# Rash of Disabling Injuries Puts Expos' Bench to Test

By IAN MacDONALD

MONTREAL-Ellis Valentine was disabled with a fractured cheek, Larry Parrish was sidelined with a damaged wrist and the Montreal Expos were going to find out just how deep they are.

"We'll find out what our bench can do," sighed Manager Dick Williams. "You can't win these things with nine guys anyway. All 25 players have to contribute."

One of the major factors in the Expos' 95-65 record last season, second to the Pirates in the National League East, was their ability to stay away from injury. Shortstop Chris Speier was the only player disabled.

Valentine was beaned by Roy Thomas in St. Louis on May 30. After resting in St. Louis Jewish Hospital for the weekend, Valentine flew home with the team.

On June 2, Valentine underwent delicate surgery at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Montreal. Dr. Gaston Schwartz, a plastic surgeon, and Dr. Larry Coughlin operated to straighten out six fractures and a displacement. Ophthalmologist Dr. Robert Pearlman examined Valentine earlier and was on hand during surgery to make certain there was no damage.

Dr. Coughlin reported that the operation was successful but that Valentine must have a pin in his cheek for three weeks.

It appeared that the right fielder, who had settled into his cleanup role during May, would be out considerably longer than the 21 days for which he has been disabled.

The case of third baseman Parrish is not as clear. Parrish was hit on the right wrist by the San Francisco Giants' Ed Whitson May 3. The slugger did not swing a bat for five days and then returned to action.

During a nine-game trip, Parrish had an 0-for-13 stretch. Williams ordered Parrish to rest a couple of days.

On June 1, after an examination in Montreal, Parrish's wrist was put in a cast. Further examination was to be made.

"I was getting a few hits," Parrish said, "but I wasn't driving the ball. The wrist still hurts."

Ken Macha was playing third base for Parrish and Williams was using Rowland Office in right field against right-handers. He planned to use rookie Bob Pate, called up from Denver (American Association) after Valentine was disabled, against lefties. Few teams start southpaws against the Expos.

Pate, who has proven he can play at the Triple-A level, made an auspicious debut. In his first major league at-bat, he drew a bases loaded walk off Lynn McGlothen in the bottom of the 13th inning to give the Expos an 8-7 win over the Chicago Cubs.

Then on June 4, again as a pinch-hitter, Pate singled to start a three-run rally against Willie Hernandez and Dick Tidrow which clinched an 8-1 win over the Cubs.

Williams realized that he needed a lot of production from the regulars. Several of the everyday players appeared ready to carry the load.

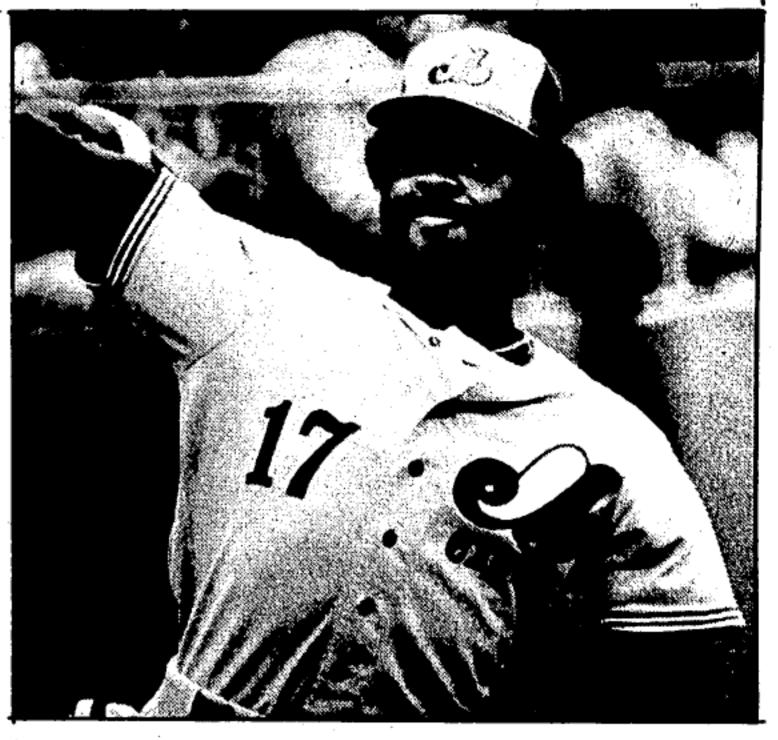
Catcher Gary Carter hit seven home runs in nine games through June 4. Andre Dawson went on a seven-game hitting tear and raised his batting average from .231 to .294. Speier came off a four-week benching to collect 10 hits in 21 at-bats.

