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## **Angels let one get away against the Yankees**

**Peter Bourjos drops a fly ball in the seventh inning that leads to a 6-5 win for New York and leaves the Angels 2 1/2 games behind Texas.**

**By Baxter Holmes**

After racing in the shadows for much of the season, the Angels now find themselves in the spotlight during their American League West pennant race with the Texas Rangers.

But Sunday, when the glare was upon them with a chance to sweep the New York Yankees, they blinked.

Angels outfielder Peter Bourjos dropped a fly ball in the seventh inning when he lost track of it in the sun, allowing the Yankees to take the lead that Mariano Rivera held on to with his 599th save, giving the Yankees a 6-5 win at Angel Stadium.

The Angels are 2 1/2 games behind Texas in the AL West with 16 games remaining, the next 10 of which are on the road, starting Monday with a three-game series in Oakland.

"It's a play I've got to make," Bourjos said. "It was a turning point in the game, and we lost the game right there."

Angels Manager Mike Scioscia wasn't too hard on the 24-year-old, who has been an excellent outfielder for the Angels this season but missed that ball and overran one in the fourth that Eric Chavez turned into a double.

"This is not an easy outfield with the wind and the sun, and that ball was flying today," Scioscia said.

Flying indeed. There were four home runs, two by each team.

The Angels' blasts were each two-run shots, one by Howie Kendrick in the first and the other by Bourjos in the fourth, which put the Angels ahead, 5-2.

Curtis Granderson pulled the Yankees to within one with his own two-run shot in the fifth, and in the seventh they had two runners on with one out when Mark Teixeira hit the ball to the warning track in right field that Bourjos would eventually drop, allowing two runs to score.

"Nobody is perfect," said Angels starter Ervin Santana (11-11), who gave up four runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. "He's made great plays before. It's part of the game."

Had the Angels not batted 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position, including 0 for 2 with the bases loaded, Bourjos wouldn't be to blame.

"We shot ourselves in the foot all day on the offensive side," Scioscia said.

Entering the game, the team had been batting .369 (62 for 168) with runners in scoring position since Aug. 18.

Shortstop Erick Aybar played well, batting four for five, but the Yankees still avoided the sweep.

Freddy Garcia threw five innings and gave up five runs for the Yankees before being replaced by Cory Wade (5-0), who pitched a scoreless sixth.

At times, the ballpark seemed more like the Bronx than Anaheim.

"Let's go, Yankees" chants broke out after every Yankees hit, home run and strikeout by one of their pitchers.

Mini American flags were distributed to the 42,581 in attendance in honor of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and a somber montage of those events was played on the video screen before the game.

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### **Angels' Mike Trout meets his childhood idol**

**The rookie outfielder was a fan of the New York Yankees' Derek Jeter as a child and received praise from the shortstop during the Angels' game against the Yankees on Saturday.**

**By Baxter Holmes**

At just 20 years old, Angels star rookie **Mike Trout** isn't that far removed from his childhood.

The outfielder was especially close to it Saturday when he got to meet his boyhood idol, Derek Jeter.

"I was a big Jeter fan growing up," Trout said Sunday before the Angels' 6-5 loss to the New York Yankees.

Both hail from New Jersey and Trout grew up playing shortstop, as Jeter does for the Yankees.

So when Trout doubled to left field in the sixth inning Saturday, he was met with a nice surprise when Jeter walked over to second base, slapped him on his rear and started chatting him up.

Trout said Jeter said hello, asked how old Trout was, and Trout then mentioned he was from New Jersey, which Jeter was glad to hear. Jeter told him he had a nice swing too.

"Pretty good coming from a Hall-of-Famer," Trout said. "Definitely a good feeling."

### **All in the family**

Angels infielder Andrew Romine was sitting in the clubhouse Saturday afternoon before batting practice when he was told a man named Joe wanted to speak with him.

He stepped out of the clubhouse to find Yankees Manager Joe Girardi waiting.

"Have you talked to your brother lately? Do you know where he is?" Girardi asked, according to Romine.

Since the Yankees' triple-A team in Scranton, Pa., had finished its season earlier in the week, Romine knew

**Austin**, his brother, was on his way home.

But he also knew if the Yankees were trying to reach him, it meant they wanted to call him up, which they did Sunday.

"It couldn't have worked out any better because our parents are from here — they're 15 minutes down the street — and they got to see him play," Andrew said.

Austin, who joined the Yankees because of injuries to their catchers, came in during the seventh inning and caught ace closer Mariano Rivera's 599th career save. Rivera has two fewer than all-time saves leader Trevor Hoffman.

"He couldn't stop smiling," Andrew Romine said.

Rivera's appearance was his 1,036th, moving him past Hoffman for ninth place on the list of the most games pitched all time.

### **Short hops**

Designated hitter Bobby Abreu stole two bases, giving him 20 for the season. It's the 13th consecutive season he's had that many, the longest streak in the majors since Rickey Henderson had 23 straight from 1979 to 2001. ...The Angels embark on their final trip of the season Monday in Oakland, where they are 5-11 in their last 16 games. This season, the Angels are 5-8 against the Athletics. "Early on, we weren't swinging the bats well and they were pitching well," Angels Manager Mike Scioscia said.

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### **Angels' Peter Bourjos proves bigger than his miscue**

**The outfielder takes responsibility, with dazzling dignity, for a costly error in a loss to the New York Yankees.**

**By Bill Plaschke**

It was, perhaps, more than a baseball that leaped out of an Angel's leathery grasp and disappeared into a late-summer glare.

Don't look now, but it might have been a season.

One moment Peter Bourjos was standing under a soaring fly that would not have directly affected the Angels' championship chase. The next moment he was looking with panic at an empty glove that might have ended it.

The Angel in the outfield blew it. The Gold Glove hopeful turned to stone. On the first Sunday of football season, the kid kicked it.

Bourjos dropped a seventh-inning sacrifice fly by the Yankees' Mark Teixeira that turned one run into two, leading to a 6-5 loss to New York at Angel Stadium, and it was big.

Big enough to push the Angels back to 21/2 games behind the winning and first-place Texas Rangers with 16 games to play. Big enough to raise doubts about how this young and nondescript group can remain on this grand stage.

But not bigger than Peter Bourjos.

This story, you see, is not about how one of the league's best young center fielders lost a ball in the sun. This story is about how he found himself in the darkness.

Bourjos, just 24 and ending his first full major league season, was the goat, and after the game I expected him to disappear into the back barn of the giant Angels clubhouse.

That's what goats do. They hide from the media until they think the media have returned to the press box. They shower and shave and eat and drink and remain in exile for as long as it takes the probing questioners to push deadline or lose interest.

Peter Bourjos didn't do any of those things. Not only didn't he hide, he didn't even move. He came in from the field and stood in front of his locker and waited. He waited for the media to finish questioning Manager Mike Scioscia. He waited to be ripped.

He had not showered. He had not even changed. The dozen media members walked out of Scioscia's office after hearing the manager say Bourjos shouldn't take all the blame, and there he was.

Taking every last murky ounce of the blame.

"That's a play I've got to make, it was a turning point in the game," Bourjos said. "We lost the game right there. That cost us the game. It's tough to swallow."

But apparently not too difficult to admit, which Bourjos did with plain tones, no expression, and dazzling dignity.

Yes, he said, he should have been in better position to catch the seventh-inning fly ball, which should have scored only Brett Gardner from third. No, he claimed, there was no excuse for allowing it to pop out of his glove and bounce over his head, allowing Derek Jeter also to score from first.

"I really messed up," Bourjos said. "I did it, I have to own up to it. I'm not going to hide. I'm going to face it and move on from it."

Some teammates saw him talking and shook their heads, not in surprise but satisfaction. Accountability is what they do here. Dealing with their frailties is how they roll here.

Their general manager fails to gird the roster with the necessary bullpen arms, their fans were overwhelmed this weekend by the louder Yankees fans, their lineup sometimes resembles the Texas Rangers' junior varsity.

But, as the kid said, they face it and move on with it, again and again, even days like Sunday when several of them were blinded by the fight.

Mark Trumbo, likely rookie of the year, failed twice with runners on third base, including once with the bases loaded and none out. Mike Trout, rated the best prospect in baseball, couldn't get the ball out of the infield in four attempts.

"Yeah, sometimes you start to feel it, everything hanging on a thread," Trumbo said. "But that's the fun of it."

