

# Brewers win behind Molitor's bat

ST. LOUIS — Paul Molitor's bat performed so beautifully in the World Series opener Tuesday night, the Baseball Hall of Fame asked for it. Caldwell's sinkerball should go along with it.

"I've pitched like that during my career but considering the circumstances of it being the World Series, I have to say it was probably the best game of my life," Caldwell said after his sinker and the record-setting five hits of Molitor paced the Milwaukee Brewers to a 10-0 thrashing of the St. Louis Cardinals.

"Basically, I was getting ahead of the hitters," continued the left-hander. "Mostly I was us-

ing sinkerballs and I had good success in keeping the ball down."

Caldwell allowed only three hits, getting 14 outs on ground balls, and Molitor and Robin Yount accounted for nine hits to stun the crowd of 53,723 and give the Cardinals a huge task tonight in the second game with rookie righthander John Stuper facing veteran righty Don Sutton.

"I've pitched a lot of games in my life where the other team has pummeled our pitcher," said Stuper. "We didn't make many good pitches and, being the best hitting team in baseball, they took advantage. Hopefully, I'll

make some good pitches and they won't."

Molitor, in becoming the first player to collect five hits in a Series game, would likely have hit any pitch on this night.

He collected five straight singles after opening the game with an infield out, and afterwards his face reflected a mixture of wonder and satisfaction at his new place in baseball history.

"The Hall of Fame asked for my bat," the third baseman said. "Somebody came up to me in the clubhouse and asked for it."

Molitor's performance marked only part of an onslaught in which the Brewers

showed several different styles, all of them detrimental to the Cardinals. They used Keith Hernandez's error to score two runs in the first, a sacrifice to build a run in the fourth, a homer by Ted Simmons in the fifth, and a four-run outburst in the ninth paced by Jim Gantner's two-run triple.

"It was just a tail-kicking," said Cardinal Manager Whitey Herzog. "I'm glad this counted as only one game. I'm glad we didn't have a doubleheader tonight."

"It's only one game," agreed Hernandez, who thought some of Caldwell's pitches looked suspiciously like spitballs. "We got

beat, that's it. There's some more games to be played."

Brewer Manager Harvey Kuenn said his club will prepare for Game 2 the same way it gets ready for all the others. "I'll let 'em have fun."

Simmons, in his return to the city where he played 11 years, received a warm welcome.

"It felt great," said Simmons. "I have a lot of people, a lot of good friends, my business is here and it was a nice thing."

Simmons was one of the first to know Caldwell was on his game.

"I could tell right away," said Simmons. "There was no question in the first inning. He was

throwing the sinker at three-quarter speed and we were getting the ground balls."

"That's as good as you're going to see Caldwell pitch. He was superb."

The triumph was the Caldwell's first in Busch Stadium, where he had gone 0-3. He once belonged to the Cardinals, but was traded to Cincinnati without

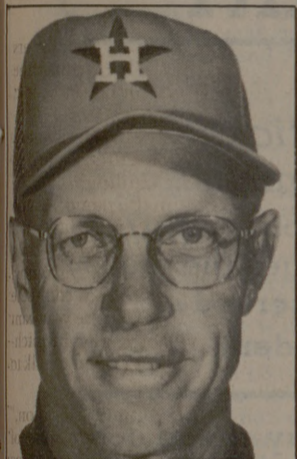
ever pitching in a regular-season game.

But, if the Cardinals failed to respect him then, they certainly don't now.

Cardinal third baseman Ken Oberkfell said, "Give him credit, he threw a great game against us."

And Molitor, as the Hall of Fame will agree, played pretty well himself.

# Viridon new Montreal skipper



Bill Viridon says he hopes to turn Expos into winners

MONTREAL — Bill Viridon, promising a philosophy of tight fundamental baseball, signed a two-year contract Tuesday as manager of the Montreal Expos.

Expos President John McHale, who called Viridon "the right man at the right time" for the Expos, said the 51-year-old former Houston Astro manager had been signed through 1984 plus an option year.

"I hope to be part of a winner in Montreal," Viridon said of the Expos, who slipped to third place this year after winning the National League East title in 1981.

"The talent is here, but I hesitate to make too many comments about the club because I haven't talked to (former manager) Jim Fanning yet."

Viridon, who had indicated he might retire when his Houston contract ran out at the end of 1983, said his mind was changed when the Expos job was offered at a weekend meeting with McHale and Expos

chairman Charles Bronfman in Florida.

"I said two years ago after I finished the contract I had signed I may retire," Viridon said. "It's not 1983 yet and I hope I'll be a winner and Montreal will keep me around after that."

McHale said the Expos had assumed the 1983 portion of Viridon's contract with Houston, worth a reported \$150,000 per year. Viridon was replaced Aug. 10 by Bob Lillis while Houston struggled with a 49-62 record.

The Springfield, Mo., native said that when spring training begins he will go to work on fundamentals, one of the Expos' weak points in 1982. Viridon's reputation as a strict disciplinarian, and his low-key, but stern manner will help Montreal, McHale said.

"I think you'll find Bill is fair, well-prepared and organized," said McHale, who disclosed that he had initially contacted Viridon shortly after the Houston manager was fired.

"He's a stickler for details and the fundamentals of the game. He's tough, but I think he knows when to turn it on and when to turn it off."

Viridon had managed the Astros for nearly seven years.

The long-time friend of McHale becomes the sixth manager in the Expos' 14-year history, replacing Fanning, who moved back to his former position as vice president in charge of player development.

Viridon was McHale's "number one choice" for the job ahead of former managers John McNamara (Cincinnati), Gene Michael (New York Yankees) and Don Zimmer (Texas).

Viridon, who managed Houston to its only West Division title in 1980, won his first NL East championship in his first year of major-league managing in Pittsburgh in 1972.

# Rifle team wins tourney as Woodard leads effort

The No. 1 squad of the Texas A&M rifle team placed first in the six-team Aggie Invitational competition held here over the weekend.

The squad scored 4,357 of a possible 4,800 points to finish ahead of the University of Texas, which compiled 4,341 points. Texas A&M's No. 2 team placed third with 4,070 points.

The invitational, a small-bore, three-position event, featured several top individual scorers, led by Texas A&M's Todd Woodard at 1,130 points out of a possible 1,200. Along with Woodard on the Aggies' No. 1 team were Glenn Park at 1,085, Kurt Nauk at 1,072 and Chris Fedun at 1,070.

Woodard won the individual prone division with a 399 score out of 400 and added the kneeling title with a 382 score.

In individual events, two other shooters placed high while not shooting with a team. Ben Potter of Texas A&M won with a score of 1,134 and John Pence of

Texas finished with 1,124 points. Earlier in the fall season, Texas A&M won the UT Invitational, the state air rifle championship and the state outdoor prone rifle championship. The Aggies compiled 2,142 points out of 2,400 in the air rifle event to outdistance the Longhorns, and won the prone championship

with a 1,542 score out of 1,600. The Aggies' next match will be at Sam Houston State University Oct. 25.

Sgt. Manuel Soto, the Texas A&M coach, will travel with Woodard to Colorado Springs, Colo., Thursday to participate in a coaching seminar.

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