

Cards win Rookie four-hits Brewers, 13-1

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ST. LOUIS — Though Bud Selig was referring specifically to his Milwaukee Brewers, his comments apply to both clubs playing in tonight's seventh and deciding game of the World Series.

"I suppose it would have been unwise for anyone to assume they would choose a different course of action," the Brewers' owner said Tuesday night while the St. Louis Cardinals were evening the Series at three victories apiece with a 13-1, rain-delayed thrashing of Milwaukee.

What Selig meant was, the Brewers have spent most of October working themselves into the corners where they do so well. But the Cardinals followed form too, getting clutch pitching from rookie John Stuper and playing their ballpark like a violin.

Stuper pitched a four-hitter, Darrell Porter and Keith Hernandez hit two-run homers and Dane Iorg collected three extra-base hits to set up a decider between the Cards' Joaquin Andujar and the Brewers' Pete Vuckovich.

Temperatures for tonight's game are expected to be in the low to mid-50s by game time.

"Our job was to get ahead early," said

Hernandez, who added a two-run single in a game delayed twice by rain for a total of 2 hours and 39 minutes. "That enables us to run, run, run. If we fall behind, it takes that away from us and we're in trouble. Our job was to get ahead and it's the same thing tomorrow. We must get ahead."

Milwaukee's defense, which played so well in Game 5, faltered enough to help St. Louis in its aim. A misplayed fly ball by Ben Oglivie that was scored a double and an error by shortstop Robin Yount helped give St. Louis a 2-0 lead in the second, and a two-run homer by Porter, a triple by Iorg, and a suicide squeeze bunt by Tom Herr made it 5-0 in the fourth.

By that time, the Cardinals had their running game going, spraying hits all over the park, and the only question was whether the expected rain would allow the game to reach the official stage. It did, and now for the third time this month the Brewers place their entire season on the line in one game.

"It has gone down to the last day," Brewer right fielder Charlie Moore said. "It's probably more exciting for the fans. But we've been through this before. It's a big ballgame tomorrow and we have to win."

To do that, the Brewers must play better.

They committed four errors and appeared sluggish in running down balls in the outfield. Veteran Don Sutton committed a balk in the fourth directly before Porter's homer. About the only thing the Brewers did right was to nail Lonnie Smith on an electrifying attempt to steal home.

The Cardinals capitalized on virtually every mistake and Stuper, who lifted the Cardinals' starting rotation with a 9-7 record during the regular season, pitched masterfully despite the rain delays.

"It was a must game for us, that was obvious, and you have to tip your hat to John Stuper," Hernandez said. "He's a 23-year-old rookie and this was probably the biggest game he has ever gonna pitch in his life."

Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn received some criticism for his decision to wait out the rain and finish the game despite the Cardinals' big lead. But Milwaukee Manager Harvey Kuenn supported him.

"I think the game is meant to be played nine innings and that's the way it should be," he said. "I would have felt bad, not only if we were behind, but if the shoe would have been on the other foot and they were behind."

St. Louis' display of power knots Series; finale tonight

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ST. LOUIS — They might not be mistaken for "Whitey's Wall-bangers," but Keith Hernandez says the St. Louis Cardinals are capable of some solid hitting.

"We're not a power-hitting club," the St. Louis first baseman said, "but we're by no means a bunch of singles hitters, either."

The Cardinal batters put on a power display Tuesday night in their 13-1 trouncing of the Milwaukee Brewers, which evened their World Series matchup at three games apiece heading into today's finale.

Designated hitter Dane Iorg, who boasts a .500 average for the series, led the hit parade with a triple and a pair of doubles. Hernandez knocked in four runs with a homer and single and Darrell Porter also belted a two-run homer.

The crunching homer by Hernandez easily cleared the Miguel de la Maza gate in right field despite the full support of driving rain.

"I hit it as well as I could hit," said Hernandez. "I knew it was going."

Hernandez was hitless in his first 15 trips to the plate in the

Series, but now has five hits in his last nine appearances.

"I never really thought I lost it," Hernandez said of his batting stroke. "I just ran into tough luck. I knew sooner or later the worm would turn."

Cardinal second baseman Tom Herr was mired in a similar slump, getting just one hit in his

first 19 at-bats and losing his leadoff spot to Lonnie Smith.

Herr also broke out in Game 6 with a double, single and suicide squeeze bunt for two runs batted in.

