of which were not revealed. General Manager Pat Williams said at a news conference yesterday. "It's great to see that America is still the land of opportunity, even for a Canadian," said Rautins, who attended the news conference with his wife, Maria, 23, 76ers owner Harold Katz and chief scout Jack McMahon. The 76ers, reigning National Basketball Association champions, selected Rautins as the 17th pick in the June 28 player draft, making him the highest-drafted Canadian in NBA history. Rautins expected to report to practice this week as the 76ers open their rookie training program at St. Joseph's College today. "We work on the merit system," Katz said. "If Leo earns the time, he will play." Rautins, an Associated Press honorable mention All-American, transferred to Syracuse from Minnesota after his freshman year. After sitting out the required year, he became a standout forward for Syracuse. Last year he averaged 14.1 points per game, 7.3 rebounds and 6.2 assists with a 52 percent field goal average. Rautins' strong point is passing, and he described himself as a "complementary" player who could find up shots for the 76ers' top scorers, including Julius Erving and Moses Malone. "I get great satisfaction out of passing and seeing them score," he said. Rautins, the younger son of Latvian-Lithuanian immigrants and whose mother is a concert pianist, said practicing basketball was difficult in the land where hockey is king. But he said he usually could find a game, even if he had to drive to Buffalo. "I sometimes would spend two hours in the car for a half-hour pickup game," he said. Rautins said he is no longer troubled by a knee injury that put him on the bench for part of last season. "I had bone chips and all they had to do was to clean it out," he said, adding that the injury received more attention than it deserved because it occurred during a televised game with St. John's.

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Dreibelbis, Hoffman fare well in triathlon

By RICK STOUCH Collegian Sports Writer

For two members of the Penn State Triathlon Club, the running segment of last Saturday's tin man triathlon at Tupper Lake, N.Y., will provide less than an enjoyable memory.

But despite the problems experienced in the last part of the race, which consists of 1.2 miles swimming, 56 miles biking and 1.1 miles running, Mark Dreibelbis and Dave Hoffman still managed to finish seventh and 12th respectively, out of a field of 78.

Dreibelbis, 26, said that the hilly bike course left his knees soft and weak for the running segment. But he also had two other problems.

"I drank four ounces of water when I got off of my bike," Dreibelbis said, "and that's too much for me. I had a cramp for the first four miles of running, then I got back in stride."

"Then my sock tore and bunched up for the last seven miles and I ended up with a bad blister on my heel. But I finished well." And he was happy with his performance.

"I was pleased," Dreibelbis said. "I was really pleased. I couldn't have done much better. I was pretty strong on the swim, had my fastest bike segment ever and ran fairly well. I felt mentally good and strong for the whole race."

Dreibelbis, fourth after the swimming and eighth after the biking, had a total race time of 4:49.49.

He said he learned a lot. "I learned that my biking has come a long way," Dreibelbis said. "I couldn't have done better. Now I can start to refine it to become a more competitive biker for the triathlon."

"I also learned when to drink and how much and that I need to run some longer distances to prepare myself to go hard for 13 miles."

For Hoffman, who completed the course in 5:11.15, the problem might have been one of doing too well in the first two segments. "My swimming and biking were good, but my run kind of stunk," Hoffman said. "I wish I could have run better. It wasn't one of my bests. It was OK."

"I think I should slow down a little bit in the swimming segment and then perhaps I'll have some more energy left for running," Hoffman was first out of the water and second after the biking. He was passed in the cycling segment only by the eventual winner, Robert Bernier.

Bernier, from Montreal, is a former member of the Canadian cycling team and came out of the water in 18th place. He finished the race in 4:40:21.

Hoffman said he also gained something from the race. "I will probably start slower and try to finish faster next time," Hoffman said. "I'm learning more about pacing as I do more."

"It's also good to see I can still finish these things," he added. And now, with some more experience, practice and a little luck, maybe the running segment won't bother these two competitors anymore either.

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