Fun? Is that what you call it? The Angels blew a lot more than a fly ball Sunday; they blew a three-run lead and a chance to sweep their way into a season-ending, 10-game trip that begins in Oakland, where they have lost six of their last seven games.

Yet the player in the middle of it all stood ready to fight his way out.

"I'm ready to get on with it," Bourjos said. "I'm ready to get back out there and get through this."

For the record, the sun was high and appeared to flash in his eyes as the ball descended on his glove, even if he'll never fully admit it.

"It was not tougher than usual," he said.

Maybe not the conditions, but certainly the kid.

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## **Bourjos' error helps Yankees beat Angels**

**By Bill Plunkett**

ANAHEIM – Peter Bourjos has spent the season running down other people's mistakes. On Sunday afternoon, he made a costly one of his own.

The Angels center fielder dropped a fly ball on the warning track in the seventh inning, allowing the tying and go-ahead runs to score as the New York Yankees came from behind to beat the Angels, 6-5.

The Yankees avoided a three-game sweep with the victory. More importantly for the Angels, the loss dropped them back to 21/2 games out in the AL West with 16 games to play. The first-place Rangers beat the A's, 8-1, Sunday.

But Bourjos' error was more shocking for its source than the damage it did to the Angels' playoff hopes.

"Nobody's perfect," Angels right-hander Ervin Santana said. "If you don't want to make any errors, just don't play any sports."

Bourjos hasn't been perfect this season; he made three previous errors. But he hasn't been far off, covering a wide swath of outfield with such exceptional range and reliability that he his name has jumped to the front of Gold Glove discussion – an award that has relied as much on established reputation as actual performance at times. By one defensive measure (FanGraphs), Bourjos has saved 21 runs (second-most in the majors this season) and a major-league high 43 over the past two seasons – despite spending the first four months of last season running down baseballs in Triple-A.

“That’s a play I’ve gotta make,” Bourjos said. “That’s the turning point in the game. That ended up being the final score, 6-5.

“I gotta make that play. ... I basically (messed) up.”

With two-run home runs from Howie Kendrick (in the first inning) and Bourjos himself (in the fourth), the Angels built a 5-2 lead behind Santana on Sunday. But the right-hander was not at his best and gave up a two-run home run to Curtis Granderson that made it a one-run game in the fifth inning.

In the seventh, Brett Gardner and Derek Jeter led off with back-to-back singles and Angels manager Mike Scioscia brought in left-handed reliever Scott Downs. He struck out Granderson before Mark Teixeira hit a high fly ball to the warning track in right-center field.

Bourjos had another fly ball go off his glove (on the run) for a double in the fourth inning and was struggling with the sun on Teixeira’s fly.

“I was just trying to catch the ball,” Bourjos said. “It got up in the sun and I was just trying to play it out of there. Once it came out of the sun, I probably could have been in better position.

“I got caught flat-footed once it came out of the sun. I was trying to set up just to get it out of there (the sun). I finally did but just didn’t get in good enough position to catch it.”

The ball glanced off the outside of Bourjos’ glove and fell for an error. The tying run would have scored on a sacrifice fly if he had caught the ball. Instead, the go-ahead run scored as well, Jeter racing around from first when Bourjos’ throw missed the cutoff man. Teixeira wound up at third base.

“It was surprising,” Scioscia said of seeing Bourjos misplay a fly ball he routinely runs down. “This is not an easy outfield with the wind and the sun. That ball was flying today.

“He’s been playing Gold Glove center field for us all year. He had trouble on one ball (Eric) Chavez hit (the fourth-inning double). ... That ball (in the seventh) just got in the sun. It was tough.”

Downs extracted himself from any further damage and the Angels had a chance to answer back in the bottom of the seventh. They stranded runners at second and third, though, when Torii Hunter struck out and Mark Trumbo grounded out. That was part of an 0-for-7 day with runners in scoring position for a team that had hit .387 (63 for 163) in those situations over its previous 20 games.

“In my mind, he’s the best center fielder in baseball,” Trumbo said of Bourjos. “Obviously, it (his misplay) was a surprise but we didn’t lose that game because of that ball. I’ll take my share of the blame.”

Trumbo popped out with the bases loaded and one out in the fifth in addition to the seventh-inning groundout with two on.

“My at-bat with the bases loaded – that really could have shifted the momentum of the game,” Trumbo said.

The Angels failed to score a run from that bases-loaded situation and stranded Erick Aybar at third base in the third inning.

“We shot ourselves in the foot all day by not scoring runs when we had the opportunity,” Scioscia said. “We couldn’t score a run with an out when we had the chance. We left guys on third all day when all we had to do was move the ball to score a run. It came back to haunt us.”

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## **Angels' Romine plays against his Yankees brother**

**By Bill Plunkett**

ANAHEIM – Andrew Romine’s main job is backup infielder for the Angels. But he dabbles in player acquisition for the New York Yankees.

Romine was sitting at his locker before Friday’s game when he got a request from a clubhouse attendant.

“He just said, ‘Joe wants to see you.’ I assumed it was someone in the media or something,” Romine said. “I followed him down the hallway, past the batting cages. We kept going and going. I was like, ‘Where are we going?’

“We get to the visitors’ dugout and (Yankees manager) Joe Girardi is standing there, waiting for me and he says, ‘Have you talked to your brother lately?’”

Andrew Romine’s younger brother, Austin, is a well-regarded catching prospect in the Yankees’ farm system. He spent most of this season in Double-A, batting .286 with six home runs and 47 RBIs in 85 games before finishing the season with a few games in Triple-A.

Once the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees’ season ended on Monday, the younger Romine was taking his time, driving back to the family’s home in Lake Forest.

“I knew he was going to stop and see his girlfriend in Kentucky,” Andrew said. “So I called and called but he wasn’t answering. So finally I texted him and said, ‘Hey, Joe Girardi talked to me. You’d better call him.’

“He (Austin) called me back and said, ‘Why is my manager talking to you about calling me up to the big leagues?’ I told him, ‘It’s September. Maybe you should have your phone on.’ ”

Big brother knew what he was talking about – he made his major-league debut last September under similar circumstances. Injuries to infielders Erick Aybar, Alberto Callaspo and Maicer Izturis left the Angels short on infielders, long after Romine’s Double-A season had ended and September call-ups had been made. Romine was added to the roster and made his major-league debut, starting for the Angels on Sept. 24.

The Yankees officially added Austin Romine to their 40-man roster and promoted him from the minors before Sunday’s game. A thumb injury to Russell Martin on Saturday and Francisco Cervelli’s concussion symptoms left the Yankees short-handed at catcher.

“I just talked to him,” Andrew Romine said of his brother, who was still en route to Anaheim Sunday morning. “He’s excited. Our parents (their father, Kevin, played for the Red Sox from 1985-91) are going to be here. It couldn’t be better timing. I’m pumped for him.”

The two brothers played together for one year at Trabuco Hills High School (Andrew was a senior when Austin was a freshman) but against each other just once – in an Arizona Fall League game last year (though their teams met more than once). Austin made his major-league debut Sunday, replacing Yankees catcher Jesus Montero in the seventh inning and becoming the fifth catcher used by the Yankees this week.

### **BAD BY THE BAY**

The Angels start an 11-day, 10-game road trip in Oakland on Monday – a place that has not been kind to them recently. The Angels have lost five of their six games in Oakland this season, and 11 of their past 16. The A’s have outscored the Angels, 39-15, in the first six games there this year.

“They’ve pitched well against us,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “Early on, we weren’t swinging the bats very well and they were pitching well. When those two things meet, it doesn’t turn out well.”



The Angels and A's haven't faced each other since playing four games in three days right after the All-Star break, but they will play six times in the final 16 games of the season (three in Oakland, three in Anaheim). A's pitchers have a 2.79 ERA in 13 games against the Angels this season, holding them to a .219 batting average. Both of those rank third for opposing pitching staffs against the Angels this season behind the Indians and Blue Jays (the Angels will travel to Toronto for four games at the end of this trip).

## NOTES

If the Angels and Rangers tie for the AL West lead at the conclusion of regular-season play, they would meet in a one-game playoff on Thursday, Sept. 29 to determine the division champion. In the past, home field for that game would be decided by a coin flip. The rule has been changed, however, and home field now goes to the team with the better record in head-to-head games. With three games left to play against each other, the Rangers hold a 9-7 advantage over the Angels. ... Joel Pineiro will start the opener of the Angels' three-game series in Oakland Monday with Jerome Williams moving back a day in the rotation. Pineiro has not pitched since his seven innings in a victory over the Twins on Sept. 4.

