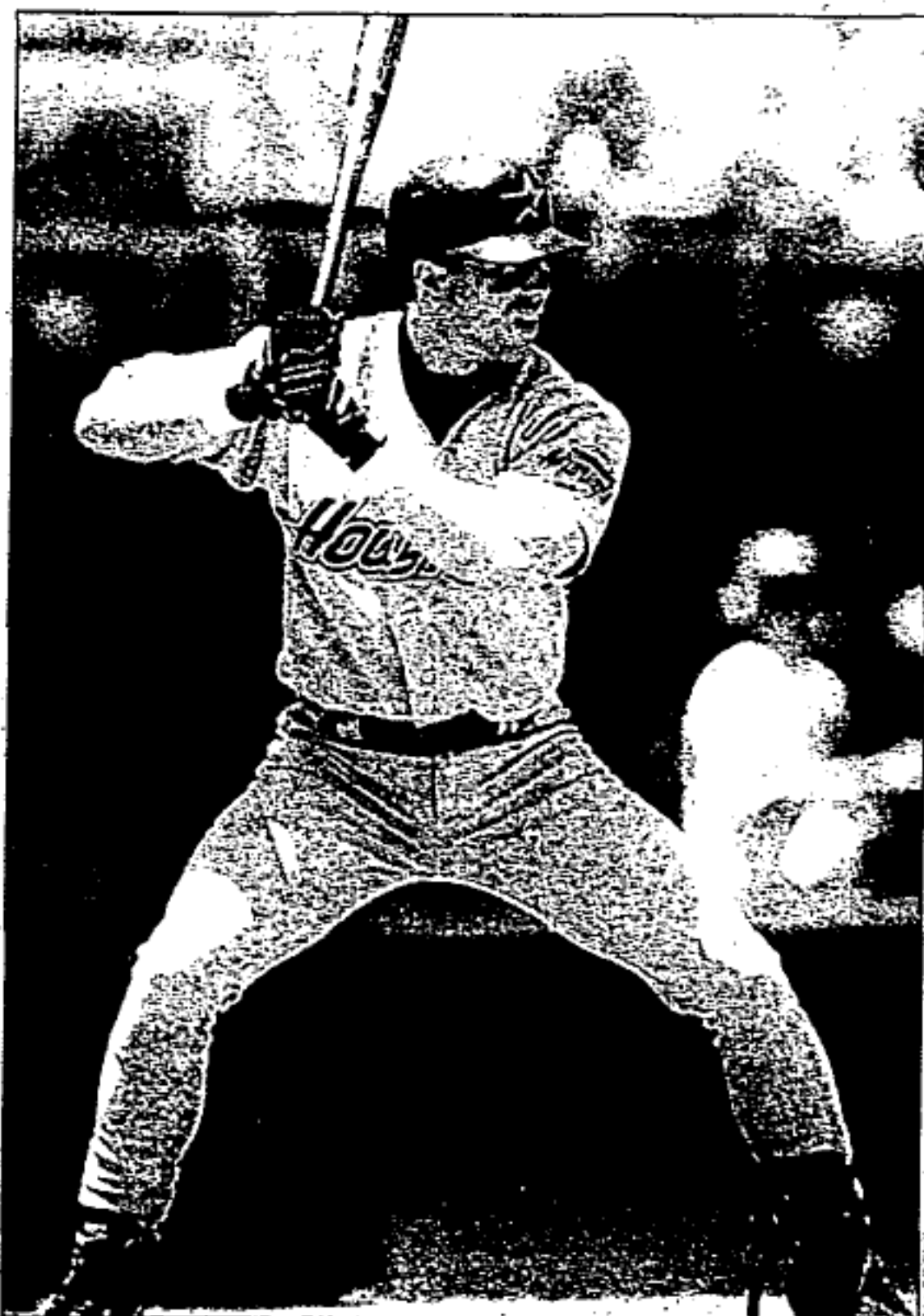


BASEBALL

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Remembering his roots: Bagwell emulates his Fenway fave.