"I've gone through spells where I haven't gotten hits. But I'm a contact hitter, I spray the ball around," Herr said. "I've

been disciplined to hit the ball on the ground. I've hit groundballs in this series — they just haven't found any holes."

Both Hernandez and Herr agreed the final game, which pits the Cardinals' Joaquin Andujar against Pete Vuckovich of Milwaukee, will be a fitting climax to the series.

"We got the two aces going at it," Hernandez said. "We have two good teams here and it's going to Game 7."

Herr said: "It's anybody's series now. Both teams have showed they can blow the other

Vint finds A&M his kind of place

by John Wagner
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When the Lamar Cardinals came to Texas A&M University on M, Bob Vint was one of the coaches wearing red.

Vint, one of Pat Foster's assistant coaches, watched from the visitors' side of G. Rollie White Coliseum as the Cardinals lost to the Aggies, 60-58.

But the next time Vint enters the Coliseum on game day, he'll walk to the home team's bench and no doubt will be decked out in maroon.

Lamar Cardinal coach Bob Vint became Texas Aggie coach Bob Vint over the summer, and Vint says it's a job transition he's enjoying.

Vint took over the vacancy created by Barry Davis, the former Aggie player and assistant coach under Shelby Metcalf. Davis is now the head coach at Western Texas College in Snyder.

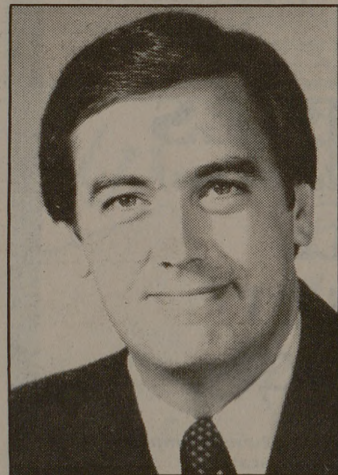
And Vint is now an Aggie. "It (changing schools) is a bit of a transition at first, but I'm fortunate in that I was already acquainted with Coach Metcalf," Vint said Tuesday.

"He's made the transition a lot easier, and the players have been very receptive to me. I feel real comfortable around them. We've got some classy players."

Vint got his first look at the Aggie basketball program as a player at the University of Arkansas. That's when he was introduced to Metcalf.

He then served as an assistant coach for the Razorbacks from 1972 to 1974, before beginning an eight-year stint as a high school coach.

Foster, who served as a Razorback assistant at the same time as Vint, hired him



Assistant Coach Bob Vint has found transition easy

away from the high school ranks last year to join his staff at Lamar, where Vint worked until July.

Vint and John Thornton, the Aggies' other assistant coach, are involved in scouting, planning practices, reviewing practices, and practicing themselves. But Vint says the biggest job facing assistant coaches is recruiting.

And recruiting is much easier at a school like Texas A&M, Vint says.

"You can go to a youngster's home anywhere in the country and he's heard of Texas A&M," he said.

"From an assistant coach's standpoint, I think that's good. It's a lot easier for an assistant to go into a place where he can identify with you than it is if they have to wonder exactly where that school is.

"Texas A&M is in a position to attract a more quality-type athlete. We feel like if we

can convince someone to visit our campus, we can convince them to come to school here."

His experience as a high school coach is helpful now, Vint says, not only when he's on the recruiting trail, but also on the court.

"I think you can identify with what a high school youngster is going through, the fact that you know his maturity level, and can anticipate what his home situation is like. I think having been a high school coach gives me an advantage.

"As a high school coach, you don't want people around, getting in your way. From a recruiting standpoint, being aware of that, you don't want to be overbearing. There's a fine line between what it takes to convince a kid, and what might be doing too much.

"From a coaching standpoint, coaches in high school don't have any control over their talent year in and year out. Therefore, you're forced to do a lot of coaching, from a technical standpoint and a strategy standpoint.

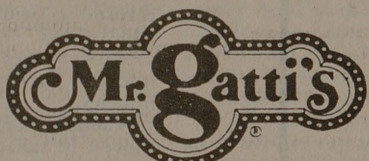
"I think high school prepares you for the X's and O's of coaching."

Vint, 33, is working those X's and O's, trying to improve last season's 20-11 record.

The Aggies were 11-2 at home last season, 8-8 on the road and 1-1 on neutral courts. They finished the Southwest Conference regular season at 10-6, good enough for a third-place finish.

Vint says the Aggies have a good returning nucleus of players to tackle what many people believe is Texas A&M's toughest schedule ever.

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