Leadoff man Ron LeFlore, after going 0-for-33 and 3-for-52, was showing signs of pulling the ball and hitting up the middle, "the way I'm supposed to do."

Exposes: Ross Grimsley worked for the first time in 28

days on June 3. In four-plus innings, Jerry Martin tagged him for a three-run homer which was enough to carry the Cubs to a 5-2 victory. Afterward, Grimsley revealed that he and agent Jerry Kapstein had begged the Expos to trade him. "If they don't want to pitch me, then get me out of here," said the lefthander, who in 1978 became the Expos' only 20-game winner ever during the first year of his five-year free-agent contract.

Ol' Woodie Fryman continued his superb relief work and there seemed no stopping the 40-year-old Kentucky farmer. Certainly, the opposition hadn't found a way to score against him in his 12 appearances since May 1. . . . Stan Bahnsen, who was 3-0 and almost as sharp as Fryman, was bothered by a hamstring in early June. . . . Elias Sosa, who didn't give up a home run in his first 17 outings, was jolted by Cubs pinch-hitter Ken Henderson and Mike Vail in successive innings on June 1. That's the game the Expos eventually won in 13, with Fryman throwing four shutout frames for the victory.



Ellis Valentine . . . Six facial fractures.

## Hubbard Lights Up Sky in Atlanta

By KEN PICKING

ATLANTA-Glenn Hubbard is no longer the wide-eyed, naive 20-year-old he was in 1978, when the Atlanta Braves told him he would be their second baseman for the next 15 years.

Although only two years older, by the calendar, Hubbard feels he has aged at least 10 years after swallowing his enormous pride and returning twice to the minors. He remains shy and unpretentious, but his cherubic face is now covered with a thick, bristly beard, and his approach to the game is more realistic.

"The 1978 season was a dream come true," said Hubbard, who was called up from Richmond (International) at the All-Star break and finished the season in fine style. "But in 1979, tragedy struck. You never can feel secure in this game unless you have a long-term, multimillion-dollar contract. You can't take anything for granted. After hearing all the things they said about me, I took it for granted that second base was my job forever."

Last summer Hubbard was beset by personal strife and problems in the field and at the plate. The Atlanta press guide called it "The Sophomore Jinx" as he finished with a .231 average (after hitting .258 in 1978) in 97 games. On July 31, Hubbard was optioned to Richmond, where he hit .336. When the major league rosters were expanded to 40 in September, Hubbard returned to Atlanta batting .400 in seven games.

In spring training Hubbard knew it would be tough regaining his position. Jerry Royster had signed a five-year, \$1.5 million contract that assured him first crack at second base. Hubbard accepted that but did expect to make the team as a utility infielder. When the Braves broke camp, however, Hubbard was shipped back to Richmond.

Then the situation changed dramatically. Royster committed 13 errors, six more than in all of 1979, and he averaged .223, with 25 strikeouts from the leadoff spot.

Hubbard was recalled May 31 and returned with a vengeance. In his first game at Los Angeles, he doubled twice, singled and scored two runs. After three games, he was 8-for-17 (.471) with a homer and two RBIs. "I've always liked the fire in Hubbard," said Manager Bobby Cox. "He plays hungry, and that's what I wanted to put in our lineup at this point. I think he is more relaxed and sure of himself, and I've always loved Hubb's determination."