## The way Yaz used to do it

Houston is in position to produce two MVP awards in the same year, and it would be quite a study in contrast. We knew everything about Hakeem Olajuwon before he made it to the NBA, and now he finally has an MVP award and a championship. People know very little about Jeff Bagwell, except that the Red Sox somehow let him get away and that Steve Garvey willed him his forearms.

Bagwell entered this week with a .354 average, 28 home runs and 88 RBIs, keeping the Astros in the National League Central race and trying to become baseball's first Triple Crown winner since Carl Yastrzemski in 1967. Bagwell knows what he is up against, of course (read: Tony Gwynn), but he knows as well as anyone that it can be done.

Bagwell grew up in Killingworth, Conn., a huge fan of Yaz. "To me and my family, the Red Sox were everything," says Bagwell, 26. "And through it all, Yaz was the one player who is right in the middle of all those memories. I'm reading the papers and I want to read about Yaz. I'm watching TV and I want to see Yaz. I'm playing ball with friends and I want to be Yaz. Hey, every kid fantasizes."

Bagwell is not only hitting the ball like Yaz, but hitting it better than Yaz in his Triple Crown season. Yastrzemski hit .326 with 44 home runs and 121 RBIs that year.

"It's hard to think in those terms," Bagwell says. "He's a player who meant everything to me when I was growing up."

"I was in the stands to see him get his 3,000th hit. I was there when he hit his 300th home run. Those are the kind of numbers that make a career."

There is nothing flashy about the way Bagwell goes about his job. There is no antelope stride in the way he runs and no physique that looks like it has been chiseled from granite.

This is a body that might remind you of, well, Yaz. "He's a guy about my size who was able to play so much bigger," Bagwell says. "He didn't have more natural tools than everybody else in the game, but he got a hell of a lot more out of the raw ability he had than just about everybody else. Yaz just worked hard."

When Bagwell was in Little League, he used to try to copy Yaz's batting stance. That could prove difficult, because Yaz always seemed to be coming to spring training every year with a new stance or a new way of holding the bat.

So eventually Bagwell developed his own style and it has brought him success.

"Listen, it's a lot of fun to sit in front of the TV at night and watch all the highlights on SportsCenter. You see yourself hitting homers and you hear people mention your name."

"But you're as good as your last game," Bagwell says. "I learned that pretty early."

## PETER'S PRINCIPLES

Long games and bench-clearing brawls seem to be two dissimilar problems facing baseball. But they are interrelated.

One reason for long games is deep counts created by small strike zones and wild pitchers. If the strike zones were more uniformly widened, there would be more strikes called, shorter at-bats and a quicker pace. And at the same time, there would be fewer instances of pitchers trying to knock hitters off the plate with a perfect inside pitch that instead gets too close to the batter and creates the possibility for fights.

It is pretty obvious that fewer brawls would mean fewer time-consuming wrestling matches at the mound. But more briskly played games are also better-played games. When pitchers are working quickly and throwing strikes, fielders are not

back on their heels and play better defense.

There is also the question of the designated hitter. The American League plays longer games on the average and one major reason is the D.H. It adds at least a half-dozen more at-bats, during which pitchers must work more carefully than they would against pitchers, who bat in the National League. A.L. managers are not required to look ahead toward needing a reliever, as they do in the N.L., where a pinch-hitter is needed for the pitcher. As a result, there is more time wasted in the A.L. getting pitchers warmed up.

As for fights, many of the A.L. incidents wouldn't happen if their pitchers had to go to bat themselves. "The D.H. should be put in mothballs," the Tigers' Sparky Anderson says. "If a pitcher throws at someone in our league, the only recourse is charging the mound. If the pitcher has to hit, you can take care of him when he comes up and the whole thing is over."

