

MLB

Mariners sizzle behind Walker

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SEATTLE — Taijuan Walker allowed two hits over eight strong innings, Seth Smith hit a two-run homer, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Cleveland Indians 2-1 Friday night.

Walker (2-5) got his first win since April 27 with one of the best starts of the 22-year-old's young career. He did not walk a batter and struck out eight, matching his career high.

Smith, batting cleanup for the first time this season with Robinson Cano out sick, hit a 2-1 pitch from Trevor Bauer (4-2) into the right-center seats in the sixth inning. It scored Nelson Cruz, who had singled.

The Mariners have homered in eight straight games and 13 of their last 14.

Fernando Rodney had trouble in the ninth, allowing a pinch-hit, run-scoring single by Ryan Raburn, but still earned his 14th save in 16 opportunities.

Bauer went seven innings, allowing two runs, six hits with three walks and 10 strikeouts.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: LHP James Paxton was placed on the 15-day DL Friday with a strained tendon in his middle finger. RHP Dominic Leone was called up to replace him. ... RHP Hisashi Iwakuma (strained lat), on the DL since April 24, threw catch from 90 feet Friday with no timetable for a return. ... LHP Joe Beimel was placed on the restricted list to attend his son's high school graduation. ... LHP Lucas Luetge was called up from Triple-A Tacoma. ... 2B Cano missed



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners closing pitcher Fernando Rodney points toward the outfield after the final out of the Mariners' baseball game against the Cleveland Indians on Friday in Seattle. The Mariners won 2-1.

the game with flu-like symptoms.

UP NEXT

Mariners: LHP Roenis Elias (2-1, 2.56) started the season at Triple-A Tacoma but after five starts has become an integral part of the Mariners injury-riddled rotation. Elias has won his past two starts and has not allowed more than three runs in any start.

Indians: RHP Shawn Marcum (1-0, 6.28) will try to rebound from a poor start Monday against Texas. He lasted just 2 2/3 innings, allowing seven runs and four hits. He gave up two home runs, had six strikeouts and three walks. He is 1-2 with a 4.00 ERA in five career starts against Seattle.

STRIKEOUT STREAK

The Mariners are going through a particularly tough stretch of strikeout pitchers. It started Wednesday, facing Tampa's Chris Archer, second in the AL with 82 (he had 12). On Thursday, they faced Cleveland's Corey Cluber, the leader with 96 (he had 13). Bauer, who came in with 55, had 10. On Sunday, Cleveland's Danny Salazar, tied for fifth with 66, is scheduled, and on Monday the Yankees' Michael Pineda, fourth with 67, is expected to start.

PUT HIM IN COACH

With two hits Friday, Cruz is batting .376 with 15 HRs and 30 RBIs when he starts in right field. As a DH, he is batting .286 with three HRs and 8 RBIs.

Tampa Bay beats Rangers, will play for Cup

NEW YORK (AP) — The only history the Tampa Bay Lightning were interested in was what they would create.

Such as handing the New York Rangers their first Game 7 loss at Madison Square Garden, which they did Friday night with their second straight 2-0 road victory behind Ben Bishop's 22 saves.

Such as heading to their second Stanley Cup final, where they will play Chicago or Anaheim, which will decide the Western Confer-

ence title Saturday night.

Such as going 9-0 when scoring first in this postseason, which they did when Alex Killorn slipped a backhander under Henrik Lundqvist early in the third period.

Bishop, pulled from a Game 6 loss after allowing five goals, did much of the rest, and Ondrej Palat iced it with 8:43 to go.

"I felt pretty confident in this building," said Bishop, who sure looked it after being so shaky Tuesday night.

"We've done well against them all year. I was just looking forward to getting out there again."

The Lightning, who won the Cup in 2004 in a seventh game over Calgary, allowed only four goals in as many games at the Garden.

"For whatever reason that was probably the most calm Game 7 I've ever been a part of," Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said. "And not just for me, but on the bench. Going into the third, we were just loose."

"We knew we were playing the game the right way, we knew we were going to get one."

New York had the NHL's best record this season and was 15-3 in its last 18 elimination games. The most recent defeat was in the fifth game of the Cup finals last year at Los Angeles. But Bishop made sure there would be another loss for the Rangers, extending his shutout string at the Garden to 145 minutes, 43 seconds.

MAC-HI: Fortune drives in crucial run again

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The shutout was Robert's 15th on the season for Mac-Hi (26-1) and fifth in the last six games, as the school extended its win streak to 18 games to gain entrance into their third straight state semifinal round.

"Not a lot of people can hit her," Mac-Hi coach Nicole Christian. "If they've never seen her it's hard to prep for it. You can speed your hands up as best as possible, but, with her on the mound I expect to be in every game."

Just like the spring heat, Robert was torrid to open the game, sending seven of the Trojan (21-6) batters down via punch-out the first time through the lineup. She struck out 11 in all, including Taylor Holcomb looking to close the game out.

"Her change-up was really good today," said third baseman Micha Fortune.

