

L.A. hurer blanks Padres

By The Canadian Press

Fernando Valenzuela made a successful 182nd pitching debut Saturday, blanking San Diego for six innings as Los Angeles Dodgers took a 6-0 victory over the Padres.

Valenzuela, late reporting to spring training because of a contract dispute, scattered five hits, walked one and struck out four before giving way to a pinch hitter, Dave Stewart, and Dave Goltz finished up by striking the Dodgers, completing a seven-inning shutout.

Dusty Baker provided two of the Dodger runs with a solo homer in the opening inning off Joser Juan Echeberria and a run-scoring single in the seventh.

Elsewhere in the National League, Pat Zachry hurled a no-hitter for 7 1/3 innings and Dave Kinsman drove in five runs with a homer and single as New York Mets took a 9-3 decision over the Chicago Cubs.

Reliever Mark Littell's throwing error sent home the winning run in the seventh inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates won their 11th over Philadelphia by downing St. Louis Cardinals 1-0.

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his first appearance of the season, drilled a two-out, 10th-inning single to score Damaso Garcia from third and give Toronto Blue Jays a 3-2 victory over Milwaukee Brewers.

Don Biskampny had a six-hitter and Jim Rice drove in both runs as Boston Red Sox defeated the Yankees 4-1.

The Orioles came back with a 5-3 victory in the second game as Eddie Murray drove in three runs with two doubles and a grounder.

Buddy Bell homered twice and singled to drive in three runs and George Wright made his major league debut with a single, a double and a homer as Texas Rangers beat Cleveland Indians 6-1.

In night action in the National League, Montreal right-hander Bill Gullickson overcame a wild pitch and Al Oliver and Gary Carter each hit a home run to lead the Braves to an 8-6 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

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Two teams earn a rest

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Boston Bruins eliminated Buffalo Sabres and New York Rangers knocked Philadelphia Flyers out of the Stanley Cup playoffs Sunday, earning themselves a rest while four other teams battled in the first round of the playoffs.

Boston got a three-day break before opening the conference's Adams Division final Thursday against the winner of the Montreal-Quebec series. The Canadiens tied that one 2-2 Sunday night with a 6-2 victory over the Nordiques.

The Rangers opened the conference's Patrick Division final Thursday against the winner of the New York Islanders-Edmonton Oilers series. The Penguins ended the series 2-2 Sunday by defeating the Islanders 5-2.

The Bruins went into Buffalo with a 2-4 edge and the Sabres stayed alive with a 5-2 victory Saturday. The Bruins broke open Sunday with three second-period goals within 2:10 to finish.

Boston's Peter McNab and Buffalo's Mike Polignio exchanged first-period goals before Terry O'Reilly touched off Boston's rally with two consecutive goals in the second period. Mike Gillis and McNab increased the Bruins' lead to 5-1 by the end of the period. Rick Sittler of the Sabres scored the game's final goal at 18:26 of the third.

Rangers' Flyers 5 as the scene shifted to Philadelphia but New York gained the upper hand with a 4-3 victory Saturday.

The Rangers were in control early Sunday. Robbie Ftorek scored the only goal of the first period, and Andre Duro and Phil Esposito scored early in the second. Andre Behn Wilson replied for the Flyers. Ron Dugan made a save for Philadelphia's Bobby Clarke scored but Mark Pavelich got the game's final goal at 18:26 of the third.

A power-play goal by Dave Maloney at 1:25 of the third period gave the Rangers a four-goal cushion.

Philadelphia rallied on goals by Claude J. Sittler and Bill Barber to make it 6-5 and pulled goaltender Pete Petric for an extra skater with 36 seconds. Dugan's save sent the game into overtime but the Flyers' Mike Gillis scored the game's final goal at 18:26 of the third.

Facing elimination from the first round, the Canadiens bore down Sunday, taking a 4-1 and 4-1 period lead.

Pierre Mondou and Doug Riesenburgh, with two goals each, Mario Tremblay and Mark Napier scored for Montreal. Michel Goulet and Jacques Richard scored for the Nordiques.

Penguins' Islanders 2 After being blown out - 8-1 and 7-2 - the Penguins bounced back.

Rick Kehoe's goal at 4:14 of overtime Saturday gave the Penguins a 2-1 victory.

The Islanders scored first - Clark Gillis beating Michel Duro with a power-play goal in the fifth minute - then Pittsburgh's Andre St. Laurent beat Ron Dugan with a 40-foot slap shot at 12:44. Paul Gardner put Pittsburgh ahead 2-1 in the first.

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North Stars on Jets upset in opening round

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Chicago Black Hawks pulled off the first big upset in the National Hockey League playoffs Sunday night, not to be outdone, St. Louis Blues completed a rout of the Norris Division's top two teams.

The Black Hawks, fourth in the Norris during the regular season and a distant 21-point behind first-place Minnesota, defeated the Jets 4-1.

The Blues, third in the division, sent the second-place Winnipeg Jets to the sidelines with a 2-1 victory in St. Louis.

The Black Hawks and Blues both won their best-of-five Clarence Campbell Conference semi-finals 3-1. They'll open the best-of-seven division final Thursday night in St. Louis.

The only undecided Campbell series was between tonight in Los Angeles where the Kings attempt to do to Edmonton Oilers what the Black Hawks did to the North Stars. Los Angeles, fourth in the Smythe Division during the regular season, is a distant 41-point behind the first-place Oilers - 54 goals to 13.

Meanwhile, Vancouver Canucks relax with the distinction of being the only playoff team in either conference to win their opponent in three games straight. The Canucks defeated Calgary Flames 3-1 Saturday night to advance to the next round against the Edmonton-LA winner.

Black Hawks 5 North Stars 2 The Black Hawks, who won both games in Minnesota to take a commanding lead in the series after being dumped 7-1 at

home Saturday night. "They played a clutch game and held game - good. Fullard defensive hockey," Minnesota coach Glen Sonmor said of the style Bob Fullard, Chicago's coach and general manager, hired the Hawks in 1979. "It's good hockey in the end. Because the refs don't call it."

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