His frequent jumps between Richmond and Atlanta created a burden for Glenn, wife Lynn and son Jeremy. The day before spring training, Hubbard closed a deal for a home outside Atlanta. But the Hubbards never spent a night in their new residence. When he didn't make the Braves, Hubbard arranged for reliever Al Hrabosky to rent his house for the equivalent of apartment rent in Richmond.

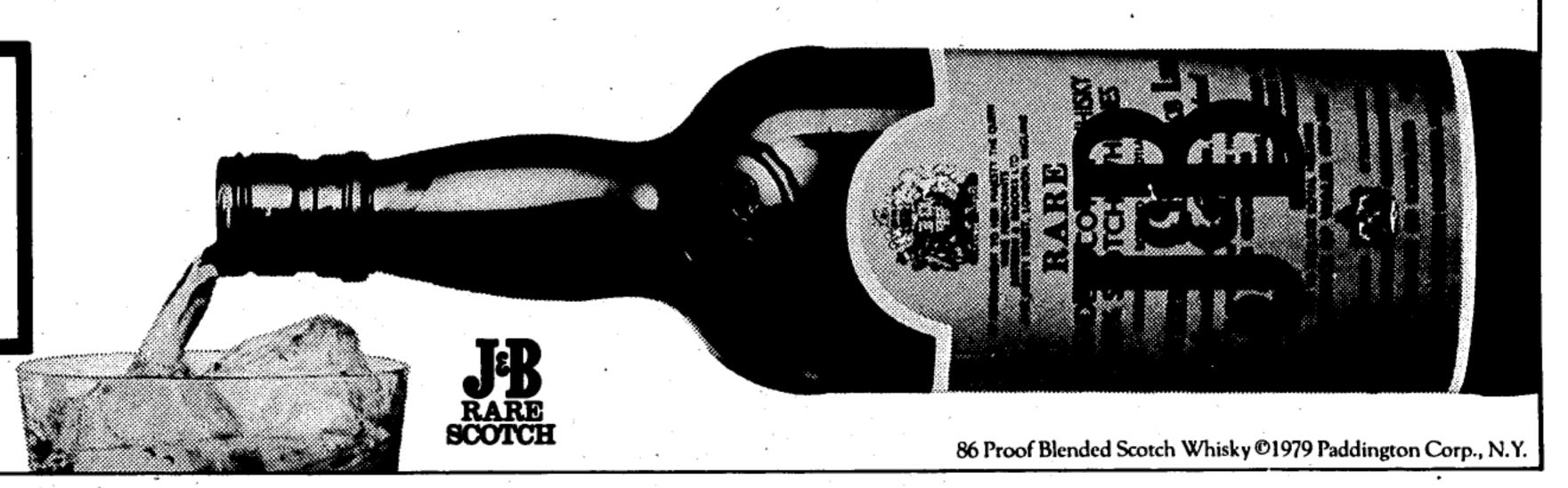
"We'll work it out somehow; I'm glad to be back and in this position," Hubbard said. "The Braves didn't put pressure on me the last time, I did it, and it hurt me a lot. I'm more confident this time. I won't worry about losing the job again, or Royster, or anything else. Nothing is going to stop me from concentrating on my job."

Wigwam Wisps: Royster announced, "I want out of here," when Cox handed Hubbard the second base job. "They have a pretty good investment in me for the next five years, I would think they'd want me to earn it by playing," Royster said. . . . Bob Horner returned after missing 14 games with a sprained back and hit two home runs at Los Angeles June 1. . . . Pitcher Preston Hanna accused a Montreal doctor and the Braves of giving him a cortisone shot he did not want for his injured foot and shoulder. Then Hanna retracted his statement, saying he was misquoted. "I never said the Braves give you drugs to play on, like the article said," Hanna insisted. "But they do give you drugs when you are injured. It's up to the individual, though."

The Braves finished 4-3 on a trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco and had won seven of their last 10 . . . . Shortstop Luis Gomez committed only one error in 34 games. . . . Bullpen coach John Sullivan said that catcher Biff Pocoroba must break a life-long habit of throwing across his body. That's why he pitched batting practice while on the disabled list.

