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Now, deal the Cards

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MILWAUKEE — On a gloomy Sunday afternoon that oozed drama, and with 54,968 fans and a statewide television audience cheering every pitch in the last two innings, the Milwaukee Brewers won their first American League pennant.

Cecil Cooper, a self-proclaimed goat for most of the five-game series, singled in two runs with the bases loaded and two out in the seventh inning to give the Brewers their first lead of the memorable afternoon.

Then Pete Ladd, who helped people forget Rollie Fingers during the playoffs, came on to register the last three outs with the tying run was on base to preserve Milwaukee's 4-3 victory over the California Angels.

Thus, the Brewers became the first team in the 13-year history of league's championship series to lose the first two games of a playoff series and come back to win. The Brewers will face the St. Louis Cardinals, the National League champions, in the World Series, which opens Tuesday in St. Louis.

'Never gave up'

"I never gave up on these guys and I never gave up on them today," said Brewer Manager Harvey Kuenn, who took over the club June 2 when they were one game under .500, and led them to the American League East championship with a thrilling victory over Baltimore on the last day of the season. "I've had a lot of thrills in baseball as a player, but nothing as rewarding as this."

"When you're down two games and come back and win," pitcher Bob McClure said, "that's guts. I think we'll go into the World Series believing there is no way we can lose."

"This win typefied the character of this club," infielder Paul Molitor said. "We were down, but not out. We came back."

All the way back.

The victory capped a success story that began in 1978 when general manager Harry Dalton took over a club that never had finished higher than fifth place since the franchise moved to Milwaukee from Seattle in 1969. It skyrocketed last year when the Brewers won the second-half title and became the team with the best record in baseball this season.

Error-filled game

The biggest game at County Stadium since the Milwaukee Braves were in the 1958 World Series opened with teams acting more like Little League champions than AL division champs. There were four errors in the first three innings — including three by Milwaukee.

The Angels scored a run in the first when Brian Downing doubled, went to third when third baseman Molitor made a diving catch of Reggie Jackson's line drive, but threw errantly to second while trying to double up Downing. Fred Lynn, the most valuable player in the ALCS, then drove in Downing with a single.

Molitor made up for his boot in the bottom of the inning by legging out a double, advancing to third on a ground out and forcing Angels' third baseman Doug DeCinces into a throwing error while dancing down the third base line on Cooper's grounder. He scored on Ted Simmons' sacrifice fly.

Brewer starter Pete Vuckovich was in trouble for most of his 6⅓-inning appearance. He allowed 12 base runners over the first five innings, but only two more runs. In the third Bob Boone's single, a walk and Lynn's single got a run, and in the fourth Boone's bunt single scored DeCinces, who had doubled to lead off the inning.

Ben Oglivie's home run to right cut the lead to 3-2 in the fourth and Charlie Moore saved another run in the fifth. Jackson walked with one out and Lynn singled to right. Jackson tried to go to third base, but Moore lined a throw to Molitor to nail Jackson easily. It became an even bigger play when Don Baylor followed with a single.

Vuckovich was able to work out of trouble by fanning DeCinces.

"It (the throw) turned out to be a big play because it kept them from scoring," Moore said. "Inside even I was cheering."

"The munchkin throwing out Reggie was really important," said Vuckovich. "If he doesn't make that play, God only knows how many runs they score."

As it turned out, Moore had another big play — in the seventh to start the Brewers' big rally.

With one out and Luis Sanchez, who relieved Bruce Kison when the starting pitcher had problems with a blister on his finger, on the mound, Moore hit a blooper that fell just in front of second baseman Bobby Grich for a single.

Jim Gantner followed with a single up the middle, but Molitor popped up. Robin Yount then worked Sanchez for a walk to load the bases. "That base on balls felt like someone hacked me across my Achilles tendon," said Gene Mauch, the California manager who has never won a pennant in 22 years.

Cooper, who had stranded two runners in the fifth and was two-for-19 in the series until the seventh inning, then stepped in. He promptly sliced a 1-1 pitch to left. Moore scored easily and Gantner scored with a head-first slide. Cooper raised his arms triumphantly at first.

But Cooper's hit didn't end the drama. Marshall Edwards entered the game as a defensive replacement for Gorman Thomas in the eighth inning and quickly went to work. Baylor sent a McClure pitch to the wall in left center. Edwards tracked it down and made a leaping catch to keep the Angels off the board.

"There's no way I'd have made that catch," said Thomas, who couldn't stand the suspense and spent the final two innings pacing the clubhouse and listening to the radio.

While Thomas paced, the crowd roared in expectation in the ninth, but they were silenced by Ron Jackson's leadoff pinch single. Kuenn then brought in Ladd, who had not allowed a hit in two previous appearances in the series.

Ladd retired Boone on a sacrifice bunt, Downing on a grounder to third base and future Hall of Famer Rod Carew on a game-ending, celebration-starting grounder to shortstop.