Trojan pitcher Cidny Dupper was tough on the Pioneer lineup. She limited the Pioneers to just five hits — only two of which left the infield — but two errors cost her and the Trojans runs in the first three innings to put Mac-Hi ahead. Fortune and Jenny Field finally broke through with a pair of earned runs driven in the sixth inning.

A game after displaying surprising power with her first career homer, Fortune gave Mac-Hi a 3-0 lead on a triple to right field to score Sidney Richwine.

"I've got a lot more confidence since my last game when I hit it over the fence," she said. "I'm kind of small and they think I'm going to bunt, but I can actually hit it, too. It keeps them off balance."

Field drove in Fortune one batter later with a chopper to short to give the final score.

"We always want that extra cushion," Christian said. "We say Aflac, because we want some insurance runs. Micha had the dagger."

Mallory Copeland drove in the pair of unearned runs in the early innings with two groundouts to third base, each of which scored Brooke Kralman.

Douglas committed two costly errors in the first and third innings. First, first baseman Skyler Coate dropped a strong throw from third baseman Ally Schofield on a routine grounder from Shannon Carter. Mac-Hi would score on Copeland's two-out groundout three batters later.

Then Dupper made matters hard on herself, tossing a slow roller off of Kralman's bat wide of Coate's glove at first.

Mac-Hi didn't capitalize on the Trojan errors as much as they might have liked. They left each the first and third innings with two runners on base, both times on Abi Biggs flyouts.

"We were all there ready to play, but we were struggling a little bit at the plate," said Robert, who was 2-for-2 on the day with two singles. "We got people on, but we weren't able to execute when we needed to."

"We've all been ripping it all over the place (all season), now we come up and no really made it to the outfield."

Robert was the only Pioneer player with more than one hit.

The win sets up a semifinal contest with Yamhill-Carlton for Tuesday in Milton-Freewater.

Yamhill-Carlton ousted the other half of last year's Class 4A championship game with a 4-1 in over Henley Friday.

This is not the first time school's have met this season. Mac-Hi defeated the Tigers 6-2 on April 4.

No time has been set for Tuesday's game.

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C. Dupper and S. Johnson. C. Robert and M. Copeland. W — C. Robert. L — C. Dupper. 3B — M. Fortune (MAC).

College Baseball

Iowa drops Oregon

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Tyler Peyton limited Oregon to one run in 7 1-3 innings to help second-seeded Iowa beat the third-seeded Ducks 3-1 on Friday in their NCAA regional opener.

Peyton (7-4) struck out five and didn't walk a batter to help the Hawkeyes (40-16) win for the first time in NCAA tournament play since the 1972 College World Series.

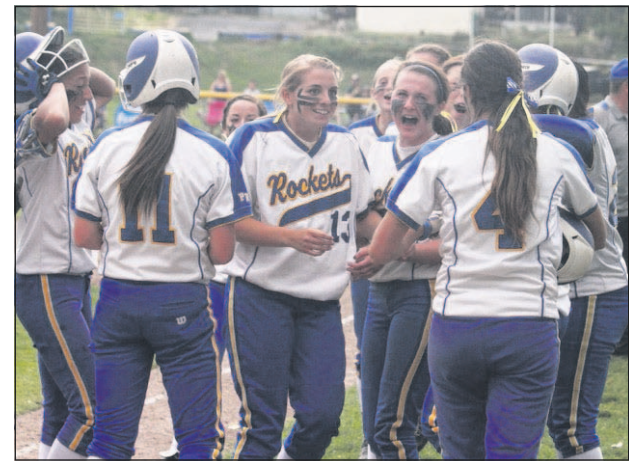
Iowa had baserunners in every inning but the first. Nick Day's RBI single in the second inning put the

Hawkeyes in front, and Nick Roscetti added RBI groundouts in the third and fifth innings.

Iowa stranded 13 men on base and left the bases loaded in three innings.

Oregon (37-24), making its fourth consecutive NCAA appearance, was limited to a third-inning RBI single from Austin Grebeck. Phil Craig-St. Louis went 2 for 3.

On Saturday, Iowa will face the Missouri State-Canisus winner. Oregon will play the loser.



Sam Barbee photo

The Pilot Rock softball team celebrates after a walk-off 1-0 quarterfinal win over Knappa Friday in Pilot

PILOT ROCK: Road game at Central Linn next for Rockets

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For six innings, Cameron and Ostrom traded barbs. A couple times Knappa got some runners on, including that bases loaded jam in the fourth, but both pitchers found ways to get outs.

"You have to clear your mind," Ostrom said of being in a jam. "It's scary and you get nerved up. I take four to five deep breaths before I even pitch, and close my eyes and say, 'Relax. All you need is a strike. Your defense will help you out.'"

And the Rockets did. They committed zero errors behind Ostrom, keeping her and the team in the game.

It wasn't until the seventh that Pilot Rock really got going.

Before, though, Fitzpatrick pulled his team together and gave them one final address.

