

# Brewers let it get away

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MILWAUKEE — The 79th  
World Series is tied at one game  
apiece and either club can win it,

but if the St. Louis Cardinals do  
the Milwaukee Brewers will  
know precisely who to blame.  
Themselves.

They were moving along  
rather nicely Wednesday night  
in Busch Stadium. First they had  
a three-run lead after 2½ in-  
nings and later a two-run mar-  
gin going into the bottom of the  
sixth, only to let the Redbirds  
pull the game out, 5-4, and  
square the Series.

The thing that hurt the most  
was the way the Cardinals did it,  
scoring a pair of runs off starter  
Don Sutton with two out in the  
last of the sixth and pushing  
across the game-winning run in  
the eighth.

"We let it get away," owned  
up Ted Simmons, the Brewers' catcher.

"We were ahead, 3-0, and  
were into our game," he went  
on. "We had a shot at getting out  
of St. Louis two games up, but  
now we're 1-1. The Cardinals  
worked for the ballgame and de-  
served to win it."

Undeniably, the 3-2 pitch by  
Pete Ladd on which Lonnie  
Smith walked to fill the bases was  
a critical one. It was a fastball  
that could've been called either  
way by plate umpire Bill Haller,  
but he called it ball four and the  
capacity crowd of 53,723  
greeted his decision with ringing  
cheers.

Whitey Herzog, the Cards'  
manager, then called on his  
third designated hitter of the  
game — Steve Braun.

Braun patiently stood at the  
plate and took four pitches,  
forcing in George Hendrick  
from third with the go-ahead  
run.

In the Brewers' clubhouse,  
some newsmen focused on the  
fourth ball to Smith and asked  
Simmons whether he didn't

think it was a strike. Simmons  
had been kicking over the call  
with Haller after the pitch and  
the writers wanted to know what  
he had said.

"Look, that wasn't the pitch  
that beat us," Simmons came  
right back. "Those four balls to  
Braun is what did it, so there's  
nothing to say about the pitch to  
Lonnie Smith. I don't want to  
discuss it."

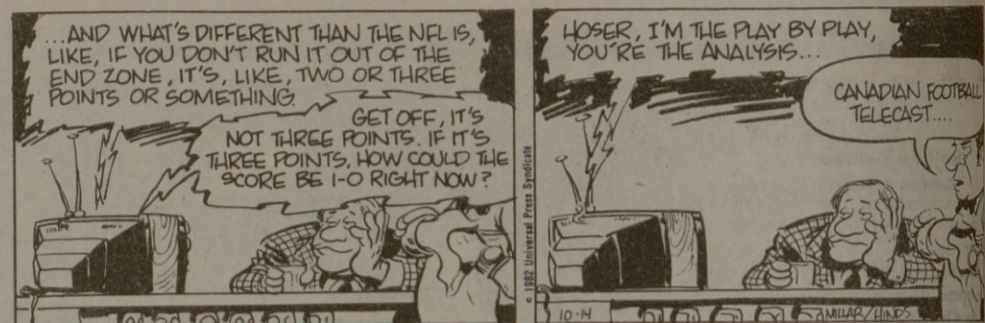
Braun, used primarily as a  
pinch hitter by Herzog this year,  
was more than willing to discuss  
the four pitches he took.

"I have to admit when I came  
out of the dugout the idea of  
being in a World Series with all  
the excitement was in my mind,"  
he said. "I felt I wanted to do  
something for the Cardinals. I  
watched every pitch and pro-  
grammed my mind to lay off  
them and not swing at balls that  
were not in the strike zone."

Keith Hernandez said the  
Cardinals got teed off on their  
bench after they fell behind by  
three runs in the top of the  
third.

## TANK McNAMARA

by Jeff Miller & Bill Hinds



# Malone, 76ers get no respect from Rockets

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HOUSTON — Moses  
Malone's first visit since he  
signed a \$2.2 million-a-year con-  
tract with the Philadelphia 76ers  
caused him to feel closer to  
Rockets fans than he did during  
the six years he played for them,  
and further away from Rockets  
management than he ever did.  
Malone's appearance in the Summit

Wednesday night drew the first  
sellout crowd for a Rockets' pre-  
season game, but it remains un-  
answered whether the relatively  
slow Malone will help the famed  
76ers' fast break.

Rockets fans, who had watch-  
ed Malone carry the team for six  
seasons, gave him a standing  
ovation that embarrassed him.  
(He had declined the Rockets'  
request for a special Moses

Malone night at which his jersey  
would be retired.)

"I think it's great that  
many fans showed up. It  
made me feel great," he said af-  
ter his so-so performance in an  
89-88 Rockets win.

He led the Sixers in scoring  
with 15 points in the 26 minutes  
he played as Coach Billy Gar-  
ningham took a long look at re-  
serves, but during the first  
minutes of the third quarter  
defensive rebounds and other  
passes helped ignite the regulars  
into a breakneck running game.

"I wasn't really nervous about  
coming back," Malone said.  
"This was just a preseason game  
and a lot of people played. We  
did come out in the third quar-  
ter and we looked great run-  
ning."

Otherwise with Malone in the  
game, the Sixers looked stolid  
and a few Rockets' fans had  
field day heckling.

"Let's see you move around  
a little bit for that ten bucks a  
second," one fan yelled at a sta-  
tionary Malone.

Julius Erving said Malone  
was adjusting to the 76ers quick-  
er pace.

"He shows an ability to make  
some of the other players  
around him better. He's adapt-  
ing to our defensive philosophy  
and getting used to rebounding  
defensively more than he used  
to. He's getting into the flow of  
things," Erving said.

After the game, Malone  
seemed bitter about the Rockets'  
failure to meet his attorney's re-  
mand for a \$2 million-a-year  
contract. Malone's lawyer, Lee  
Fentress of Washington, D.C.,  
turned down two deals which  
would have paid him more than  
\$1.5 million-a-year and then he  
solicited the more lucrative deal  
with 76ers' owner Harold Katz  
six weeks ago.

"I think I didn't get no re-  
spect from the Rockets front  
office," he said.

He talked as if a phone call  
from Rockets owner Charlie  
Thomas after the offer sheet  
was signed with the 76ers would  
have influenced him to return to  
the Rockets. (Thomas, con-  
vinced Malone did not want to  
play for Houston, decided not to  
match Katz' offer — thus the  
trade.)

Thomas was quoted as saying  
Malone seemed to want to play  
more for the 76ers than he did  
for the Rockets.

"It was a business deal. I can't  
say where I would rather play  
here on in Philadelphia,"  
Malone said.

"My lawyer don't make no  
decisions. I make the decisions.  
If the owner and general man-  
ager (of the Rockets) wanted to  
talk to me (about where I wanted  
to play) they could have called  
me. They knew my number for  
six years. I feel I played hard  
here for six years and got no  
respect," he said.

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