—PETER PASCARELLI

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Eddie Williams 1B, Padres



As they worked out together in the recent offseason, Tony Gwynn and Eddie Williams — who signed a minor league contract with the Padres last December — would debate hitting theory. Williams, a former No. 1 pick who had descended out of baseball in the U.S., always had been a dead-pull hitter and believed in power; Gwynn talked about hitting the ball all over the field. Outwardly, Williams remained stubborn, but he began taking Gwynn's words to heart. Last Sunday, Williams smashed two home runs and drove in four runs; Gwynn went 3 for 4. Williams and Gwynn helped the Padres collect a season-high 19 hits in the 10-1 victory over the Mets.

Williams started the season at Triple-A Las Vegas, and a long home run to the opposite field in Salt Lake City convinced him.

"I realized that was the best thing for me," says Williams, who was leading the Pacific Coast League in homers and RBIs when he was called up June 14.

In the first 65 games, San Diego's starting first basemen combined for 24 RBIs. Williams drove in 22 runs in his first 26 games and has won the job as an everyday player. In his first start with the Padres, Williams had a homer to left, a single to center and a hard double down the right-field line. "Just like we talked about," Gwynn says.

Williams, 29, played in Japan in 1991, and in Mexico for most of the last two seasons. After finishing the '93 season in Monterrey, Williams joined a semipro team in San Diego and was spotted by Padres scout Randy Johnson and assistant general manager Reggie Waller. Williams had a tryout with the Padres during the last homestand of the year, but the team waited to sign him. "I wanted to see how hard he was willing to work," Padres General Manager Randy Smith says.

Now that Williams is in the big leagues, he has become the good-natured locker-room nemesis of Gwynn, who wants Williams to personally thank him for his advice. "I'll never do it, because if I do it once then he'll want me to do it again," Williams says, laughing. "But he has definitely meant a lot to me."

—BUSTER OLNEY

## BY THE NUMBERS

There were 15 pitchers with at least 10 victories at the All-Star break last season, and five who finished with at least 20. At this All-Star break, 16 pitchers were on a 20-victory pace, yet another reason fans would be robbed of excitement by a strike.

Work stoppage or not, the second-half pasts of the Orioles' Mike Mussina and the Yankees' Jimmy Key enhance the prospect of a Cy Young Award race within a division race. In the National League, the Astros must hope that Doug Drabek pitches this second half the way he did for Pittsburgh, and the Expos must hope that Ken Hill indeed is a different pitcher.

These are the pitchers who had won at least 10 games at the break, ranked by their career second-half winning percentages:

| Pitcher         | Team      | 1994 |      | Career second half |      |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|--------------------|------|
|                 |           | W-L  | ERA  | W-L                | ERA  |
| Wilson Alvarez  | White Sox | 10-4 | 3.63 | 13-6 (684)         | 3.85 |
| Mike Mussina    | Orioles   | 13-4 | 2.96 | 17-9 (654)         | 3.25 |
| Kenny Rogers    | Rangers   | 10-4 | 4.53 | 25-15 (625)        | 2.84 |
| Doug Drabek     | Astros    | 10-5 | 3.07 | 63-39 (618)        | 3.05 |
| Greg Maddux     | Braves    | 11-5 | 1.80 | 59-38 (608)        | 2.99 |
| Jimmy Key       | Yankees   | 13-2 | 3.31 | 64-42 (604)        | 3.56 |
| David Cone      | Royals    | 12-4 | 2.88 | 50-35 (588)        | 2.89 |
| Bret Saberhagen | Mets      | 10-4 | 3.15 | 54-38 (587)        | 3.36 |
| Pat Hentgen     | Blue Jays | 11-5 | 3.16 | 8-6 (571)          | 4.49 |
| Randy Johnson   | Mariners  | 10-4 | 3.09 | 35-28 (556)        | 3.74 |
| Tom Glavine     | Braves    | 10-7 | 4.20 | 44-36 (550)        | 3.85 |
| Bob Tewksbury   | Cardinals | 10-7 | 4.94 | 31-26 (544)        | 3.54 |
| Ben McDonald    | Orioles   | 10-6 | 4.47 | 25-23 (521)        | 3.36 |
| Danny Jackson   | Phillies  | 11-3 | 3.33 | 45-45 (500)        | 3.58 |
| Ken Hill        | Expos     | 13-3 | 3.27 | 20-33 (377)        | 3.96 |
| Mark Clark      | Indians   | 10-3 | 3.71 | 5-10 (333)         | 4.25 |



