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Red Sox even AL playoffs

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BOSTON — In the battle of bad bounces, blunders and bizarre plays, the Boston Red Sox won their most important game of the season yesterday.

With almost every ball an adventure in Fenway Park's late afternoon sun and swirling wind, the Red Sox beat the California Angels 9-2 and evened the best-of-seven American League playoffs at one victory apiece.

No team has ever won a playoff series after losing the first two games at home, and some luck and strange occurrences enabled Boston to avoid that precarious position.

"It's a game of human beings. Errors are going to be made," Boston Manager John McNamara said. "That's the nature of the game."

The Red Sox broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth when Dwight Evans' pop fly was lost in the sun and swinging wind and fell for a tie-breaking double. Boston broke it open with three runs in the eighth, helped by three Angels errors, and three more in the ninth, two on Jim Rice's homer.

"It was a tough field today. It was a tough sky, a high sky," Evans, Boston's veteran right fielder, said.

"I would say there haven't been too many like it. They usually happen in a fall classic, and we haven't been in too many of them."

Only five errors were charged, three to California, and half-dozen other balls caused trouble because of either the conditions or poor judgment.

"No use in me discussing what happened because I don't understand them," California Manager Gene Mauch said.

For awhile, it seemed like the last team to touch the ball would lose. Even the game's final out was in doubt when a grounder skipped off third baseman Wade Boggs' chest until he recovered to get a force at second.

It was as if a joke Mauch made prior to the game had come back to haunt him.

Mildred Cronin, widow of Boston's Hall of Fame shortstop and long-time manager Joe Cronin, made a pre-game award presentation, prompting Mauch to remark, "When I saw her, I said I hope she didn't bring any of those Cronin gremlins with her."

Now, the scene shifts to Anaheim Stadium, site of the next three meetings. Game 3 is scheduled for tomorrow night.

The Red Sox bunched seven hits in the first two innings, including a leadoff triple by Boggs and a following double by Marty Barrett, who had three hits, but managed only a 2-0 lead. Then, as the shadows crept across the infield, the Angels began crawling back into the game and they eventually tied it in the fifth on Wally Joyner's home run, the first ever by a rookie in a playoff game.

But in the bottom of the fifth, with two outs and Bill Buckner on first base, Don Baylon, who had two hits, walked three times, drew a walk and a 3-2 pitch from starter and loser Kirk McCaskill that barely missed outside.

Evans, hitless in the series, followed with a high pop fly behind second base. Shortstop Dick Schofield and second baseman Bobby Grich converged on it, both taking turns looking at the ball and each other. At the last moment, Grich lunged backwards for the ball, but it dropped for a two-base hit that allowed Boggs to score.

The luck that enabled Boston to take the lead stayed with it in the top of the sixth. With one out, Grich singled



Angels shortstop Dick Schofield tags out Boston's Marty Barrett ending a rundown in the first inning of yesterday's game in Fenway Park. The Red Sox evened the American League championship series with a 9-2 win.

and took second on Schofield's single off starter and winner Bruce Hurst.

Bob Boone, the Angels' best career hitter against Hurst, lined a single to left and Rice came up throwing. Grich rounded third in full stride, but suddenly stopped as third baseman Boggs cut off the throw. Boggs then threw to shortstop Spike Owen, nailing Grich as he scrambled back the base.

Grich sprung to his feet, screaming at third base coach Moose Stubing. Grich threw his hands up in the air before slamming his helmet to the ground.

That strange play punctuated a game full of weird twists and turns. The afternoon was typified by the Boston seventh, when three Angel errors led to three more runs that made it 6-2. The errors in the inning tied a major-league record for a playoff game.

Hurst managed to overcome the elements for a gutsy, 11-hit complete game. He helped himself by not walking a batter.

The Red Sox, who did not score an earned run against McCaskill in 16 innings during the regular season, ended that spell with their first two batters.

Boggs opened with a drive high off the center-field wall, and when Gary Pettit led the carom bounce over his head, Boggs cruised into third with a triple. Barrett drove him in with an opposite-field double to right. McCaskill escaped further trouble when Barrett was trapped off base on Rice's one-out grounder to short.

Scott lifts Astros over Mets

By JOHN NELSON
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HOUSTON — Mike Scott was grateful that the much-heralded Shootout at the K Corral with Dwight Gooden lived up to its billing.

Scott, the National League leader with 306 strikeouts, tied a playoff mark with 14 strikeouts, and he just five hits as the Houston Astros defeated the New York Mets 1-0 in the opening game of the 1986 National League playoffs.

