



Giants sweep fools CBM forecasters; 3 of 51 pick Sandoval as MVP

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Maybe such insight is why Goose Gossage mastered hitters in the eighth and ninth innings of his Hall of Fame career.

Gossage, who started with the White Sox in 1972 and pitched one year for the Cubs in 1988, was the most accurate of [51 Hall of Famers, present-day ballplayers, coaches and sports media types who forecast the World Series](#) for the Chicago Baseball Museum.

While none of the predictors in their wildest dreams could have laid out the four-game Giants sweep that shocked anyone following the game, Gossage was the most accurate for making a case for Pablo Sandoval as World Series Most Valuable Player. He seemed to sense Sandoval was ready to have a big day(s), namely his three homers in Game 1 in AT&T Park.

“Sandoval really sets the tone for that offense,” Gossage said last week. “He’s energetic, I like his demeanor. I think he’s going to have a great series.”

Gossage was joined by Cubs second baseman Darwin Barney and Pat Brickhouse -- public relations ace and widow of Hall of Fame broadcaster Jack Brickhouse -- in picking Sandoval as MVP. Pat Brickhouse left her options open, though, by suggesting Barry Zito also could be a good pick for the award. After his fine Game 1 outing, Zito might have been in consideration had the Series run longer.

Overall, just 18 of the 51 predictors selected the Giants to win. Only ones to pick them in as few as six games were Cubs Hall of Famer Billy Williams, Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Sam Fuld, WBEZ-Radio sportscaster Cheryl Raye-Stout and WLS-TV sports anchor/reporter Rafer Weigel.

The concept of the Justin Verlander/Miguel Cabrera Tigers making quick work of the Giants seemed more plausible than the actual result.

More picked Tigers in short series

Picking the Tigers to win in five were White Sox closer Addison Reed, White Sox bench coach Mark Parent, Daily Herald White Sox beat writer Scot Gregor, Northwest Herald sportswriter Tom Musick, Dodgers announcer/WMAQ-TV sportscaster Eric Collins and John Reyes of Reyes & Reyes media.