

# MAJOR LEAGUE FLASHES

## Madlock Goes on Report

Third baseman Bill Madlock of the Pirates faces a possible fine and suspension following an incident with home plate umpire Gerry Crawford in the fifth inning of Pittsburgh's 2-1 victory over the Expos in 10 innings May 1. The incident occurred after Madlock, batting with the bases filled, was called out on what he insisted was a checked swing. Bucs Manager Chuck Tanner rushed to the plate and pushed Madlock away after the third baseman nudged Crawford in the face with his glove. Crew Chief Doug Harvey, umpiring at first base, declined to comment until after the umpires submitted their report to the National League. Madlock was ejected.

■ The Mariners lost the services of righthander Mike Parrott for at least two weeks as the result of a severe groin bruise suffered April 30 when he was struck by a liner off the bat of the Twins' Roy Smalley.

## Homer Frustrates Falcone

A two-run homer by Luis Aguayo in the fifth inning, sending the Phillies on their way to a 2-1 triumph over the Mets May 1, took the edge off a record-tying performance by New York lefthander Pete Falcone. Falcone tied a modern major league record shared by four other pitchers when he struck out the first six Philadelphia batters he faced. He had eight strikeouts in his seven-inning stint. Sharing the record for Ks at the start of a game are John Hiller (Tigers, 1968), Ray Culp (Red Sox, 1970), Bert Blyleven (Twins, 1970) and Andy Messersmith (Dodgers, 1973).

■ Slugger Dave Parker, whose contract with the Pirates is said to be worth nearly \$1 million for each of the next four years and then give him additional security "until I'm 57," can't understand why the Cubs don't give Bruce Sutter the long-term pact the reliever wants. "If I were the Cub general manager, I'd try to keep him around as many years as I could," said Parker. "It's no treat hitting off Sutter." Sutter won a \$700,000 salary judgment at arbitration but said he would have been satisfied with a five-year contract at less than \$700,000 a season.

## Jenkins Foiled Again

The Indians chased Ferguson Jenkins with a four-run outburst in the fourth inning and went on to beat the Rangers, 7-4, as the Texas righthander failed for the fourth time in his bid for American League victory No. 100.

■ Pitching Coach Ray Miller, striding from the Memorial Stadium dugout to congratulate reliever Tim Stoddard after Baltimore's 7-4 victory over the Yankees April 30, was accosted by an unidentified fan who grabbed for Miller's cap. Punches were thrown and Miller was struck in

the mouth before police intervened. Police said the man was booked for assault and battery.

## More Sutter Trade Rumors

Cubs reliever Bruce Sutter wonders about rumors that he's headed for the Cardinals in a three-way trade that would send Braves third baseman Bob Horner to Chicago. "I'd still like to stay in Chicago," said Sutter, "but I've said all along that if I have to leave the Cubs, St. Louis is one of the teams I'd like to go to."

■ While fans are not knocking down the Oakland Coliseum gates to watch the A's, attendance is up and "6,000 people is a lot better than 2,000," says outfielder Mitchell Page who recalls one game last season with only 653 in the stands. In its first 10 games, Oakland drew 73,000, or one-fourth of last year's total attendance of 306,000.

## Astros Dazzle Redlegs

With a 9-3 victory over the Reds May 1, behind the knuckleball slants of righthander Joe Niekro, the Astros completed their first three-game series sweep at Riverfront Stadium since 1971. Houston took the opener, 3-0, behind Ken Forsch, and the second game, 5-1, behind J. R. Richard. Cincinnati managed only 13 hits and four runs in the series.

■ Outfielder Hosken Powell came to terms with the Twins April 28, leaving righthander Roger Erickson as the only unsigned player on the Minnesota roster. Powell signed a one-year contract, terms of which were not disclosed.

## Staub Goes on Shelf

Designated-hitter Rusty Staub was expected to be out of the Rangers' lineup for about 10 days after suffering a chip fracture of the ring finger when he jammed his left hand while sliding into second base April 30. Staub was the second-leading hitter in the American League, with a .412 average, when he was injured.

■ Expos reliever Elias Sosa had pitched 5½ scoreless innings in four appearances before the Pirates solved him in the 10th inning of their 5-4 victory April 29. Willie Stargell led off the 10th with a single and Matt Alexander, running for Stargell, scored on Bill Madlock's double down the left field line.

## Breakthrough by Padres

"You get in one of those streaks and you feel like you'll never, ever win again," said Padres Manager Jerry Coleman after San Diego edged the Braves, 2-1, April 30, and ended a seven-game losing streak. Reliever Bob Shirley finished after righthander Eric Rasmussen limited Atlanta to four hits over eight innings.

■ The Houston Astros stole five bases against Cincinnati rookie lefthander Charlie Leibrandt in a 3-0 victory April 29. "That's their game," said Leibrandt. "If you let them get a big lead, they're going to steal no matter who the catcher is."