Drabek



### CINCINNATI REDS



**W-L: 65-45 PLACE: 1st**

**Hanson through:** Starter Erik Hanson might never again pitch for the Reds. Hanson suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee last week trying to come off the mound to field a bunt at San Francisco's Candlestick Park. The injury will sideline the

29-year-old for the season. Considering he will be a free agent this offseason and is making \$2.7 million, don't be surprised if he ends up elsewhere in 1995. To replace him, the Reds called up Kevin Jarvis from Triple-A Indianapolis for his fourth stint with the parent club this season. Cincinnati planned to start Jarvis one game only — Tuesday against the Dodgers — before returning him to Indianapolis, where he would be able to pitch even if the major leaguers strike. Jarvis is 8-1 with a 2.95 ERA with Indianapolis and has won his last eight decisions. . . . Two starters remain from the Opening Day five-man rotation. Jose Rijo and John Smiley. Hanson joins Tom Browning (broken arm) and Tim Lincecum (back injury and demotion) as ex-factors. If a strike is averted or short, expect General Manager Jim Bowden to deal for a starter to go along with Rijo, Smiley, John Roper and Pete Schourek. . . . Outfielder Jerome Walton underwent surgery for bunions on both feet and is expected to miss four weeks. . . . Reliever Steve Foster was scheduled to have arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow Tuesday by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala. . . . Browning still is planning to come back in 1995. In fact, he threw a racquetball around the locker room last Friday.

**Hunter produces:** The addition of first baseman/outfielder Brian Hunter from Pittsburgh for a player to be named paid off quickly. In seven games, he was 7 for 21 (.333) with four homers and 10 RBIs, but he suffered a right hamstring injury last Friday. His contribution was especially welcome considering the offensive nose dive by right fielder Reggie Sanders, who found himself temporarily on the bench in favor of Hunter because of a 4-for-35 slump. Part of Sanders' problems came from trying to imitate the swing of teammate Kevin Mitchell, and part came from undisclosed personal problems. "He may be on the psychological disabled list," Manager Davey Johnson says. "In my way of thinking, that's just as important as a broken arm. If you're not focused, you've got a problem."

—MIKE BASS



**Erik Hanson:**  
Season-ending knee injury.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Jose Rijo reached double figures in strikeouts for the third time this season and 22nd in his career when he struck out 12 last Saturday. That matched his National League high. His career high was 16 in 1986 with Oakland. . . . Lagging in attendance despite turning a fifth-place team into a division leader, the Reds finally made a box-office dent last weekend against Atlanta. They sold 47,972 tickets for Friday night, then 52,567 for Saturday night (the largest non-Opening Day crowd since August 3, 1991). . . . The run total allowed by Reds pitching last Friday in a 16-6 loss was the most by Cincinnati since June 19, 1987.

### A LOOK AHEAD

**August 12-14: at Colorado**  
**August 16-18: at Philadelphia**

The scheduled strike seems to come at a bad time for the Reds. They are scheduled to face a couple of sub-.500 teams, while rival Houston plays the Braves and the improving Mets, both on the road. Then the Astros play six with Montreal, the league's best team, sandwiched around three more with the Mets, while the Reds face relative lightweights St. Louis and Philadelphia. . . . The Reds are 4-4 against the Rockies, 4-2 against the Phillies.

