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BUSCH BRAWL

Sept. 22, 1974:
Cubs and Cardinals
go bare-knuckles

Cardinals pitcher Al “Mad Hungarian” Hrabosky went behind the mound and into his “self-hypnosis” routine with Cubs’ leadoff man Bill Madlock at the plate in the ninth inning. As Hrabosky turned to pitch, Madlock retreated to the on-deck circle. This went back and forth a few times until the plate umpire got involved, and tempers soon flared. When a Madlock comment enticed Cards catcher Ted Simmons to throw a punch, a fist-swinging brawl began as both benches cleared. The afternoon ended happily for the Cards, amid a pennant-chase, as they won 6-5.

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COURTESY OF THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS