

## Cox says he earned boot from game two

TORONTO (AP) — Bobby Cox was ejected and dejected. In the ninth inning of the Atlanta Braves' 3-2 loss to Toronto Tuesday night, Cox became the sixth manager tossed in a World Series game.

"I probably deserved it," Cox said after Joe West ejected him. "He should have thrown the helmet and it went on the field. So I guess I should have been thrown out."

With the score tied at 2, Sid Bream led off the ninth with a single and Brian Hunter ran for him. With the count 2-2, Jeff Blauser took a pitch from reliever Duane Ward and Hunter was thrown out at second. After the play at second, the Blue Jays appealed to first umpire Dan Morrison, who ruled Blauser had swung for a double play.

Cox tossed a helmet onto the field in disgust and began arguing with West from the dugout. West then ejected Cox, who came onto the field to argue.

## Candy a big hit for Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Candy Maldonado and the Toronto Blue Jays turned Atlanta upside down and moved on top after three games of the first World Series played in Canada.

Maldonado singled over the drawn-in outfield with one out in the ninth inning, giving the Blue Jays a 3-2 victory Tuesday night for a 2-1 lead.

The hit came with the bases loaded on an 0-2 pitch from Jeff Reardon, who also served up pinch-hitter Ed Sprague's winning two-run homer in the ninth inning Sunday night in Atlanta.

"He made me look bad with two great sliders, so I figured he'd try again and I was waiting," Maldonado said.

Maldonado was 2 for 13 lifetime against Reardon when they faced each other in the past, and Braves manager Bobby Cox liked the matchup.

"We're needing strikes in that situation," he said. "Jeff threw two great sliders, and then he hung one."

Reardon again offered no excuses.

"I haven't done the job I would have hoped to," he said.

Though the result was the same as Sunday, the atmosphere was much different. At Atlanta, the game was marked by an incident in which the Canadian flag was carried upside-down in pre-game ceremonies.

This time, thousands of red maple leaves were sent swirling, all of them right-side up by Maldonado's single.

"The past is the past," said Maldonado, who began this postseason with one of the worst batting averages in history. "I'm grateful I had the chance tonight to turn it around."

A tight game featuring home runs by Joe Carter and slumping Kelly Gruber, a near triple play and a rare ejection came down to the bottom of the

ninth.

Roberto Alomar began the inning with a single off Steve Avery, and stole second while reliever Mark Wohlers was pitching to Carter.

After an intentional walk to Carter and Dave Winfield's second sacrifice bunt of the season, lefty Mike Stanton was summoned to face John Olerud.

Sprague pinch hit and was intentionally walked, and Maldonado met Reardon with a drive over Otis Nixon's head in center field.

"I can manage, I can set it up for them, but they are the ones who have to do it," Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said. "Candy was the man tonight."

Duane Ward pitched one inning for the victory, and extended the Blue Jays' bullpen streak to 7 2-3 scoreless innings in the series. He relieved Juan Guzman, who allowed one earned run in eight innings. Avery was the loser.

The victory made home teams in domes 9-0 in World Series play. Minnesota had the other eight victories. It also was the eighth one-run decision in the last nine Series games.

The Blue Jays, playing in their first World Series, will try to make it three in a row Wednesday night when Jimmy Key starts against Game 1 winner Tom Glavine.

"The fans, they really want to win the World Series," Maldonado said. "I've never heard them that loud."

Umpire Bob Davidson, however, said Sanders was safe. The Blue Jays and their fans screamed after being robbed, they thought, for the second time in two games. On Sunday night, Roberto Alomar appeared to dive in safely to the plate, but he was called out.

"To win games, you have to play good defense," Alomar said. "That's why he won the Gold Glove: because he's the best in center field."

There had been just one triple play in the World Series, an unassisted one by Cleveland's Bill Wambsgans in 1920.

Carter caused the crowd to yell again, this time in a positive fashion, when he homered to left field with one out in the fourth.

Carter was one of the few Toronto hitters to have previously faced Avery — he went 1 for 6 against him in 1990 while in San Diego. Carter's second homer of the series was a 405-foot shot into the lower deck in left.

Carter's connection also gave the Blue Jays home runs in nine straight postseason games this year, an all-time record. Baltimore (1970) and Milwaukee (1982) did it in eight games.

Sanders, again in left field in place of the benched Ron Cant, doubled with one out in the sixth for his third hit. He raced to third on Pendleton's infield hit and scored on Justice's single.

While Sanders had the distinction of getting the first hit in a World Series game outside of the United States, Winfield was the first to do it for a non-American team.

He got a huge cheer for his infield single in the second inning, quite the opposite reaction he got from Canadians several years ago when he was arrested for killing a sea gull with a warmup throw in the outfield at Exhibition Stadium while playing for the Yankees.

The game began with the public address announcer at the SkyDome urging Canadian fans to pay respect to the their neighbors to the south. Outside the ballpark, T-shirts depicting upside-down American flags were sold, but it was all good-spirited. A U.S. Marine color guard carried in the Canadian flag and Royal Canadian Mounted presented the stars and stripes.



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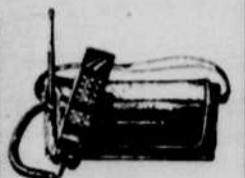
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