

Indians takes AL championship

■ **AL PLAYOFFS:** 'Refuse to Lose' season came to an end for Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — It all seemed so familiar. Do or die, trailing in the late stages, Randy Johnson throwing in the middle and high 90s.

This time, though, the magic was gone.

It was for lack of execution, more than lack of opportunities, that the Seattle Mariners' long run as the comeback kids came a cropper Tuesday night in a 4-0 loss to Cleveland.

"We gave it all we had," first baseman Tino Martinez said. "It's not like we didn't come through or we choked. They just beat us."

Catcher Dan Wilson choked back tears talking about his two-run passed ball in the eighth inning.

"It made it a different ballgame," Wilson said. "We couldn't get anything going on offense and we had to play error-free ball."

An error ball and two blown scoring opportunities also figured in the end of the Mariners' first post-season appearance as the Indians won the AL title in six games.

"I figured eventually we'd score ... it just never happened," Martinez said. "It seemed every time we had a situation to break the game open in this series, we just didn't do

it." Alvaro Espinoza scored Cleveland's first run in the third inning after getting aboard on an error by second baseman Joey Cora, who had just made a spectacular leaping catch on a liner by Herbert Perry.

Cora fielded a routine grounder that first baseman Tino Martinez missed and threw behind Johnson as he arrived at first. The ball got away and Espinoza wound up at second. After Tony Pena flew to center for the second out, Espinoza scored on Kenny Lofton's single to center.

It was much worse in the eighth, when Pena led off with a double to right center and went to third on a bunt single by Lofton. Johnson fielded the ball to his right, saw it was too late to catch pinch runner Ruben Amaro Jr. going to third and was too late with his throw to first.

After Lofton stole second, Wilson let a fast ball to Omar Vizquel get past him. Amaro scored and Lofton beat the throw to Johnson covering home.

"I should have caught it. It just didn't stick in the glove like it usually does," Wilson said. "But, you know, I've had the experience, and I'll grow from it next year."

First baseman Tino Martinez said the rare lapse by Wilson only seemed bad at the time.

"It really doesn't matter,

though, if you don't score any runs," Martinez said.

Vizquel lined to right, and Carlos Baerga's home run to left center on a 2-1 pitch ended Johnson's last outing of the season.

Manager Lou Piniella was offering no apologies.

"I am more proud of these kids than I can put into words," Piniella said. "They played their hearts out this year under difficult situations."

Despite their misses, the Mariners remained a hit with the town that embraced the motto "Refuse to Lose" for the team that won the American League-West title with a rare tie-breaker game against the California Angels and came back from a two-game deficit to defeat the Yankees in a five-game playoff series.

Kingdome fans stayed on their feet for some 15 minutes after the game, waiting for Mariners players to return to the field for a final curtain call.

They finally did, giving acknowledging waves to the thousands of fans who remained.

Amid stomping and cheering, Coleman doffed his jersey and threw it into the crowd. Pitcher Bob Wolcott tossed balls to fans gathered above the team dugout.

A banner stretched after the game read: "Thanks for the memories."

Mariners officially get new ballpark

■ **BASEBALL:** The multi-million dollar facility gets a seal of approval from Seattle's mayor

SEATTLE (AP) — Gov. Mike Lowry, wearing a Seattle Mariners T-shirt and singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," signed a \$325 million plan Tuesday to build a new ballpark for the team.

The proposal, put together in an emergency legislative session last week, combines state revenue with still-to-be-approved King County tax increases and \$45 million from the Mariners.

"This is something that is important to the lives of all of us," Lowry told about 460 cheering youngsters at Lafayette Elementary School.

Lowry predicted the King County Council will approve the plan next week, dismissing members' concerns about a potential shortfall of \$30 million or more by saying there will be plenty of money.

The Mariners, who lost to the Cleveland Indians in Game 6 of their AL playoff, are to be put up for sale Oct. 30 without the promise of a new stadium.

The team has lost an estimated \$67 million in the past four years in the multipurpose, concrete-roofed Kingdome. The new ballpark is to have a retractable roof and lucrative

luxury boxes.

"We will see a stadium built and the Mariners will stay in Washington," said Lowry, flanked by legislative leaders, Mariners' President John Ellis and 10-year-old student lobbyist Sam Keeler.

"That is very important to a quality of life and very important to our economy. This is an economic investment," he said.

Every time the team is on national television, it amounts to a free four-hour ad for the state, the governor said.

Lowry, Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, County Councilman Greg Nickels and legislative leaders predicted the county council will approve three local-option tax increases.

The governor said there is no chance of another special session to adjust the plan.

A number of the council members are concerned the package is inadequate to finance the heavy bond debt the project will require. Deficit estimates range up to \$53 million.

The council's finance chairman, Peter Von Reichbauer, said the Mariners have asked the county to proceed with the legislation despite the questions.

"The Legislature found it was a tough vote. But the Mariners think it can get the job done and I think it will have enough support when the vote is actually taken," Nickels said.

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Horoscope by Frances Drake

For Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1995

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)

It's a tempting time for you concerning money and the pursuit of pleasure. Instead, take time for some meaningful dialogue with a loved one. Mental work is highlighted.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)

You are in a restless mood and need to seek out those on your intellectual level. You're in constant motion, flitting from one task to another.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)

Your progress at work is derailed early in the day by daydreaming. However, once you exercise discipline, you have a productive day. As the sun sets, you are satisfied with your progress.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)

Matters left unattended from yesterday are uppermost on your mind. Dealings with higher-ups are favored later in the day, once all tasks are out of the way. Continued progress is assured.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Agreements and accords are favored, both verbal and written. A business partner has an important matter to discuss. Be sure you're available to this person.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Your approach to a project at work is all wrong. It is not as easy to execute as you seem to think, so don't underestimate it. The evening is spent on a cultural pursuit.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You're in the mood to indulge a loved one with a special, romantic gift. However, avoid being overly generous. Remember, it really is the thought that counts.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You are completely caught up with a project of an intellectual nature. Something told you it is in confidence. The evening finds you in a contemplative, introspective mood.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Reading is favored and you learn much from the material you choose. Those who are dealing with real estate matters achieve success. At night, news comes from a family member.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Someone is relying on you to keep a secret. At work, be sure you choose a practical path to where you want to go. At night, your thinking is clear and inspired.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

If leafing through a catalog, you just could decide to make an impulsive purchase. Someone close is not telling you the truth about something. You are able to get your views across.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)

It's a good time to think about revising how you handle your finances. While your bookkeeping is basically sound, there are other ways you can save money. Enlist the aid of your significant other in this.

YOU BORN TODAY love nature and animals and can't stand being cooped up for very long. As a child, you are walking and talking at a very early age, astounding all around you. This goes forward with you through life as you eagerly forge ahead, meeting new challenges and conquering them with gusto. Careers that attract you are zoology, animal training, the rodeo and the circus. You are not afraid to try something new and others are impressed by your fortitude.

Birthdate of: Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.; Chuck Berry, musician; Peter Boyle, actor.

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