

Mets persevere, claim 4-3 victory

NEW YORK — After a 15-inning classic, the New York Mets are halfway to their most stunning comeback of all.

Robin Ventura's grand slam-turned-single drove home the winning run and gave the New York Mets a 4-3 victory over Atlanta in game 5 of the NL championship series, the longest postseason contest in baseball history.

The 5-hour, 46-minute game ended in total confusion, with three runners crossing the plate while Ventura was mobbed by his teammates before he could get to second base. Workers pulled up the bases, the umpires left the field and not even the official scorer knew what the final margin was: 4-3, 6-3 or 7-3.

Finally, about 10 minutes later, they announced the official ruling: Ventura was credited with a

run-scoring single.

But the margin didn't matter. The Mets forced a game 6 in Atlanta on Tuesday night.

Atlanta still leads the best-of-7 series 3-2, but this was another devastating blow after losing the previous night 3-2 on John Olerud's two-out, two-run single in the eighth inning.

Atlanta was three outs away from reaching the World Series for the first time since 1996 after Keith Lockhart's two-out, run-scoring triple in the top of the 15th broke a 2-2 tie — the first runs scored in the game since the third.

But the Mets, who had to win their final four games of the regular season just to make the postseason, would not die.

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bulk of the minutes at shooting guard, and junior Flo Hartenstein and sophomore Chris Christoffersen appear to be the leading candidates at center.

Jones averaged more than nine points and three rebounds per game as a highly regarded freshman last season, while Jackson sat out the season in accordance with NCAA rules after transferring from Utah following the 1997-98 season. The 6-foot-9 Hartenstein contributed almost four points and rebounds per game last season, while Christoffersen tallied nearly two points along with one rebound per outing in a limited role.

A trio of junior-college transfers is also expected to help off the bench. Sophomore Anthony Norwood backs up Wright and also play some shooting guard, 6-7 junior forward Bryan Bracey provides depth behind Smith and 6-8, 235-pound junior Julius Hicks gives Kent bulk and athleticism at the post positions.

Kent said he has been impressed by the manner in which the newcomers, which also include another junior-college transfer in sophomore guard Ben Lindquist, have already meshed with the veterans.

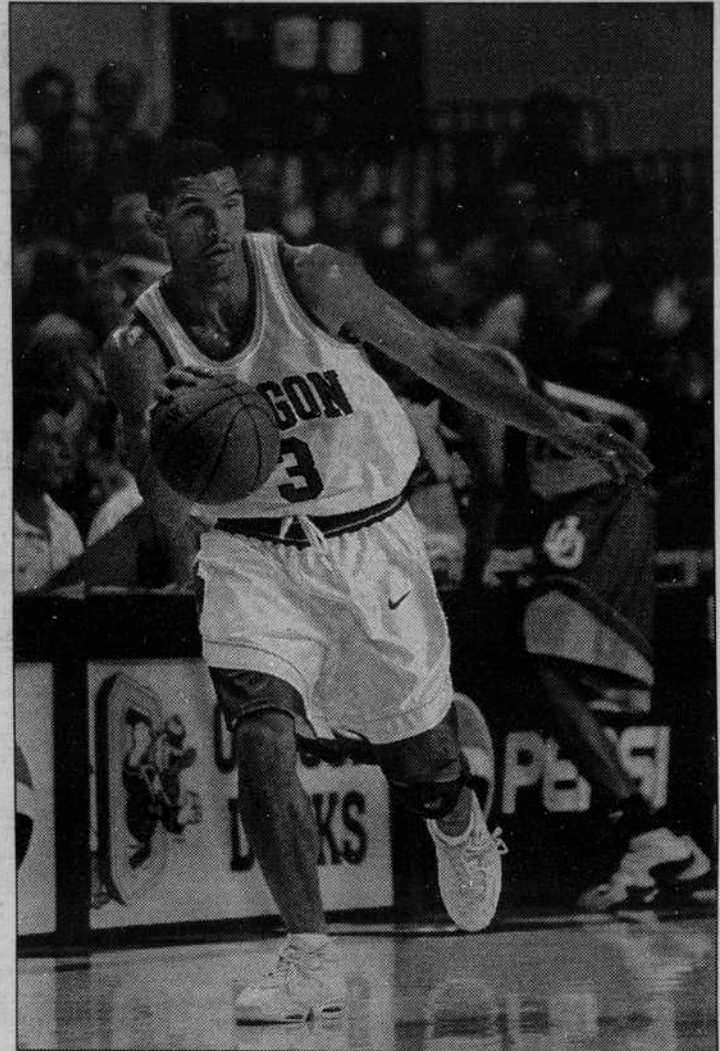
"I've never been around a basketball team, with the exception of maybe one or two of my teams at Saint Mary's, I guess, that has started to gel and come together so quickly as I have with this group of guys," said Kent, who spent six seasons from 1991 to 1997 in charge at Saint Mary's.

Wright, who Kent points to in tandem with Smith as the team's obvious leaders, sees a difference in chemistry from last season's team, which was plagued by internal turmoil that boiled over in the form of four players leaving the program.

"Everything's more crisp," Wright said. "It's a lot different this year."

Jones, one of the team's three prominent Oregon natives along with Jackson and Smith, shared the same sentiments.

"We're a lot closer team than we



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David Jackson, who sat out last season after transferring, figures to make a big impact.

Victory moves Yanks one away from Series

BOSTON — Taking advantage of Buckner's curse as much as the Bambino's, the New York Yankees moved within one victory of their third trip to the World Series in four seasons.

Pitcher Bret Saberhagen's bungled throw allowed the go-ahead run to score in the fourth inning, and the Boston Red Sox made three other errors before Ricky Ledee's ninth-inning grand slam as New York won 9-2 Sunday night for a 3-1 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Without Pedro Martinez, who threw seven shutout innings Saturday in Boston's record 13-1 rout, the Red Sox went back to their old, bumbling ways.

With New York clinging to a 3-2 lead in the eighth, a second-base umpire blew a key call for the sec-

ond time in the best-of-7 series.

After a close call at first base went against the Red Sox opening the ninth, the game was stopped after manager Jimmy Williams was ejected and fans then threw bottles and other objects on the field, causing the Yankees to go back to the dugout while an announcement was made of a possible forfeit.

Andy Pettitte allowed two runs over 7 1-3 innings, improving to 2-0 in the postseason and again showing why manager Joe Torre insisted he not be traded.

The Yankees try to wrap up their record 36th AL pennant on Monday night, when Orlando Hernandez pitches against Boston's Kent Mercker in a rematch of game 1 starters.

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were last year," Jones said.

Despite the tension, the Ducks (19-13 overall, 8-10 Pac-10) did recover from a 2-8 start in the Pac-10 to go 6-2 in their final eight conference games and earn a National Invitation Tournament berth.

There, Oregon built upon its late-season momentum with home victories over Georgia Tech and Wyoming and a road win at Texas Christian to advance to the semifinals in New York City.

After defeating California twice in Pac-10 play, the Ducks were unable to beat the Golden Bears a third time at hallowed Madison Square

Garden. In the third-place game, Oregon suffered its worst loss of the season to Xavier and fell one win short of the 20-victory plateau.

Smith, who also led the team in rebounding at nearly eight per game last season, said the Ducks want more than a return to the NIT.

"Last year, just getting to the [NCAA] Tournament was a goal," Smith said. "To me, it's not a question of whether we're gonna make the tournament this year. It's where we're gonna be [seeded]."

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