

— Alvarez lasted just 2.1 innings and gave up eight earned runs.

By the end of the frame, the Campesinos were up 10-0.

“They stayed focused on what they were trying to do at the plate. We were doing all the little things well,” Robertson said.

Despite being down by double-digits, the Mavericks refused to give in, scoring six runs in the next three innings to cut the lead to 13-6. After scoring one more in the seventh, the Mavericks struck for three runs in the eighth to get within four going into the final frame.

With one out in the top of the ninth, Mavericks shortstop Rodny Rodriguez hit an RBI-single to right field to trim the Campesinos lead to 14-11. With the tying run coming to the plate, Robertson turned to his trusted closer, Luke Laurita, to get the final two outs of the game.

The Campesinos lefty got Alex Emerson to ground into a fielder's choice and then struck out Matt Holiday to end the game and earn his sixth save of the year.

“They closed in fast on us and had an opportunity to tie the game. But we wouldn't let them. Laurita came in and did what he needed to do,” Robertson said.

Even though they have the top seed clinched for the playoffs, Robertson doesn't want his squad to get complacent in the last eight games of the regular season.

“My goal is to get these guys to play the next eight games like it's a win-or-go-home situation. Because that is what the playoffs are going to look like, and we want to be prepared,” Robertson said.



TOP: Matt Holiday slides into home for the first Mavericks run of the game.
 BOTTOM: Christian Herrera threw 3.2 innings for the Campesinos.

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Cat of the Week

Name: MOUSE

Age: 13

HISTORY: Mouse is a grey domestic short hair. She was adopted a few years ago but was returned to the shelter. Mouse is on a special food diet and has some health issues.

PREFERRED HOME: This cat is strictly an indoors cat and is very affectionate. Mouse loves to cuddle.



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- 11 Notes
- 14 Bird with stilts?
- 15 Nimbus
- 16 Squid's spout
- 17 Historic Mississippi city
- 18 *Take ___ Leave It*
- 19 Sched. data
- 20 ___ roll: winning
- 21 Model after
- 24 Your, in Tours
- 25 Puck
- 26 Bowdlerize
- 27 ___ *Be*: Beatles song
- 29 Off the wall
- 33 Positively
- 37 Actress Kedrova
- 38 Two dot mark
- 39 Rhyme-reason link
- 41 Wisent
- 42 And others: L.
- 43 All the marbles
- 45 Withdraw from
- 47 Key for Schubert's Fifth
- 48 Farrier's item
- 50 Slalom feature
- 51 Kind of cap

DOWN

- 1 Frilly bib
- 2 Like a lamb
- 3 Caffeine-yielding trees
- 4 Author Umberto
- 5 Curly-coated cat
- 6 Put the lid on
- 7 Balustrade
- 8 Plug's place
- 9 Young
- 10 Aphid eater
- 11 Stead
- 12 Con
- 13 Game with 32 cards
- 22 Time after time
- 23 Poker-faced
- 25 Esprit
- 28 He ___ his rocker
- 30 Seine feeder

- 31 Woolly precipitate
- 32 Jerk
- 33 Settled
- 34 After sour or foot
- 35 Bridge work?
- 36 Do the silver
- 40 Played a king?
- 41 Eatery treats, for short
- 44 Hog-tied
- 46 From that place
- 47 Showed delight
- 49 Dolphin's home
- 51 Acid in apples
- 52 Within ___ of
- 53 Built a house of cards
- 54 Open to doubt
- 55 Memphis's river
- 56 Souchongs
- 57 Actors Ely and Perlman
- 62 Pool pole
- 63 Burmese statesman

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