

Mariners blow 6-run lead, lose 7-6 to Cubs in 12 innings

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CHICAGO — Everything went right for Seattle for much of Sunday night. Nelson Cruz, Robinson Cano and Dae-Ho Lee homered, and Felix Hernandez helped the Mariners get into position for a big win against the Chicago Cubs.

Then everything unraveled in a hurry.

Steve Cishek allowed three runs in the ninth and Seattle lost 7-6 when Chicago pitcher Jon Lester drove in Jason Heyward with a two-strike squeeze bunt in the 12th inning.

"I think for our club, coming in here, they've got the best record in baseball. And quite frankly, we should have got two out of three," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "It didn't happen. You've got to finish."

Heyward sparked the winning rally with a leadoff double against Cody Martin (1-1). He advanced on Willson Contreras' fly ball to center before Lester, hitting for Hector Rondon (2-2), managed to get a safety squeeze down right in front of the plate.

"He did a good job of getting it down," Martin said. "He completely deadened it. I had a longer run than you'd want to get to the ball. If he hits it any harder, most likely make that play. Kudos to him."

Heyward made it home with a headfirst slide, sparking a frenzied celebration at Wrigley Field.

"I just kept telling myself, 'Don't be late to square around,'" Lester said. "That's one thing over the last year that I've kind of picked up on



Chicago Cubs Jason Heyward celebrates with teammates after he scored on a sacrifice bunt hit by Jon Lester (34) in the 12th inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners on Sunday, in Chicago. The Chicago Cubs beat the Seattle Mariners 7-6.

bunting, and it's helped me just be a little more consistent."

The Cubs trailed 6-3 before they got to Cishek in the ninth, handing the sidwinding right-hander his sixth blown save in 31 opportunities. Addison Russell hit an RBI single and Contreras drove in another run when he hustled down the line to beat out a potential double-play grounder.

With two outs and runners on the corners, Cishek uncorked a wild pitch that allowed Russell to come home with the tying run. Matt Szczur then flied out to right, ending the inning.

"Stuff was terrible tonight," Cishek said. "I had a hard time commanding my fastball, slider was the not the same and I got exposed."

It was a heartbreaking loss for Seattle, which was in position to take the rubber game of the weekend series before the late rally by Chicago. Cruz, Cano and Lee each hit a two-run homer against Brian Matusz, helping the Mariners jump out to a 6-0 lead.

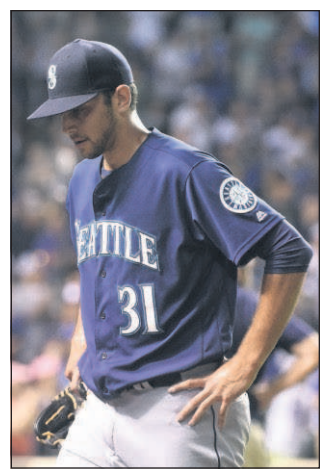
Hernandez walked five and hit a batter, but limited the Cubs to two runs in five

innings in his third appearance since coming off the disabled list after being sidelined by a strained right calf.

"Tough luck for us. Our offense came through in the first three innings," Hernandez said. "It's a tough loss."

TRADING MILEY

On the eve of the non-waiver trade deadline, Seat-



AP Photo/Matt Marton
Seattle Mariners relief pitcher Steve Cishek (31) reacts after the Chicago Cubs tied the game 6-6 in the ninth inning of a baseball game on Sunday, in Chicago.

tle dealt left-hander Wade Miley to Baltimore before closing out a 4-4 road trip to Toronto, Pittsburgh and Chicago. It went 12-12 in July, but remains in the hunt for a wild card.

"We are glad that Wade can go from one team in playoff contention to another, and to a division that he has had success in during his career," general manager Jerry Dipoto said in an email. "This decision is the best move for the Mariners' present and future."

Seattle received left-hander Ariel Miranda in the deal. The Cuban pitcher has spent most of the year with Triple-A Norfolk. He appeared in one game for Baltimore on July 3 at Seattle, allowing three runs and four hits in two innings.



James Folk tees off on the No. 10 hole, which served as the seventh playoff hole of his victory in the Junior Seniors division.

Invitational: Folk's long putt on 18th hole forced playoff in Junior Seniors division

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It was literally a "walk off win" for Storm Floten, who aced the 17th hole to win the third flight of the Junior Seniors.

Other Championship Flight winners included a pair of Astoria Club members — Jamie Ihander in the Seniors division, and David Vistica for the second year in a row in the Super Seniors.