## MONDAY

Angels right-hander Joel Pineiro (6-6, 5.11) is scheduled to start against A's left-hander Gio Gonzalez (12-12, 3.43). Game time is 7:05 p.m. and it will be broadcast on FSW, KLAA/830 AM and KWKW/1330 AM in Spanish.

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### **A 9/11 survivor's job: Tell the story right**

### **Retired New York firefighter, buried in tower's collapse, comes to Angel Stadium.**

**By Jeff Miller**

ANAHEIM – He was introduced as a hero, cheered as a hero and treated as a hero, strangers stopping him and extending their right hands or – if you wouldn't mind, please – pulling out their cameras.

Of the announced crowd of 42,581 at Angel Stadium of Anaheim on Sunday, 42,580 returned home convinced Joe Torrillo was a hero.

That last person knew better.

“No where in the dictionary does it say a hero wears a uniform and a chest of medals,” said Torrillo, wearing a uniform and a chest of medals. “There were so many unsung heroes that day, real heroes. I'm not a hero. All I did was the job that I vowed to do when I was sworn in as a firefighter.”

He paused, exhaled.

“The heroes don't get to tell their story,” Torrillo said. “The heroes are taken to the cemetery.”

So today he speaks for them, for the dead, which only makes sense seeing how he was dead once, too.

On Sunday, he was part of a 9/11 tribute as the Angels played the Yankees under a relentless sun on an impossibly gorgeous day woven in stars and stripes.

Before the game, a 300-foot American flag was unfurled as names of the victims scrolled on the scoreboard. There was three-minute video remembrance and a moment of silence meant to remember, as well. In the seventh inning, a Garden Grove fireman sang “God Bless America.”

The Angels did a wonderful job with the symbolism. For the substance, they knew enough to turn to someone like Torrillo, a retired New York City firefighter, and five others as ceremonial first-pitch participants.

The honorees included 9/11 responders Bob Schiavone, a fireman, and Chris Supron, a paramedic, and three Navy SEALs, Michael Murphy, Eric Franssens and Chet Henderson.

Torrillo barely made it to the stadium in time. He was rushed onto the field after beginning his day in Yorba Linda, speaking at another event, at the Nixon Presidential Library & Museum.

Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks on Sept. 11 a decade ago. Telling that many stories will keep a man busy.

“To think that we could lose so many people in one day on our soil, it's incomprehensible,” Torrillo, 55, said. “To have been a part of that and to have been one of the very few survivors, you can't help but spend the rest of your life retelling the story to people who need to hear it told correctly and respectfully.

“That's the obligation I have to all those people I was buried with.”

The second plane that day crashed into the south tower directly above Torrillo, who was busy convincing medical personnel to move their triage center away from the building, knowing a collapse was likely.

When that tower did fall, Torrillo was among the many swallowed in its rubble and pluming dust.

Chunks of concrete snapped his bones and dirt scorched his eyes. A piece of metal stuck Torrillo from behind, peeling away his scalp from the base of his skull to his forehead.

Pinned beneath the wreckage – “It was darker than midnight,” Torrillo said – he heard wailing turn to weeping turn to dying. He thought he might be next.

He'll tell you about his lingering problems with balance and the issues he has at times now with breathing. He won't talk about the nightmares.

“But it's not about me,” Torrillo said. “It's not a sob story. I was one of ones that God chose to come back. It's time that somebody – and I don't know if I'm that somebody, I'd like to think I am – to make this country the re-United States of America again. It's time to inspire patriotism.

“The United States of America takes care of 315 million people. Now, she needs 315 million people to take care of her.”

He eventually was rescued and taken by boat to a New Jersey hospital. It was nearly Sept. 12 before Torrillo was positively identified and his family alerted that he was alive.

As he spoke about all this Sunday, Torrillo tapped his left shoulder, drawing attention to the words written on his dress uniform: “New York City Fire Department.”

“This patch,” he said, “became a religion to me. I only did what I promised to do when I became a firefighter. That's to protect life and property at the ultimate risk of possibly laying down my life. And I almost did lay down my life that day.”

Joe Torrillo was buried alive on 9/11. Sunday was yet another day on which he emerged.

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**By Bill Plunkett**

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The Angels outhit the Yankees 10-8 in the game but stranded six baserunners and went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position.

[Click here for the full game story from Sunday.](#)

[Click here for Sunday's notebook with the story of the Romine brothers' big-league meeting.](#)

*– Reporting from Anaheim.*

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## **Angels minors: Cowart, Jimenez, Vargas-Vila**

**By Sam Miller**

Playoff notes from the Angels' system this weekend:

Orem: Taylor Lindsey, Abel Baker and Kaleb Cowart homered Sunday but nine runs wasn't enough, as the Owlz lost 12-9 and were eliminated from the Pioneer League playoffs. It was Cowart's second homer of the series, as he went 5 for 12 with five runs scored and 12 total bases in the three-game series against Ogden. The Owlz lost game one 3-2, as third-round pick Nick Maronde allowed only one run but was wild (four walks) and could last only five innings. They won game two 5-2, with 28th-round pick Daniel Vargas-Vila striking out nine and walking nobody in seven one-hit scoreless innings.

Inland Empire: The 66ers were eliminated from their series Friday night in a blowout. The 66ers had an overpowering top two in their rotation, but after John Hellweg and Ariel Pena it got thin quickly, and career minor leaguer Cody Evans turned out to be not the answer. Carlos Ramirez and Steven Irvine had two hits apiece in the elimination game, but the top four in the order went 1 for 14 and the 66ers were down 10-0 by

the end of the seventh. All in all, probably my favorite team to follow this year. I'm incredibly excited to see Pena, Hellweg, Kole Calhoun and Carlos Ramirez in double A next year — four guys with great performance this year but questions to resolve at higher levels. Can't wait.

Arkansas: The Travelers scored nine to win a clinching game four of their postseason series, and now they move on to the Texas League championship. Luis Jimenez homered twice to produce four of the runs. The win was important because it let the Travs save their ace, Matt Shoemaker, for Game 1 of the championship series, which starts Tuesday.

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## **Not such a golden moment for Bourjos, Angels**

**By Jill Painter**

ANAHEIM - Peter Bourjos dropped a ball in center field, and the New York Yankees scored two runs on his mistake.

Bourjos' error needed the blinking lights of a news flash.

The mistake is difficult to fathom, since the Angels center fielder has played Gold Glove-caliber defense all season. He's made fantastic catches, routine catches and seemingly everything in between.

This time, a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning by Mark Teixeira bounced off Bourjos' glove, which he closed too early.

Bourjos lost it in the sun and then found it again, but it was too late.

Brett Gardner scored to tie the game, and Derek Jeter scored the winning run in the Yankees' 6-5 victory Sunday at Angel Stadium.

"It was the turning point in the game," Bourjos said. "It's where we lost the game, right there."

Mistakes are magnified with an American League West title and a postseason berth on the line, and Bourjos shouldered the burden.

The Angels couldn't finish the three-game sweep against the Yankees and trail Texas by 2 games with just 16 left.

Sunday wasn't just about a baseball game. It was a time to honor those who lost their lives and those who risked theirs in the Sept. 11 attacks 10 years ago in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa.

With a flag on the field, a video to remember and a moment of silence, Angels and Yankees fans remembered.

And then it was back to baseball, which helped ease the tensions and pains of the terrorist attacks 10 years ago.

Bourjos homered in this game, but his defense on that play will be remembered more than anything else - though the Angels left six men on base and were 0for 7 with runners in scoring position.

The Angels had the bases loaded in the fifth inning against Yankees starter Freddy Garcia with just one out, but Mark Trumbo popped up to second base, and Alberto Callaspo grounded out to second, ending the inning.

"That definitely shifted the momentum," Trumbo said. "I'll take a lot of that blame. A guy like me, I've got to hit the ball in the air. I did, but I need to hit it further."

No matter how many Angels tell Bourjos his mistake didn't cost them the game, it would be hard to convince him otherwise. He's been just about perfect in the outfield, which is why even manager Mike Scioscia said he was surprised.

He realized Bourjos lost it in the sun. Still, everyone in red has come to expect Bourjos to track down anything within his ZIP code.

"Once it came out of the sun, I probably could've been in better position (to catch it)," Bourjos said.