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COLUMBUS, O.-Veteran righthander Steve Hargan, trying to perfect a forkball in an effort to return to the big leagues hurled his second straight complete-game victory June 25 when Columbus defeated Rochester, 3-2.

"Maybe you can become a better pitcher after arm trouble," noted Hargan. "You learn more about pitching, and how to set up the batters. You keep the ball down more, and you come up with a different pitch."

Hargan now is 35 years old, and the Clippers are the 14th team he has hurled for in a career that began in 1961.

"Maybe it's a blessing in disguise," said Hargan about being in the minors again. "I'm getting to pitch here, to start, and I was always better the more I worked.

"Baseball has been such a big part of my life. I've enjoyed it so much. I've made a little money, not a lot like they're getting today. And I still feel like I can get people out."

# R-Braves' Hubbard: Punch In 5-9, 160-Pound Package

By VIC FULP

RICHMOND, Va.-The day before the Richmond Braves opened their season, Glenn Hubbard stood along the edge of the infield talking about the youth movement by the Braves. He was going to be one of six players making their Class AAA debut the next night against Rochester when the International League season opened.

Experience and power were two of the things questioned the most about the newest edition of the Braves, but Hubbard was quick to defend the talk about lack of power. He said he would be disappointed if he didn't hit 10 homers himself this season.

Hubbard may find disappointment along the way this year, but it won't be in the home run department. Through games of June 25, he had already hit 14 round-trippers.

WHEN THE Braves' No. 3 batter in the order steps to the plate, he doesn't look like a home run hitter. He socked only 19 homers in his first three pro seasons.

However, the 5-9, 160-pounder is convincing pitchers around the I.L. that he has power. The frame may be short, but it's packed with punch.

"I'm used to it all my life," commented Hubbard of his height. He isn't small. His arms, chest and shoulders provide a quick and muscular swing.

" "All the short jokes on every team are me," he continued. "It makes me mad now and then, but I'm used to it. I can live with it as long as I can prove myself on the field."

The home run production has even surprised Hubbard somewhat. "I thought I might get 10 by the end of the season. I've just gotten a few good pitches, but I wasn't looking for the home run.

"I'm scared to enjoy it because people are expecting so much. I don't want to get too happy and then go into a slump."

THROUGH June 25, the sparky second baseman was hitting .367, had driven in 34 runs, had 11 doubles, three triples and scored 51 runs (13 ahead of any other Brave). In the field, he had protected his territory as well as anyone. At one point in mid-June, Hub-

### Int. Items

HAUSMAN RETURNS IN STYLE

Tidewater's Tom Hausman came back June 17 and demonstrated that he can't be considered damaged goods. The righthander spun six scoreless innings to help the Tides defeat Toledo, 4-1. Hausman was leading the league with a 1.34 ERA May 24 when he was spiked at home plate in Columbus. Two series of X-rays revealed bone chips and a fracture was feared. But in New York, Dr. James Parkes, the Mets' physician, treated the injury as a sprain. Instead of being out for six weeks, Hausman was back in three.

Mike Easler's four straight hits helped propel Columbus to a 5-3 victory over Syracuse June 16. Catcher Harry Saferight, who was hitless in his previous 20 atbats, plated Columbus' final run with an infield hit.

League President Harold Cooper wants the loop's champion to play the Cubans in Havana after the regular season. Tidewater Manager Frank Verdi will be in a unique position if the plan is approved and his Tides represent the circuit. In 1969, as a player with Rochester, Verdi perbard paced the league in batting average, home runs, runs scored, hits and total bases.

