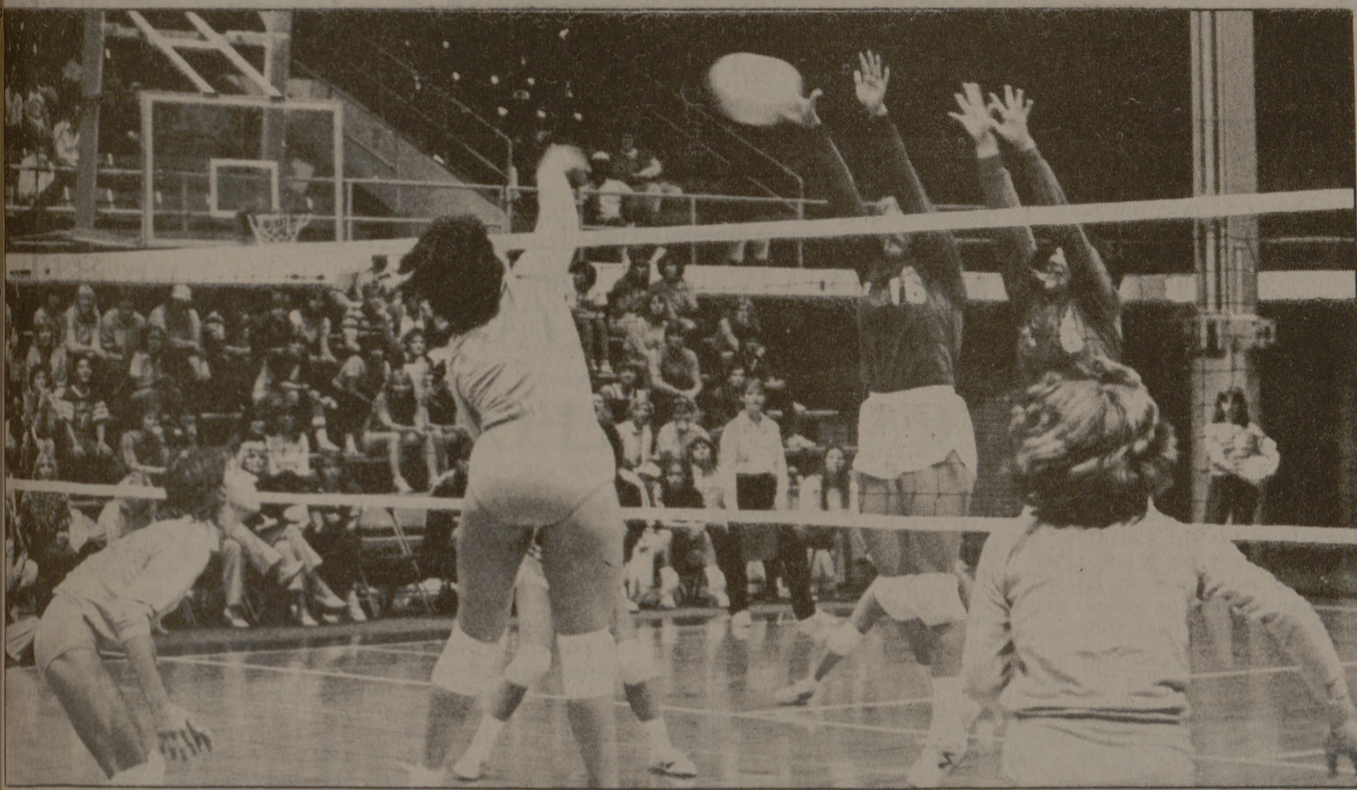


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Staff photo by Robert Snider

Going up to block opponents shots is a routine thing. Acrobatics like the ones being exhibited by Maureen Dunn, the Aggie Ladies setter-hitter who wears No. 6, and middle blocker Sherry Brinkman, wearing No. 15,

helped Texas A&M to down the University of Texas, the defending national volleyball champions, before a crowd of about 500 fans in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Aggies are undefeated in conference action.

A&M spikes 1981 national champs

by John P. Lopez

Battalion Staff
The Aggie Lady volleyball team has staked its claim on the Southwest Conference championship.

Texas A&M defeated the University of Texas, defending conference and AIAW national champions, Wednesday 15-13, 17-15, 9-15 and 15-6. It was the first time a Terry Condon-coached team has ever defeated the Longhorns.

Leading the Aggie Ladies were Lisa Johnson, Sherri Brinkman and Joey Vrazel but Condon said the whole team should be credited with the win.

"Lisa (Johnson) did a good job at the start (of the match) and Joey (Vrazel) played well in the middle," Condon said, "but everybody pulled together to get the win. But we still didn't play as well as I would have liked. We had spots where we didn't look too good. I definitely think we could have played better."

