



Saw what? Fans in St. Louis desperate for baseball showed up 50,000 strong for Fan Appreciation Day, which included a demonstration on how baseballs are stitched.

MONTREAL EXPOS



Holding the line: Kevin Malone, the Expos' director of player personnel, says he hopes the team's 1995 payroll will at least be equal to the \$18 million of 1994.

"Obviously, a lot depends on the kind of guidelines we get from the owners," Malone says. "In addition to not being able to sign Larry Walker, it would mean we'd probably have to do something with one or even two of our other main players. What that means is that I think next year we can be a legitimate playoff contender, as good or better than most teams. But I won't be able to say we're a World Series-caliber team the way I felt we were in spring training this year." Look for the cash-strapped Expos to move center fielder Marquis Grissom and possibly closer John Wetteland.

Scouting report: The Expos fired three full-time scouts and lost their Quebec scout when he refused to accept a demotion to part-time status. Tom Bourque (Canada and the northeast United States), Pat Sullivan (Georgia and Kentucky) and Mike Murphy (southern California) were fired, and Rene Marchand resigned. ... Walker was scheduled for minor rotator-cuff surgery in early October. ... Second baseman Mike Lansing will undergo minor surgery to repair strained knee ligaments. ... Third-base coach Jerry Manuel is managing in the Arizona Fall League. —JEFF BLAIR

NEW YORK METS



Shoulder woes: Shortstop Aaron Ledesma, a candidate to serve in a utility infield role next season with the Mets, will not participate in the Arizona Fall League as planned. Ledesma, considered the most valuable player at

Triple-A Norfolk (International), still is experiencing weakness, fatigue and soreness in his surgically repaired right shoulder. He underwent rotator-cuff surgery July 20, 1993, and played shortstop most of last season until the shoulder troubled him. ... Shoulder troubles also will prohibit Triple-A reliever Mitch Cook from participating in Arizona. The club had considered placing Cook on its 40-man roster. ... Kirk Presley, the Mets' first-round selection in the 1993 draft, is at the Mets' instructional league camp in Florida, but he isn't pitching. Presley experienced fatigue and weakness in his right shoulder late in his first professional season. The organization shut him down in the final weeks, and he is doing rehabilitation exercises.

Surgery for Thompson: Center fielder Ryan Thompson, who is to play winter ball again this year, underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage on the outside of his right knee. ... Left-hander Eric Hillman, removed from the Mets' 40-player roster during the season, had chips removed from his left elbow. —MARTY NOBLE

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES



Hollins goes south: Although he won't be paid for his effort this week, **Dave Hollins** will more or less be playing ball with Phillies management by attending the Florida Instructional

League to work on his infield play. "We're going to give him airfare," General Manager Lee Thomas says. "And he's going to get the same amount of money we give any of our FIL players for room and board. That's it. Money for the motel and meal money." Hollins discussed the situation with the players' association before accepting the Phillies' invitation, his agent says. **Hollins** will be working out at third and first in Clearwater. Coach Larry Bowa was dispatched to the camp to serve as **Hollins'** personal defensive mentor. Though the Phillies were eager to see **Hollins'** abilities at first base, **Hollins** was just as

eager to prove he is a better third baseman than the 11 errors he made in 43 games at third in '94 indicated. Two different breaks in his left hand cut short **Hollins'** season.

Other options: The Phillies are rumored to be interested in signing Atlanta's Terry Pendleton as a free agent or trading for Houston's Ken Caminiti. Either move would make **Hollins** a first baseman next season. **Hollins**, who is grudgingly cooperative with the media in the best of times, was not available for comment. —BILL BROWN

PITTSBURGH PIRATES



Pitching prospects: Manager Jim Leyland didn't do a lot of minor league scouting during the strike. In fact, his two minor league visits were geared primarily around seeing left-handed

reliever Jason Christiansen (Triple-A Buffalo) and righthanded starter Esteban Loaiza (Double-A Carolina). "I liked both of them a lot," Leyland says. Both are probably ticketed for Triple A next season, but Christiansen, 25, has a chance to crack the Pirates' weak bullpen. ... The Pirates will have a full complement of players in the Arizona and Hawaii leagues. Because they shifted their Florida Instructional League to the spring, that's not an immediate issue.