He hadn't yet seen the replay when he spoke to reporters, and maybe he doesn't want to. Bourjos was in position to make the play had he closed his glove a split second later.

"Nobody is perfect," said Angels starter Ervin Santana. "If you don't want to make mistakes, you just don't play sports."

Santana wasn't perfect, either. Not even close. He allowed eight runs on six hits in five innings for his second straight loss. He won six decisions in a row earlier this season, but everyone remembers what you do in September.

"It seems like everything is hanging on by a thread," Trumbo said of September pennant races. "That's the fun of it. Unfortunately, (Sunday) we didn't give our best effort."

Robinson Cano and Curtis Granderson homered for the Yankees. Howie Kendrick and Bourjos had home runs for the Angels, who led most of the game.

Some of Bourjos' teammates told him to hang in there. Bourjos figured he wouldn't dwell on it, because he's been able to not let things linger before.

"I can move on and forget it," he said.

Trumbo didn't say anything to Bourjos about it. No atta-boys or get-'em-next-times.

"You don't need to say anything," Trumbo said. "We're all in this together."

Scioscia hopes the loss isn't blamed on Bourjos. "I don't know how you're going to put this game on one play," Scioscia said, "but it changed the dynamic of the game."

*From Angels.com*

## **Angels can't shake off lead-changing error**

### **Bourjos' seventh-inning drop sends Yanks on way to victory**

**By Glenn Rabney**

ANAHEIM -- In a game in which neither starting pitcher had his best stuff, the Angels fell to the Yankees, 6-5, before 42,581 in Anaheim on Sunday afternoon. More important than the performances of the starters, though, was a costly lead-changing error in the seventh inning by Angels center fielder Peter Bourjos.

The Angels got on the board in the bottom of the first inning, as Erick Aybar led off with a single and Howard Kendrick took Yankees starter Freddy Garcia deep for his 16th home run of the season, giving the Halos a 2-0 lead. But in a pattern that would last all game, the Angels quickly let New York answer.

In the top of the second, Ervin Santana gave up a leadoff single to Robinson Cano, who advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on an Eric Chavez single.

"Ervin's stuff was good," said Angels manager Mike Scioscia. "He pitched well; we just couldn't close it out."

Garcia, however, wasn't any better at holding the Halos off the board, as Bobby Wilson and Aybar opened the third inning with singles and moved up 90 feet on a sacrifice bunt by Kendrick. Wilson then scored on a wild pitch by Garcia to give the Angels a 3-1 lead.

That set the tone, but in the fourth, Santana served up Cano's 25th home run of the season to cut the lead to 3-2.

"Those guys," said Scioscia, "if you miss spots, they have a chance to hit the ball out of the ballpark."

More damage could have been done, as Chavez doubled with two outs and Santana walked the next two batters to load the bases before finally coaxing Brett Gardner to fly out to center and end the threat.

Bourjos increased the Angels' lead to 5-2 in the bottom of the fourth when he followed an Alberto Callaspo walk with his 11th home run.

That made it Santana's turn to return the favor, and in the top of the fifth, Derek Jeter led off with a single and came home on Curtis Granderson's 39th home run. With the long ball, Granderson increased his American League-leading RBI total to 111 and made the score 5-4.

In the bottom of the inning, the Angels loaded the bases with one out, but Mark Trumbo popped out to second and Callaspo grounded out to end the threat.

"That was huge," said Mark Teixeira. "That's a scrappy lineup, so you've got to think when they have runners on, they're going to be able to push them across somehow. For Freddy to get out of that inning was big for us."

Scioscia agreed.

"You have to give Garcia some credit," Scioscia said. "He pitched with his back against the wall and pitched out of some trouble.

"We had chances to score runs. We had a lot of guys on third with less than two outs, and you have to pick up those runs."

Both teams took a rest in the sixth, the first inning without any scoring, but Santana started off the seventh by surrendering leadoff singles to Gardner and Jeter before giving way to Scott Downs. After Granderson struck out, Bourjos dropped Teixeira's fly despite camping under the ball, allowing both runners to score and giving the Yankees their first lead of the day, 6-5.

"I got a good break on it," explained Bourjos, "It kind of flashed in the sun, but it's a play you have to make. I need to be in a better position when it came out of the sun."

"I thought I hit it really well," said Teixeira. "I knew at the very least it got the job done. I'm happy that we're tied, and ... I was kind of running hard the whole way, just in case. Those two runs ended up being huge."

Bourjos left no doubt about where he thought the game turned.

"We lost the game right there."

Scioscia, however, didn't see it the same way.

"I wouldn't put this game on one play," Scioscia said. "We had lots of opportunities to move the ball and score runs, and we couldn't do it."

As for the play itself, Scioscia had his own take.

"It's not an easy outfield, with the wind and the sun," Scioscia said. "That ball was flying today. He's been playing Gold Glove center field all year."

While it was nice to have his manager's support, this was a case in which Bourjos felt he had to disagree.

"It wasn't any more difficult than normal out there," Bourjos said. "That's how it always is."

From the vantage point of the mound, Santana was surprised by the play but also realized how reliable Bourjos has been all season.

"Nobody's perfect, and if you don't want to make any errors, you don't play in this sport," said a pragmatic Santana.

"He's made great plays before; what can I do?"

The Angels threatened in the bottom of the inning against Rafael Soriano, as Kendrick and Bobby Abreu both singled and Abreu stole second to put runners on second and third with two outs, but Soriano got Trumbo to ground out to Teixeira. It was Abreu's 20th stolen base of the season, marking the 13th consecutive year he has reached that mark -- the longest current streak in the Majors and the longest since Rickey Henderson did it for 23 consecutive years, the last being 2001.

From that point on, the Yankees' bullpen took over, with Dave Robertson retiring the side in the eighth and Mariano Rivera coming on in the ninth for his 40th save of the season and the 599th of his career.

With the error, the lack of timely hitting and the inability to keep the Yankees off the board, Scioscia summed the day up succinctly.

"We just didn't play good baseball," he said.

*From Angels.com*

## **Collectively, Yanks and Halos honor 9/11 heroes**

### **Three members of each club catch ceremonial first pitches**

**By Bryan Hoch**

ANAHEIM -- The Angels and Yankees joined to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, honoring memories of victims and recognizing survivors in a stirring pregame ceremony at Angel Stadium on Sunday.

Three members of each team caught ceremonial first pitches: Torii Hunter, Mike Scioscia and Jered Weaver of the Angels, and Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada and Mariano Rivera of the Yankees.

"I think everybody came together during 9/11 -- I think that's what we're doing again," Posada said. "Major League Baseball came together, and everybody came together for the same reasons. I'm really happy."

Jeter, Posada and Rivera lined up to catch tosses from those involved in rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Under a brilliant, cloudless sky not unlike that September morning 10 years ago, Hunter, Scioscia and Weaver stood alongside them, receiving throws from three United States Navy SEALs.

"Having the Yankees here is very special, and we'll have a lot of emotions and mixed feelings," Hunter said. "But ... every day you're going to think about 9/11, and every time you think about New York, you're going to think about it. It will be there forever."

Retired FDNY lieutenant Joe Torillo, who suffered injuries in the collapse of the World Trade Center, called it the "chance of a lifetime" to fire a strike to Jeter, the Yankees' captain.

Currently a volunteer at the new World Trade Center memorial at the footprints of the lost towers, Torillo says that he hopes to honor those who perished in the attacks.

"Sept. 11 changed my life and rearranged the world in so many ways -- ways I'd never wanted, ways I'd never thought," Torillo said. "Life is never always what we wanted or thought it would be."

Robert Schiavone, currently a member of the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff's Department, was part of the rescue mission with FDNY Ladder Company 39 after the twin towers collapsed.

"The Yankees were a really big part of the healing process that year," said Schiavone, who requested to throw to Posada. "The 2001 World Series was incredible. The Yankees showed resiliency."

Christopher Suprun, a first responder firefighter/paramedic from North Carolina, responded to the attack on the Pentagon and aided with rescue and recovery in Washington, D.C.

"We were lucky -- it was something we had planned for ahead of time," said Suprun, who threw to Rivera. "We planned on mass casualty incidents -- perhaps not a plane into a building, but every time someone calls 911, they're expecting us to fix their problem. That's the job, every day."

The Navy SEALs participating were Mike Murphy, Eric Franssens and Chet Henderson. Each has served multiple tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"It was a wonderful ceremony," Rivera said. "They did a tremendous job. They gave us the opportunity to be there and be part of it. That was awesome."