Condon also said that the win was good for the Aggie Ladies' confidence as they enter the middle of conference play.

"We're not going to walk over anyone, but I think we should be able to win conference and go from there. Conference should be ours if we keep playing the way we have lately," All-America Joey Vrazel said.

"We needed this game and this win," she said. "You could tell we were nervous in the first game but we got over it when the crowd got behind us. I'm glad there was a good crowd here

tonight. The girls needed to know that the student body was behind them.

"(The win) was a real confidence builder. The whole night worked out to be good for the girls. But we have a long way to go in conference because we still have to play a lot of teams and play Texas again in Austin. So we still have to beat them again."

Vrazel said the win helped make the rest of the conference schedule a little easier to handle.

"We're not going to walk over anyone, but I think we should be able to win conference and go from there," she said. "We've just gotten better every time we've played. Conference should be ours if we keep playing the way we have lately."

The 18th ranked Aggie Ladies, who currently are undefeated in conference play, will travel to Arlington Friday to play the University of Texas at Arlington.

Revived Cardinals walk past Brewers to tie series

United Press International
ST. LOUIS — Just when it appeared the St. Louis Cardinals could forget about winning the World Series, they remembered what got them there.

After falling behind, 3-0, the Cardinals parlayed their speed, the relief pitching of Bruce Sutter and two clutch hits by Darrell Porter for a 5-4 victory Wednesday night over the Brewers, to send the Series to Milwaukee tied at one victory apiece.

"They came right back after us tonight and scored a few runs, and at first I thought we were going to die," said Porter, who tied the score, 4-4, with a two-run double in the sixth and a single to set up the tie-breaking

run in the eighth. "We lost momentum on the bench but we scored and that brought us back to life."

Sutter kept them alive long enough for Steve Braun to draw a bases-loaded walk off reliever Pete Ladd in the eighth, Porter threw out a potential base-stealer in the ninth and the complexion of the series changed drastically entering Game 3, scheduled for Friday night.

Milwaukee's Pete Vuckovich is scheduled to oppose Joaquin Andujar in a battle of righthanders.

"I don't know how well we'll play on the grass," said Porter, referring to the surface in County Stadium. "We'll try. We have

some people who can hit it out of that ballpark."

By treating St. Louis the same way they handled California on their home field, the Brewers could prevent a return to St. Louis.

Milwaukee started by continuing the rout it administered in Tuesday night's 10-0 opening victory. Charlie Moore doubled home Roy Howell for a 1-0 lead in the second, and Robin Yount's infield grounder and Ted Simmons' home run made it 3-0 in the third.

Suddenly, however, St. Louis remembered its speed and pulled within 3-2 in the third. Willie McGee's stolen base ignited the

Cardinals, who received an RBI double by Tom Herr and an RBI single by Ken Oberkfell.

After Milwaukee extended the lead to 4-2 on Cecil Cooper's fifth-inning single, the Cardinals then used a stolen base to develop some offense. Oberkfell singled, stole second and George Hendrick walked. Porter, MVP in the NL playoffs, then stroked an opposite-field double to left off starter Don Sutton, tying the score, 4-4.

When Doug Bair tired in the seventh after two solid relief innings, Sutter entered and held the Brewers through the eighth, when a walk, a fielder's choice and a single by Porter knocked

out loser Bob McClure in favor of Ladd.

But the big righthander walked Lonnie Smith to load the bases. He then walked Braun on four pitches.

"I was rattled by the walk to Smith," said Ladd. "I realized it as it was going on and I tried to talk to myself. But I got more involved."

Braun detected the pitcher's discomfort and capitalized.

"This was my first World Series so I'd never been in a situation quite as important as this one," said Braun. "But I've been in a situation where the pitcher was having control problems and I knew the pressure

was on him."

Porter helped Sutter by throwing out Molitor when Robin Yount swung and missed with the hit-and-run on. It effectively ended Milwaukee's inning and drew cheers from a Busch Stadium crowd.

Porter has spent two years trying to persuade St. Louis Cardinals fans to like him and he just may be doing it.

Porter's every move in Wednesday night's 5-4 win over the Milwaukee Brewers in the second game of the World Series was accompanied by cheers, something Porter hasn't heard very often since he moved to St. Louis from Kansas City.

"It's always nice to hear cheers," Porter said. "It beats the heck out of boos."

Porter's accomplishments made Manager Whitey Herzog one of the happiest guys in the St. Louis clubhouse.

It was Herzog who persuaded Porter to leave some adoring fans in Kansas City and sign a five-year, \$3.5 million free-agent contract with the Cardinals before the 1981 season.

Porter was named the Most Valuable Player in the Cardinals' sweep of Atlanta in the National League playoffs. And in the first two games of the World Series, he has gone 4-for-7.

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