"It's a little more satisfying to win 1-0 than 10-9," Scott said. "There was a lot of build-up for this game, and you never know what's going to happen."

Scott got all the offense he needed from Glenn Davis, who homered in the second inning then made a game-saving play in the field in the ninth inning to turn back the Mets a final time.

"We made a couple of great plays," Scott said. "In a one-run game like this, it can make a big difference. We have a good defensive ballclub."

Gooden, the major-league strikeout leader with 274 strikeouts, gave up seven hits in seven innings while working in and out of trouble as the Astros wasted numerous scoring chances. He struck out five before he was relieved by Jesse Orosco.

"Scott pitched a good game, a great game," Gooden said. "And the scoreboard showed that. I struggled a little bit early. I was getting everything up. But as I went on, I got my control and my curveball started working. I got my rhythm a little bit."

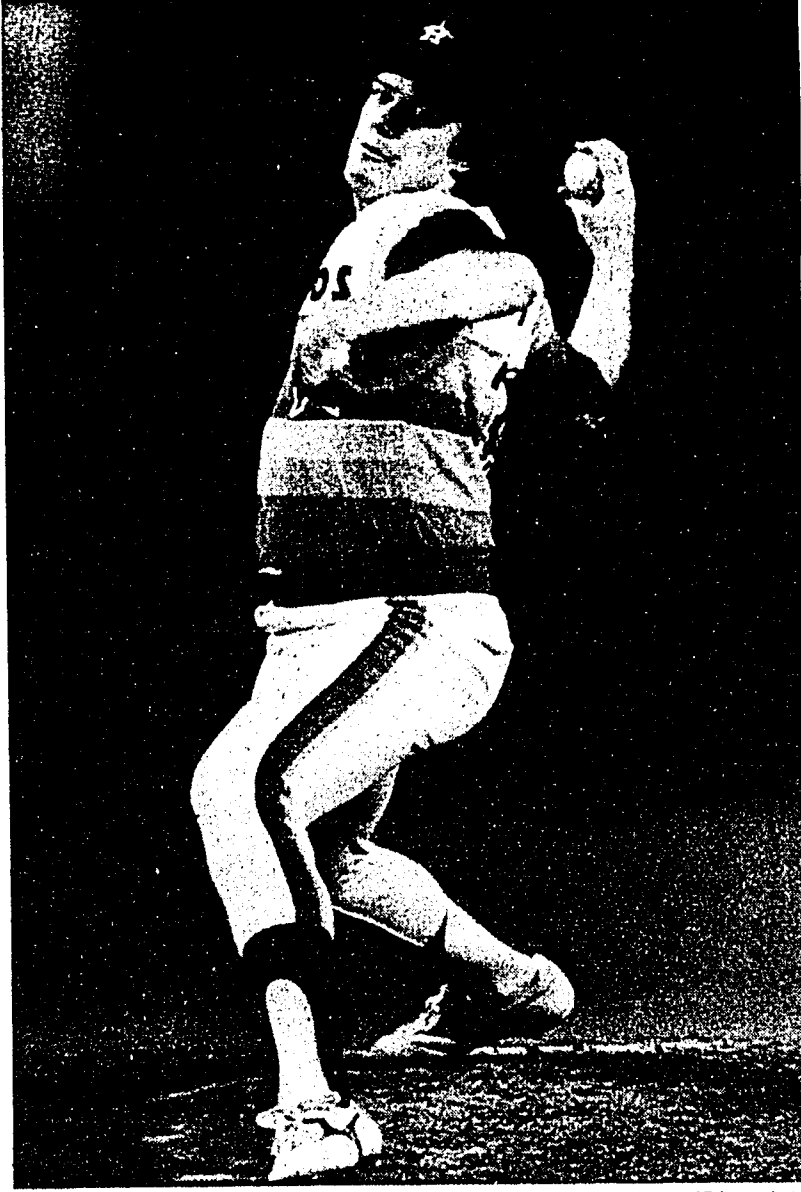
Game 2 of the best-of-seven series tonight will match Houston right-hander Nolan Ryan, 19-8, baseball's all-time strikeout leader, against left-hander Bob Ojeda, 18-5.

"I don't think I've ever seen that type of pitching in such a big game, not in the playoffs," Astros Manager Hal Lanier said.

The shutout was the first in the NL playoffs since Rick Sutcliffe and Warren Brasler of Chicago combined to beat San Diego 13-0 in Game 1 of the 1984 series. The last individual shut-out by an NL pitcher was Bob Forsch for St. Louis, 7-0 in Game 1 of the 1982 playoffs against Atlanta.