|             | '94 Season To Date |      |       |      |      |      |     |     |     |     | Vs. RH |     |     |     | Vs. LH |      |      |     | Week 18 |      |      |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |     |     |     |    |
|-------------|--------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|------|-----|---------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|
|             | G                  | AB   | R     | H    | 2B   | 3B   | HR  | RBI | AVG | SLG | OBP    | SB  | CS  | BB  | SO     | E    | AB   | AVG | HR      | RBI  | AB   | AVG | HR  | RBI | AB  | R  | H  | HR | RBI | TB  | AVG | SB |
| Morris†     | 108                | 422  | 59    | 145  | 29   | 4    | 10  | 77  | 344 | 502 | 39     | 6   | 2   | 33  | 58     | 6    | 316  | 370 | 10      | 59   | 106  | 264 | 0   | 18  | 18  | 2  | 4  | 2  | 7   | 222 | 1   |    |
| Mitchel     | 92                 | 299  | 56    | 98   | 18   | 1    | 30  | 76  | 328 | 696 | 432    | 2   | 0   | 58  | 58     | 4    | 225  | 320 | 21      | 57   | 74   | 35  | 9   | 19  | 19  | 4  | 8  | 3  | 9   | 19  | 42  | 0  |
| Boone       | 104                | 365  | 57    | 116  | 24   | 2    | 12  | 66  | 318 | 493 | 367    | 3   | 4   | 24  | 70     | 12   | 280  | 332 | 10      | 52   | 85   | 27  | 2   | 14  | 26  | 3  | 7  | 2  | 3   | 14  | 269 | 1  |
| Bumfield    | 66                 | 120  | 36    | 38   | 10   | 2    | 4   | 11  | 317 | 533 | 387    | 6   | 3   | 15  | 17     | 1    | 72   | 333 | 1       | 5    | 48   | 292 | 3   | 6   | 12  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 6   | 250 | 1   |    |
| Hans†       | 63                 | 98   | 12    | 31   | 3    | 1    | 0   | 13  | 316 | 367 | 340    | 7   | 2   | 4   | 13     | 6    | 87   | 287 | 0       | 10   | 11   | 545 | 0   | 3   | 4   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 300 | 0   |    |
| Taubensee†  | 63                 | 176  | 27    | 51   | 7    | 2    | 8   | 21  | 290 | 489 | 339    | 1   | 0   | 14  | 3      | 3    | 161  | 298 | 7       | 19   | 15   | 200 | 2   | 2   | 10  | 4  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 5   | 400 | 0  |
| Branson†    | 58                 | 109  | 18    | 31   | 4    | 1    | 6   | 16  | 284 | 505 | 316    | 0   | 0   | 5   | 16     | 1    | 93   | 290 | 5       | 12   | 16   | 250 | 4   | 4   | 2   | 1  | 0  | 2  | 4   | 500 | 0   |    |
| D. Sanders† | 88                 | 357  | 58    | 101  | 15   | 4    | 4   | 28  | 283 | 381 | 345    | 38  | 16  | 32  | 57     | 2    | 259  | 307 | 3       | 22   | 98   | 235 | 5   | 6   | 4   | 4  | 7  | 0  | 7   | 500 | 2   |    |
| Larkin      | 106                | 415  | 76    | 117  | 22   | 5    | 9   | 52  | 282 | 424 | 370    | 26  | 2   | 61  | 57     | 10   | 316  | 278 | 6       | 39   | 99   | 293 | 3   | 13  | 22  | 10 | 7  | 3  | 5   | 19  | 318 | 3  |
| Fernandez†  | 100                | 349  | 48    | 97   | 18   | 5    | 8   | 50  | 278 | 433 | 364    | 10  | 7   | 44  | 40     | 4    | 253  | 269 | 5       | 34   | 96   | 302 | 3   | 16  | 24  | 1  | 6  | 0  | 5   | 7   | 250 | 0  |
| R. Sanders  | 103                | 388  | 65    | 104  | 20   | 8    | 16  | 60  | 268 | 485 | 333    | 21  | 9   | 37  | 110    | 6    | 299  | 247 | 10      | 36   | 89   | 337 | 6   | 24  | 18  | 0  | 4  | 0  | 0   | 5   | 222 | 1  |
| Howard†     | 81                 | 173  | 24    | 45   | 10   | 0    | 5   | 21  | 260 | 405 | 299    | 4   | 2   | 10  | 29     | 3    | 145  | 269 | 5       | 20   | 28   | 214 | 0   | 1   | 4   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| Dorsett     | 75                 | 214  | 21    | 52   | 7    | 0    | 5   | 26  | 243 | 346 | 308    | 0   | 0   | 20  | 33     | 4    | 142  | 225 | 4       | 21   | 72   | 278 | 1   | 5   | 10  | 1  | 4  | 1  | 0   | 0   | 330 | 0  |
| Hunter      | 84                 | 255  | 34    | 60   | 16   | 1    | 5   | 57  | 235 | 482 | 278    | 0   | 0   | 17  | 56     | 5    | 175  | 251 | 11      | 40   | 85   | 200 | 4   | 7   | 6   | 4  | 5  | 0  | 7   | 10  | 313 | 0  |
