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Abstract

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The American League Champion comes out of the West
Represented by a 25 Man Roster and a 24' Rally Monkey.
The Angels in the outfield consist of Anderson, Salmon, and Erstad;
Accompanied by infielders named Spiezio and Glaus, batting in the meat of the lineup.
This team is pumped and ready to bring the Anaheim Angels the World Series.

The National League is also represented by a team from the West.
In the newly built Pacific Bell Stadium in beautiful San Francisco,
Barry Bonds has played 17 seasons and never reached a World Series.
Kent, Santiago, and Aurilia will try to help him, so they can reach the ultimate goal.
They are hoping that they'll finally be champions of the baseball world.

Game 1 is set and ready to roll with an outstanding pitching match-up,
Jarrod Washburn for the Angels and Jason Schmidt for the Giants.
Troy Glaus goes deep two times in this first game both off Jason Schmidt,
But it won't be enough because Barry can smell a championship and hits a blast,
Along with Reggie Sanders' solo shot, the Giants take Game One with a 4-3 Win.

Game 2 is the next day, October 20th, still at Edison Field in Anaheim,
And this time it's Kevin Appier for the home field Angels, versus the Giants' Russ Ortiz.
Anderson, Fullmer, and Speizio all pitch in helping the Angels jump out to 5-0 lead,
But the Giants respond with homeruns from Sanders and Bell to make it 5-4 in the 2nd.
Back and forth the teams will go, a total of 28 hits and 21 runs, no decent pitching present,
But the Angels come through, with help from the Rally Monkey, to win and tie the series.

Game 3 takes us to San Francisco where both teams are grasping for the upper hand.
On the mound we see Livan Hernandez for the Giants and Ramon Ortiz for the Angel,
But today would be the day for the Angels as they capitalize on some "Giant" mistakes.
They take an early 8-1 lead but homeruns by Aurilia and Bonds help to spark the Giants.
However, the Rally Monkey has come in full force and the Angels win this game 10-4.

Game 4 with the series 2-1 in the Angels favor, the Giants hoping to change the outcome.
Angels send rookie John Lackey to the mound against the Giants' Kirk Rueter.
The "Glaus" slipper fits again for the Angels as he hits a homerun to give them a 3-0 lead.

The Giants never give up and storm back to tie this game in the 5th.

We move to the 8th and David Bell hits an RBI single lifting the Giants to tie the series.

Game 5 will be the last game in the series played in San Francisco and the fans are ready.

The pitching match-up is a rematch of game one, Washburn versus Schmidt.

Washburn must be nervous, giving up 3 runs in the first and 3 more in the 3rd.

The Angels key players, Glaus and Salmon came alive to cut the Giants lead in half,

But it's definitely not enough as the Giants come alive pouring in runs to romp 16-4.

Game 6 arrives and it's back in Anaheim, the Angels being in a must-win situation.

Kevin Appier tries to save the day for the Angels and Russ Ortiz attempts to win it all.

Veteran Shawon Dunston helps the Giants jump out on top 3-0 with a homerun;

Bonds adds to that with another homerun, but the Angels just won't give up.

The Rally Monkey awakens, and the Angels score 6 runs in the 7th and 8th forcing game 7.

Game 7: The final game in a tremendous series; the World Championship down to the wire.

It'll be rookie John Lackey versus 1997 World Series MVP, Livan Hernandez for the Giants.

The Giants score first in the second inning with an RBI single from Reggie Sanders.

The Angels respond their next at bat, and take the lead in the third with a double scoring 3 runs.

The Angels' bullpen stays strong and is hoping to hold the Giants, and win the 2002 World Series.

Top of the 9th and two outs with two men on, Kenny Lofton is the last chance for the Giants.

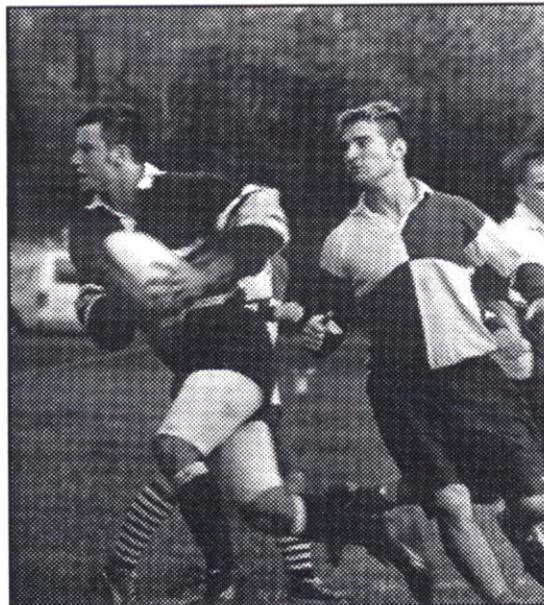
He hits the first pitch to center field and Darin Erstad runs underneath it and waits for it to fall.

It comes down in slow motion, everyone in the stadium holding their breath, waiting for it to end.

It falls into his glove and the Angels team rushes the mound because they have done the unthinkable.

They have defeated the Yankees, the Twins, and now the Giants, and they are the 2002 World

Champs!



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