"I was just elated Friday," said Ladd, who had a save Friday in Game Three, "but today was do-or-die. When I saw that last out, I just went crazy."

So did most of the state.

Game Five

CALIFORNIA	ab	r	h	bi
Downing lf	4	1	1	0
Carew 1b	3	0	0	0
Re. J'kson rf	3	0	0	0
Lynn cf	4	0	2	2
Baylor dh	4	0	1	0
DeCinces 3b	3	1	1	2
Grich 2b	3	0	0	0
Ruiz c	3	0	0	0
Ro. J'kson ph	1	0	1	0
Willoughby pr	0	0	0	0
Boone c	3	1	2	1
Totals	32	3	8	3

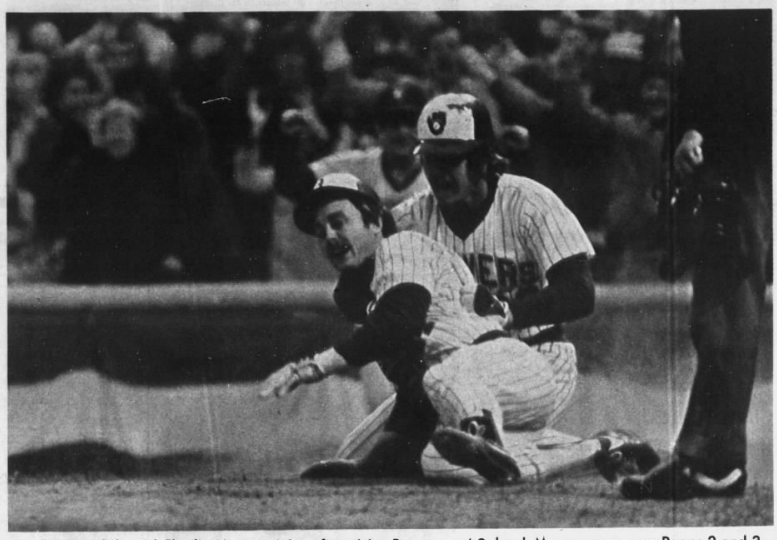
MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi
Molitor 2b	3	1	2	0
Yount ss	3	0	0	0
Cooper 1b	4	0	1	2
Simmons c	3	0	0	1
Oglivie lf	4	1	1	1
Gantner cf	4	1	1	0
Edwards cf	1	0	0	0
Money dh	4	0	0	0
Moore rf	3	1	1	0
Gantner 3b	2	1	1	0
Totals	31	4	6	4

California	101	100	000 — 3
Milwaukee	100	100	20x — 4

E — Molitor, Oglivie 3, DeCinces, Cooper. DP — California 1, Milwaukee 3. LOB — California 8, Milwaukee 6. 2B — Downing, Moliter, DeCinces. HR — Oglivie (1). SB — Molitor. S — Downing, Grich, Boone. SF — Simmons.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
California						
Kison	5	3	2	1	3	4
Sanchez L. (0-1)	1⅓	2	2	2	1	1
Hassler	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Milwaukee						
Vuckovich	6⅓	9	3	3	2	4
McClure W (1-0)	1⅔	3	0	0	0	0
Ladd S (2)	1	0	0	0	0	0

McClure pitched to one batter in ninth.
T — 2:51. Att. — 54,968.



Jim Gantner, left, and Charlie Moore rejoice after giving Brewers a 4-3 lead. More coverage on Pages 2 and 3.
— State Journal color photo by Joseph W. Jackson III

Paul Molitor, left, welcomes Jim Gantner (17) and Charlie Moore (22) after the pair scored to put Brewers ahead.
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You can win 2 Series tickets

The Milwaukee Brewers are in the World Series. If you turn to Page 4 of this section, you can find out how you can win two tickets to the fourth game, which will be played Saturday in Milwaukee.

You'll have to answer a few baseball trivia questions to win. You should start work on that right away, because the deadline for entries is noon Thursday.

See the two-column "World Series" ad on Page 4 of Sports.

American League playoff results

Tuesday, Oct. 5 — California 8, Milwaukee 3
Wednesday, Oct. 6 — California 4, Milwaukee 2
Friday, Oct. 8 — Milwaukee 5, California 3
Saturday, Oct. 9 — Milwaukee 9, California 5
Sunday, Oct. 10 — Milwaukee 4, California 3
(Milwaukee wins best-of-five series, three games to two)

World Series schedule

ALL TIMES CDT
Tuesday, Oct. 12 — Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 13 — Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 15 — St. Louis at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16 — St. Louis at Milwaukee, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 17 — St. Louis at Milwaukee (if necessary)
Tuesday, Oct. 19 — Milwaukee at St. Louis (if necessary)
Wednesday, Oct. 20 — Milwaukee at St. Louis (if necessary)
All games televised by NBC (WMTV, Ch. 15 in Madison)

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