Minor moves: Minor league housecleaning began with the release of Triple-A manager Doc Edwards and coach Julio Garcia. Edwards, who once managed the Indians, wasn't even invited to big league camp last spring. He managed Buffalo for three seasons. Tom Dettore, who had been the Triple-A pitching coach, was promoted to organizational pitching coordinator. That job had been vacant since Pete Vuckovich was promoted to assistant to the general manager in 1993. The Pirates are poised to move Carolina Manager Bobby Meacham and pitching coach Wayne Garland to their new Triple-A team in Calgary. —JOHN MEHNO

SAN DIEGO PADRES



Time to shape: After the Player Relations Committee dictates some guidelines for the offseason, Padres General Manager Randy Smith will begin reshaping the club. Second

baseman Bip Roberts and lefthander Bill Krueger are eligible to become free agents, but Smith likely will offer Krueger a minor league contract with a chance to win back his spot in the rotation, and Roberts could return as a center or left fielder. First baseman **Dave Staton**, who lost the everyday job in May and was demoted to the minors, will be removed from the 40-man roster. Others on the 40-man bubble include infielder Archi Cianfrocco, pitchers Wally Whitehurst, Hilly Hathaway and Jose Martinez and minor league outfielder Vince Moore. Shortstop Ricky Gutierrez, 24, may be dangled as trade bait, although some staff members say the Padres shouldn't give up on him yet.

Under the knife: First baseman Eddie Williams had arthroscopic surgery to clean out a slightly damaged knee. Williams expects a quick recovery and hopes to play winter ball.

... The Padres asked for permission to negotiate with White Sox minor league pitching coach Jon Matlack, who would be hired for Triple-A Las Vegas to replace Dan Warthen, who would become the organization's roving pitching instructor. —BUSTER OLNEY

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS



Swift departure? Bill Swift's agent says Swift is finished in San Francisco. Craig Fenech told The Contra Costa Times, "When a team doesn't make an offer for 10 months, it leads

me to believe they're not planning to. They've made the decision (for Swift to become a free agent) for him." Swift, 32, is at the end of a three-year contract that paid him \$2 million in 1994. In three seasons with the Giants, he went 39-19, including 21 victories in 1993 and an 8-7 record this past season.

Bonds mending: For a guy who was often in considerable pain, Barry Bonds managed to put together a big '94 season: a .312 average, 37 homers, 81 RBIs and 29 steals (the second consecutive season he has fallen one steal short of the 30-30 club). Now the Giants and Bonds can look forward to a pain-free '95. The source of his troubles, a large bone spur on the outside of his right elbow, was removed in a 30-minute procedure. The injury occurred when Bonds was hit by a pitch May 4 from the Mets' Eric Hillman. ... Outfielder Mark Carreon underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, which he injured running out a double July 9. ... The Giants didn't renew their contract with Class-A Clinton (Midwest) and plan to go with only one full-season Class-A team next season, San Jose (California). —LARRY STONE

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS



Talking stage: New President Mark Lamping has targeted 10 to 15 applicants for the "first round" of interviews in the club's search for a general manager. Among the

early interviews were assistant general managers Walt Jocketty of Colorado and Doug Melvin of Baltimore and former Houston G.M. Bill Wood. "We have a long list for this first round," Lamping says. "I'm learning a lot of things." Such expected candidates as Philadelphia G.M. Lee Thomas and Whitey Herzog apparently have not been contacted. But the Cardinals did reportedly ask permission to talk to Oakland Manager Tony La Russa, a request the Athletics refused. La Russa's contract expires this week, however, and the Cardinals could renew their efforts.

Greener pastures: Hitting coach Chris Chambliss, his future uncertain until a decision is made on Manager Joe Torre, interviewed for the Royals' managerial job. Chambliss says he also inquired about managerial openings in Baltimore and Boston. "I'll call all of them and put my name out there," he says. ... The Cardinals, who had projected a turnout of 12,000 fans, were stunned when more than 50,000 showed up at Busch Stadium on Fan Appreciation Day. Admission was free and festivities included a myriad of on-field activities. —RICK HUMMEL

Teams are listed alphabetically



OUCH! Hollins' injury-prone body has paved the way for some young, talented players.

ROBERT SEALE / TSN

Third baseman for hire

For the fourth time in his career, **Dave Hollins** is a lame-duck third baseman. **Hollins**, 32, was placed on the disabled list August 9 for the sixth time in his nine-year career with what appears to be a partial tear in his throwing shoulder. Though the injury might eventually require surgery, he says he will play through it. But the main reason he may soon be unsettled again is Troy Glaus. Glaus has arrived in Anaheim and appears to have permanently ousted **Hollins**. Glaus, 22, has it all—glove, arm, perfect build, power, consistent bat, even some speed. He totaled 35 home runs in 109 combined games at Class AA Midland and Class AAA Vancouver this year. **Hollins**, a free agent at the end of the season, has seen this all before. After six productive years in Philadelphia, the Phillies shoved him off to Boston in '95 because of the emergence of Scott Rolen. In 1996, he signed a new contract with the Twins, only to be sent away to Seattle to make room for Todd Walker (see page 24). Seattle didn't need him after the season because of highly touted Russ Davis, and now this in Anaheim. The Angels will likely put **Hollins** at first base for the playoff run, but they are uninterested in re-signing him, so **Hollins** could end up on his sixth team in five years. But there is sure to be a home for **Hollins**, who always hustles, is a great leader and a valuable switch hitter. It just won't be Anaheim. —*Brendan Roberts*

