Homers push Philly past Baltimore, 2-1

BALTIMORE (AP) — Garry Maddox and Joe Morgan, a pair of veterans who have weathered recent hard times, gave the Philadelphia Phillies victory in a home-run derby in Game One of the World Series Tuesday night.

Morgan, at 40 a charter member of the Phillies' Wheeze Kids club, homered to right field off Baltimore's Scott McGregor to tie the game at 1-1 in the sixth in n in g. And Maddox, Philadelphia's 34-year-old center fielder, clubbed McGregor's first pitch in the eighth inning for a 2-1 triumph.

Pres. Ronald Reagan and 52,204 others watched in a steady drizzle as the Phillies ignored Baltimore's home-field advantage.

"First, I was too short to play this game," the 5-foot-7 Morgan said, "then too old, so I really don't worry about it any more."

That attitude prevailed, even though the former member of Cincinnati's Big Red Machine of the 1970s went through the National League Championship Series with just one hit in 15 at bats

Maddox's name often is mentioned when the game's finest defensive center-fielders are discussed, but in the championship series against Los Angeles he fell and dropped a fly ball, setting up the Dodgers' lone playoff victory. So, Tuesday night's game-winner was doubly sweet.

"I really have to thank God that I have the opportunity to be in a World Series," Maddox said, "and to be able to hit a home run and win a ballgame is really a blessing."

The Orioles, like the Phillies, had won the pennant with a 3-1 playoff edge and outscored their American League championship series foe Chicago 19-3, but were limited to five hits by Philadelphia starter John Denny and relief ace Al Holland. Baltimore's lone run came on a first-inning homer by Jim Dwyer.

"Some good pitching was thrown at us tonight," Orioles Manager Joe Altobelli said. "Denny only made one mistake. But our guy, Scotty, made two."

Denny worked 7 2-3 innings and gave up five hits.

Denny was 6-11 when he came to Philadelphia from Cleveland

in September 1982. He finished up with two losses at Philadelphia, but this season he became the winningest pitcher in the National League with a 19-6 record.

"I don't know if I can answer that question," Denny said when asked to explain his turnaround. "I've grown since then, I guess. The thing I accomplished this year that I wasn't able to to in the past, was consistency."

The victory put the Phillies one game ahead in the best-of-seven Series, with rookie right-hander Charles Hudson pitching Wednesday night in Game 2 against another rookie right-hander, Mike Boddicker of Baltimore.

Denny and McGregor, both of whom failed to go the distance, matched three-hitters through the first six innings. In the eighth, Maddox came to bat against McGregor with the score tied 1-1. During the season he had shared center field with Greg Gross, Von Hayes and Bob Dernier and had hit only four home runs. He was one of those unhappy Phillie role players.

But all that unhappiness was set aside Tuesday night.

Maddox drilled the first pitch in the eighth over the left-field fence, arming Denny with the lead for the first time. The Phillies nearly had successive homers when Bo Diaz, the next batter, hit a 1-0 pitch that seemed destined to sail over the fence in left field, but John Lowenstein timed his leap perfectly and snared the ball above and beyond the fence.

Right-hander Denny, a 19-game winner during the regular season, retired the first two batters in the eighth but, when Al Bumbry doubled, the Phillies went to their bullpen, bringing on relief ace Holland.

Denny had given up five hits, but held one of baseball's most explosive lineups to a single run. He had retired 10 in a row at one point.

The Phillies had the luxury of Holland in the bullpen. He had a club-record 25 saves and an earned run average of 2.26 during the regular season. He retired pinch-hitter Dan Ford on a fly to left on the first pitch, ending the Baltimore threat.

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