

Baseball

Braves 8, Giants 3

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Terry Harper's bases-loaded, three-run third-inning double triggered a 13-hit Atlanta attack Tuesday night as the Braves downed San Francisco 8-3 to vault into first place in the National League West. Coupled with Los Angeles' 4-3, 10-inning loss to Cincinnati, the Braves took over sole possession of first place

for the first time since Sept. 12. The Dodgers are second, one game back, while the Giants trail by two. Reliever Pascual Perez, 3-4, came on for starter Rick Mahler to put down a third-inning San Francisco uprising and shut out the Giants the rest of the way. He scattered three hits over 6 2-3 innings of work.

Reds 4, Dodgers 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rafael Landestoy's pinch single drove in Ron Oester in the 10th inning Tuesday night, then Joe Price pitched out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam as the last-place Cincinnati Reds defeated Los Angeles 4-3, giving the

reeling Dodgers their seventh straight loss. The Dodgers began Tuesday night's action tied with Atlanta for first place in the National League West. San Francisco came in behind by one game.

Ensign High School, the ultimate losers

From Associated Press

Oregon fans don't despair at 0-4, consider Ensign High School in Kansas. The Wildcats are in the clutches of a six-year, 47-game losing skid. The losing streak haunts the eight-man team even when it doesn't take the field, like last weekend. Ensign was scheduled to play Rolla High, an eight-man team that rivals the Wildcats from an enrollment standpoint. Ensign — a town of 209 located in southwest Kansas — has 21 students in its three upper classes. Rolla has 38. Wildcats Coach Charles Fisher felt his squad had a real chance of beating the Pirates, if he could only field a team. However, Fisher has just 11 players on his roster, and one of them is out for the season with a back injury. An assortment of other minor

ailments left Fisher with just six healthy players and Rolla ended up with a 1-0 forfeit victory. Some have asked Fisher why he doesn't quit. The experience that the players get from daily training, the discipline and the competition are just as important, Fisher says, as the number of victories a team rolls up. Ensign plays a home game this weekend against Deerfield High, the only team Ensign plays with the same size football squad. Although the Spartans' enrollment of 51 students is more than double Ensign's, Deerfield only has 10 football players on its roster. "We could surprise Deerfield, if we can field a team," Fisher said. "They are a little bigger and have a little more experience and leadership. But they better be ready when they come to Ensign."

NFLPA considers games

From Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The striking National Football League Players Association on Tuesday formally announced plans for a potential 19-game series of all-star games — but said it had a stadium lease only for the first one, here on Oct. 10. Although union officials say they have "locked up" 19 stadiums, they admit they have only signed a contract for the one at RFK Stadium. A contract for the second game, tentatively set for Monday night, Oct. 11, at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, is expected to be signed on Wednesday.

The games will be broadcast nationally by the Turner Broadcasting System and a network of 73 television stations covering more than 60 percent of the nation's homes. The games will be blacked out for a 35-mile radius unless sold out. "We regret very much that the regular NFL season is in jeopardy," Ted Turner, the Turner Broadcasting System board chairman, said in a prepared statement. "However, we remain committed to providing fans across the country with top-quality professional compe-

tion through these NFLPA all-star games." The players association, which represents the NFL's 1,500 players, went on strike on Sept. 21 following the breakdown of negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement with the league. "We had hoped never to get to the point of putting on the games but due to the breakdown in negotiations we've had to go ahead with our plans," said Brig Owens, commissioner of the Players All-Star Season. "We are not trying to dismantle the National Football League."

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