

Cardinals beat Phillies, reduce magic number to seven

By The Associated Press

Tommy Herr, despite slugging two home runs in a span of four games, thinks he'll still retain a rare hitting distinction. "He threw a slider to me and got it up in the air," Herr said after powering the St. Louis Cardinals to a 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies with a three-run homer. "The ball seems to be carrying better right now."

Baseball roundup

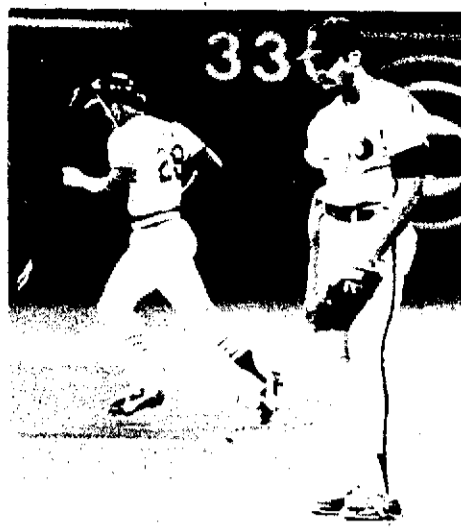
With his seventh home run, Herr jeopardized his chances to become the first major-league player in 35 years to total 100 or more RBI with fewer than 10 homers. He's got 105 RBI.

"I don't anticipate hitting three home runs," he said, looking ahead to St. Louis' remaining 10 games. "I still think it's a pretty safe bet."

St. Louis' 13th victory in 14 games reduced the its magic number to seven in the National League East. Any combination of seven Cardinals victories or New York Mets defeats would give the title to St. Louis.

Two St. Louis errors in the first inning contributed to a 2-0 lead for Philadelphia, which went on to lose its sixth straight decision.

Von Hayes singled to start the game and was safe at second when Herr dropped shortstop Ozzie Smith's toss on Rick Schu's grounder. Both runners advanced on Danny Cox's wild pickoff attempt, and Juan Sam-



Phillies pitcher Charles Hudson stares down as St. Louis' Tommy Herr circles the bases after a three-run homer.

uel followed with a sacrifice fly. Mike Schmidt capped the Phillies' inning with an RBI single, but St. Louis rebounded immediately, triggered by infield singles by Vince Coleman and Willie McGee, with Coleman reaching third on McGee's hit following the first of his three stolen bases, giving him 105 for the year.

Charles Hudson, 7-13, then gave up Herr's seventh homer.

• CUBS 5, METS 4 — At Chicago, pinch-hitter Chris Speier's two-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning scored Dave Lopes from third base and lifted the Cubs over New York.

Reliever Jesse Orosco, 6-6, struck out the first two batters in the ninth then walked Lopes. Lopes moved to second after being picked off by Orosco, sliding in safely ahead of a late throw by Mets first baseman Keith Hernandez.

After Lopes stole third, Bob Dernier walked. Speier then batted for reliever Lee Smith, who is 7-4 after pitching two hitless innings of relief.

Gary Carter's sixth-inning grand slam home run had given the Mets a 4-1 lead, but the Cubs chipped their way back into a tie with a run in the bottom of the sixth and two in the seventh.

• ASTROS 6, DODGERS 4 — At Houston, Kevin Bass hit his 14th homer of the season in the 10th inning to rally the Astros over Los Angeles.

Jim Pankovits singled to right field before Bass broke the 4-4 deadlock with a homer over the right field fence off reliever Tom Niedenfuer, 7-8. Julio Solano, 2-2, pitched the 10th inning and got the victory.

Despite the loss, the Dodgers maintained a six-game lead over Cincinnati in the National League West.

• BRAVES 4, REDS 2 — At Cincinnati, rookie third baseman Wade Rowdon's two throwing errors in the 11th inning allowed

the winning run to score as Atlanta defeated the Reds.

