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FORCES IN THE FINALS:

THE FORCES WON THE RUBBER GAME OVER THE ANGELS 10-8 TO ADVANCE TO THE FINALS AGAINST THE RASCALS. STEVIES BOY'S SLUGGED IT OUT WITH THE YO-BABY'S AND CAME OUT ON TOP 10-8. THE FORCES WERE IN COMMAND FROM THE BEGINNING WHEN THEY TOOK AN EARLY 2-0 LEAD. THE ANGELS CAME BACK TO TIE THE GAME ON A RICKY FRANCO HR BUT THE FORCES CAME RIGHT BACK WITH A JACKY BRAHA HR TO LEAD 4-2....THEN IRV DAYAN BLASTED A LONG 3-RUN HR AND THE FORCES WERE IN COMMAND AGAIN.....ONCE MORE THE ANGELS CAME BACK AS IKE DWECK, PICCIOTTO, HABER AND ANTAR COMBINED FOR A 3-RUN RALLY AND CLOSED THE GAP TO 7-5.... BUT, BEFORE THEY COULD GET UP AGAIN, THE FORCES RALLIED AGAIN THIS TIME YOGI HIMSELF SMASHED A 2-RUN TRIPLE TO DEEP RIGHT-CENTER AND IT LOOKED LIKE THE ANGELS WERE FINISHED FOR SURE WITH THE SCORE. NOW 10-5 GOING INTO THE SEVENTH INNING....BUT, AGAIN THE ANGELS RALLIED. ZONNANA (WHO HOMERED EARLIER) SINGLED, PICCIOTTO YET ANOTHER CLUTCH HIT, JIMMY HABER DOUBLED AND BEFORE YOU KNEW IT THE SCORE WAS 10-8, SECOND AND THIRD WITH 2 OUTS. UP AT THE PLATE THE VERY DANGEROUS ALAN ANTAR. BUT, AT THIS POINT THE RIGHT MOVE WOULD SEEM TO WALK ANTAR WITH 1st BASE OPEN....BUT, THE FORCES ELECTED TO PITCH HARD TO ANTAR AND IF HE WALKS SO BE IT. THE COUNT WENT TO 3 AND 2 AND YOGI BLAZED ONE OVER, ANTAR BELTED IT ON A LINE TO LEFT, THE BALL HOOKED FOUL AND HUNG

JUST A BIT. NATHAN TAWIL FITTINGLY MADE IT LOOK EASY AND CAUGHT IT IN STRIDE, FOR ANY OTHER OUTFIELDER IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT CATCH, FOR NATHAN JUST ANOTHER DAY AT THE OFFICE.....THE ANGELS LOOKED TO SLUG IT OUT WITH THE FORCES AND GOT BEAT AT THEIR OWN GAME. THE ANGELS KEPT COMING BACK, BUT, THE FORCES KEPT THE PRESSURE ON BY BELTING THE ANGELS EVERY TIME THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE GOING TO CLOSE THE GAP. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS SOMETHING WE JUST REALIZED AFTER THE GAME WAS OVER AND WE TOOK STOCK OF THE SITUATION. MAYBE DURING THE SEASON WHEN THE ANGELS WERE BEATING EVERYBODY AND THE FORCES WERE LOSING THE ANGELS LOOKED SUPERIOR....THE FORCES WERE NOT PLAYING TOGETHER THEN AND JACKY BRAHA WAS HAVING AN OFF-SEASON (FOR HIM) BUT THAT WAS THEN. NOW IS NOW. AND RIGHT NOW THE FORCES ARE A BETTER TEAM THAN THE ANGELS. A MUCH BETTER TEAM.....THEIR TOP TWO PLAYERS (NATHAN AND BRAHA) ARE COLLECTIVELY BETTER THAN THE TOP TWO OF THE ANGELS. THEIR PITCHING IS BETTER, THEIR SHORT-STOP HAS AN EDGE OVER THE ANGELS, THEIR OUTFIELD IS FAR SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS, THEIR SUPPORTING CAST OF HITTERS HITS ABOUT 200 POINTS OVER THE ANGELS SUPPORTING CAST. WITNESS YESTERDAY BENJAMIN (3 FOR 3) ELLIOT GINGI (2 HITS) DAYAN (HOMERUN,DOUBLE) YOGI (2-RUN 3B). INCIDENTALLY I'VE WATCHED THE FORCES FOR AT LEAST 9 or 10 GAMES THIS SEASON. I'VE YET TO SEE THIS BENJAMIN GUY NOT GET GOOD WOOD ON THE BALL IN TEN GAMES. AN OUTSTANDING HITTER AGAINST ALL TYPES OF PITCHING.