Scioscia said that the events of Sept. 11 galvanized the nation in a common thread.

"I think the whole country circled the wagons after that," Scioscia said. "It definitely gave us a different focus and perspective on life and what was happening, and all of the great things about this country came to the forefront."

Former Yankees manager Joe Torre, now Major League Baseball's head of operations, joined his old team on the baseline as both clubs watched a three-minute video presentation paying tribute to Sept. 11.

"We had an obligation," Torre said. "I didn't realize how important baseball was in the lives of certain people. Once our ballclub sensed that, it sort of motivated them even more in '01."

"Even today, when you think back to what went on in 2001 ... it was a scary time, and it remains scary, with what went on in our turf."

The Yankees and Angels each wore caps and jerseys with the American flag. The Yankees autographed FDNY and NYPD caps and plan to auction them to benefit a 9/11 charity at a later date.

"Over time, I think the country has gotten closer," Hunter said. "No matter what race or whatever, we're closer to each other."

Sunday's national anthem was performed by the Orange County Sheriff Bugle Corps, and the Orange County Fire Authority Color Guards presented the nation's colors.

Two-hundred fifty local police, fire and military volunteers unfurled a giant American flag in the outfield.



Though the Yankees were in Southern California for the 10th anniversary of the attacks, some 2,800 miles away from the intersections of Church and Vesey Streets, their hearts were not far from New York.

"We obviously have an opportunity to wear New York across our chest and we take a lot of pride in that," Jeter said. "This is something that affected the whole country. During the time right after Sept. 11, when we were playing in the playoffs and even now, it means a lot to us."

*From Angels.com*

### **However small, diversion of baseball welcome**

### **Members of Yankees and Angels team up to honor 9/11 heroes**

**By Mike Bauman**

ANAHEIM -- Solemn remembrance mingled with two contemporary division races at Angel Stadium on Sunday.

As far apart as these events were, the effect was not at all jarring. This was another example of the role, small but noticeable, that a game can play in helping to heal a national tragedy.

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and the New York Yankees lined the foul lines in pregame ceremonies to honor the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. On this 10th anniversary of that tragedy, the teams honored those involved in rescue and recovery efforts in the wake of those attacks.

Three of these first responders to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and three Navy SEALs threw ceremonial first pitches to three members of each club. It was a genuinely touching event. The very presence of the New York team set this remembrance apart.

"Having the Yankees here is very special, and we'll have a lot of emotions and mixed feelings," Angels right fielder Torii Hunter said. "But ... every day you're going to think about 9/11, and every time you think about New York, you're going to think about it. It will be there forever."

Fittingly enough, the three Yankees receiving the first pitches were the three Yankees who were players on the 2001 roster -- Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada and Mariano Rivera.

"I wish we were home, with the people of New York," Posada said. "But we're here and I'm happy for the first pitches today."

Also on hand and standing next to Yankees manager Joe Girardi for the ceremonies was Joe Torre, the Yankees' manager in 2001, now Major League Baseball's executive vice president of on-field operations. Torre's human sensibility was never more in evidence than in the aftermath of 9/11, as he and his players reached out to those damaged by the tragic events.

The memories of 9/11 are still painful. Those memories can never be anything other than painful. But as Girardi had said in his pregame media session, as sad as this day would be for America, the role of sport in this sort of situation would be to offer a diversion, a few hours of enjoyment. And that was next on Sunday's agenda.

For the next three hours and 14 minutes, the Yankees and the Angels played a closely contested, compelling game. In the larger scheme of human events, including terrorism and tragedy, no, this didn't really register. But as an event to remind you of the kind of thing that holds America together, an institution that has stood the test of time since the mid-19th century, this was no problem at all.

These had been two clubs heading in different directions in recent days. The Angels had come on with a rush, trying to catch the Texas Rangers in the American League West, winning six of the last seven games and holding the powerful Yankees offense to one run over the last two nights. From 4 1/2 games back, the Angels, after Saturday night's victory over New York, had closed to 1 1/2 games back of Texas.

The Yankees, meanwhile, were nicked up and operating at less than peak capacity. They had lost four straight. The only saving grace there was that their primary pursuers in the AL East, the Boston Red Sox, had done the same.

On Sunday, the directions changed with a 6-5 Yankees victory. With Boston's fifth straight loss, the Yankees' margin atop the division grew to 3 1/2 games.

The game turned for keeps in the seventh with runners on the corners, one out and the Yankees trailing, 5-4. Mark Teixeira hit what would have normally been a sacrifice fly to the warning track in right-center. Peter Bourjos, who has already established himself as a superior defensive center fielder, lost the ball in the sun at the last moment. The ball dropped off Bourjos' glove for an error, and both Yankees runners scored. With four innings of shutout relief from the quartet of Cory Wade, Rafael Soriano, David Robertson and, of course, Rivera, the Yankees returned to the win column.

By the afternoon's end, there was time to put the pregame ceremonies in perspective. The Yankees were suitably thankful for the way this was handled.

"The Angels did a tremendous job remembering," Girardi said. "It's a tough day for our country. A lot of people are sad."

There is only truth in that statement. The sadness will not evaporate, because the memories cannot be lost. But there can still be 42,581 people in Anaheim recalling a national tragedy and watching a baseball game on the same afternoon. This is not sacrilege; this is American life, and it persists and perseveres.

*From Angels.com*

## **Angels surging, but Scioscia won't peek ahead**

### **Manager urges ballclub to focus on present matchups**

**By Glenn Rabney**

ANAHEIM -- The Angels may have entered play on Sunday only 1 1/2 games behind the first-place Texas Rangers in the American League West, with only 17 games remaining, but Halos manager Mike Scioscia refused to look ahead past Sunday's series finale against the New York Yankees.

When asked about scenarios, coin flips or one-game play-ins, Scioscia had only one answer: "We're playing the Yankees."

"We're playing the Yankees today," Scioscia repeated, adding that his only focus is to "play the game that is scheduled. Play to the best of your ability, and if they are going to beat you, make them earn it."

Scioscia is happy with the way the Angels have played.

"They've played aggressive, played with focus and executed well in the last six weeks," Scioscia said before reiterating his point.

"You don't want to get caught up with a lot of things," Scioscia said. "It's a baseball game. Whether it's a young guy taking the field for the first time in June, or a guy coming over at the Trade Deadline, it's a baseball game."

As for his team's starting pitching, Scioscia is also pleased with how his rotation stacks up.

"This time of year, you're looking to see how much gas guys have left in the tank and how they rebound from starts," Scioscia said. "It's not when you want to see a dead arm."

"If you look at [Dan] Haren last night, he was strong until the end, [Jered] Weaver was strong the night before, Ervin [Santana] has been maintaining his stuff. I think our bullpen is refreshed."

With the Angels' pitching staff looking strong, there was even discussion about possibly having Weaver come back on four days' rest for one start.

"There is most likely going to be one day in which he comes back [after] four days, but we haven't decided anything yet," Scioscia said. "The timing of it will depend."

As for any other considerations, Scioscia had only one answer.

"We're playing the Yankees," he said.

### **Worth noting**

Reliever Bobby Cassevah turned 26 on Sunday. Cassevah has been productive out of the Angels' bullpen lately. Seven of his 10 outings at home have been scoreless; he has posted a 2.200 ERA in 16 1/2 inning in Anaheim.

*From Angels.com*

### **Angels hit Oakland to face youthful A's**

**By Jason Mastrodonato**

The Angels could have received some help from the A's on Sunday while Oakland was finishing off a three-game set with the American League West-leading Rangers.

But the A's offense was dormant and Texas took two of three to remain 2 1/2 games ahead of the suddenly hot Angels, who lost to the Yankees on Sunday but have won six of their last eight games. Now, the Angels will get their own crack at the A's, a team far out of the division race but still scrapping to win ballgames any way they can.

Oakland featured a lineup with three rookies on Sunday, including the highly touted outfielder Michael Taylor, 28-year-old catcher Anthony Recker and 25-year-old outfielder Jai Miller -- who made his Major League debut. Manager Bob Melvin said there will be a similar mix of veterans and youngsters the rest of the season, as the A's get a chance to test some inexperienced players while still trying to be competitive.

"It's a balancing act, there's no doubt about it," Melvin said. "You continue to play your veterans, For the most part, everyone we're playing is a contending team, whether it's Texas, the Angels or Detroit. ... You have to have a balance [with] the guys that you run out there, as far as giving yourself the best chance to win the game, but you're still trying to evaluate talent going forward."