| TEAM        | 111                | 3869 | 557   | 1111 | 203  | 36   | 123 | 557 | 287 | 454 | 351    | 116 | 5   | 376 | 711    | 12   | 2929 | 257 | 13      | 418  | 940  | 287 | 30  | 119 | 116 | 47 | 43 | 14 | 79  | 15  | 243 | 14 |
| OPPONENTS   | 111                | 3830 | 473   | 1006 | 174  | 20   | 112 | 442 | 263 | 406 | 323    | 74  | 39  | 328 | 768    | 81   | 2469 | 219 | 17      | 296  | 361  | 289 | 40  | 56  | 207 | 34 | 47 | 11 | 31  | 44  | 117 | 14 |
|             | W-L                | ERA  | IP    | H    | R    | ER   | HR  | BB  | SO  | SH  | G      | GS  | CG  | Sv  | AB     | AVG  | HR   | RBI | AB      | AVG  | HR   | RBI | W-L | ERA | IP  | H  | BB | SO | Sv  |     |     |    |
| McEroy†     | 2                  | 2.14 | 54.2  | 47   | 13   | 13   | 3   | 14  | 35  | 0   | 49     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 111  | 244  | 7   | 11      | 45   | 117  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Brantley    | 5                  | 2.25 | 54.0  | 44   | 18   | 16   | 5   | 28  | 51  | 0   | 48     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 14   | 126  | 4   | 11      | 46   | 108  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Carrasco    | 5                  | 2.33 | 54.0  | 40   | 17   | 14   | 3   | 28  | 40  | 0   | 42     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 14   | 126  | 4   | 11      | 46   | 108  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Rio         | 9                  | 3.12 | 64.1  | 73   | 31   | 27   | 15  | 50  | 59  | 0   | 76     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 217  | 259  | 4   | 30      | 107  | 81   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Ruffe†      | 2                  | 3.19 | 67.2  | 56   | 26   | 24   | 1   | 27  | 44  | 0   | 48     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 14   | 126  | 4   | 11      | 46   | 108  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Smiley†     | 10                 | 3.93 | 151.0 | 65   | 78   | 66   | 18  | 35  | 107 | 0   | 11     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 448  | 358  | 15  | 47      | 141  | 141  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Fantuzzo†   | 0                  | 4.08 | 28.2  | 30   | 13   | 13   | 2   | 13  | 29  | 0   | 24     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 111  | 111  | 1   | 1       | 34   | 75   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Schourek†   | 7                  | 4.09 | 81.1  | 90   | 39   | 37   | 11  | 29  | 69  | 0   | 32     | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 314  | 244  | 7   | 11      | 87   | 419  | 4   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Hanson      | 5                  | 4.11 | 122.2 | 137  | 60   | 56   | 10  | 23  | 101 | 0   | 22     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 460  | 398  | 1   | 15      | 214  | 211  | 5   | 10  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Roper       | 6                  | 4.21 | 87.2  | 84   | 44   | 4    | 0   | 28  | 49  | 0   | 15     | 14  | 0   | 0   | 0      | 384  | 311  | 5   | 11      | 152  | 107  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| Service     | 2                  | 7.36 | 7.1   | 8    | 9    | 6    | 2   | 3   | 5   | 0   | 6      | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 21   | 28   | 0   | 0       | 6    | 7    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |    |
| TEAM        | 65                 | 4.5  | 376   | 1002 | 1006 | 473  | 49  | 112 | 328 | 768 | 6      | 111 | 111 | 6   | 26     | 24.5 | 256  | 11  | 277     | 1478 | 174  | 41  | 172 | 4   | 4   | 4  | 54 | 47 | 11  | 34  | 1   |    |
| OPPONENTS   | 45                 | 6.5  | 492   | 994  | 0    | 1111 | 597 | 543 | 123 | 376 | 111    | 3   | 111 | 111 | 6      | 26   | 237  | 285 | 99      | 364  | 1496 | 190 | 14  | 143 | 0   | 4  | 5  | 11 | 63  | 14  | 17  |    |

