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Digger Darryl Strawberry cheers as his three-run homer rolls over the fence in 1986. He also won the Home Run Derby that season.

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