The A's were nearly shut out on Sunday before Eric Sogard smacked a pinch-hit homer in the ninth inning.

On Monday, starter Gio Gonzalez and his teammates will host the Angels for the first act of a three-game set between the divisional foes. The Halos rode the backs of Jered Weaver and Dan Haren to take two of three from the Yankees over the weekend, but they'll now turn to veteran right-hander Joel Pineiro.

Pineiro is making his fourth start since spending some time in the bullpen. In his last time out, on Sep. 4, Pineiro spun seven-inning gem against the Twins in which he allowed one run.

"We need [to go] five times around the rotation with a chance to win," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said after Pineiro's latest effort. "J.P. pitched great. ... It's good news for us. We need him."

"Obviously, we've been counting on the big three [Weaver, Haren and Santana] all season," Pineiro said. "Hopefully, myself and whoever's at the end of the rotation can help out."

### **Angels: Izturis is Mr. Clutch**

Maicer Izturis has driven in the game-winning run in each of the last three Angels victories. His walk-off sacrifice fly finished the Yankees on Friday night, while an RBI double in the second inning was the difference in Haren's gem on Saturday.

Izturis will turn 30 on Monday, and experience has started to make a difference.

"Last year, his versatility -- especially offensively, hitting anywhere in the lineup, but also defensively, playing three positions -- was something we missed," Scioscia said. "It's impacted our lineup this year.

"He'll go line to line, and he doesn't overswing. He'll put the ball in play. He has been a clutch hitter his whole career."

### **A's: Crisp could miss series**

After injuring his right ankle on Friday, outfielder Coco Crisp could miss the full series against the Angels, Melvin said.

"We'll probably do some more extensive stuff with our doctors when we get back home," Melvin said. "[Crisp had] X-rays. It didn't show a fracture, but we may be looking at an MRI when we get home."

Crisp missed the rest of the series against Texas, paving the way for Miller's debut on Sunday, while Ryan Sweeney got the nod in center field and occupied the leadoff spot.

### **Worth noting**

- The A's have used 48 players and 26 pitchers this season. The pitcher total ties an Oakland record set in 1997.
- The Angels are 5-11 in their last 16 games in Oakland, though they haven't lost a season series to the A's since 2003.
- With one more save, Angels closer Jordan Walden will become the fifth rookie since 2000 to notch 30 or more saves in a season.
- The A's committed three errors on Saturday and two more on Sunday, while their 117 on the season are second most in the Majors, behind only the Cubs (120).

*From Yahoo.com*

## **Anniversary of attacks rekindle powerful emotions**

**By Tim Brown**



ANAHEIM, Calif. – Bob Schiavone was a Ladder Company 39 man, New York Fire Department.

He was there on the day it all came down, like a lot of other guys.

His job was to rescue people.

"I learned very quickly there weren't going to be a lot of rescues," he said.

Then he'd rescue the rescuers. It's what they did, everything working backwards.

"Total chaos," he said.

Sunday afternoon, 10 years and a continent away, he stood just beyond right field at Angel Stadium. Shade cast from the bill of his hat cut across weary eyes.

Nearby, dozens of police, fire and rescue men and women readied an American flag that would span the outfield. Among them: firefighter Chris Suprun, one of the early responders at the Pentagon, and firefighter Joe Torillo, a survivor of the World Trade Center attack.

Having arrived early, they'd milled around in the stadium's dank loading dock and tunnels, where they greeted each other with handshakes and stiff hugs. A few, their hands in their pockets, gathered around a lone television and a football game. Some led children by the hand, introducing them to men wearing the same deep blue as daddy, the same medals dangling from their chests.

Reggie Jackson, in a white cap and sunglasses, strolled past, pulling his luggage behind. He paused for their cell phone cameras.

Schiavone watched it all pass.

"It's weird," he said. "Does it make sense if I say it feels like it was just yesterday and it feels like it was such a long time ago?"

He shook his head, as though he'd come to a conclusion.

"I can't believe 10 years have passed," he said.

In a pregame ceremony not unlike many across baseball, the Los Angeles Angels and New York Yankees observed that day, the many that followed, and the horror and heartache that chased them. They thanked men such as Schiavone, Suprun and Torillo. On the video board, they scrolled the names of the men and women who wouldn't be here to thank.

"It doesn't matter if it's 10 years or one day," Yankees veteran Jorge Posada said. "Ten years, 20 years, 40. It's still today. We all went through the same tough times."

They were scared, Posada said. Everyone was. Today, too, even.

"A plane goes by," he said, "and you still look up."

Wondering. Remembering.

Baseball had been in the right place at the wrong time.

When words wouldn't do, it spoke to the wounded.

When life would never be the same, it played a familiar game.

It wasn't much. It was something.

And so it was again in 2011, not life but a three-hour respite from it, preceded by one long and sad sigh.

Suprun awoke suddenly at 5:40 a.m. Sunday, six minutes before the national moment of silence.

Ten years, he thought. Ten.

It didn't seem possible.

He'd been working in Virginia, had grown up there an Orioles fan, when his pager came alive. He'd called his wife in Washington D.C.

"It's time to get out of there," he'd told her.

He was going to New York. Then, no, he was needed at the Pentagon.

Ten years.

"For me," he said, "I'm happy that on the anniversary it seems we have a greater national consciousness of the hit we took as a nation."

So many of his brothers and sisters perished, men and women he knew and didn't. "The tone dropped," he said, and they reported to work, to pick up what had broken and put it back together, like always. Only this time little fit, or ever would again.

Just past noon, those who continued – or took up – the job pulled a flag tight across the grass, from foul line to foul line, from infield to warning track. Bugles called out. The stadium announcer asked the people to stand. They'd been standing for 15 minutes.

"It's a tough day for our country," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "A lot of people are sad."

Schiavone, Suprun and Torillo stood near the pitcher's mound. They'd throw ceremonial pitches to ballplayers. Three Navy SEALs stood on the first-base side of the mound and did the same.

Three Angels and three Yankees waited. Joe Torre, who managed the Yankees then, watched from nearby.

"Even now," Derek Jeter said, "it means a lot to us."

The day, what it meant, what it will always mean, it's bigger than all of them, of course. The game, it's just a game. Just a stinkin' game. Yet, if it makes sense for one person, one ladder company, one city, then it's more.

Bob Schiavone owns a DVD of the 2001 World Series. His team lost. He's watched that DVD, by his estimate, a hundred times. "I just stop watching it after Game 5," he said, shrugging as if any true Yankee fan would.

His DVD of The Concert for New York, he's gone through that maybe a thousand times. He watches for the music, but, more, he waits to hear the cry that goes up from the crowd.

"Let's go Yankees!"

Nearly 10 years later, he still had to rub out the goose bumps.

Nothing's changed. And everything has.

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### **Yankees snap 4-game skid, edge Angels 6-5**

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) -- Mariano Rivera made his 1,036th appearance with a catcher making his major league debut. Rivera earned his 599th career save with help from Austin Romine, who was shopping in a store in Kentucky 24 hours earlier.

Although injuries and slumps have forced the New York Yankees to get resourceful - and a little lucky - in the last few weeks, they're still leaving California with their biggest AL East lead of the season.

Robinson Cano and Curtis Granderson homered, New York scored two key runs when Peter Bourjos dropped a fly ball in the seventh inning, and the Yankees beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-5 Sunday to snap a four-game skid.

"We got a little bit lucky today," said Rivera, who moved two saves behind Trevor Hoffman's major league career record. "That's part of the game, but we won."

Derek Jeter had two hits and scored the go-ahead run for the Yankees, who moved 3 1/2 games ahead of slumping Boston in the division standings.

The Yankees' four-game skid was their second-longest this season, but they still haven't lost four straight road games all year. New York also avoided getting swept by the Angels for the first time since July 2009.

The Yankees might be stumbling a bit - but compared to the Red Sox, who were pounded again by Tampa Bay on Sunday, they're rolling.

"We've lost a lot of tough games," said Mark Teixeira, who hit the decisive fly to Bourjos. "We're beat up, very tired, but ... we needed a break like that. We've been through a lot lately, and for us to scratch this one out, we could smell it. Once we got that lead, we weren't going to give it back."

New York had two runners on in the seventh when Bourjos - normally an outstanding fielder - was blinded by the sun just long enough for Teixeira's fly to deep center to simply pop out of his glove. Bourjos then missed the cutoff man with his throw, allowing Jeter to score easily from first base on the error.