But before all the awards were handed out, Folk and Hval had to finish their championship match to decide the Junior Seniors' winner.

With Hval 1-up going into the last (18th) hole, Folk sank a long putt to force a playoff. A very long playoff.

The two longtime golfing buddies went back and played the 18th fairway — five times — without breaking the tie.

Folk sank a 15-foot putt on the second playoff hole, seconds before Hval knocked in one from eight feet.

Both missed putts on the fourth playoff hole, while Folk missed a 50-foot putt by inches on the fifth playoff hole.

The two golfers moved to the 10th fairway for the 24th and 25th holes, and both landed their tee shots on the green.

It wasn't until Hval narrowly missed a putt for par on the seventh playoff hole, that Folk could finally claim the win.

"It wasn't pretty — just



Amanda Jacobs won her fourth Oregon Coast Invitational championship, defeating Cappy Mack in Saturday's final.

kind of a lengthy battle of attrition," said Folk, who was playing Junior Seniors for the second year. "It was one of those matches you don't really want to win or lose, because he's such a good dude."

The biggest lead the entire match "was only 1-up," he added. "We both didn't play very well. My putt on 18 in regulation was the big one. I was 1-down, and made that 45-footer to tie it with a birdie. That was it."

Playing in front of the gallery was "a little" unnerving, he said, but "you just have to block it out and hit your shot, and hit the next one."

Jacobs claims win

It wasn't nearly as close or dramatic for the Women's division championship.

Playing for her fourth OCI title, Jacobs held a 3-up lead after the morning round, and it quickly went to 5-up early in the afternoon round.

Mack bogeyed several holes, while "early in the round, I hit a bunch of great irons," Jacobs said. "I didn't make a lot of putts, but I made enough to get a 3-up lead, and at that point you just need to keep the pressure on. Cappy did a great job. She sank some putts, and I thought, 'man, I really have to work at this just to tie the hole on 9.' It is 36 holes, and you really have to earn everything."

Jacobs has now made the finals in every single one of her appearances in the Coast Invitational.

"I've been privileged to play well enough to make the finals every time I've played here,"

she said. "I love this event, and I love the 36-hole final. Sometimes I wish it was just 18, but I love being in the finals."

Regardless, "the Coast Invitational is always on my schedule," Jacobs said. "It's a week I get to spend with my sister and my mom and dad, and that doesn't happen very often."

Elmes a Grand Champ

The Grand Champions match between Elmes and Arvidson was close, wire-to-wire.

"We were even most of the (morning) round," Elmes said. "Neither one of us played great, but we both got around even par."

Elmes held a slim 1-up lead for a few holes of the afternoon round, before Arvidson sank a putt on No. 13 to draw even.

A birdie putt on the 14th put Elmes back in front, and that's where he stayed, despite a great tee shot to within four feet of the cup by Arvidson on the 15th. His follow-up putt missed, as did the opportunity to tie.

"I had seven three-putts today, which pretty much cost me the match," Arvidson said. "But Riley's a great player, and he deserves to win. I have no regrets. I just wish I could have given him more of my best game."

"I just didn't have the putter to compete this afternoon," he said. "But that's how golf goes."

SCOREBOARD

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Oregon Coast Invitational Final Results

Grand Champions

Championship Flight: Riley Elmes def. Anthony Arvidson. **Semifinals:** Elmes def. Kenneth Sheldon; Arvidson def. Mike Fritz.

First Flight: Brock Anderson def. Patrick Wood. **Semifinals:** Wood def. Jamie Sumner; Anderson def. Preston Van Hook.

Second Flight: Eric Larson def. Rex Puterbaugh. **Semifinals:** Larson def. Colin Alexander; Puterbaugh def. Ric Huewe.

Third Flight: Fritz Benz def. Billy Ryan II. **Semifinals:** Benz def. Jeff Jetton; Ryan II def. Conor Kelly.

Fourth Flight: . **Semifinals:** Andy Songer def. Jacob Wobbrock; Brendan McNeill def. Steve Mozinski.

Fifth Flight: Justin Jennings def. Kevin Kidd. **Semifinals:** Kidd def. Michael Wood; Jennings def. Matt Triesch.

Women's

Championship Flight: Amanda Jacobs def. Cappy Mack. **Semifinals:** Jacobs def. Terry Mattson; Mack def. Katie Sturgell.

First Flight: Nikki Mack def. Molly Edmunds. **Semifinals:** Edmunds def. Cheryl Wessell; Mack def. Marcia Walsh.

