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near the left field line and fell. With the chimp going ape, Glaus' go-ahead hit off Robb Nen capped the Angels' surge from a 5-0 deficit.

"That thing was showing again, wasn't it?" Giants outfielder Tom Goodwin said. "It's crazy, but whatever works for them. I mean, who knows if they believe in it, or whatever? But the fans surely get riled up."

Spiezio's homer in the seventh made it 5-3 and Darin Erstad's leadoff shot started the rally in the eighth.

"There's no room for fear here, or else you're going to go home," Spiezio said. "We battle until the last out of the game. Until they kick us out of the park and say you've got to go home, we're not giving up."

Give credit to that Rally Monkey, too. Because once the pesky primate showed up, the Angels and the sellout crowd of 44,506 would not be denied.

"This is, without a doubt, his biggest moment," said Angels entertainment manager Peter Bull, who operates video of the mascot. "The success of the monkey is nothing without the players and their ability to come back."

The whole thing left many believing the monkey has mystical powers. And it wasn't surprising — look at what the underdog Angels did to the New York Yankees and Minnesota in the playoffs.

Never before had a team trailing by five runs and facing Series elimination come back to win. Clubs had come back from four runs, but nothing like this.

Now, Bonds gets one final chance at the only prize that has eluded him. A bad omen for him — of the last seven Game 7s in the Series, the home team has won every time.

"There was confidence, definitely," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "But the game was a no-over. That was a heck of a comeback by them."

On Sunday night, it'll be Livan Hernandez starting for the Giants against rookie John Lackey.

Ramon Ortiz had been scheduled to start for the Angels, but the tendonitis in his right wrist made them leery.

"It's pretty cool," Lackey said. "I'm excited. I'm going to go as hard as I can and as long as I can and see what happens."

Reliever Brendan Donnelly was the Game 6 winner and Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his second save of the Series.

Tim Worrell took the loss. For Nen, it was a familiar sight — the Rally Monkey made its debut at Anaheim June 6, 2000, and on that day, the Angels rallied to beat the Giants reliever in the bottom of the ninth.

Unstoppable at the plate, Bonds hit his fourth home run of the Series, a solo shot in the sixth off Francisco Rodriguez that made it 4-0.

When Kenny Lofton scored in the seventh, the Series trophy was clearly in the Giants' grasp behind the shutout pitching of Russ Ortiz.

Cup racing abandoned

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — America's Cup challenger racing has been abandoned Sunday and Monday before yachts hit the water, causing officials to schedule two flights of matches Tuesday to clear a growing backlog of races.

GLOBAL ROUNDUP Trapped ashore Sunday because of high winds, challengers voted unanimously to abandon racing again Monday in the face of a forecast that predicted further threatening weather.

With early abandonment of Monday's races, four consecutive days of competition in the second round have been lost.

Racing has proceeded on two of the six scheduled, second-round race days.

Batsman confident

PERTH, Australia — Australian opener Justin Langer says he'll be aiming to unsettle England when he leads



TEAM New Zealand's NZL-81 takes to the sea for practice during the Louis Vuitton Cup in Auckland last week. Nine other teams from six countries are competing for the right to challenge for the America's Cup, currently held by the Kiwi team.

the Western Australia state lineup in a pre-Ashes series tour match starting Monday in Perth.

Langer, who is expected to be named Monday alongside Matt

Hayden at the top of the batting order when selectors announce the Australian squad for the first test starting Nov. 7, said he was determined to ensure that

England didn't gain any confidence ahead of the Ashes opener.

"Cricket is about momentum, and therefore I hope England gain no momentum from this match," Langer told reporters Sunday on the eve of the three-day tour match. "

Eberharter triumphs

SOELDEN, Austria (AP) — World Cup overall champion Stephan Eberharter extended his winning ways into the new season Sunday, winning the opening men's giant slalom.

Eberharter, the newly crowned Olympic giant slalom champion, triumphed in a two-run combined time of 1 minute, 49.47 seconds.

The Austrian won only one World Cup giant slalom race last season but finished third in the discipline rankings and managed to foil the favorites for gold in Salt Lake City World Cup giant slalom titlist Frederic Covili climbed from fourth to second after a sizzling second effort, crossing in 1:49.60.

— AP

NHL: Streaking Flyers thrash Islanders

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night loss to Minnesota. Joe Thornton and Marty McInnis had the other Bruins goals.

Ilya Kovalchuk, Tony Hrkac and Daniel Tjarnqvist scored the goals for Atlanta (0-7-0-1), the only winless team in the Eastern Conference.

Blackhawks 3 Hurricanes 3: In Raleigh, North Carolina, Boris Mironov's third period goal gave the Chicago Blackhawks a 3-3 tie with the Hurricanes.

Rod Brind'Amour had a goal and one assist for Carolina (3-4-1-1) while Erik Cole and Jeff O'Neill had the other goals. Kevin Weekes made 40 saves.