"It kind of flashed into the sun for a second, but it's a play I've got to make," Bourjos said. "I think I needed to get in a little better position to catch it. It was a turning point in that game, and we lost it right there."

Howie Kendrick and Bourjos hit two-run homers for the Angels, who dropped 2 1/2 games behind AL West-leading Texas.

Both teams participated in a pregame ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. Former Yankees manager Joe Torre was on the field while Jeter, Jorge Posada and Rivera caught ceremonial first pitches from two first responders and a survivor in the attacks on New York and Washington.

"I wish we were at home with the people of New York," Posada said.

Rivera earned his 40th save of the season. The Yankees play six more road games before returning to New York on Sept. 19.

Romine made an unlikely debut one day after getting a call from manager Joe Girardi, a week after his minor league season concluded.

Romine, who grew up 10 minutes from Angel Stadium in Lake Forest, came on in the seventh inning for fellow catching prospect Jesus Montero. Romine played in front of more than 20 family members - including Angels infielder Andrew Romine, his older brother.



"It's a tremendous honor to catch (Rivera)," said Romine, the fifth catcher used by New York in four days. "I've played in this ballpark before, so there's a comfort level."

Cory Wade (5-0) pitched the sixth inning for New York after Freddy Garcia scuffled through the first five, allowing five runs and seven hits.

Injuries are piling up during a 10-game trip for the Yankees, who played their second straight game without Alex Rodriguez and their third in a row without right fielder Nick Swisher. Rodriguez won't return until at least Tuesday while resting a sore left thumb, while Swisher has tendinitis in his left elbow.

Catchers Francisco Cervelli and Russell Martin both sat out to rest injuries incurred earlier this week, and Posada said he was a bit sore after catching Saturday for the first time all season.

Ervin Santana (11-11) couldn't match the shutdown efforts of Jered Weaver and Dan Haren earlier in the series despite eight strikeouts for the Angels, yielding eight hits and four walks before leaving with two runners on in the sixth.

Erick Aybar had four hits for the Angels, who completed a 6-3 homestand. Los Angeles had pulled within 1 1/2 games of Texas on Saturday, but the Rangers routed Oakland 8-1 earlier Sunday.

"We shot ourselves in the foot all day on the offensive side," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We had chances to score runners with just some outs, and we left a lot of guys on third base with less than two outs. You need to pick up those runs and keep pressure on them. We just didn't play the kind of all-around type of game that's going to lead to a win."

NOTES: Granderson's two-run homer in the fifth was the 39th of his remarkable season. ... Angels DH Bobby Abreu stole two bases, giving him 20 steals for the 13th consecutive season. That's the longest streak in the majors since Rickey Henderson had 23 straight seasons of 20 steals from 1979-2001. ... Aybar got the Angels' major league-leading 39th bunt hit in the third inning with a perfect bunt down the third-base line. Aybar and Bourjos account for the majority of Los Angeles' bunt hits.

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## **Angels' youngsters see glare of race**

### **As pressure builds, newcomers such as Bourjos and Trumbo will have a big influence**

**By Mark Saxon**

ANAHEIM -- It's not quite right to say that none of these Los Angeles Angels youngsters have been in a pennant race before. There was that magical August 2007 when Jordan Walden's Orem, Utah, club was vying for a Pioneer League title.

A rookie-ball race probably feels a little different than this, though, wouldn't you think? Something about the extra deck or two on a stadium and the TV cameras in the dugout can change the ambience a tad.

"Every other year, I've been home at this point," Walden said.

A blithe disregard for the circumstances has helped carry this Angels team into an improbable pennant race, probably ahead of its time, this year. Did some of the young Angels finally wake up Sunday morning, realize that it's getting close to mid-September, that the New York Yankees are in town and that October baseball is suddenly a legitimate possibility?

Maybe, maybe not, but two of the brightest young players on the team made mistakes that helped usher in the Yankees' sweep-defying 6-5 win at Angel Stadium on Sunday afternoon, a loss that knocked the Angels another notch from their goal -- now 2½ games behind the Texas Rangers with 16 left, the next 10 on the road.

Peter Bourjos, probably the best defensive center fielder in the American League, dropped a Mark Teixeira fly ball that accounted for the winning run. Mark Trumbo, perhaps the rookie of the year, got a little overanxious with the bases loaded and hit an infield popup to strand a runner at third with less than two outs.

It seemed almost too coincidental. Before the game, manager Mike Scioscia talked as though he were hoping these young players never quite realize what's at stake. They had been playing like it all year.

"We don't want to get caught up in a lot of the things you guys are trying to ask, like how will young guys do in a pennant race, all that stuff," Scioscia said. "It's a baseball game. I think these guys are playing free."

How can you tell when the pressure is getting to a guy? Was it the moment or the midafternoon Southern California sun that got to Bourjos on Sunday, or maybe a little of both?

"It's a play I've got to make," Bourjos said. "It was the turning point of that game and ended up being where we lost the game right there."

Trumbo took his share of blame, too, in part to deflect some attention from his friend and longtime teammate.

"In my mind he's the best center fielder in baseball. Obviously, I was surprised, but we didn't lose the game because of that play," Trumbo said.

So, why did you lose it?

"There were a number of factors, but my at-bat with the bases loaded comes to mind. I'll take a lot of the blame for that," Trumbo said.

Let's be fair. Even if the Angels never track down the Rangers this month, you can't really pin it on their young guys. Don't forget: Bobby Abreu, who came up 15 years ago, struck out to leave a runner at third with one out. So did Torii Hunter, who broke into the big leagues in 1998. Bourjos' drop cost them the game, but it shouldn't have. The Angels should have sent Freddy Garcia off with a loss and the Yankees off after a sweep.

Bourjos and Mike Trout have helped make this the fastest team Scioscia has ever had. Trumbo has helped make it more powerful than most people thought it would be. Walden has helped stabilize a bullpen that has teetered on flammable. The young guys have rescued this team, not left it stranded.

And here's the thing about this weekend: The Angels didn't exactly embarrass themselves. In the heat of a pennant race, they had outscored the best team in the American League 8-1 entering Sunday's game. They built a 5-2 lead against them Sunday, but the Yankees' relentless offense finally got its relentlessness back.

It's just that, as scrutiny increases with October a few weeks off, you always wonder about how well untested players will handle the pressure. You can tell Scioscia is concerned enough about it that he's doing everything he can to keep things light. Hunter, the veteran team leader, is on the same agenda.

Here's Scioscia's message to his young team -- on which 16 players have made their major league debuts and 19 guys have fewer than two years of seasoning: Play as freely as if you were in spring training, in the Arizona sun.

"There's no such thing as a spring-training game, a regular-season game, a pennant-race game or a playoff game," Scioscia said. "It's a baseball game, and I think our guys have shown that."

Hunter realizes the young position players watch his approach. Many of them seek him out for advice about that day's starting pitcher, occasionally watching video with him.

"Sometimes, I tell them, 'Good luck,' if it's Felix Hernandez or something," Hunter said.

Other times, Hunter might share a tendency he has picked up or describe what he's thinking in the batter's box. Occasionally, Trumbo shares a piece of information that helps Hunter. It's not a one-way information highway. It might be that the veterans' role is to keep the atmosphere light enough that nobody chokes on the tension.

"The veteran guys have to kind of keep our cool, keep our composure," Hunter said. "The young guys feed off it. I can feel it."

Hunter said he felt this team come together about a month ago. Now, as the pressure mounts, we get to see how strong the glue is.

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## **Yankees 6, Angels 5: Three Up, Three Down**

**By Mark Saxon**

ANAHEIM -- It might prove to be the costliest mistake of the season. Angels center fielder Peter Bourjos dropped a Mark Teixeira fly ball that allowed the winning run to score in Sunday's 6-5 loss to the New York Yankees.

Bourjos' three-base error in the seventh inning dropped the Angels to 2 1/2 games behind the Texas Rangers in the AL West with 16 games remaining, the next 10 on the road.

### **The Good:**

**Bourjos' bat.** One of the reasons the Angels have shown surprising power since the start of August is that **Bourjos** and **Howie Kendrick** have been supplying some of it. Bourjos' main attribute is his speed, but he's shown more than a modicum of power. He hit his 11th home run, a high, hooking shot to left field to give the Angels a 5-2 lead in the fourth. Kendrick hit his 16th in the first, building on a new career high.

