

# BATT PICKS

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Rice-Tech.	Texas Tech.	Texas Tech.	Texas Tech.	Texas Tech.	Texas Tech.	Texas Tech.	Texas Tech.
Oklahoma-Kansas	Kansas	Oklahoma	Kansas	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Kansas	Kansas
Colorado-Oklahoma St.	Colorado	Colorado	Okla. St.	Okla. St.	Colorado	Colorado	Okla. St.
Tennessee-Alabama	Tennessee	Alabama	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Alabama	Tennessee
Missouri-Iowa St.	Missouri	Missouri	Iowa St.	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Dallas-St. Louis	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	St. Louis
Houston-San Diego	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Cincinnati-Pittsburgh	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati
Last Week	7-3	7-3	6-4	7-3	7-3	6-4	5-5
Overall	33-17	33-17	31-19	31-19	30-20	29-21	26-24
Percentages	.660	.660	.620	.620	.600	.580	.520

## Yankees win first title in 12 years

Associated Press  
NEW YORK — The New York Yankees are back in the World Series for the first time since 1964, thrust here on a dramatic home run by Chris Chambliss that decided the American League pennant in the ninth inning of the fifth and final playoff game.

The series opens Saturday in Cincinnati and, after their emotional 7-6 victory over Kansas City, the Yankees could have that intangible called momentum on their side.

Certainly there was no fear of the awesome Big Red Machine as the Yankees spilled their first champagne in a dozen years last night.

"The Reds are beatable," said Manager Billy Martin.

"We have five or six hitters who can rip the ball. Their pitching is tight. I think our pitching is better than theirs and it's over the hump

now and will do a better job in the World Series."

Martin said he would name his first game pitcher today with Dock Ellis or Ken Holtzman the most likely candidates. "Catfish Hunter will probably go in Game 2," the Yankee skipper said.

World Series pitching very nearly wasn't a problem for Martin. That's because the Yankees came ever so close to blowing the pennant, squandering a three-run lead in the eighth inning of Game 5 when George Brett slugged a dramatic home run to tie the score.

Then, a controversial call at second base ended a Royals' rally in the ninth with Brett, the American League batting champion, waiting for one more swing. He never got it because Chambliss ended the tension with one swish of his bat on the

first pitch from reliever Mark Littell in the bottom of the ninth.

The Yankees had constructed a 6-3 lead after seven innings, mostly on the hitting of Mickey Rivers, who ripped four hits and scored three runs, and Thurman Munson, who had three singles and drove in two runs.

With the crowd of 56,821 sensing a pennant approaching, Ed Figueroa went to work in the eighth. But he didn't last long. When Al Cowens opened with a single, Martin came

out to get his starter.

"Figueroa was just out of gas," the manager explained.

"We had hoped for five innings tonight from him and he gave us more."

Grant Jackson was the reliever and pinch-hitter Jim Wohlford looped a single to right, bringing up Brett, the American League's leading hitter this season. He drilled

Jackson's second pitch into the lower stands in right field and suddenly the score was tied.

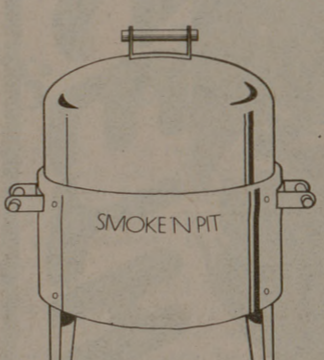
An inning later, the Royals tried to take the lead. With two out, Buck Martinez collected his third hit of the game and Cowens walked. Wohlford hit a bouncer and third baseman Craig Nettles charged the

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