

*Milk night at Memorial Stadium*

# Orioles squeeze in battle of the bags

BALTIMORE, Md. — The 30,000 fans began filing into Memorial Stadium well before the opening pitch of the Orioles — New York Yankees baseball game, last Friday.

Little did the fans know that before Oriole hurler Dennis Martinez offered his first pitch, the stage was set for another competition — a pregame milk-off. Earlier that day, Baltimore's Mayor Schaeffer signed a proclamation officially designating "June is Dairy Month in Baltimore."

Suddenly, the "World's Largest Cow," a helium-filled balloon slowly rose above the scoreboard. Milk Night at Memorial Stadium was about to begin.

Two well-mannered Jersey Cows, provided by John Stiles of Valley Spring Farm, Westminster, Md., were led around the left-field line to the point of battle — in front of the Oriole dugout.

*Now warming up in the Oriole "bullpen" is number 31...pitching coach Ray Miller!*

The crowd roared its approval.

Miller flexed his fingers and came forth to meet his adversary.

*On deck for WSBP Radio in Baltimore is program director Dale Andrews!*

No contest! Boo! Hiss! The partisan crowd let it be known that the Baltimore nine are first in their hearts.

Miller and Andrews assumed the standard catcher's crouch beneath the Jerseys, who seemed unaffected by the entire event.

*Play ball!*

Andrews jumped to an early lead by working all four corners of the bag. Miller had a hard time switching from horsehide to cowhide and fell behind in the count.

Eventually Andrews was scoring with every stroke while Miller was striking out. The pitching coach tried a change-up, a slider and an off-speed approach but just couldn't deliver.

*Yuuuuuuur Out!*

The crowd fell silent as the scales clearly showed the winner. Dale Andrews triumphantly received his trophy. But Ray Miller did not



Oriole pitching coach Ray Miller plies his talent with cowhide while Maryland Alternate Dairy Princess Dawn Cole, right, offers some words of encouragement.



To the victor goes the spoils. Baltimore radio personality Dale Andrews won the milking contest, "hands down," and receives his trophy from Mary Beth Harroth, Miss 'Baltimore is Best'.

go away empty handed. Instead, the home-town favorite was awarded a large pooper-scooper to be used the next time he batted "clean-up."

Despite the pregame loss, the Orioles handily whipped the Yankees 9-4. Maryland Dairy Princess Carolyn Diem, Alternate Princess Dawn Cole and Miss 'Baltimore is Best' Mary Beth Harroth threw out the first ball.

In other baseball action, the milking contest scheduled for Sunday, June 13 before the Philadelphia Phillies — Pittsburgh Pirate game was rained out. — DT



Miller accepts a fitting consolation trophy just moments after he was swept away in the milking competition. Mary Beth Harroth, Miss 'Baltimore is Best', awards the prize to the Oriole coach.



Susie Heath, left, of Westminster, Md. and Norma Jean Baker, right, of Limeboro give a last minute pep-talk to "Tangerine" and "Pauline," before their appearance in Memorial Stadium. The Jerseys were provided for the milking contest by John Stiles of Valley Spring Farm, Westminster.



"The World's Largest Cow" makes a lofty appearance during the pregame milking contest. This buoyant bovine was joined by the "real" thing — two Jersey cows who provided the squeeze play.