Second Flight: Beth Jackman def. Peggy Wobbrock. **Semifinals:** Jackman def. Beth Clark; Wobbrock def. Luanne Fordney.

Third Flight: Cathleen Nally def. Lori Petersen. **Semifinals:** Nally def. Kathy Hubbard; Petersen def. Pam Kearney.

Fourth Flight: Helene Mayer def. Theresa Floten. **Semifinals:** Mayer def. Jan Whitty; Floten def. Cindy Darracott.

Fifth Flight: Mary Wohler def. Lavona Goforth. **Semifinals:** Wohler def. Karen Hoffman; Goforth def. Tasca Gulick.

Junior Seniors

Championship Flight: James Folk def. Steve Hval (25th). **Semifinals:** Folk def. Joe Schulte; Hval def. Mark McGraw.

First Flight: William Bennington def. Scott Hamilton. **Semifinals:** Hamilton def. Steve Fordney; Bennington def. Rob Turk.

Second Flight: Mike Ralston def. James Titus. **Semifinals:** Ralston def. Don Ossey; Titus def. Doug Edwards.

Third Flight: Storm Floten def. Steve Roos. **Semifinals:** Roos def. Dewayne Ledbetter; Floten def. Anthony Peterson.

Fourth Flight: Greg Korkowski def. Dan Hall. **Semifinals:** Hall def. Scott Hoodenpyle; Korkowski def. Jim Fromer.

Fifth Flight: Tal Gohl def. John Mangan. **Semifinals:** Gohl def. David Ellis; Mangan def. Wes Lariviere.

Sixth Flight: Tim Regan def.

Robert Endres. **Semifinals:** Endres def. David Gilbert; Regan def. Robert Moir.

Seventh Flight: Pat Kearney def. Tony Magden. **Semifinals:** Kearney def. Wayne Monfries; Magden def. Jeff Ter Har.

Seniors

Championship Flight: Jamie Ihander def. Bill Bristol. **Semifinals:** Bristol def. Patrick Regan; Ihander def. Bob Knutsen.

First Flight: Joe Vaughan def. Mike Maltman. **Semifinals:** Vaughan def. Scott Melrose; Maltman def. Michael Healy.

Second Flight: Paul Gulick def. Todd Stucky. **Semifinals:** Stucky def. Walter Yeau; Gulick def. Buzz Campion.

Third Flight: Patrick Terrell def. Scott Langley. **Semifinals:** Terrell def. Todd Innes; Langley def. Mike Capri.

Fourth Flight: Brooke Benz def. Paul Robben. **Semifinals:** Robben def. John Mayer; Benz def. Darwin Meiners.

Fifth Flight: Jim Whittemore def. Michael Clark. **Semifinals:** Clark def. Rick Nelson; Whittemore def. Evans Van Buren.

Sixth Flight: Scott Peterson def. Skip Nau. **Semifinals:** Nau def. Steven Severeide; Peterson def. Steve Hart.

Seventh Flight: Bob Hubbard def. Roy Latham. **Semifinals:** Latham def. Brian Radditz; Hubbard def. Tom Stearns.

Super Seniors

Championship Flight: David Vistica def. Larry Wobbrock. **Semifinals:** Wobbrock def. Mike Graham; Vistica def. John Lewis.

First Flight: Ray Grubbs def. Jeff Leinassar. **Semifinals:** Leinassar def. George Mack; Grubbs def. Jon Woodson.

Second Flight: John Holmes def. Russ Taggard. **Semifinals:** Holmes def. Ed Ulman; Taggard def. John Savage.

Third Flight: Bill Weed def. Jarrett Jones. **Semifinals:** Weed def. Stan Rotenberg; Jones def. Jeff Wohler.

Fourth Flight: Larry Veltman def. Michael Whitty, Sr. **Semifinals:** Veltman def. John Young; Whitty, Sr. def. Nantz.

Fifth Flight: Ed Murphy def. Paul Kautu. **Semifinals:** Kautu def. Garry Kahn; Murphy def. Larry Perkins.

Sixth Flight: Steve Ariens def. Peter Goforth. **Semifinals:** Ariens def. Milton Lankton; Goforth def. Jim Hauck.

Seventh Flight: Michael Millette def. John McLoughlin. **Semifinals:** Millette def. David Aase; McLoughlin def. Miles Sweeney.

Eighth Flight: Larry Grant def. Bill Hutchison. **Semifinals:** Hutchison def. Mort Zalutsky; Grant def. Albert Carder.

Ninth Flight: Ron Leland def. Chuck Martin. **Semifinals:** Leland def. Chris Robinson; Martin def. Herb Sundry.