

Number 62 in St. Loo...

- Play by Play: It's the bottom of the 4th inning here at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. The Cubs scored two runs on the Cardinals' pitcher Kent Mercker in the first and that's been it for the scoring.
- Color: Boy, is this place alive! They all know who's due up third this inning – none other than Big Mac – Mark McGwire. McGwire sits at 61 home runs, tying Roger Maris. The Cubs' Sammy Sosa has been at 58 for a few days now.
- Umpire: Batter up!
- PBP: Before McGwire, the Cards will send up Delino DeShields and third baseman Fernando Tatis.
- PA: Now batting: Number 7, Delino DeShields.
- Fan 1: C'mon Delino! Get a hit!
- Fan 2: Let's go Cards!
- Color: DeShields reached first on a bunt single in his first at bat tonight. He was then picked off first base by pitcher Steve Trachsel.
- PBP: Trachsel looks in for the sign from his catcher, Scott Servais. He winds and delivers...
- Sound Effect:** *POP of ball in mitt*
- PBP: That's strike one over the outside corner of the plate.
- Cubs dugout: Let's go, Stevie! Give him another one just like that!

Color: Trachsel is really pitching well. He's won 14 games and only lost seven this year and has faced only nine batters in the first three innings.

PBP: He sets. Delivers the pitch...

Sound Effect: *POP of ball in mitt*

PBP: It's low for ball one.

Color: Trachsel has to be pleased with his pitching so far but he also has to realize he'll soon be facing McGwire.

Sound Effect: *Vendors – Crowd – Kazoos*

PBP: Trachsel is ready. He winds up...

Sound Effect: *CRACK of the bat*

Umpire: Foul ball!

PBP: It's a foul ball just past first base. DeShields didn't look very good on that swing, did he?

Color: No, but it's got to be hard for these players to focus with all that is going on around them.

PBP: DeShields checks for the sign from his third base coach. He knocks the mud from his cleats...

Sound Effect: *Cleats knocked together*

PBP: One ball and two strikes on the batter. Trachsel's pitch...

Sound Effect: *CRACK of the bat*

PBP: It's a grounder to third. Gaetti scoops it and throws over to first baseman Mark Grace for out number one.

Color: One down as Fernando Tatis comes to the plate. McGwire now moves into the on-deck circle.

PA: Now batting: Number 23, Fernando Tatis.

Color: As the catcher, Scott Servais trots to the mound, let's pause for station identification.

Sound Effect: *CHIMES*

Station ID: You're listening to Cardinals baseball on WHOF from Cooperstown, New York.

Sound Effect: *CROWD*

PBP: We're back. Tatis, who was traded from the Texas Rangers on July 31, has been hitting well for the Cardinals. Meanwhile, McGwire is taking some swings in preparation for his at-bat.

Color: Tatis really is seeing the ball well. He has shown he has some real pop in his bat.

Fan 1: Hey Trachsel, you bum! Throw him one he can hit!

Fan 2: Put one out yourself, Fernando!

PBP: Trachsel gets the sign. Here's the pitch...

Sound Effect: *POP of ball in mitt*

PBP: A fastball right down the pipe for strike one.

Color: This Cub pitcher has been ahead of the Cardinal hitters all night long.

PBP: Trachsel sets...winds...and delivers...

Sound Effect: *POP of ball in mitt*

PBP: Low and outside for ball one.

Sound Effect: *CROWD*

PBP: It's one and one on Tatis. Trachsel is ready. He comes to the plate...

Sound Effect: *CRACK of the bat*

PBP: It's going...going...it's a...

Umpire: FOUL BALL!

Color: Foul ball! So close!

Fan 3: I caught it! I caught it!

PBP: One ball and two strikes to Tatis with one down in the bottom of the fourth inning. Tatis digs in. Trachsel moves to home, Tatis swings...

Sound Effect: *POP of ball in mitt*

PBP: Strike three.

Color: Tatis swung at a high fastball for out number two. Now, as the umpires put the specially marked baseballs in play for Mark McGwire's at-bat we pause for a word from our sponsor...

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Sound Effect: *CROWD*

PA: Now batting: Number 25, Mark McGwire.

PBP: Well folks, this could be it. This just might be the at-bat that makes baseball history.

Fan 3: C'mon Mark!!! Hit it out!!!

Color: This place is crazy! 43,688 fans are jammed in here to see McGwire break Roger Maris' 37-year old single-season home run record. Flash bulbs are popping and it looks like the 4th of July in September.

PBP: Trachsel steps back to the back of the mound, takes a deep breath and moves back to get his sign from Servais.

Sound Effect: *CROWD*

Color: He hit number 61 yesterday to tie Maris. Could he break the record tonight? Sosa's been chasing him all season long, but hasn't hit a homer in three days.

Crowd: Let's go Mark! Let's go Mark! Let's go Mark!

PBP: Trachsel sets...the wind-up...the pitch...

Sound Effect: *CRACK of the bat*

PBP: It's a laser shot to the left corner! Will it make it? Will it...yes!!! Just over the left field fence! Number 62 in St. Loo! He did it! He did it!

Sound Effect: *LOTS of crowd noise*

Color: We have a new home run king and it's Mark McGwire!

PBP: He almost missed first base on his magical trip around the bases. High fives and handshakes from the Cub infielders, what a sight!

Color: Fireworks – streamers. It's incredible!!! There's a hug at 3rd base from former teammate Gary Gaetti, an arm bash from third base coach Rene Lachmann...

PBP: He's heading to home...hugs catcher Scott Servais and jumps with both feet on home plate. Home run number 62 for Mark McGwire!!!

Color: His teammates are swarming around him. Son Matt gets a big hug from Dad and is hoisted above the Cardinal mob. What a scene! What a moment!

Sound Effect: *Crowd continues to go crazy!*

Pronunciation Key

DeLino **De-line-oh**

Tatis **Tah-tees**

Servais **Ser-vice**

Trachsel **Trak-sull**

Gaetti **Guy-ett-ee**

Lachmann **Latch-man**