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Toronto wins in 11 innings

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. — Never let it be said again that the Toronto Blue Jays are chokers.

Criticized for years as the best team in baseball that could not win a big game, the Blue Jays made one of the biggest comebacks in playoff history Sunday, stunning Oakland 7-6 in 11 innings.

Officially, Pat Borders' sacrifice fly in the 11th was the game-winner and capped the first-ever rally from a five-run deficit in a playoff game. But this one will forever be remembered for Roberto Alomar's shocking, two-run homer off Dennis Eckersley in the ninth that tied it.

Alomar's homer accounted for the biggest turnaround in a major-league game since Kirk Gibson's homer in the 1988 World Series, also off Eckersley. And, more importantly, it gave Toronto a 3-1 edge in the series.



Polen spends his days as a traveling man

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The people responsible for adding up frequent flier miles must hate Polen.

Polen has racked up plenty of miles traveling back and forth between Europe and the U.S. and other points around the world trying to win motorcycle championships on several continents.

The Corinth, Texas native has won three American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) national championships and two Japanese national championships. This year he is trying to defend his 1991 World Superbike title while racing in as many AMA Superbike races as he can. Even though he missed two races of the AMA series due to scheduling conflicts, he was still

within reach of the championship before the last race this weekend at Texas World Speedway.

He holds a 16-point lead for the world championship in Superbike competition, with four races left in Australia and New Zealand. And although he didn't win the AMA championship, he did win two races and finished a close second to Scott Russell at TWS Sunday, losing the win by just the length of a wheel.

Polen said that racing on two continents isn't really that difficult except for the travel.

"The actual racing is no different," he said. "I'm used to racing every weekend anyway, so it's not a problem for me. The only problem is the traveling back and forth. I'm really starting to get tired of all the traveling." He said

he will travel over 200,000 miles before the year is over.

The competition is also similar. "I've got the same level of competition over here as I do in the world championship," he said. "It's going to be tough no matter what because there's a lot of guys going real fast in both series."

He's usually among the fastest. But he said he hopes that doesn't affect his attitude. He speaks of some racing champions as having poor attitudes or no personality. He said he hopes people never speak of him that way.

"There will be guys saying 'yeah, he was a great driver, but he didn't have a great personality,'" he said. "I hope I'm remembered as someone you could walk up and talk to."

Polen is beginning to think

about how he'll be remembered. At 32, he's starting to think about retiring from riding, retiring from what he calls the glamorous part of the sport. He said he's beginning to consider his options.

His options are considerable. With an interest in computers and electronics, the possibility of running a racing team has crossed his mind. He has also started an import-export business specializing in motorcycle-related products.

But for now he's concentrating on riding. With 80 points available in the last four races of the world championship, his 16-point lead is not comfortable. There's a next year, when he'll continue to add up the frequent flier miles.

But as long as he keeps racing, he probably won't be singing the Travelin' Man's Blues.

Cowboys wallop Seahawks

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IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys bounced back from a Philadelphia pratfall with their most dominating defensive game in club history.

Shaking off a 31-7 Monday night massacre by the NFC East rival Eagles, the Cowboys defense produced seven sacks, two fumble recoveries and an interception return for a touchdown Sunday in a 27-0 victory over the hapless Seattle Seahawks.

Dallas gave Seattle only 62 yards offense. The Cowboys best previous record for yardage allowed was 63 yards against Green Bay in 1965.

Dallas increased its mark to 4-1 while the Seahawks dropped to 1-5. Philadelphia's 24-17 loss to Kansas City dropped the Eagles back into an NFC tie with Dallas.

"We wanted to get back on track after what happened to us in Philadelphia," said Dallas linebacker Ken Norton. "Our defense was awesome."

It was the ninth consecutive victory in Texas Stadium for the Cowboys, their longest home winning streak since 18 in a row from 1980-81.

"It was just a tremendous de-

fensive game," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. "We were very disappointed about the way we lost to Philadelphia on Monday night. We just had to bounce back and we did."

Dallas allowed Seattle only six first downs and 24 yards passing in its first regular season shutout in 14 years.

"We got thoroughly whipped," said Seattle coach Tom Flores. "There's not much you can say. We couldn't run and they got after us when we tried to pass."

At the end of the game Seattle was running the clock down.

"We just wanted to get out of town," Flores said. "This one was over."

Emmitt Smith scored on two short touchdown runs and Ray Horton returned a Stan Gelbaugh pass 15 yards for a touchdown. It was the first regular season shutout since Dallas defeated Baltimore 38-0 on Sept. 4, 1978.

The Cowboys, taking advantage of several Seahawk mistakes, rolled to a 20-0 halftime lead on a football perfect 71-degree day.

Seattle quarterback Dan McGwire's fumbled snap was cashed in as Smith got a two-yard scoring run four plays later to put Dallas ahead 7-0.

Bengals prove no match for high-flying Oilers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Warren Moon's five touchdown passes felt as easy as they looked. Then again, just about every quarterback makes it look easy against these Cincinnati Bengals.

Moon matched his career high with five touchdown passes — three to Haywood Jeffires and two to Ernest Givins — as the Houston Oilers dismantled the NFL's worst pass defense for a 38-24 victory Sunday.

Moon was at his best as he led the Oilers (4-1) to sole possession of first place in the AFC Central Division. He avoided the rush, made all the right decisions and put the ball exactly where it had to be all afternoon.

The Bengals used extra defensive backs, played zone defense, went man-to-man, stunted at the line, blitzed ... and found nothing that would work against Moon.

"They did some things we took advantage of," Moon said. "They tried to mix it up a lot. They kept me guessing a few times, no ques-

tion about it. But I guessed most of the times, and I helped."

After giving up four touchdown passes to Rich Gannon in their last game, a 42-7 loss to Minnesota, the Bengals (2-3) decided to take away the long pass. Gannon compensated by finding the receivers underneath.

Moon wound up going Gannon one better with the second five-touchdown game of his career.

"That's what makes him a great quarterback," Bengals coach David Fulcher said. "We knew what we had to do. We took away the deep pass and made him throw the short routes. You'll notice he didn't have 500 yards, but he had five touchdowns. That's tough."

It was a devastating defeat for the Bengals, who lost quarterback Boomer Esiason to a bruised passing arm in the fourth quarter. Esiason hit his left forearm on Al Smith's helmet after releasing the ball and had to leave the game. X-rays found no fracture, but he's listed as questionable for next week.

Lady Aggies

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said has the best team they've had in years.

The match is going to be televised on cable television and Givens seems to be looking forward to the test of character the Lady Aggies will be facing in front of a large Baylor crowd.

"It's going to be an HSE match," Givens said. "Baylor's going to be pumped, and they should have a big crowd. Hopefully, we can take care of business."

After the Baylor match, the Lady Aggies will be blessed by a week off before hosting Texas Tech at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Texas Tech match will culminate a stretch in which four of the Lady Aggies' next five conference matches will be played in

College Station.

Givens said he is looking forward to the break in order to make adjustments in the Lady Aggies' game. He also said the completion of the renovated playing area in G. Rollie White stadium also help.

"By the time we play Tech, the bleachers on the floor should be installed," Givens said. "Having our crowd down there near the floor really helps."

Givens gave credit to the team's desire, and he said the Lady Aggies' strong presence record served as an appetizer for the future.

"Their (Lady Aggies) effort has been good," Givens said about the A&M's recent success. "They very much in the way way want to be successful and that great start. We've made some changes, and our freshmen are really into the system."

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