Anaheim

66-56: 1st

Grueling trip ends; new one set to begin



A 10-game trip through Chicago, Detroit and Toronto was supposed to be the soft portion of the August road schedule, especially compared to next week's 10-game swing through New York, Boston and Cleveland, which includes a five-game foray into the Bronx. In fact, the club won six of the first nine games and held a half-game lead over Texas in the A.L. West. But it has been very grueling. The trip started with the club being swept by the White Sox in a doubleheader, and did not get any easier from there.

"We scratched and clawed for everything tonight," D.H. **Tim Salmon** said after last Friday's win. "Every game seems to be tough. It would be nice to have an easy one." ... **Jack McDowell** was activated last Saturday in order to serve a four-game suspension stemming from his actions in the June 2 brawl in Kansas City. It is the first of three comebacks the club views as essential to winning the division. Pitcher **Ken Hill** (elbow) will make at least one more rehabilitation start before rejoining the rotation, and left fielder **Darin Erstad** (hamstring) was expected to return from the D.L. this week. **McDowell**, who missed most of the 1997 season after elbow surgery, threw 104 pitches in his last rehab start and believes he's strong enough to be an effective starter. "It is tolerable now," he says. "I can throw without discomfort."

INSIDE PITCH: Certainly, the club will be a better team when **Erstad**, the team's most explosive, all-around offensive player, returns at full strength, but reserve outfielder **Orlando Palmeiro** has certainly eased **Erstad's** loss. **Palmeiro**, batting leadoff, had hit safely in each of the seven games he had started on the road trip and had 10 hits in 27 at-bats.

LOOKING AHEAD: The club closes a seven-game homestand with a three-game series against the Blue Jays beginning Friday. The good news for the Angels? It appears they won't have to face **Roger Clemens** again. The righthander is scheduled to start against the Mariners on Thursday. —*Mike DiGiovanna*

ANGELS

	Avg	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	OBP	SLG	SB	K	BB	E
Greene	.643	5	14	2	9	0	2	.643	.786	0	2	0	0
*Williams#	.556	5	9	1	5	0	1	.636	.556	0	1	2	0
Palmeiro+	.368	47	95	18	35	0	18	.429	.474	3	6	10	0
Anderson+	.309	117	469	45	145	12	61	.341	.486	7	56	24	6
Edmonds+	.297	117	461	88	137	18	65	.357	.490	6	82	42	3
DiSarcina	.296	118	416	54	123	3	43	.327	.397	9	38	17	12
Salmon	.287	98	328	62	94	22	65	.408	.549	0	70	70	2
Shipley	.281	62	121	18	34	2	14	.333	.397	0	20	5	3
Walbeck#	.252	81	262	33	66	4	35	.318	.355	1	53	25	7
*Pritchett+	.250	6	16	2	4	0	1	.294	.250	1	4	1	0
Velarde	.241	14	54	8	13	2	7	.328	.407	0	16	6	0
Nevin	.230	62	191	23	44	7	23	.307	.382	0	56	17	4
*Glaus	.204	14	54	5	11	0	6	.267	.259	0	15	5	1

GRAND SLAMS: Anderson, Erstad, Fielder (1)

	FRA	W-L	G	IP	H	R	ER	HR	K	BB	SV	Avg
Juden	2.45	0-0	1	7.1	4	3	2	0	9	1	0	.148
Wilson+	2.45	0-0	6	3.2	4	1	1	0	4	2	0	.267
Finley+	2.91	9-5	26	173.0	156	66	56	15	166	80	0	.236
Percival	2.96	2-5	52	51.2	28	19	17	3	62	29	33	.156
Hasegawa	3.32	6-3	46	76.0	68	30	28	12	55	29	2	.246
Fetters	4.04	2-6	51	49.0	50	27	22	4	36	21	5	.260
Olivares	4.13	6-8	28	144.0	144	75	66	15	85	81	0	.266
DeLucia	4.37	2-4	49	59.2	48	30	29	9	59	36	2	.225
Sparks	4.62	6-2	13	76.0	69	39	39	9	57	30	0	.243
Harris	4.65	3-0	33	40.2	40	23	21	7	21	11	0	.248
McDowell	4.76	1-2	7	39.2	52	22	21	7	31	10	0	.321
Watson+	6.30	5-7	18	80.0	104	61	56	10	50	32	0	.321

