



DEVON WHITE of Toronto slides into second base with a stolen base Saturday night in Game 5 of the World Series. Jeff Blausner of Atlanta is late with the tag.

Jays 'buy' a championship

ATLANTA (AP) — Maybe you can buy a World Series title, after all. David Cone, acquired by the Blue Jays with 5½ weeks left in the season, showed why spending big bucks sometimes pays off big. Throwing the heat that made him a hot commodity, Cone kept Atlanta to one run and four hits over six innings Saturday night, taking Toronto a long way to its 11-inning 4-3 victory over Atlanta in Game 6 that gave Canada its first World Series title.

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After allowing four runs and five hits in just 4 1-3 innings in Game 2, Cone made the most of his second chance. While he threw 46 balls and 47 strikes last time, he came back with 41 balls and 62 strikes to help drive off Dixie's team down to its second straight Series defeat. Cone was available because the Mets weren't in contention, didn't think they could sign him to a multiyear deal to prevent him from filing from free agency, and could unload some of his \$4.25 million salary for the rest of 1992. Toronto may have gotten the best \$910,714 bargain ever.

"It beats sitting in Shea and not being in a big game at this time of the year," Cone said just after the deal. He never could have thought by this much. Toronto general manager Pat Gillick acquired Cone from the New York Mets on Aug. 27 as a rent-a-pitcher. But that doesn't matter to Tor-

onto now. When Cone gets his World Series ring next spring, it won't have one-sixth of a diamond. "It gives us opportunity not only in our division, but hopefully in the playoffs and World Series," Gillick said after making the trade. On Saturday night, Gillick looked like the Amazing Kreskin. Cone went 4-3 down the stretch, then went 1-1 in the playoffs. It may not have been perfect, but who's to say any alternatives wouldn't have done much worse?

"There is some responsibility management owes to the players to do everything possible to win and that's what we're trying to do," Gillick said. "I think you don't worry about the long-range right now, you focus on the short term."

Blue Jays

FROM D-1 Francisco Cabrera, batting for the first time since his winning hit in the playoffs, followed with a low liner that fooled left fielder Candy Maldonado, who was forced to leap at the last second to make the catch.

1989 and 1991, and dropped its last seven games to lose the AL East title in 1987. But this year, the Blue Jays survived a stretch duel with Baltimore and Milwaukee to win the division and ousted Oakland in five games in the playoffs. They kept going by winning three of the first four games against Atlanta before losing 7-2 Thursday night in Toronto.

trailed 3-2 in the World Series had all gone home to win the final two games and the trophy, with Minnesota doing it last season. Had they lost this time, Tom Glavine would have started Game 7 for Atlanta against Juan Guzman.

Nixon, who had faced Henke briefly in the AL, fell behind 0-2 before slapping a single to left, and Blausner scored standing up when Maldonado's throw home hit the backstop on a fly. Maldonado's throw put runners at second and third. A few seconds after the clock had struck midnight, Ron Gant fled out to put it into extra innings.

The last five teams that

The Blue Jays were outscored 20-17 in the Series, while the Braves outscored the Twins 29-24 last season.

The Blue Jays had hoped to wrap it up Thursday night in Toronto — the parade route was all planned — but winning on the road was plenty satisfying. Particularly because winning any big game was never easy for Toronto.

Hockey

Lumberjacks coast CINCINNATI — The Cleveland Lumberjacks defeated the Cincinnati Cyclone 4-0 in International Hockey League action Saturday. Cleveland got on the scoreboard first as Daniel Gathier scored the first goal at 2:41 of the second period assisted by Justin Duberman and Paul Laus. Duebman tallied for a goal at 18:53 of the second period assisted by Dave Michauluk and Daniel Gathier.

The Lumberjacks went up 3-0 when David Quinn scored at 13:26 of the third period assisted by Dandrusak. Cleveland scored its last goal at 19:12 of the third period by Ken Priestlay assisted by Sandy Smith and Robert Melanson. Cleveland improves to 5-2 on the season.

Table with columns for Toronto and Atlanta players and their statistics (RBI, Runs, Hits, Errors).

High school football

Black River rolls to 8-0 PLYMOUTH — Black River remained unbeaten with a 22-0 win over Plymouth in a Firelands Conference game Saturday.

Prep football

non-conference game Saturday. Steve Driver led Lorain Catholic with 55 yards on 12 carries.

Table with columns for teams (Avery, PSmith, Stanton, etc.) and their statistics (Yards rushing, Yards passing, Total offense).

CANTON — Ben Snell ran for 106 yards and two touchdowns to lead Canton Central Catholic past Lorain Catholic, 27-0, in a

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