IN SUMMARY THE FORCES BEAT THE REBELS AND THE ANGELS
SIMPLY BECAUSED THEY ARE THE BEST TEAM AROUND RIGHT
NOW....I DIDN'T THINK SO BEFORE BUT THEY PROVED IT
TO ME NOW....NOW THEY GO UP AGAINST THE RASCALS WHO
BEAT THE FORCES 4 TIMES (THATS RIGHT) IN A ROW DURING
THE SEASON. ITS HARD TO BELIEVE AFTER SEEING THE
FORCES THE PAST FEW WEEKS BUT THAT WAS DURING THE
SEASON. THE PLAYOFFS ARE A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME. IF THE
FORCES DON'T WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP I WILL BE SUPRISED.
THEN AGAIN THE RASCALS SUPRISED MURPHY'S BAR AND THE
NOW TEAM TO BE WHERE THEY ARE NOW. SO ANYTHING CAN
HAPPEN.....ABIE COHEN IS AN EXCELLENT PITCHER BUT
THE FORCES HAVE QUALITY HITTERS WHO CAN HIT,GOOD PITCHERS,
BETTER THAN ANY OTHER TEAM IN OUR OPINION.....HITTERS
LIKE STEVIE, VICTOR, NATHAN, BENJAMIN AND ELLIOT GINDI
HIT FASTBALLS BETTER THAN MOST. THE RASCALS HAVE A LOT
OF YOUNG PLAYERS THAT WILL HAVE TO COME THROUGH.
SO FAR ABIE IS BRINGING THEM THROUGH....THIS IS THE FINAL
STOP.

IN COMPARING THE TWO FINALISTS WE FIND THAT THE RASCALS
HAVE A DECIDED EDGE IN PITCHING, BUT THE FORCES HAVE
BIG EDGE IN THE OUTFIELD, AT SHORTSTOP AND AT THE
PLATE. ARMED FORCES TO REPEAT .

P.S. NO WOMEN ALLOWED AT THE GAMES IN THE FINAL SERIES.

ESPECIALLY THE ARMED FORCES WOMEN.....THEY CHEER
TO LOUD.

ANGELS BEARS DOWN AND GETS A WELL DESERVED VICTORY AS THE FORCES WIN 3-2

GAME 4: WITH THE FINALS IN SIGHT FOR THE FORCES YOGI AND CHUB TRADE ZEROS FOR 3 INNINGS. TWO ANGEL DOUBLE PLAYS ON LINE DRIVES KEPT THE ANGELS EVEN. THEN YOGI WITH THE 95° HEAT ON HIM TIRED SLIGHTLY...HE WALKED DWECK ON LOW PITCHES (A SIGN OF FATIGUE) AND THE OLD PRO PICCIOTTO THEN DRILLED A DOUBLE TO LEFT-CENTER AND IKE FRANCO SINGLED AND A HABER GROUND BALL MADE IT 2-0...THEN TWO INNINGS LATER IKE DWECK APPLIED THE CRUSHER WITH A LONG 3-RUN HR OVER THE HOUSE TO MAKE IT 5-0. JACKY BRAHA AVOIDED A SHUTOUT WITH A HR IN THE SEVENTH.

FINAL SCORE 5 - 1

THE RUBBER GAME IS NEXT WEEK.....SO FAR THIS SERIES HAS BEEN UNEVENTFUL, BUT, WE THINK THE 5th GAME COMING UP IS GOING TO BE A KNOCK-DOWN AFFAIR WITH THE GAME GOING DOWN TO THE LAST OUT. PICCIOTTO GOES DOWN VERY HARD AND AS WE SAID STEVIES BEEN THERE BEFORE.....THE PICK HERE IS