SHUTOUTS: Finley (1)

COMPLETE GAMES: Finley, Olivares, Watson (1)

Oakland

54-68: 4th

Tejada's troubles seem to finally be dissipating



The club is in such bad shape lately, it's getting to the point where management ought to cut manager **Art Howe** loose sooner rather than later, just to spare him having to watch this team. But at least rookie shortstop **Miguel Tejada** seems to have snapped out of the funk that had him looking so much like a minor leaguer both at the plate and in the field. He homered in the ninth inning of last Saturday's game in Detroit to send that one to extra innings, and went into Sunday's game hitting .286 (6-for-

21) on the trip with four doubles. He's hitting .273 overall. ... **Rickey Henderson** had a big game last Saturday. Not only did he have his first four-hit game since August 1996, he passed **Joe Morgan** to claim sole possession of third place all-time in walks with 1,866. ... Whatever genius in the organization is tying **Howe's** hands on the **Ed Sprague** question obviously assumed **Sprague** could not continue to be such a joke out there. Wrong. **Sprague** just keeps looking like a man in a fog. He had made errors in four of five games going into Sunday and was hitting a brisk .167 since coming to the club from Toronto. ... Entering the week, rookie catcher **A.J. Hinch** was just 2-for-14 on the trip and 4-for-24 for the month of August.

INSIDE PITCH: Rookie **Ben Grieve** has made some improvement in right field, and he made fine, sliding catches in back-to-back games last week. But his range has not improved any, and neither has his arm. Sooner or later, he's going to be a left fielder. ... If **Bip Roberts** keeps hitting, **Howe** will keep putting him out in center field for offense, even though rookie **Ryan Christenson** offers more defensively.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sometimes all that's left is being a glorified tourist, and the team at least gets to have some fun on its next road trip checking out some teams that have it going. It heads to Boston, Cleveland and New York and, if present trends continue, has a fair-to-middling shot of being at Yankee Stadium for the home squad's 100th win of the season. —*Steve Kettmann*

ATHLETICS

	Avg	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	OBP	SLG	SB	K	BB	E
Stairs+	.315	110	372	66	117	20	81	.393	.551	7	59	45	0
*Grieve+	.289	119	457	80	132	15	69	.390	.462	2	85	67	1
Giambi+	.284	115	419	63	119	17	75	.374	.463	1	77	60	11
Spezio#	.266	79	286	43	76	7	40	.331	.388	1	34	27	10
Roberts#	.265	74	249	37	66	1	22	.338	.333	11	29	25	4
McDonald#	.246	41	122	17	30	1	14	.359	.311	8	23	19	6
*Christenson	.242	78	219	35	53	3	24	.313	.342	5	67	23	3
*Tejada	.241	68	228	38	55	6	27	.327	.395	4	48	24	20
Blowers	.234	107	334	47	78	8	60	.302	.374	1	94	33	16
Bournigal	.232	74	194	19	45	1	19	.267	.299	6	11	8	0
Sprague	.231	117	424	54	98	19	55	.293	.417	1	80	26	25
Macfarlane	.231	66	182	23	42	6	30	.278	.379	1	29	9	4
Henderson	.229	117	423	74	97	10	47	.371	.333	50	92	94	3
*Hinch	.224	88	250	25	56	5	22	.284	.308	3	67	20	6

GRAND SLAMS: Henderson, Spezio, Stairs (2), Blowers (1)

	FRA	W-L	G	IP	H	R	ER	HR	K	BB	SV	Avg
Rogers+	3.12	11-5	26	181.2	157	75	63	16	99	50	0	.234
Holzemer+	3.38	0-0	1	2.2	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	.429
Haynes	4.29	8-5	25	153.0	164	82	73	17	99	68	0	.279
Taylor	4.42	4-9	57	59.0	64	37	29	7	47	21	24	.278
Groom+	4.47	3-1	59	46.1	48	25	23	3	27	15	0	.268
Candiotti	4.78	8-13	26	160.0	175	100	85	23	82	49	0	.279
Mathews	4.91	5-4	51	51.1	53	34	28	4	40	21	0	.270
Worrell	5.29	2-6	30	83.1	86	51	49	14	64	22	0	.263
*Stein	6.25	4-7	17	95.0	95	74	66	21	74	52	0	.255
Mohler+	6.33	3-3	48	42.2	55	32	30	5	31	22	0	.313
Quist	6.40	6-9	23	136.1	163	101	97	19	87	45	0	.297

SHUTOUTS: Haynes (1)

COMPLETE GAMES: Rogers (4), Candiotti (2), Haynes (1)