

Boxing News: Pacquiao Throws Out First Pitch in Anaheim

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ANAHEIM, CA (August 30, 2005) – Pac Man Fever will be running high this Thursday, September 1 at Angels Stadium, when three-time world champion and the pride of the Philippines, MANNY PACQUIAO, throws out the ceremonial first pitch (6:49 P.M. PT) before game three of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim versus Oakland A's series. The A's currently have a one game lead over the second place Angels in the exciting American League West Division title race.

Pacquiao, 39-3-2 (30 KOs), has thrown knuckleballs throughout his entire pro career en route to titles as the WBC flyweight champion, the IBF junior featherweight champion, and *The Ring* magazine featherweight champion.

Pacquiao, who is training in Hollywood with Freddie Roach, will take on Hector Velazquez, 41-10-2 (30 KOs), for the WBC International super featherweight championship on Saturday, September 10, at Staples Center. Pacquiao will headline the card with three-time world champion Erik Morales, 48-2 (34 KOs), who will be fighting 1996 U.S. Olympian Zahir Raheem, 26-1 (18 KOs), in a 12-round WBC International lightweight title rumble. Both fights will be televised live on HBO. Victories by Pacquiao and Morales will lead to a rematch of their exciting March 19, 2005 PPV rumble, won by Morales via a narrow 12-round decision.