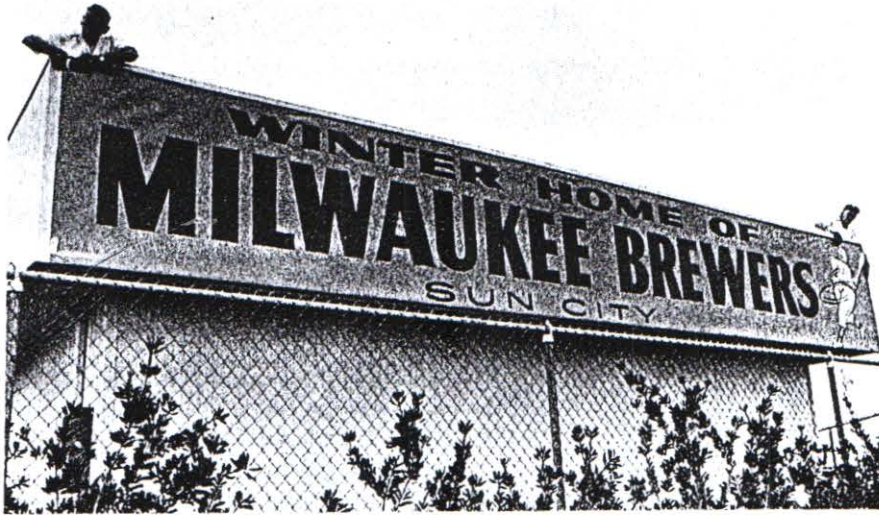




Brewers Find Winter Home In Sun City



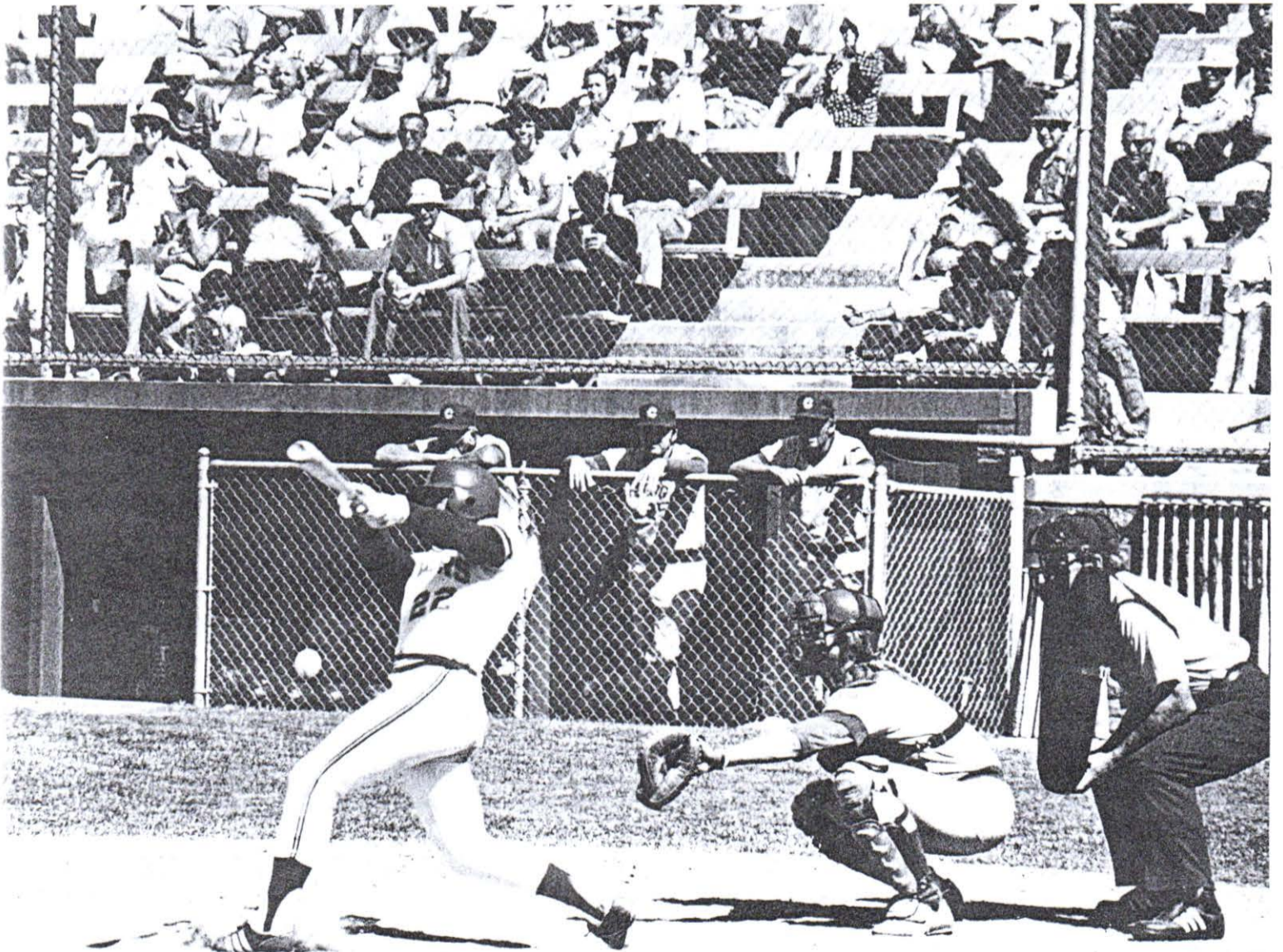
NEW TENANTS for Sun City Stadium signifies the sign hung by Gill Westwood (on left) and Hank Klusman, stadium supervisors. Sun Citians will be able to see all seven Cactus League baseball teams as the Brewers play 11 games in the Arizona resort-retirement town, beginning March 11 and ending April 1. When the San Francisco Giants averaged almost 50 percent better attendance in brand new Sun City Stadium last spring than in Phoenix Municipal Stadium over a similar span, fans predicted a major league team would soon make the town its spring exhibition headquarters.