\* Indicates rookie † Bats/pitches left-handed ‡ Switch-hitter

All statistics are through Sunday's games.

### HOUSTON ASTROS



**W-L: 65-47 PLACE: 2nd**

**In the bag:** Jeff Bagwell is the odds-on favorite for N.L. Most Valuable Player and would be the first Astro to win the award. "Who else could you see winning it?" Manager Terry Collins says. The Giants' Matt Williams, who leads the league with 42

home runs, believes Bagwell is a lock. "He's having an MVP season," Williams says. "Nobody is putting up those kind of numbers." Through Sunday, Bagwell had set franchise records with 39 home runs and 116 RBIs. The previous records were 37 homers by Jimmy Wynn in 1967 and 110 RBIs by current General Manager Bob Watson in 1977. Will Bagwell regret an interruption by the strike? "I dread the strike date because it means we won't have reached an agreement and there won't be baseball," Bagwell says. "The fans will be upset and it won't be good for baseball. I'm not dreading it because of what it might mean to Jeff Bagwell."

**Budget relief:** By trading Tom Edens, who makes \$450,000, the Astros reaffirmed their bullpen as the best bargain in baseball. Edens went to the Phillies for outfielder Milt Thompson July 31. The highest-paid pitcher in the bullpen is Todd Jones, who makes \$135,000. Mike Hampton makes \$114,000 and rookies John Hudek, Ross Powell and Dave Veres get the minimum salary of \$109,000. The five-man bullpen draws \$576,000. Compare that to the \$2.5 million that Mitch Williams draws while sitting at his ranch in Hico, Tex. Jones had the most experience, with 89 days in the majors at the start of the season; Hampton had 73 and Powell 30. Hudek made his major league debut April 29 and Veres made his May 10. The bullpen numbers are 19-14 with 28 saves in 36 chances. Take away Williams' numbers and the rest of the relievers are 18-10 with 22 saves in 26 chances. . . . Jones had some T-shirts printed up that the relievers are wearing under their uniforms. The front of the T-shirt reads: "Astros Bullpen." The back reads: "No Time. No Experience. No Problem." Jones left off any mention about money. "I think the last thing anyone wants to hear about is a ballplayer complaining about money," Jones says. . . . Phil Nevin, the first player selected in the 1992 draft, has tailed off in his second season at Triple-A Tucson (Pacific Coast.) Nevin is hitting .259 with 8 homers and 62 RBIs in 113 games; he hit .286 with 10 homers and 93 RBIs a season ago.

—NEIL HOHLFELD



**Jeff Bagwell:**  
Who else for MVP?

### BY THE NUMBERS

The Astros are playing a key role in the N.L. West race. They were 1-8 against the first-place Dodgers and 8-2 against the second-place Giants. . . . In 10 games against the Giants, Jeff Bagwell is hitting .543 (19 for 35) with 5 homers, 10 doubles and 17 RBIs. Before this season, Bagwell had a .333 average against the Giants with 8 homers and 36 RBIs in three seasons. . . . Catchers Scott Servais and Tony Eusebio had combined for 69 RBIs. Though hitting .198, Servais has 41 RBIs. Eusebio has a .303 average with 28 RBIs. . . . Craig Biggio has 41 doubles, three off Rusty Staub's club record.