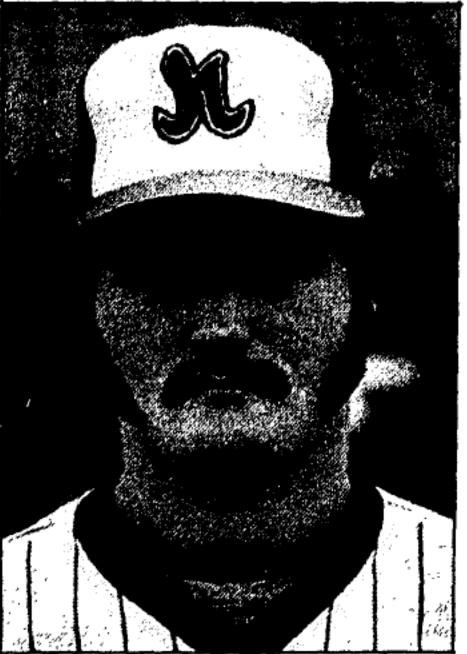
The 20-year-old infielder had made 10 errors in 65 games, but ran off a string of 155 chances without a miscue. He had participated in 48 double plays, sending relay throws to first almost without catching the ball.

Although he had statistics that send most players frantically talking of being called up to the big leagues, Hubbard appeared to be patient. "I really feel I need experience," he offered. "I could go up to the big leagues and sit on the bench or hit .100.

"I told my wife (Lynn) I might be back here next year. I feel I'll make the majors one day, but if I don't I'll give it my best shot. My wife has really helped me. She roots for me.

"I can hear her (during the game). If I swing at a bad pitch, she tells me to relax . . . she's outspoken. A lot of wives are scared to be outspoken because they are worried what people will say," added Hubbard, who married Lynn in Greenwood, S.C., on a short break between spring training and reporting to Richmond for the season-opener.

THE ONLY problem Hubbard has had during his pro career that started in Kingsport (Appalachian) in 1975 was last year. He was hitting .385 for 45 games in Green-



Glenn Hubbard

formed in the last pro baseball game on the island. In fact, he caught a stray bullet in his helmet liner to hasten the transfer of the Havana franchise to Jersey City. "I'd enjoy returning to Cuba," disclosed Verdi. "Havana is a lovely city-unless you're being shot at."

#### BEAUCHAMP IS SUSPENDED

Charleston Manager Jim Beauchamp and umpire Lanny Harris engaged in a shoving match at home plate June 15 when the Charlies were beaten by Rochester, 11-4. "I've never shoved an umpire in my life until tonight and that was because he shoved me first," said Beauchamp.

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wood (Western Carolinas) when he got called up to Savannah (Southern). In 85 games with the Double A S-Braves, he hit only .225.

That didn't keep him from making Atlanta's 40-man roster this spring and he has more than adjusted from Class AA to AAA. "I'm learning to wait longer on the breaking pitches," he said. "They don't throw that many sliders in single-A. Luke Appling (hitting instructor for the Atlanta organization) made an adjustment in the spring that has really helped me."

There is another change that Hubbard said has helped him as much as anything. "The biggest difference in my life is Christ," he commented. "It's not going to make me hit any higher, but when I do have those days when I'm 0-for-4, I can overcome them.

"I can relax more, now," he continued. "Last year in Savannah I was always throwing bats. I still get mad, but I feel I can handle it better."

Through the first half of the 1978 season, he has handled things with the best.

#### Irate Charleston Fan **Punches Sales Director**

CHARLESTON, W. Va.-A disputed fluke double play in the ninth inning June 17 deprived Charleston of what might have been the tying run and led to a post-game scuffle between an irate fan and a Charlies' official, who sustained a broken nose and bruises.

The play accounted for the final two outs of the game and enabled Rochester to beat Charleston, 5-4.

The fan, incensed by umpire Gerry Young's ruling, tried to storm the arbiter's dressing room but was halted by John Dickensheets, the club's sales director and play-by-play announcer for road games. The fan grabbed Dickensheets, punched him in the nose, knocked him down and kicked him. Police intervened and the man was arrested.

The double play was also disputed hotly by the Charlies. With one out and J. J. Cannon on second base, Dave Augustine lofted a fly ball to shallow center field. Red Wing center fielder Mike Dimmel raced forward and slid feet-first in trying to make the catch.

The ball bounced out of his glove and materialized in his bare hand. The Charlies, who emerged in a huff from the dugout and bullpen, insisted Dimmel dropped the ball and picked it up.

Dimmel, while lying on the ground, threw to second to double off Cannon, who thought he saw the ball bounce free and headed for third.

### HOW THEY STAND

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