

Cards nip Giants 1-0 to remain alive

ST. LOUIS (AP) — John Tudor, Todd Worrell and Ken Dayley shut down the San Francisco Giants on six hits Tuesday night and a fluke triple in the second inning set up the only run as the St. Louis Cardinals held on for a 1-0 victory, forcing the National League playoffs to a decisive seventh game.

Tudor worked around six hits and two walks in 7½ innings. Worrell came on to finish the eighth and struck out Will Clark leading off the ninth. When pinch-hitter Harry Spillman was announced, Cardinals Manager Whitey Herzog brought in left-hander Ken Dayley and put Worrell in right field.

Dayley struck out pinch-hitter

Chris Speier and got Jose Uribe on a grounder as the Cardinals avoided elimination.

A noisy crowd of 55,331 also got into the action, throwing a cowbell and a drink at Giants left fielder Jeffrey Leonard. The game was stopped twice while umpires and security officials sought to find those tormenting Leonard, who made derogatory remarks about St. Louis fans last week.

Standout defensive plays by center fielder Willie McGee and third baseman Terry Pendleton frustrated the Giants, thwarting their first trip to the World Series since 1962.

The Giants' defense made one

mistake, and it was right fielder Candy Maldonado's slip on a line drive by Tony Pena leading off the second that cost them the game. Maldonado sunk to his knees, having possibly lost the ball in the lights, and it sailed over his head for a triple. Jose Oquendo followed with a fly ball to Maldonado in medium right, and Pena ran around catcher Bob Melvin's tag to score.

Game 7, the first time the NL playoffs have gone the limit, will be held tonight. Danny Cox, the loser in Game 4 for St. Louis, will oppose Atlee Hammaker, who got a no-decision in the third game.

Tudor and Dave Dravecky, who shut out St. Louis on two hits in

Game 2, duled for most of the cool, clear night. Tudor, frequently in trouble but never caught, struck out six and threw 118 pitches.

Dravecky may have been even better, allowing only five hits. He struck out a season-high eight and walked none.

The Giants put the leadoff man on base in four innings against Tudor, yet never got a runner past second base.

In the second, Clark walked with one out and Bob Melvin followed with the first of his three singles. Uribe then lined a drive to deep left-center, but McGee raced into the alley and backhanded the ball on the run.

Lady Aggs face 'Horns on the road

The Texas A&M volleyball team will be seeking its first Southwest Conference win of the year when it takes on the University of Texas tonight at 7:30 at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

The Lady Aggies, 9-14 overall and 0-2 in SWC play, will face a tough challenge in the 9-6 Lady Longhorns, who are ranked 10th in the NCAA Top 20 poll and have a SWC mark of 2-0 with wins over Baylor and Texas Tech.

"Texas is tough to beat in Austin," A&M Coach Al Givens said. "We're going in with the attitude that this is the situation we need in order to get back on the winning track. Traditionally, A&M-UT matches have been dogfights and there's nothing for sure when these two teams meet."

After meeting Texas, the Lady Aggies will head to Waco for a match with Baylor Friday night at 7:00. A&M will return home to G. Rollie White Coliseum Oct. 20 to tangle with the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

Flutie returns home; Bears trade Heisman winner to New England

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Doug Flutie, still seeking professional success after 2½ rough years on the road, returned to his roots and rooters on Tuesday when the New England Patriots obtained him from the Chicago Bears.

Fans who cheered the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback at Boston College may welcome him back, but there is no guarantee his path will be smooth.

Flutie intends to cross the picket line during the National Football League strike and, despite less than a week of practice, he was named Tuesday by Coach Raymond Berry as the starter Sunday against the Houston Oilers.

Once the strike is over, Flutie will have to squeeze into an already crowded Patriots quarterback corps.

None of those potential problems were enough to shatter Flutie's dream of coming back home. That became a reality when the Bears traded him for an undisclosed draft choice.

Flutie, a long-time resident of Natick, Mass., said he was sympathetic with the strike and New England is the only team he would have agreed to play for during the walkout.

"There was a lot of agonizing," Flutie said. "I didn't want to come in

under a strike situation and be presumed to come in and take somebody's job. . . . The only way I can explain it is this is my only opportunity (to return to New England.)"

He said he didn't think it was right for players to cross picket lines, "but in my situation I think it was a move I had to make" to get a chance to play in the NFL.

The Patriots, who passed up several chances to pick Flutie in the 1985 NFL draft, were eager to find a quarterback who could produce better than Bob Bleier, their starter in the two replacement games.

"We need to improve our quarterback play," Berry said. "Our aim is to win. We will continue to try and upgrade our team any way we can at any position and at any time."

Amid indications that post-strike rosters will be increased from 45 to 49 players, Berry said the Patriots intend to keep four quarterbacks. They already have Tony Eason, Steve Grogan and Tom Ramsey.

New England, 2-2, has split its two games with replacement players. Bleier, who played Division I-AA ball at Richmond and was the last quarterback cut in this year's training camp, has completed 14 of 39 passes for 181 yards, a touchdown

and an interception in those contests.

Other than a hefty salary, Flutie hasn't had many breaks since the 1984 season, when at Boston College he set numerous school passing records and dazzled crowds with his scrambling ability.

