

ROMAN



HOLIDAYS

Rounding second base on first inside-the-park homer at Colt Stadium

Mejias on extended home run spree

With the Colt .45s' first season still young, Roman Mejias has already had a hatful of outstanding days. Heading the club in most of the hitting departments, he blasted the first Colt Stadium home run (opening day), then backed that up with the first inside-the-park homer in the Stadium (May 10).

Roman has chipped in with more than his share of singles, doubles and triples, many in clutch situations. And his exceptional speed has been adding up in stolen bases.

But as Mejias has especially shaken things up via his four-ply wallops, let's look at a rundown of his first dozen circuit blows:

NUMBERS 1, 2

On April 10, opening day in Colt Stadium, Mejias rocked two home runs to lead the .45s to an 11-2 victory over the Cubs. Each came with two men on for a grand total of six runs batted in.

NUMBER 3

Roman's home run in the 8th inning on April 26 broke up the no-hit pitching of Bob Gibson of the Cards. It was one of only two hits off Gibson as the Colts lost a close one by 3-2.

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Big day in Houston . . .

CHICAGO		HOUSTON	
	ab.r.h.rbi		ab.r.h.rbi
Brock, cf	3 0 0 1	Asp'monte, 3b	4 3 3 0
Hubbs, 2b	4 0 0 0	Spangler, cf	3 3 2 1
Williams, lf	4 0 1 0	Mejias, rf	5 3 3 6
Banks, 1b	4 1 2 1	Larker, 1b	4 1 1 1
Altman, rf	4 0 0 0	Pendleton, lf	4 0 1 1
Santo, 3b	3 0 0 0	Smith, c	4 1 2 1
White, ss	1 0 0 0	Amalfitano, 2b	3 0 1 1
bRodgers, ss	1 0 0 0	Buddin, ss	3 0 0 0
Barragan, c	3 0 1 0	Shantz, p	4 0 0 0
Cardwell, p	1 0 0 0		
Gerard, p	0 0 0 0	Total	34 11 13 11
aMorhardt	1 0 0 0		
Schultz, p	0 0 0 0		
Warner, p	0 0 0 0		
cMcKnight	1 1 1 0		
Lary, p	0 0 0 0		
Total	30 2 5 2		

aFlied out for Gerard in 6th; bFouled out for White in 7th; cTripled for Warner in 8th.
Chicago0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0—2
Houston1 0 4 0 0 0 3 3—11

E—Amalfitano, Smith. A—Chicago 13, Houston 16. DP—Buddin, Amalfitano and Larker; Shantz, Amalfitano and Larker; Rodgers, Hubbs and Banks. LOB—Chicago 4, Houston 5. 2B—Hits—Smith. 3B—Spangler, McKnight. HR—Mejias 2, Smith, Banks. SB—Aspromonte. Sacrifice—Buddin. SF—Brock.

Box score of Roman's two-homer, six-RBI opening day