

## Angels win again as NL rained out

**ANAHEIM, Calif. and ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Bruce Kison turned in California's second masterful pitching performance in two nights with a five-hitter and the Angels, playing a game of bunt-and-run, took a two games-to-none advantage in the American League Championship Series with a 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers Wednesday night.

The loss backed Milwaukee into a bleak corner: no team ever has recovered from an 0-2 deficit to win an A.L. playoff. The best-of-five series resumes with Game Three in Milwaukee Friday.

Meanwhile, Wednesday's opening game of the National League Championship Series between the Atlanta Braves and St. Louis Cardinals was postponed by rain.

The Angels, known for their long-ball prowess, scored twice in the second with the help of Foli's bases-loaded single and a suicide squeeze bunt by Bob Boone.

Fred Lynn, who has five hits in the first two games, led off the second with a single. One out later, Doug DeCinces doubled to left as Lynn held at third. Pete Vuckovich, who was 5-0 lifetime against California and 3-0 against them, hit Bobby Grich with a pitch to load the bases. Foli's sharp liner to left scored Lynn and brought up the California catcher Boone, who had 23 sacrifice bunts during the season, second in the league behind teammate Foli.

With DeCinces racing home, Boone pushed a hard bunt toward first, forcing Milwaukee first baseman Cecil Cooper to

field the ball, and Cooper threw back to second baseman Jim Gantner, covering first, as DeCinces scored.

Reggie Jackson broke one playoff record and tied another when he homered for the Angels in the third inning to give California a 3-0 lead.

Jackson's homer was his sixth in a record 10 A.L. championship series, tying the mark held by Kansas City's George Brett. It also was his 18th playoff RBI, breaking former New York Yankee teammate Graig Nettles' record of 17.

The Angels' final run came in the fourth. DeCinces led off with a walk and moved to second on Grich's single. Foli, who had 26 sacrifices during the season, bunted the runners ahead. Boone drove in DeCinces with a lineout to right field.

Kison, 10-5 during the regular season, had only mediocre success against the Brewers this year, with a 1-1 record on a 3.14 ERA. But he limited Milwaukee to two runs, both coming on Paul Molitor's fifth-inning inside-the-park homer. He retired 14 batters on ground balls and allowed two infield hits. The last 13 Brewers were retired in order.

Kison also was the beneficiary of some fine defense on outstanding plays by shortstop Tim Foli and first baseman Rod Carew.

The wiry right-hander struck out eight, including Gorman Thomas twice, and did not walk a batter. The Angels now have held Milwaukee's mighty bats to 12 hits and five runs in two nights. Tommy John pitched a seven-hitter to beat the Brewers