Flutie led the Eagles to a 45-28 Cotton Bowl victory over Houston on Jan. 1, 1985, then was rushed into the United States Football League as the quarterback for the New Jersey Generals and as a hope of reviving that troubled league. He broke his collarbone in the ninth game and missed the rest of the season.

The Los Angeles Rams took him in the 11th round of the 1985 NFL draft but he never played for them. They traded him on Oct. 14, 1986, to Chicago.

He played in four regular-season games last year, starting only the finale when he threw two touchdown passes in a victory over Dallas. But he completed just 11 of 31 passes in a first-round playoff loss to Washington.

In the Bears' training camp last summer he was one of five quarterbacks competing for jobs.

Ducks grace AP poll for first time in 17 years

From the Associated Press

Oregon Coach Rich Brooks, whose Ducks made the Associated Press college football poll Tuesday for the first time in 17 years, admits even he couldn't have predicted the early success of his young and inexperienced team.

"I'm not shocked, but I am surprised," Brooks said of the No. 16 Ducks. "We couldn't have gotten to 4-1 if we didn't believe we could do it. But to predict that was impossible."

Oklahoma, Nebraska and Miami remained in the top three positions for the third consecutive week, while Notre Dame dropped out of the Top Ten.

The Ducks, 4-1 after successive victories over perennial Pac-10 powers Washington and Southern Cal, have surprised everyone. They are preparing to battle No. 9 UCLA for the conference lead Saturday in Pasadena, Calif.

Oregon last appeared in the AP poll of Nov. 9, 1970, when it was 6-3 and ranked No. 19. There were few clues that the Ducks, who last year were 3-5 in Pac-10 play last year and 5-6 overall, would be Pac-10 contenders this season.

Oregon began this season with an untested and young quarterback, redshirt freshman Bill Musgrave, replacing Chris Miller, a first-round NFL draft pick.

Musgrave responded beyond everyone's expectations, completing 85 of 130 passes in his first five collegiate games for 1,176 yards, 11 touchdowns and only three interceptions.

Oklahoma remained No. 1 in the AP poll after defeating Texas 44-9. The Sooners received 47 of 60 first-place votes and 1,184 of a possible 1,200 points from the AP's nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters.

Nebraska crushed Kansas 54-2 and received seven first-place ballots and 1,122 points. The other six first-place votes went to Miami, which beat Maryland 46-16 and earned 1,111 points.

Notre Dame, ranked No. 4 last week, fell to 11th place after it was upset by Pitt 30-22.

Meanwhile, Florida State hammered Southern Mississippi 61-10 to go from sixth place back to fourth with 935 points. Auburn remained No. 5 with 934 points following a 48-15 decision over Vanderbilt.

LSU went from seventh to sixth with 901 points by defeating Georgia 26-23, while Clemson moved up from eighth to seventh with 880 points after beating Virginia 38-21.

Tennessee was idle but improved from 10th place to eighth with 752 points, while idle UCLA improved from 11th to ninth with 713 points. Ohio State, No. 9 last week, lost to

Indiana 31-10 and dropped to No. 17.

Defending national champion Penn State broke into the Top 10 for the first time this season after beating Rutgers 35-21.

The Second Ten is Notre Dame, Oklahoma State, Syracuse, Florida, Arkansas, Oregon, Ohio State, Georgia, Michigan State and Indiana.

Last week it was UCLA, Michigan, Arizona State, Penn State, Alabama, Georgia, Syracuse, Florida, Oklahoma State and Arkansas.

Michigan fell to Michigan State 17-11, Arizona State lost to Washington 27-14 and Alabama was upset by Memphis State 13-10.

Michigan State entered the Top Twenty after a three-week absence and Indiana made the rankings for the first time since the final 1979 poll. The Hoosiers had not beaten Ohio State in 31 contests.

Sampson nears accord with Rockets owner

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets, with one Twin Tower already signed to a long-term contract, were scheduled to meet Tuesday with Ralph Sampson to discuss a six-year, \$12 million contract.

Sampson came to Houston over the weekend and met with owner Charlie Thomas. Sampson's agent, Gene Perry, arrived Monday to meet with General Manager Ray Patterson.

Patterson has said since Sampson became a free agent after last season

that the Rockets would re-sign the 7-4 forward.

"We've said all along that Ralph is a vital part of our ballclub," Patterson said. "I look forward to meeting with Gene."

The Portland Trail Blazers have offered Sampson a six-year, \$12 million contract, while co-Twin Tower Akeem Olajuwon signed a guaranteed contract prior to last season that will pay him \$2 million annually through 1998.

Sampson and starting forward

Rodney McCray are the only unsigned Rockets. The two have missed the first five days of Rockets preseason workouts.

McCray is represented by Howard Slusher, who said he hadn't heard from Patterson.

"He hasn't called," Slusher said. "I have three secretaries and I return all my calls. The last time I talked to Mr. Patterson, he said he would get back with me. Well, I'm still waiting."

Sampson missed 39 games last season with injuries after missing


only three games in the previous three seasons.

McCray reportedly is seeking a \$1 million per year contract and the Rockets are offering \$700,000 annually.

Slusher would not confirm the figures.

"But if you're asking me a hypothetical question — do I consider \$300,000 a big difference — then the answer is yes," Slusher said.

The Rockets open their exhibition season Friday night in The Summit against the Boston Celtics.



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