Sun City Activities Calendar



Del E. Webb Development Co. ★ Public Relations Dept. ★ P.O. Box 1705 ★ Sun City, Arizona 85372 ★ March 1979

BREWERS TO OPEN 1979 SPRING SEASON MARCH 8 VS. GIANTS



Milwaukee Brewers catcher Charlie Moore takes a cut during a spring training game last year against the Chicago Cubs. The Brewers will play 14 Cactus League games in Sun City Stadium this year, opening with the San Francisco Giants March 8. General admission tickets are \$3, with chil-

dren under 12 admitted for \$2. Tickets can be purchased at the Del E. Webb Administration Building any weekday from 7:30 AM-4:30 PM and at the Stadium ticket booth the day of the game. A complete Brewers spring training schedule is on Page 4.

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**COMPLETE MILWAUKEE BREWERS
1979 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
March 8	Giants	Sun City
March 9	Giants	Phoenix
March 10	Cubs	Sun City
March 11	Cubs	Mesa
March 12	Indians	Sun City
March 13	Indians	Tucson
March 14	Giants	Sun City
March 15	Angels	Sun City
March 16	Padres	Sun City
March 17	Angels	Palm Springs
March 18	Angels	Palm Springs
March 19	Mariners	Tempe
March 20	Mariners	Sun City
March 22	A's	Scottsdale
March 23	A's	Sun City
March 24	Cubs	Mesa
March 25	A's	Sun City
March 26	Giants	Sun City
March 27	Cubs	Sun City
March 28	Angels	Sun City
March 29	Padres	Sun City
March 30	Indians	Tucson (7 p.m.)
March 31	Mariners	Sun City
April 1	Giants	Phoenix
April 2	Cubs	Mesa

ALL GAMES AT 1 PM UNLESS INDICATED. BREWERS HOME GAMES AT SUN CITY STADIUM.

Ownership to pursue Brewers

New stadium bosses hope to block move

SUN CITY — The new owners of Sun City Stadium plan to renew efforts to keep the Milwaukee Brewers from moving their spring-training camp to Chandler in 1985.

Bade Boyes Partnership, which operates B & B Construction and Development of Glendale, purchased the stadium Friday from Del E. Webb Development Co.

Gerald Bade, the firm's treasurer, confirmed his company bought the stadium but declined to disclose the purchase price. The stadium, with a seating capacity of 4,000, is at Grand and 111th avenues.

"I've talked to the Brewers a couple of times and expressed our desire to have them stay there," Bade said, but the Brewers have signed a letter of agreement to move to Chandler in 1985.

Harry Dalton, the Brewers' general manager, said the American League team's board of directors probably will decide at an October meeting whether the Chandler move should be approved.

The team's directors, though, rarely reject the general manager's recommendations, Dalton said.

However, he said, the move will not be certain until the board approves it and Chandler lives up



Roy Cosway / Republic

Matt Sferrazza of Milwaukee and Lamont Rodriguez of Houston in action last month at the Peoria Greenway Sports Complex, where the Brewers farm teams are signed to train through 1989.

to the agreement by building a stadium.

The Chandler agreement calls for the Brewers to sign a 5- or 10-year lease at a yearly rent of \$120,000 to use the yet-to-be-built stadium.

The Brewers' move to Chandler is being organized by Bob Dossey, president of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce.

Meanwhile, Bade said, he will try again to convince the Brewers to stay in Sun City beyond April, when their lease expires. A plan to lure the Brewers back to Sun City Stadium has not been developed yet, he said.

If the Brewers move to Chandler, another major-league team will be sought to lease the stadium, Bade said.

Webb President Fred Kuentz said terms of the transaction require new owners to maintain the

property as a stadium for five years, until Jan. 1, 1988.

Joe Davisson, president of the Sun City Saints Boosters Club, said fans have been worried that the Saints, an amateur women's softball team, would have no place to play if Webb sold the stadium for commercial development.

Therefore, "that's definitely good news," Davisson said of the conditions imposed on new owners through the stadium's sales agreement.

"That means the Saints should be able to play there for five years," Davisson said.

Webb's sales agreement specifies that the stadium will be made available to the Saints, Kuentz said, and the five-year moratorium on using the property for a purpose other than a stadium also makes it possible for the Brewers to stay.

Kuentz described the stadium as "a loser for us" of at least \$40,000 to \$50,000 each year.

He said the stadium was also Webb's last asset in Sun City, and the company wants to devote all of its money to Sun City West's development.

Phil Brant, Webb's manager of commercial sales and leasing, said the stadium was sold to the Glendale firm after the Brewers refused to buy it.

The conditions placed on the sale to Bade gives the Brewers a chance to remain as tenants if the contract with Chandler falls through, he said.

The provision that calls for the property to remain a stadium for five years was stipulated because "we don't want to be irresponsible by abandoning a community we've developed since 1959," Brant said.

— Jim Walsh