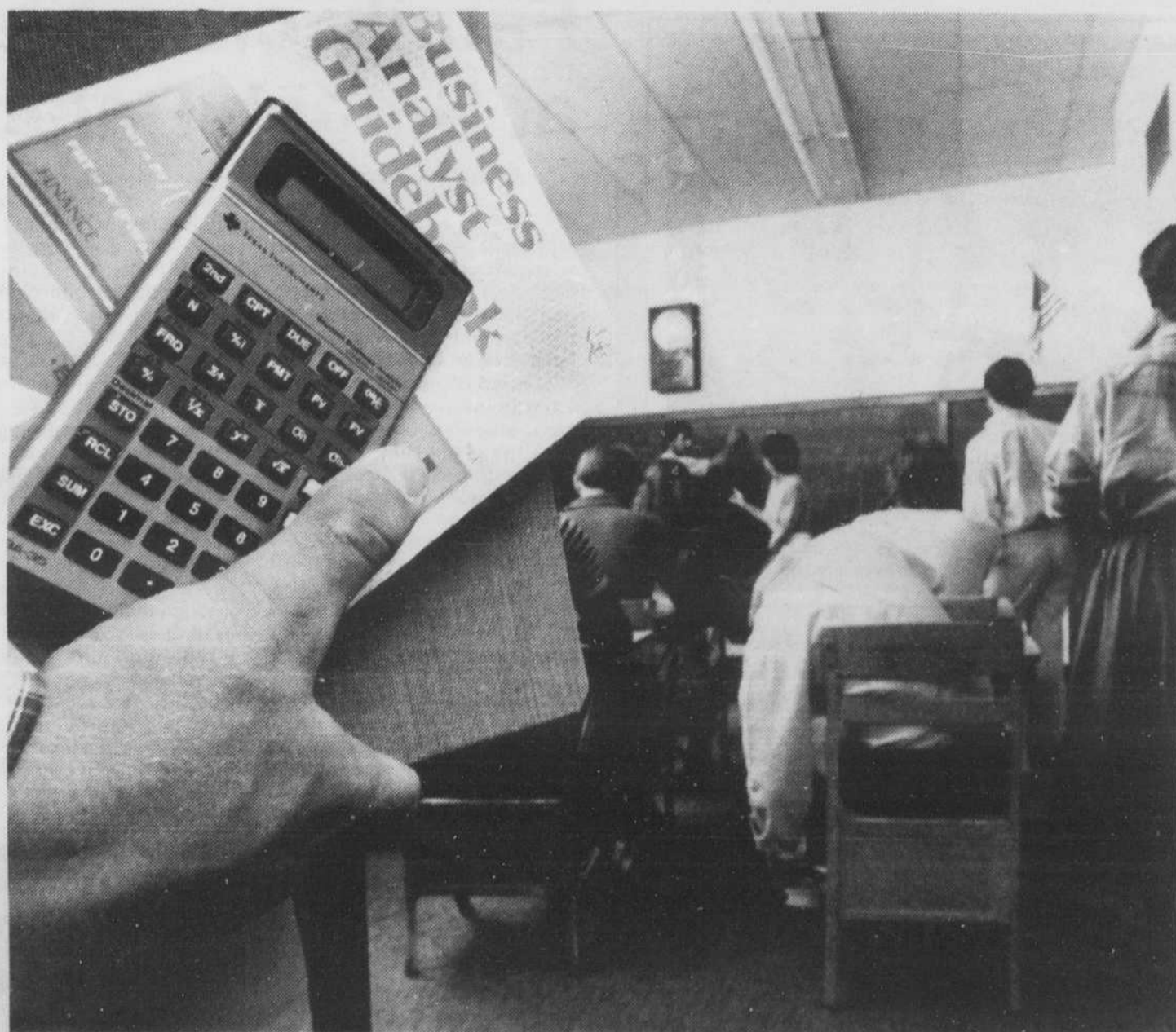
8-3 Tuesday.

In the National League playoff contest, the Braves, behind the baffling knuckleball of Phil Niekro, were leading 1-0 with one out in the fifth inning when the clouds that had hung threateningly over Busch Stadium since before the game began opened up.

Thunder and lightning rattled beyond the center field fence as Plate Umpire Billy Williams ordered both teams off the field just two outs short of an official game.

The automatic tarpaulin quickly covered the field but the steady rain continued to fall and after a wait of two hours and 28 minutes, NL President Chub Feeny ordered the game postponed.

The contest will be replayed from the start on Thursday night, with the forecast for fair weather, and the entire playoff schedule was pushed back one day. That means Game Two will be played in St. Louis Friday night with the teams moving to Atlanta Saturday for the third game. If the Braves-Cardinal series goes the five-game limit, the fifth contest would be played in Atlanta next Monday, with the World Series scheduled to start in the National League city the next night.



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## Sports Shots

Oregon will host a 10-team water-polo tournament this weekend. The tournament will include teams from around the Northwest and one from Canada.

The action will begin with an opening ceremony Friday at Leighton Pool at 6 p.m. The first match will feature the Oregon A team and Oregon State and will get underway at 6:30 p.m.

Oregon is fielding two teams this year and both will compete in the round-robin tournament. Other teams competing will include Lewis & Clark, Portland State, Puget Sound, Washington, Washington State, Southern Oregon and the University of British Columbia.

Admission is \$1 per session for each of the five sessions, or \$2 for a ticket to the whole tournament.

The second leg of the tournament will be played in Tacoma in two weeks.

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