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□A three-run ninth gave

Atlanta a 2-0 lead in the

DENVER (AP) — Yet again,

the Atlanta Braves made a

great escape against the Col-

For the second straight game, the Braves could not put

away the Rockies until the

ninth inning, winning 7-4 Wednesday night and going home with a 2-0 lead in the NL

playoff series.
The latest bit of theatrics

came courtesy of Fred McGriff

and Mike Mordecai, who hit

RBI singles in the ninth for At-

lanta. The Rockies compounded

their troubles by allowing two

On Tuesday night, the Braves won 5-4, with the Rock-

ies loading the bases in the

ninth and forced to use a pitch-

er to pinch-hit in their final at-

more runs on an error

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Jim Leyritz's two-run homer ended the game in the 15th inning.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Leyritz got his revenge against he Seattle Mariners.

Leyritz hit a two-run homer n the 15th inning Wednesday night, ending the longest game in AL playoff history and giving the New York Yankees a 7-5 victory and a 2-0 lead in the best-

Leyritz, who vowed retaliation after he was hit in the face by Seattle's Randy Johnson on May 31, was hit again in this game after Ruben Sierra and Don Mattingly connected for consecutive home runs in the sixth inning.

He got even by homering on a 3-1 pitch from Tim Belcher with one out after a walk to Pat Kel-

Ken Griffey hit his third home run of the series, tying an AL playoff record, for a 5-4 in the 12th. Sierra tied it with a two-out double, with the potential winning run thrown out at

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Belcher, who pitched 2 2-3 innings, was expected to start

The Indians' pitcher

increased his record to

5-0 in postseason play.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Orel

Hershiser and the playoffs are

Making his first postseason

appearance since he won the

clinching game of the 1988

World Series, Hershiser gave up

three hits in 7 1-3 scoreless in-

nings as the Cleveland Indians

beat Boston 4-0 Wednesday

night for a 2-0 lead in the AL

Eddie Murray homered and

Omar Vizquel doubled home two

runs for the Indians, who need

only one more win in the best-of-

5 series. It continues Friday in

Boston, with the Red Sox send-

ing knuckleball pitcher Tim

Wakefield against Cleveland's

The 37-year-old Hershiser

boosted his record to 5-0 with a

save and a 1.52 ERA in nine ca-

Charles Nagy.

Hershiser baffles Sox

Game 3 at the Kingdome if the Mariners had won. Instead, Johnson will pitch Friday on three days' rest for the second time this week.

Yankees take 2-0 lead Braves

The game lasted 5 hours, 13 minutes, and ended in a light mist — the longest game by time in postseason history.

The previous longest AL playoff game - both in time and innings - came Tuesday night when Cleveland beat Boston 5-4

Rookie Mariano Rivera pitched two-hit ball for 3 1-3 scoreless innings for the win,

It looked like Seattle would win after Griffey's homer off John Wetteland, but the Yankees tied it in the 12th when Sierra came within a couple of feet of matching Griffey.

With runners on first and second and two outs, Sierra doubled off the top of the wall in left off Belcher. Pinch-runner Jorge Posada scored, but Bernie Williams was thrown out at the plate on a perfect relay throw to send the game into the 13th.

Griffey, who homered twice in Game 1, tied the record for home runs in an AL playoff series set by George Brett (twice) and Jose

reer postseason appearances, eight of them starts. He was the

MVP of both the NL playoffs and

the World Series for Los Angeles

consecutive postseason game

dating back to Bill Buckner's in-

famous error in Game 6 of the

1986 World Series, a string that

was extended by a heartbreaking

5-4, 13-inning loss in Tuesday

Canseco, the third and fourth

hitters in Boston's lineup, have

gone a combined 0-for-20 with

seven strikeouts in the two

Hershiser, signed by the Indi-

ans as a free agent in April part-

ly because of his big-game expe-

rience, gave up three singles,

walked two and set a Cleveland

postseason record with seven

Julian Tavarez and Paul As-

senmacher each got one out in

the eighth inning, and Jose Mesa

Mo Vaughn and Jose

night's series opener.

The Red Sox lost their 12th

Larry Walker's three-run homer and Andres Galarraga's RBI single had given Colorado a 4-3 lead going to the ninth Wednesday night, overcoming a pair of solo homers by Marquis Grissom, who increased his series total to three.

But Chipper Jones led off the inning by slicing a double down the left-field line off Curtis Leskanic.

Mike Munoz then gave up a bloop single to McGriff, which scored Jones. David Justice flied out and Darren Holmes struck out Javy Lopez.

Mike Devereaux then sin gled to center, with McGriff taking second, and Mordecai batting for pitcher Alejandro Pena - lined a single to center to drive home the goahead run.

Mordecai took second on the throw home. Rafael Belliard then hit a routine grounder to second, but Eric Young's throw to first was low and wide

Pena got the win for the sec ond straight night, and Mark Wohlers pitched a one-hit ninth for his second save of the series. Munoz was the loser for the Rockies, in the playoffs in just their third season.

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The Reds defeated Los Angeles 5-4 to take a 2-0 series lead.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds took advantage of Giveaway Night at Dodger Stadium.

The Reds, handed scoring chances and runs all evening, beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 Wednesday to take a 2-0 lead in their NL playoff series.

Eric Karros homered twice for the Dodgers, who outhit Cincinnati 14-6. But Los Angeles could not overcome a key error, a botched pitchout and three walks that led to the eventual winning run. The Dodgers also lost right fielder Raul Mondesi, ejected after the seventh inning.

Karros hit a two-run homer with one out in the ninth, making it 5-4. But Jeff Brantley re-DeShields for a save.

a homer by Reggie Sanders, average, finished 0-for-5. were set up by a throwing error by shortstop Chad Fonville. Then, with the score 2-2, a wide throw by catcher Mike Piazza on a pitchout led to another run.

The Reds added two more in the ninth on only one hit, a twoout RBI single by Mariano Duncan, who scored an inning earlier on Larkin's hit.

The rest of the best-of-5 series is in Cincinnati, starting with Game 3 Friday night. Hideo Nomo (13-6, 2.54 ERA) will pitch for the Dodgers against David Wells (6-5, 3.59 ERA). The game was played before

a paid crowd of 46,051 — about 10,000 below a sellout. A crowd of 44,199 attended Tuesday night's game, won by the Reds

This game was one of missed opportunities for the Dodgers. They had 14 hits - four by Fonville — and stranded 11 runired Tim Wallach and Delino ners, eight of them in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings. Piaz-Cincinnati's first two runs, on za, second in the NL with a .346

They also missed Mondesi, ejected by plate umpire Bob Davidson after the seventh in ning. Mondesi was the on-deck hitter when DeShields fouled out with the bases loaded to end the inning, and was tossed for apparently making remarks to

Davidson. Duncan singled with one out in the eighth off loser Antonio Os With Larkin was

batting, Duncan stole second on an 0-2 pitch, beating

Piazza's wide throw. Larkin followed by looping a single down the right-field line.

The Reds combined three walks, three steals and Duncan's single to score twice in the ninth. Mark Lewis had an RBI

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