• PIRATES 8, EXPOS 2 — At Pittsburgh, Rick Reuschel won his fourth straight decision with a five-hitter and Tony Pena drove in three runs as the Pirates beat Montreal.

The game drew 2,648 fans, the smallest Three Rivers Stadium crowd of the season.

• PADRES 7, GIANTS 4 — At San Diego, Steve Garvey singled twice to drive in a pair of runs and Graig Nettles drove in two runs with a double and a single to help Lamarr Hoyt to his 16th victory as the Padres beat San Francisco.

• ANGELS 7, WHITE SOX 4 — At Anaheim, Calif., Juan Beniquez hit a three-run homer, Gary Pettis added a two-run double and the California Angels hung on to beat Chicago.

Beniquez hit the decisive blow in the fourth following singles by Dick Schofield and Rod Carew. He stroked a 2-1 pitch over the left-field fence for a 6-1 California lead.

• RED SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 2 — At Toronto, rookie Mike Greenwell's first major-league homer, a two-run blast in the 13th inning, powered Boston over the Blue Jays.

The loss, coupled with the New York Yankees' 10-2 victory over Detroit, cut Toronto's American League East lead to six games. The Blue Jays' magic number remained at six.

Bill Buckner started the inning with a double to shallow left field. Greenwell then drilled a 1-0 pitch over the right-field fence

against reliever John Cerutti, 0-1, the seventh Toronto pitcher.

• YANKEES 10, TIGERS 2 — At New York, Joe Niekro won his first game as a Yankee as Don Mattingly drove in four runs, two on a home run, as New York beat Detroit.

Niekro, 1-1 since coming to the Yankees from Houston on Sept. 12, allowed four hits in five innings.

Mattingly had three hits, including his homer in the sixth inning, and scored three times as he raised his major-league leading RBI total to 135.

• INDIANS 7, A's 2 — At Oakland, Ben Ayala and Chris Bando hit two-run doubles and right-hander Keith Creel posted his first victory of the season as Cleveland beat the A's.

Creel, 1-5, making his first start after a three-month stay in the minor leagues, scattered seven hits over 6 2/3 innings.

• TWINS 5, RANGERS 1 — At Arlington, Texas, Bert Blyleven continued his mastery against Texas as he pitched a five-hitter to lead Minnesota over the Rangers.

Blyleven, 15-16, went the distance for the league-leading 22nd time this year, walking one and striking out four. He is now 5-0 with five complete games against the Rangers this season.

• BREWERS 3, ORIOLES 0 — At Milwaukee, Randy Ready singled and doubled, scored twice as the Brewers beat Baltimore.

Scoreboard

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Toronto	95	62	.609
New York	89	62	.589
Baltimore	79	71	.527
Detroit	79	73	.520
Boston	76	76	.500
Milwaukee	67	84	.444
Cleveland	55	99	.357

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	96	53	.642
New York	92	60	.605
Montreal	79	73	.520
Philadelphia	71	79	.473
Chicago	71	80	.470
Pittsburgh	52	98	.347

WESTERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	89	56	.566
Cincinnati	82	68	.547
Houston	78	74	.513
San Diego	77	75	.507
Atlanta	62	89	.411
San Francisco	59	93	.388

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Mobile	71	57	.555
Daytona	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

MIDWESTERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Des Moines	71	57	.555
Sioux Falls	68	60	.531
Sioux City	67	61	.522
Omaha	66	62	.516
Lincoln	65	63	.510
Sioux Falls	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

SOUTHERN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Daytona	71	57	.555
Mobile	68	60	.531
Greenville	67	61	.522
Wichita	66	62	.516
Rock Hill	65	63	.510
Greenville	64	64	.500

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Diego	71	57	.555
Portland	68	60	.531
San Jose	67	61	.522
Stockton	66	62	.516
San Francisco	65	63	.510
San Jose	64	64	.500

Today's schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	
Kansas City Royals at Seattle, 9:35 p.m.	CROSS COUNTRY
Salina South at Manhattan, 4:30 p.m.	GOLF
Sal	