## Hisle Plays Despite Pain

Fans who've seen Larry Hisle might think the shoulder injury that sidelined him last year has healed. However, the Brewers' outfielder applies a hot pack to his tender right shoulder between turns at bat and the injury receives daily attention in the training room. "It feels all right at the start, but after a few innings the cold weather gets to me," Hisle said. "But I'm a professional and a little discomfort is not going to stop me."

■ Catcher Rick Dempsey hit two home runs in a game for the first time in his major league career, but that wasn't enough to keep the Yankees from shading the Orioles, 4-3, April 29. Righthander Luis Tiant posted the 219th victory of his career with two innings of help from reliever Rudy May who was credited with his first save in six seasons.

## Bomback Feasts on Phillies

Rookie Mark Bomback of the Mets has earned his major league credentials at the expense of the Phillies. The 27-year-old righthander who bounced around the minor leagues for 10 years, notched a two-hit, 2-0 triumph over Philadelphia April 30 in his second career start. Eight days earlier, Bomback went seven innings and was credited with a 3-2 decision over the Phils.

■ During the first series between the Dodgers and Giants, San Francisco Coach Jim Lefebvre stayed away from his sparring partner, Los Angeles Manager Tommy Lasorda. Some of the Dodgers, however, couldn't resist needling Lefebvre about the celebrated television studio altercation in February. One player went a step further when he greeted Lefebvre with, "One punch? Great."



St. Louis telecaster Jay Randolph (left) listens as Dick Kaegel, managing editor of THE SPORTING NEWS, presents TSN's National League Player of the Year award to Keith Hernandez of the Cardinals. The presentation was made during a pregame TV show carried from Pittsburgh to St. Louis station KSDK.

## Brewers Display Power

"It was just a combination of some bad pitches by the Indians and catching us at the wrong time," said Brewers third baseman Sal Bando. Whatever the reason, Milwaukee unloaded seven home runs—one short of the major league single-game record—while routing Cleveland, 14-1, April 29, and ending a four-game losing streak. Ben Oglivie drove in five runs with two homers and Bando also hit a pair. Larry Hisle and Sixto Lezcano belted three-run homers and Paul Molitor added a solo shot. Seven clubs share the major league record of eight home runs in a game. The feat was accomplished most recently by the Expos against the Braves July 30, 1978.

## Cubs Lock Out Writers

The Cubs, with Manager Preston Gomez' blessing, imposed a 10-minute lockout on writers seeking post-game interviews. Gomez, however, said his office would be open to reporters immediately following the game.

■ "What's the big deal about leading off?" asks Tigers leadoff batter Lou Whitaker. "After the first inning, everybody becomes a leadoff man in every inning."

## Richard and Kingman Receive N. L. Awards

NEW YORK—The National League bestowed April honors on Cubs slugger Dave Kingman and hard-throwing righthander J. R. Richard of the Astros.

Kingman was voted Player of the Month after hitting .375 (18-for-48) with six homers and 16 runs batted in for the first month of the season.

Pitcher of the Month recognition went to Richard for his 3-0 record, including one shutout. Richard allowed six earned runs in four starts for a 1.80 earned-run average. He had 40 strikeouts in 30 innings.

## PRO TRANSACTIONS

### BASEBALL

Braves—Optioned outfielder Ed Miller to Richmond; reactivated infielder Bob Horner, who was on disqualified list.

Cardinals—Designated pitcher Darold Knowles for reassignment; optioned outfielder Jim Lentine to Springfield; acquired pitcher Jim Kaat on waivers from Yankees; signed pitcher Pedro Borbon as free agent.

Twins—Reactivated outfielder Dave Edwards.

### CLASS AAA

Charleston—Acquired catcher Fla Strawn and infielder Wayne Pinkerton from Tulsa.

Iowa—Acquired catcher Vito Lucarelli from Appleton.

Ogden—Acquired pitcher Frank Harris from West Haven; signed pitcher Johnny (Ike) Sutton as free agent; placed designated hitter Randy Elliott on disqualified list.

Oklahoma City—Assigned pitcher Marty Bystrom to Reading; activated infielder-outfielder Mike Anderson.

Omaha—Assigned infielder Frank McCann to Jacksonville; signed pitcher Rawly Eastwick as free agent.

Phoenix—Acquired Bob Brenly from Shreveport.

Richmond—Acquired outfielder Horace Speed from Savannah.

Salt Lake City—Acquired catcher Mark Nocciolo from Salinas.

Spokane—Acquired catcher Dan Firova from San Jose; assigned pitcher R.J. Harrison to Lynn.

Springfield—Assigned outfielder Gene Dotson to Arkansas.

Wichita—Acquired utilityman Wayne Rohlfing from Quad Cities.

### FOOTBALL

Bengals—Signed tight end Mike Harris and center Blake Moore as free agents.

Chiefs—Exercised right of first refusal on cornerback Eric Harris who received an offer sheet from Saints.

Cowboys—Signed placekicker John Roveto as free agent.

Giants—Signed defensive backs Chet Moeller and Ron Meeks as free agents.

Saints—Signed quarterback Steve Ensminger as free agent.

For a wrap-up of draft-day trades, see page 50.

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