**Dink doctors.** The Angels can hurt you with the long ball, but they're more likely to do it quietly. They had three infield hits, one of which resulted in a run, within the first three innings and four overall Sunday. That's been a season-long trend. The Angels lead the majors with 155 infield hits. They tap it and run and it often works.

**Downs dealing.** **Scott Downs** has been one of the best below-the-radar pickups in the majors this season. Angels fans must think so. In 26 outings at Angel Stadium, he has yet to give up a run. The veteran lefty was on the mound when the Yankees scored the winning runs, but he was far from culpable, nearly getting out of a two-on, nobody-out jam.

### **The Bad:**

**Bourjos' glove.** He's been virtually flawless in center field, but Bourjos picked a bad time for a mistake. He had tracked down **Mark Teixeira's** deep drive at the warning track -- in fact he was camped under it -- but

he took his eye off it at the last second and it bounced out of his glove for a three-base error that accounted for the winning run.

**Faulty clutch.** One of the reasons the Angels have made up ground in the past four weeks is their clutch hitting had picked up the pace. Entering Sunday, the Angels were hitting .369 with runners in scoring position and were 4-for-10 with the bases loaded. Not so much Sunday. They couldn't quite maximize their chances against **Freddy Garcia**, largely because they were 0-for-7 with RISP and 0-for-2 with the bases loaded.

Costly at-bats included: **Bobby Abreu's** third-inning strikeout with one out and a runner at third, **Mark Trumbo's** bases-loaded infield pop-up in the fifth and **Torii Hunter's** strikeout with a runner at third and one out in the seventh.

**Not Ervin's best.** It felt like **Ervin Santana** was trying to hold back a wall of pent-up aggression from a Yankees lineup that had been held down for two straight games by **Jered Weaver** and **Dan Haren**. He wasn't quite good to the task. Santana had solid stuff judging by eight strikeouts, but he gave up hits at key times and the result was his worst outing since May 30. That tells you how good he had been.

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### **Angels-Athletics Preview**

The **Los Angeles Angels'** modest .500 record against AL West rivals is one reason why they're playing catch-up with 16 games left in the season.

The **Oakland Athletics** don't plan on being pushovers.

Los Angeles has dropped four of its last five meetings with the A's heading into Monday night's opener of a three-game series in Oakland.

The Angels (80-66) trail West-leading Texas by 2 1/2 games, partly due to a 24-24 record within the division. The **Rangers** are 30-15 versus West rivals - the best intradivisional record in the majors.

Oakland (66-80) has dealt Los Angeles eight of its defeats within the division, while the Angels have beaten the Athletics five times. The A's took three of four when the teams last met, July 15-17 in Oakland.

The Athletics fell 8-1 to the Rangers on Sunday, but manager Bob Melvin said he plans to make the playoff contenders on Oakland's schedule work down the stretch.

"You want to evaluate talent going forward, but you've got to put forth your best lineup and continue to play your veterans," Melvin said. "Pretty much everybody we play is a contender - the Rangers, Angels and Tigers."

Los Angeles has won six of eight, but lost 6-5 to the AL East-leading **New York Yankees** on Sunday. **Howie Kendrick** and Peter Bourjos each hit two-run homers for the Angels, who went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position.

"We shot ourselves in the foot all day on the offensive side," manager Mike Scioscia said. "You need to pick up those runs and keep pressure on them. We just didn't play the kind of all-around type of game that's going to lead to a win."

Scioscia will send **Joel Pineiro** (6-6, 5.11 ERA) to the mound as Los Angeles looks to avoid its first back-to-back losses of September.

Pineiro is 1-0 with a 3.79 ERA in three starts since returning to the rotation after a stint in the bullpen. The right-hander will take the ball for the first time since Sept. 4, when he allowed one run in seven innings of a 4-1 victory over Minnesota.

"I'm just trusting my stuff now and believing in not trying to invent the wheel," Pineiro said. "I'm just finding my sinker, working down in the zone and being aggressive with it instead of just trying to get a feel for it."

Pineiro, though, is 0-2 with a 9.22 ERA in three starts versus the A's this season. He had the worst outing of his career in the last meeting between the teams July 17, lasting only one-third of an inning while allowing eight runs - seven earned - and walking four in a 9-1 loss.

**Gio Gonzalez** (12-12, 3.43) won that contest for Oakland, and he'll oppose Pineiro again Monday.

The left-hander is 4-1 with a 1.74 ERA in his last five starts versus the Angels, pitching seven scoreless inning in the most recent win.

Gonzalez is coming off a rough outing, however, giving up seven runs - six earned - in five innings of a 7-4 loss to Kansas City on Tuesday. He had won his previous three starts with a 2.18 ERA.

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## **Los Angeles Angels Team Report**

### **INSIDE PITCH**

No one in the Angels' locker room — or many of the visiting locker rooms during their season — would argue with rookie first baseman Mark Trumbo.

"In my mind, he's the best center fielder in baseball," Trumbo said of Angels outfielder Peter Bourjos.

But it was Bourjos' error that cost the Angels a win Sunday afternoon. With runners on the corners and the Angels nursing a one-run lead in the seventh inning, Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira sent a long fly ball to the warning track in right-center field. Bourjos struggled with the sun but got to the ball — only to have it glance off his glove for an error.

The fly ball would have driven in the tying run if Bourjos had caught it. Instead, the tying and go-ahead runs scored as the Yankees handed the Angels a 6-5 loss that dropped them 2-1/2 games back in the AL West.

"That's a play I've got to make," Bourjos said. "That's the turning point in the game. That ended up being the final score, 6-5.

"I got to make that play."

Angels manager Mike Scioscia has praised Bourjos as "a difference-maker on defense" since his promotion from Class AAA last August. At least one defensive measure backs him up. According to FanGraphs' analysis, Bourjos has saved 21 runs this season (second in the majors) and 43 over the past two seasons (the most in the majors despite his mid-season arrival).

"He's been playing Gold Glove center field for us all year," Scioscia said. "That ball just got in the sun. It was tough."

### **NOTES, QUOTES**

—DH Bobby Abreu was 1-for-3 with a single and a walk Sunday. He also stole two bases, giving him 20 this season for the 13th consecutive season. That is the longest active streak of 20-steal seasons and the

longest since Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson went 23 seasons with at least 20 steals from 1979 through 2001.

—2B Howie Kendrick was 2-for-4 with a two-run home run Sunday. It was his first home run in 31 at-bats after hitting seven in his previous 56 at-bats. His 16 home runs this season are a career high.

—RHP Joel Pineiro will start the opener of a three-game series in Oakland Monday, with RHP Jerome Williams getting an extra day's rest before his next start Tuesday. Pineiro has not pitched since Sept. 4, when he held the Twins to one run in seven innings and earned his first victory since July 9.

—RHP Dan Haren's shutout victory over the Yankees Saturday night gave him 15 wins again this season. Haren has also won at least 15 games in a season with the A's (2007) and Diamondbacks (2008). He is the fourth active pitcher to have 15-win seasons with at least three different teams — RHP Bartolo Colon (Indians, White Sox and Angels), RHP Derek Lowe (Red Sox, Dodgers and Braves) and Javier Vazquez (Expos, White Sox and Braves).

—The Angels have three starting pitchers on pace to pitch 220 innings or more this season — Jered Weaver (214 1/3), Dan Haren (217 1/3) and Ervin Santana (215 2/3). The Angels haven't had three pitchers throw 220 innings or more in the same season since 1991 — LHP Chuck Finley (227 1/3), LHP Mark Langston (246 1/3) and LHP Jim Abbott (243).

**BY THE NUMBERS:** 156 — Infield hits by the Angels this season through Sunday. That topped the majors.

**QUOTE TO NOTE:** "Nobody's perfect. If you don't want to make any errors, just don't play any sports." — Angels RHP Ervin Santana, on CF Peter Bourjos' costly error Sunday.

## **ROSTER REPORT**

### **MEDICAL WATCH:**

—RHP Francisco Rodriguez (right shoulder inflammation) went on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May 10, and he was transferred to the 60-day DL on Aug. 10. He will treat the problem with rest and rehab.

—1B Kendrys Morales (fractured left ankle) went on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 22. He was never able to progress to running the bases in workouts, let alone playing in games during spring training or on a rehab assignment. He had a second surgery on his ankle May 26 to address continued discomfort and lack of mobility. Morales, who was transferred to the 60-day DL on July 20, will not play until the 2012 season.