### A LOOK AHEAD

**August 12-15: at Atlanta**  
**August 16-18: at New York**

Though 13-24 against the Braves since 1992, the Astros are 10-8 in Atlanta in that same period. They took two out of three in May in Atlanta, with Doug Drabek pitching a three-hit shutout for one of the victories. The Astros haven't played in New York since April 15-17, when they lost two of three to the Mets. Drabek won the only game in that series, allowing three hits and one run in eight innings. The Astros are 14-4 against the Mets over the last two seasons.

|           | '94 Season To Date |     |     |     |    |    |    |     |     |     | Vs. RH |    |    |    | Vs. LH |   |     |     | Week 18 |     |     |     |    |     |    |   |    |    |     |    |     |    |
|-----------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|----|----|--------|---|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|---|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
|           | G                  | AB  | R   | H   | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | AVG | SLG | OBP    | SB | CS | BB | SO     | E | AB  | AVG | HR      | RBI | AB  | AVG | HR | RBI | AB | R | H  | HR | RBI | TB | AVG | SB |
| Bagwell   | 108                | 394 | 103 | 145 | 31 | 2  | 39 | 116 | 368 | 754 | 451    | 16 | 4  | 65 | 62     | 4 | 289 | 336 | 21      | 79  | 105 | 417 | 18 | 43  | 25 | 6 | 10 | 3  | 11  | 21 | 470 | 1  |
| Miler     | 15                 | 39  | 3   | 13  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 9   | 333 | 538 | 395    | 0  | 0  | 2  | 10     | 0 | 24  | 179 | 0       | 0   | 10  | 200 | 0  | 3   | 5  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |    |
| Biggio    | 111                | 428 | 94  | 135 | 41 | 5  | 6  | 56  | 315 | 477 | 425    | 37 | 4  | 54 | 57     | 7 | 327 | 324 | 6       | 43  | 128 | 287 | 0  | 13  | 29 | 4 | 13 | 0  | 4   | 17 | 414 | 4  |
| Bass†     | 81                 | 252 | 36  | 62  | 15 | 1  | 5  | 32  | 307 | 465 | 351    | 2  | 3  | 28 | 74     | 2 | 144 | 154 | 3       | 13  | 58  | 412 | 1  | 15  | 13 | 1 | 4  | 0  | 1   | 5  | 318 | 1  |
| Eusebio   | 53                 | 152 | 18  | 46  | 9  | 1  | 5  | 28  | 303 | 474 | 329    | 1  | 0  | 8  | 30     | 2 | 94  | 171 | 1       | 10  | 61  | 426 | 0  | 14  | 8  | 1 | 1  | 0  | 1   | 4  | 175 | 0  |
| Caminiti  | 108                | 393 | 63  | 112 | 28 | 2  | 18 | 73  | 285 | 504 | 356    | 4  | 1  | 43 | 65     | 9 | 256 | 241 | 1       | 40  | 127 | 368 | 0  | 29  | 28 | 5 | 7  | 0  | 4   | 11 | 280 | 0  |
| Thompson† | 93                 | 231 | 33  | 64  | 7  | 1  | 4  | 13  | 277 | 359 | 345    | 3  | 0  | 30 | 28     | 1 | 128 | 14  | 4       | 29  | 127 | 127 | 4  | 4   | 11 | 4 | 4  | 1  | 1   | 7  | 364 | 0  |
| Gonzalez† | 109                | 382 | 55  | 104 | 17 | 0  |    |     |     |     |        |    |    |    |        |   |     |     |         |     |     |     |    |     |    |   |    |    |     |    |     |    |