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Leonard, KC trounce Boston in 6-2 victory

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Dennis Leonard finally got the breaks.

In a heartening performance, the Royals' veteran right-hander fired a solid seven innings in a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox at Kansas City, Mo., Monday night.

Leonard missed 16 starts last season with fractured fingers on his pitching hand after being struck by a line drive, and had

worried about his future. But when he was able to throw an effective hard slider, his concerns were eased.

"I may have concentrated more on it this spring," he said. "When you break your fingers like that, you want to prove to yourself that you can still get that breaking pitch over. I've got more confidence in that pitch now than I've had in a long time."

Leonard allowed six hits, struck out six and walked two, to even his record at 1-1. Dan Quisenberry allowed one hit over the final two innings in posting his second save.

Hal McRae knocked in two runs with a pair of singles for the Royals, while U.L. Washington belted an inside-the-park home run and Willie Aikens added a solo shot. Washington's feat capped a two-run fifth inning that lifted the Royals from a one-run deficit into a 3-2 lead.

In the only other American League game, California downed Seattle, 6-1. In the National League, Cincinnati topped the Chicago Cubs, 5-1, Atlanta blanked San Diego, 4-0, and Los Angeles edged Houston, 4-3, in 11 innings.

ANGELS 6, MARINERS 1 — At Anaheim, Calif., Tim Lincecum drove in four runs with a pair of singles and Tommy John pitched his second complete-game victory of the season for California.

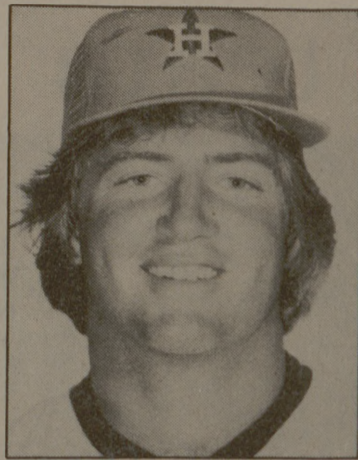
REDS 5, CUBS 1 — At Cincinnati, Joe Price pitched a two-hitter and Cesar Cedeno slammed a two-run homer to lift the Reds to their fourth straight victory.

Russell's suicide squeeze vaults LA past Houston

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LOS ANGELES — Bill Russell has been to the top and to the bottom in his 13 years with the Dodgers. Monday night, he visited both places in the same game.

Early in the game, a Russell error set up a Houston run, and the Dodger Stadium crowd booed the veteran second baseman. But it was Russell's bases-loaded squeeze bunt that drove in Derrell Thomas with the winning run in the 11th inning to give Los Angeles a 4-3 victory over the Astros, keeping Houston winless this season.

Russell's game-winning hit came off reliever Dave Smith, the fourth Astro pitcher. Smith relieved loser Julio Solano, 0-2, who set up the Dodgers' winning rally by walking Thomas and wild-pitching him to third. Solano then walked Steve Yeager



Astros' Dave Smith losing pitcher as Dodgers win, 4-3 and issued an intentional pass to Rick Monday to load the bases before departing.

"With runners at third and less than two out, I look for the squeeze from (manager) Tommy (Lasorda)," Russell said. "He likes to do that, especially with me at the plate. It was a fastball right down the middle. In that situation, the pitcher has to throw strikes."

Asked about the boos, Russell said: "It's the same old thing with me. But the same ones who booed me stayed to cheer me at the end. It doesn't bother me. If it did I wouldn't be playing this long. In fact, it makes me play better."

Los Angeles' Steve Howe pitched two innings and won his first game of the season.

Steve Sax tied the score at 3-3 with two out in the ninth off starter Bob Knepper, who pitched 8 1/2 innings. Thomas singled with one out and, one out later,

pinch-hitter Mike Marshall making his first appearance since a frightening beaning game Saturday — single-leaping second baseman Doran with Thomas on third. Sax followed with a center.

"I felt fine," Marshall just opened up a little plate and made sure I got out or shy away. I was have the opportunity to

Phil Garner's bases sacrifice fly drove in Tom to put the Astros ahead the eighth, but the Dodgers tired the side without damage.

Houston took a 2-0 lead the fourth without a hit, but the result of two Los Angeles errors. Scott and Doran walked and Thom got the Russell's error to load the

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Goalies in Stanley Cup spotlight

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It's been an unwritten rule in previous Stanley Cup competition that the team with the best goaltending usually wins the National Hockey League championship.

If that trend continues, either the Boston Bruins or Buffalo Sabres should emerge with professional hockey's most treasured prize.