Danny Jackson of Kansas City pitched a 2-0 shutout in Game 5 of last year's American League playoffs against Toronto.

Scott became only the third NL pitcher to strike out 10 or more in a playoff game, the most recent being



Mike Scott

John Candelaria, who also struck out 14 against Cincinnati on Sept. 17, 1975, while with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Detroit's Joe Coleman in 1972 and Baltimore's Mike Boddicker in 1983 also struck out 14.

Davis, who became only the second Astro to hit 30 or more homers in a season with 31 this year, hit a 1-0 pitch from Gooden to straightaway center field to lead off the second. Center fielder Lenny Dykstra was at the wall waiting, but there was no chance. It was over the fence with plenty to spare, and the Astros had the first league championship playoff homer of their history.

Kevin Bass doubled into the right-field corner, and Jose Cruz tied out to shallow center field.

Netmen tune up for spring

By JOSEPH HAAS
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Sometimes in team sports the difference between a winner and a loser is the mysterious intangible known as chemistry. It may mean having the right mix of personalities and temperament on a base-

ball team or calling the right plays and making timely substitutions in football or basketball.

The men's tennis team has spent this fall trying to find chemistry: the right singles lineup and the best doubles combinations to attack its tough spring schedule.

Although the team has had an up and down fall competitively, the players and their coach, Holmes Cathral, are optimistic that the right combinations and a lot of determination and hard work will lead to another successful spring.

"Last year was our first 20-win season ever and we hope to do it again this year," said Les Spaulding, the team's No. 1 singles and doubles player. "Our ultimate goal would be to make the NCAA's in May. It depends on how hard we're going to work."

Cathral said he is using the fall tournaments and upcoming winter

practice to set his lineup and establish better work habits.

"(The fall season) could have been better," he said. "We didn't win as much as I'd have liked to, we haven't put it together yet. Right now we're pretty unsettled except for maybe my one and two (singles) people."

"When we begin winter practice and I'll be a lot more familiar with what I can expect from me," Cathral said the team needed to work on individual weaknesses discovered through its fall matches.

"After we've got them pretty well straightened out, we'll start playing for positions for the spring trip and the spring season," he said.

The team began its fall season with weekend tournaments that were broken up into individual singles and doubles flights rather than to advance the ball into the "A" singles at Old Dominion University and the rest of the team had varied success in the three tournaments which included competition in Bloomsburg University and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, in addition to Old Dominion.

Last weekend the team played

three team matches in the James Madison Quad at Harrisonburg, Va. It opened with an 8-1 victory over East Tennessee State. Spaulding won the No. 1 singles match 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 and Oliver Sebastian won the second slot 6-4, 6-4. Glenn Leach won at No. 3, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5. Bill Dollard won at No. 4, 6-4, 6-3 and David Welch took the sixth singles, 7-6, 7-5. Adam Steinberg lost in the fifth singles 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. The team also swept the three doubles matches, all in straight sets.

Next came a tough 6-3 win over the host team, James Madison. Penn State took the top two singles and doubles matches in addition to two other singles to clinch a winning margin. The team closed out the weekend with a 5-2 loss to Atlantic 10 rival West Virginia. The weekend with WVU posted its decisive fifth win.

Cathral said he wasn't surprised by the weekend results and that he expected to lose to West Virginia because of the Mountaineers' depth and experience.

"They're going to have to work a little harder, play with more intensity and work on the specifics of the game," he said.

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Stickwomen regain winning form

By ROBERT WILLIAMS
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Field Hockey Coach Gillian Ratray need not worry about the goals will come from in future seasons.

Sophomore forwards Lisa Bervinchak (two goals, one assist) and Tracey Neave (one goal, one assist) made that clear yesterday afternoon as the fourth-ranked Lady Lions downed Temple 3-0 at Lady Lion Field.

"The win not only upheld Penn State's record to 10-2-1, but the strong Lady Lion showing also helped take some of the sting out of a tough 1-0 loss to No. 3 Connecticut Sunday."

"We were disappointed because we knew that we could have beaten Connecticut," Ratray said. "This was a good comeback."

"It was really important to win this game, and win it big," junior forward Diane Schleicher added. "We didn't score the last game."

And after Penn State was stymied on several early breakaways and prime scoring opportunities, it appeared as though fate might have it that way again.

