

Two Home Runs Big For Braves At 'Riverfront'

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Bad Henry Aaron and his henchmen, Rico Carty, ruined what should have been a beautiful evening for the Cincinnati Reds in their new Riverfront Stadium home with home runs as the Atlanta scored a 8-2 victory Tuesday night.

The triumph, which went to Pat Jarvis on a complete game, ended both a seven-game Atlanta losing streak and a five-game Cincinnati winning streak.

Also ended before the sellout throng was Jim McGlothlin's string of seven victories and dropped his record to 10-4. Jarvis is now 8-6.

Aaron also added two doubles and a walk and a walk and Carty also doubled in a run.

THE CROWD, 51,000 strong and eager for a big night, was wild at the start, cheering loudly for the Roger Bacon marching band and for Marian Spelman's outstanding rendition of the National Anthem.

They were saving their biggest cheers, though, for the superstars . . . guys like Henry Aaron, Tony Perez and Johnny Bench and Pete Rose. They brought the house down when they were introduced.

Unfortunately for the Reds, they had to play a game on this night and right from the start, when Jim McGlothlin's first pitch to Sonny Jackson was a ball, things became dull.

The Braves quickly answered any question about how far the ball was going to carry, getting a first-inning home run from Aaron and a third-inning homer from Rico Carty.

By the time McGlothlin went out in the third it was 6-0 and Atlanta had eight of the game's nine hits. Only Pete Rose, naturally, was able to hit safely for the Reds.

A single to center by Felix Millan, the Atlanta second baseman, will go down in the books as the first hit in Riverfront. Aaron's homer over the left field fence on a 3 and 2 pitch made it 2-0.

Consecutive doubles by Orlando Cepeda and Tony Gonzalez upped it to 3-0 before McGlothlin got out of the first.

In the third it was the

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pesky Millan starting things again with a single. Pitching carefully, McGlothlin walked Aaron.

Up stepped Carty and McGlothlin didn't pitch him carefully enough. Rico drilled it deep into left field for his 18th homer and it was 6-0.

THE REDS WAITED until the fourth inning to get their first run in their new home. In uncharacteristic manner they cashed in on four consecutive singles — by Tommy Helms, Woody Woodward, Angel Bravo and Rose.

For Rose it was his third consecutive hit . . . proving once again that he'd be a great player even on a rock pile.

Bravo entered the game as a pinch hitter for Barbon, who pitched an inning and two-thirds without allowing a run. Ray Washburn came on to pitch for the Reds in the fifth.

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