Those two teams have been getting the best goaltending since the post-season competition began and now Pete Peeters of Boston and Bob Sauve of Buffalo go head-to-head in the quarter-finals of the Cup competition, beginning Thursday night at Boston.

Peeters, who had the most victories, most shutouts and lowest goals against average in the league during the regular season, has continued his brilliant play in the post-season competition. He allowed eight goals in four games as Boston eliminated Quebec in the Adams Division semifinals and was nothing short of spectacular in Boston's 2-1 clinching victory Sunday, stopping 39 shots.

"It's as good an effort as I've ever seen from any athlete in any sport," said Boston captain Wayne Cashman of Peeters' performance. "It's incredible."

Sauve has been even better in Cup action so far. He surrendered only two goals in three

games as the Sabres swept Montreal, and he posted back-to-back shutouts in the Montreal Forum in the first two games.

"It started with the goaltending," Buffalo Coach Scotty Bowman said. "Bob Sauve was great. Our young guys found out what a close-checking game will do."

"Our series against the Sabres is going to be a very close one," Boston's Ray Bourque said. "They will be ready for us and we are going to have to be more physical against them."

Boston defeated Buffalo, 3-1, last year in the Adams Division semifinals in the first playoff meeting between the teams.

In other best-of-seven playoff action beginning Thursday

night, Edmonton plays Calgary, the New York Rangers and Chicago play to Minnesota.

In marked contrast, Boston-Buffalo series of ers-Flames series opens to be a high-scoring affair. Oilers, led by the inco Wayne Gretzky, were the est scoring team in the season and Calgary was in goals in the Smythe Division.

The Oilers, shocked opening round last year, Angeles, swept Winnipeg three games and Great Edmonton has found the instinct.

Masters

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Watson closed to two strokes at the eighth hole when he sank a 25-foot eagle putt. But Watson, another two-time Masters champ, then had a string of three straight bogeys and although he closed to three back when he birdied the 13th, it was all over when he took a double bogey at 14.

"The 14th sealed my coffin," Watson said. "The lights went out for me. As I said earlier in

the week, I had to play my best to win and I didn't play my best."

Watson, with a 73, and Floyd, who had a 75, tied for fourth, five shots behind Ballesteros. Hale Irwin had a 69 Monday and Stadler a 76 and they wound up in a tie for sixth at 286. Lanny Wadkins (71), Dan Pohl (71) and Gil Morgan (74), who led at the end of the rain-delayed second round, were at 287 and the only others under par for 72 holes.

Arnold Palmer, one shot off the lead after the first round, saw his score climb day by day to finish far back in the parade over 296. The only other to play the last two days was Hallet of South Yarmouth, Mass., and he wound up at 300.

Here are scores from the 47th annual Masters tournament, played on the par 72 Augusta National Club Course:

S. Ballesteros	\$90,000	68-70-70-70=278
Ben Crenshaw	\$44,000	70-70-70-70=280
Tom Kite	\$44,000	70-72-73-65=278
Tom Watson	\$22,000	70-72-73-73=288
Ray Floyd	\$22,000	67-72-75-74=278
Th. Hale Irwin	\$17,400	72-73-74-71=290
Craig Stadler	\$17,400	69-76-76-79=290
L. Wadkins	\$14,500	75-74-73-74=296
Dan Pohl	\$14,500	74-72-76-74=296
Gil Morgan	\$14,500	67-76-74-79=296
S. Simpson	\$12,500	70-73-73-74=290
Wayne Levi	\$10,125	72-73-73-74=292
J.C. Snead	\$10,125	68-74-73-77=292
Johnny Miller	\$10,125	72-72-73-75=292
G. Archer	\$10,125	71-73-71-77=292
Jack Renner	\$8,000	67-75-73-77=292
T. Nakajim	\$8,000	72-72-73-75=292
Keith Ferguson	\$8,000	70-68-71-73=292
Isao Aoki	\$7,000	70-76-74-76=296
P. Oosterhuis	\$5,214	73-68-73-76=290
Mark Hayes	\$5,214	71-73-73-73=290
Fuzzy Zoeller	\$5,214	70-74-73-73=290
Peter Jacobsen	\$5,214	73-73-73-71=290
Tom Weiskopf	\$5,214	73-73-73-71=290
Nick Faldo	\$5,214	70-70-73-77=290
Lee Trevino	\$5,214	71-72-73-74=290
Scott Hoch	\$3,667	74-69-74-73=290
Hal Sutton	\$3,667	73-73-73-71=290
Jay Haas	\$3,667	73-69-73-78=295
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