But at the 18:17 mark of the first half, Bervinchak erased Penn State's goose egg from the scoreboard, as she tallied what turned out to be the game-winning goal.

With Penn State pressing, Neave took a shot which went through a maze of players and wound up in the crease on the stick of Bervinchak. The Lancaster native then proceeded to muscle the ball past the falling Lady Owl netminder, Kim Lambdin.

Bervinchak, who was red-shirted last year, now has six goals, and she leads the team in game-winning goals with three.

"She's been such an asset to us," senior goaltender Michele Monahan said of Bervinchak. "She's real strong and very consistent, which really helps us out a lot."

Neave upped the Lady Lion lead to 2-0 at the 25:10 mark of the half when she took a rebound off Lambdin's leg pads and directed the ball just inside the left post at what looked like an impossible angle.

Neave's tally moved her into an eighth-place tie with Alex Hughes (1982-85) on the school's all-time list



Temple's Crystal Gibbs loses the ball downfield as Miriam Geller (left) and Mary McCarthy of Penn State give chase. The Lady Lions broke a three-game losing streak with their 3-0 win yesterday at Lady Lion Field.

of goal scorers. She now has 11 goals this season and 25 in her Penn State tenure.

Ratray was pleased with the way her team put everything together in the first half.

"I thought we played well as a team today, particularly in the first half," she said.

Penn State's advantage was upped to 5-0 in the second half when the duo of Neave and Bervinchak clicked one again at the 54:21 mark.

While the Lady Lions still managed to outscore the Lady Owls 1-0 in the second stanza, Ratray felt that it was more closely contested than the first half.

"In the second half Temple came out more strongly and it wasn't as

Flyers: potential is not enough

By RALPH BERNSTEIN
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PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Flyers open their 1986-87 NHL season tonight against the Edmonton Oilers with the proverbial monkey on their backs.

General Manager Bob Clarke says he's tired of reading and hearing about the potential of the young Flyers.

"They may be young in age but they're veterans on the ice and I won't be satisfied with second place," Clarke said recently.

Clarke leaves no doubt that he expects this team, which averages 22.5 years, to win the Stanley Cup.

The Flyers in the last two seasons won their division title with 53 victories and more than 100 points each time, only to be eliminated in the Cup playoffs. Last season they were ousted in a best-of-five first round series by the New York Rangers, fourth to the Flyers in regular season play.

The Flyers will be guided by Mike Keenan in his third season as head coach. He directed the team to the second-best record in the league last season — 53-23-4 (110 points).

The nucleus of the Flyers consists of goalie Bob Prosen, who led the NHL in 1985-86 with a fewest-goals-allowed average of 2.56, a .989 save percentage and five shut-outs; right wing Tim Kerr, a 58-goal contributor last year; winger Brian Propp, the team's scoring leader with 97 points, and Mark Howe, an 82-goal scorer as one of the league's top defensesmen.

The only major change by the defending Patrick Division champions is the acquisition of defenseman Jean-Jacques Daigneault from Vancouver for Draft Sutter, Dave Richter and a first-round pick. The Flyers also received two draft choices, Daigneault was a first-round Vancouver selection in the 1984 NHL entry draft. He scored five goals and 23 assists in 64 games last season for Vancouver.

Unless he signs before tonight's face-off, the Flyers will be without their second-best defenseman, Brad McCrimmon, who is locked in a salary dispute with Clarke.

Prosen is backed up in goal by veteran Glenn Resch, acquired last March from the Jersey Devils, and rookie Ron Hextall, who played with the Calgary Bears of the American Hockey League last season.

The Flyers' main challenger in the 82-game regular season is expected to be the Washington Capitals, who finished second in the division last year when they lost to the Flyers on the final day of the season. The Caps were a second-round playoff victim of the Rangers.

In the other NHL openers, Montreal is at Toronto, Calgary is at Boston, Buffalo at Winnipeg, Detroit at Quebec, the New York Islanders at Chicago, New Jersey at the New York Rangers, Washington at Pittsburgh and St. Louis at Los Angeles.

more of those breakaways into goals." "It's a more patient offense than we've been having," Ratray added. "Before it was very much left to what was happening and now we've got definite people to look for."

On the defensive end of the field, Penn State was equally impressive. Monahan recorded four saves en route to her fifth shutout of the season, and the 24th of her career (six of which were shared).

The win broke the Lady Lions' three-game winning streak against Temple. Penn State tied its Philadelphia-based rival last year and suffered losses in 1983 and 1984. The Lady Lions now lead the all-time series 6-4-1.

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