Canadiens 5 Senators 3: In Montreal, Jeff Hackett made 45 saves in relief of Jose Theodore as the Canadiens edged the Ottawa Senators 5-3. Montreal (3-3-2-0) was out-shot 48-21 but the Canadiens won for the first time at home this season thanks to Hackett's brilliance.

Yanic Perreault had a pair of goals for Montreal while Craig Rivet, Patrice Brisebois and Richard Zednik also scored. Martin Havlat, Daniel Alfredsson and Wade Redden replied for the Senators (3-2-1-0), who out-shot the Habs 23-5 in the first period but trailed 1-0.

Flyers 6 Islanders 2: In Uniondale, New York, Michal Handzus and Jeremy Roenick both scored two goals to give the red-hot Philadelphia Flyers a 6-2 win over the Islanders.

Justin Williams and Keith Primeau scored the other goals for Philadelphia, which improved to 5-1-2-0 under coach Ken Hitchcock.

Brad Isbister scored twice for the Islanders (3-4-1-0) while Chris Osgood was lifted after allowing five goals on just 11 shots, including two goals in the first 31 seconds of the game.

Rangers 4, Maple Leafs 3: In Toronto, Pavel Bure's breakaway goal with 57 seconds left in regulation time gave New York a 4-3 win over the slumping Maple Leafs.

Mikael Samuelsson scored the game-tying goal with less than six minutes left for the Rangers, who won for just the third time in 10 games. Mark Messier and Petr Nedved had the other New York goals.

Mikael Renberg, Tie Domi and Alexander Mogilny scored the Toronto goals as the Leafs slipped to 2-6-1-0. Toronto is 1-5-0-0 at home, including three consecutive losses to start a seven-game homestand.

Penguins 5 Sabres 2: In Pittsburgh, Alexei Kovalev and Alexandre Daigle both had a goal

and one assist to lead the Penguins past the Buffalo Sabres 5-2.

NHL scoring leader Mario Lemieux added two assists for the Penguins, giving him 18 points on the season as Pittsburgh improved to 4-2-2-0.

Wayne Primeau, Aleksey Morozov and Michal Rozsival scored the other Pittsburgh goals while Johan Hedberg made 29 saves. Adam Mair and Jochen Hecht scored for the Sabres (3-4-1-0).

Panthers 1 Capitals: In Sunrise, Florida, Roberto Luongo made 34 saves as the Panthers escaped with a 1-1 tie with Washington.

Ivan Novoseltsev scored the lone goal for Phoenix (3-4-1-1). Robert Lang was credited with the Washington (4-2-1-0) goal.

Oilers 4 Mighty Ducks 3: In Edmonton, Brian Swanson scored the game-winning goal late in the third period to complete a three-goal comeback as the Oilers edged the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 4-3.

Swanson added two assists for Edmonton (2-4-2-0) while Eric Brewer, Jason Chimera and Mike Comrie also scored.

Jussi Markkanen stopped all 15 shots he faced after relieving Tommy Salo in the first period with the Ducks leading 3-1. Petr Sykora scored twice for Anaheim (2-4-2-0) while Mike Leclerc had the other goal for the losers.

Soccer: Liverpool widens lead as Arsenal loses

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from the penalty spot four minutes later.

"I am pleased because we came up against a well balanced and very disciplined team today," said Liverpool boss Gerard Houllier.

Manchester United limped to a second successive disappointing 1-1 draw, this time at home.

Swedish international defender Olof Melberg headed Villa's first away goal of the season after 35 minutes to put the Midlanders ahead.

United fought back strongly,

David Beckham hitting the bar with a left-foot shot and Forlan heading just over.

Forlan finally broke his premier league duck in his 24th match when he nodded in the equalizer 13 minutes from time but it was a low-key display for Alex Ferguson's side who sorely missed the injured Ruud van Nistelrooy and Ryan Giggs. "I think we were very shoddy, lacked urgency. Aston Villa out-battled us and deserved to be in front," said United manager Alex Ferguson.

A Mark Viduka penalty put Leeds ahead at Middlesbrough

before Joseph-Desire Job equalized. Lee Bowyer restored the visitors' lead early in the second half and, after Leeds striker Alan Smith was sent off for his second booking 12 minutes from the end, defender Gareth Southgate earned Boro a point.

The game ended in a mass pushing match after Middlesbrough defender Franck Queudrue was shown the red card.

Dutch striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and defender Graeme Le Sax were Chelsea's marksmen at Stamford Bridge, while a first goal in English football for Chinese inter-

national defender Sun Jihai and one for striker Nicolas Anelka earned Manchester City their points.

South African striker Shaun Bartlett's first goal since September 2001 put Charlton Athletic ahead at St James' Park, but defender Andy Griffin, who scored the winner against Juventus in midweek, and French winger Laurent Robert sealed Newcastle's victory.

On Sunday, Southampton was set to host Fulham and West Ham United was at home to Everton, while Sunderland visits Bolton Wanderers on Monday. ■