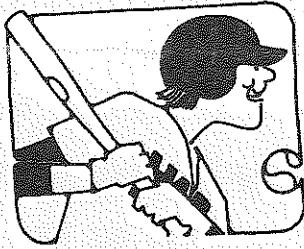
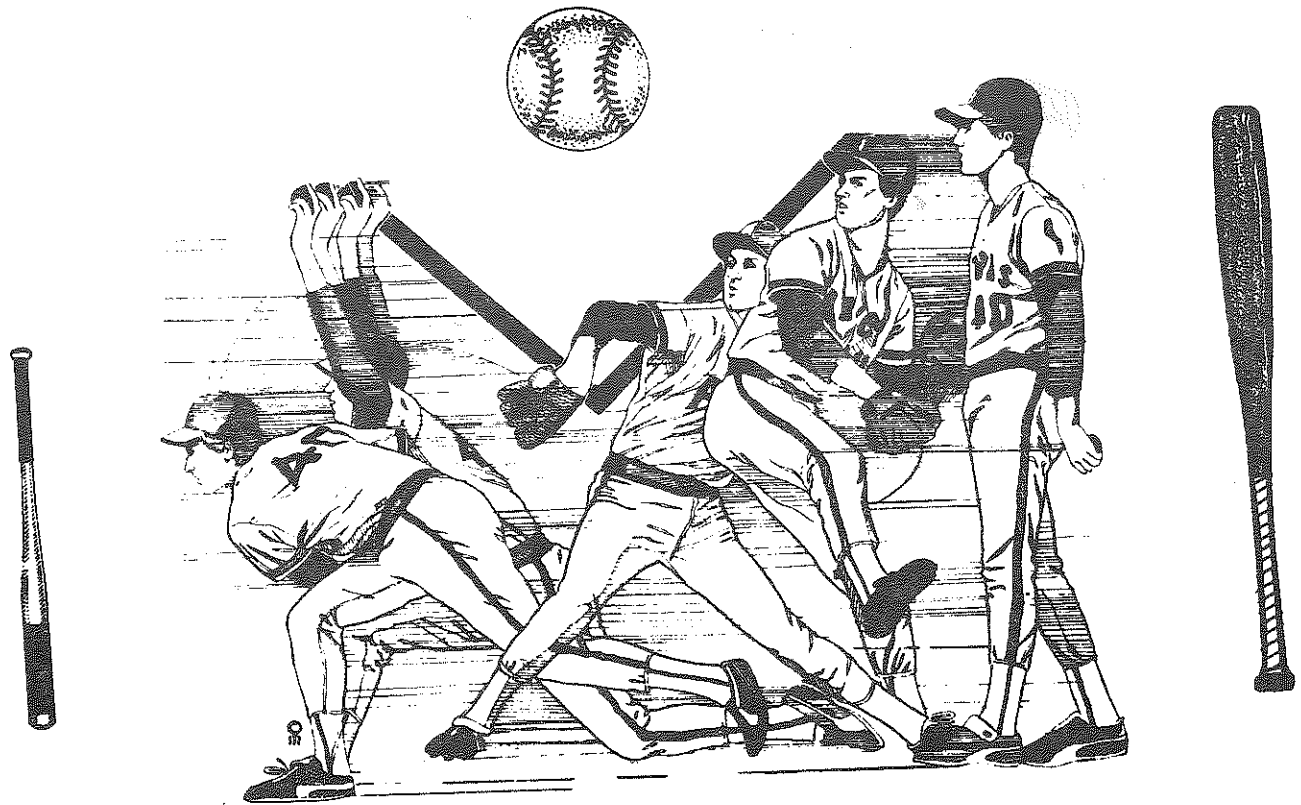
THE ANGELS

VERY VERY SLIGHTLY AND ONLY BECAUSE WE FEEL THE FORCES REAL CHANCH WAS GAME 2 WHEN THEY CAME BACK AFTER BEING DOWN 5-0 TO TIE THE GAME AT 5-5 ONLY TO LOSE 6-5...YOU COULDN'T GIVE JACKY A 2nd CHANCE. BUT, ANYBODY CAN TAKE IT AS WE ALSO SAW IN THE NOW - RASCAL SERIES ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN AND AS YOGI SAYS "IT AIN'T OVER TILL ITS OVER"

SCHEDULE

FORCES vs ANGELS

1 GAME SUDDEN DEATH



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