"I said, 'This is it. This is our field. We're here to defend it,'" Fitzpatrick said. "Let's get tough. Let's win this game right now. Whatever it takes."

After an out to start the inning, Wilson singled on a bloopier up the third base line that Cameron tried to snag with a dive, but she was just late and the ball bounced off her glove into foul territory, providing ample time for Wilson to scamper to first. Kayla Deist then reached on a perfect bunt single. Deist can run, and there was no play at first. Rhyanne Oates

then reached on an error to load the bases with the two outs, bringing the senior Weikne to the plate.

"I was just focusing on getting my bat on that ball," she said. "I knew I was not going to strike out. I was not going to let my team down, and I was either going to go up there and hit that ball or I was going to help myself into a walk. I just knew I had to get Jayce home, and so I was going to do anything I could to get her to home plate."

Weikne didn't need to swing the bat, though. Cameron found the strike zone on the first pitch of at-bat, but the next four pitches rose out of the zone. Ball four wasn't close.

"We had some great at-bats in that last inning," Fitzpatrick said. "Some tough at-bats. The kids were real disciplined, and that's what it takes."

The win gives a confident Pilot Rock team even more confidence heading into the semi-finals.

"Going on, it just really puts in our minds that we really were meant to go on," Ostrom said. "Something like that just doesn't happen to be. You just really have to work at it. So we're going all the way now. We've come this far. We can't let up."

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SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL			
Day	Game	Score	Time
Tuesday	Pendleton at Hood River Valley (5A semifinals), 4:30 p.m.		
PREP SOFTBALL			
Tuesday	Silverton at Pendleton (5A semifinals), 4:30 p.m.		
	Yamhill-Carlton at Mac-Hi (4A semifinals), 4 p.m.		
	Weston-McEwen at Union (2A/1A semifinals), TBD		
	Pilot Rock at Central Linn (2A/1A semifinals), 4:30 p.m.		

Basketball

NBA			
Game	Score	Time	Notes
Finals (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)			
Golden State vs. Cleveland			
Thursday, June 4: Cleveland at Golden State/Houston, 6 p.m.			
Sunday, June 7: Cleveland at Golden State/Houston, 5 p.m.			
Tuesday, June 9: Golden State/Houston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.			
Thursday, June 11: Golden State/Houston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.			
x-Sunday, June 14: Cleveland at Golden State/Houston, 5 p.m.			
x-Tuesday, June 16: Golden State/Houston at Cleveland, 6 p.m.			
x-Friday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State/Houston, 6 p.m.			

Baseball

MLB				
Division	W	L	Pct	GB
East	25	24	.510	—
Central	23	24	.489	1
West	23	24	.489	1
National	23	27	.460	2 1/2
International	22	27	.449	3

Detroit				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	
Chicago	22	25	.468	7
Cleveland	22	26	.458	7 1/2

West Division				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	
Houston	30	19	.612	—
Los Angeles	25	24	.510	5
Seattle	24	24	.500	5 1/2
Texas	24	25	.490	6
Oakland	19	32	.373	12

Friday's Games				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	
Kansas City 8, Chicago Cubs 4				
Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 1				
Texas 7, Boston 4				
Chicago White Sox 6, Houston 3, 11 innings				
Toronto 6, Minnesota 4				
L.A. Angels 2, Detroit 0				
Oakland 6, N.Y. Yankees 2				
Seattle 2, Cleveland 1				
Saturday's Games				
Toronto (Aa. Sanchez 4-4) at Minnesota (Gibson 4-3), 11:10 a.m.				
Tampa Bay (E. Ramirez 2-2) at Baltimore (W.Chen 1-3), 1:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-5) at Houston (Keuchel 6-1), 1:10 p.m.				
Boston (Miley 4-4) at Texas (Ch.Gonzalez 0-0), 4:15 p.m.				
Kansas City (Ventura 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Wada 0-0), 4:15 p.m.				
Detroit (Greene 4-3) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 3-4), 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 4-1) at Oakland (Hahn 2-4), 7:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Marcum 1-0) at Seattle (Elias 2-1), 7:10 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 10:35 a.m.				
Chicago White Sox at Houston, 11:10 a.m.				
Toronto at Minnesota, 11:10 a.m.				
Kansas City at Chicago Cubs, 11:20 a.m.				
Boston at Texas, 12:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.				
Cleveland at Seattle, 1:10 p.m.				
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 5:05 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
Toronto at Washington, 4:05 p.m.				
Minnesota at Boston, 4:10 p.m.				
Baltimore at Houston, 5:10 p.m.				
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, 7:10 p.m.				

National League East Division				
Game	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	28	20	.583	—
New York	27	22	.551	1 1/2
Atlanta	23	25	.479	5
Miami	19	30	.388	9 1/2
Philadelphia	19	31	.380	10
Central Division				
St. Louis	32	16	.667	—
Los Angeles	25	22	.532	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	25	23	.521	7
Cincinnati	20	27	.426	11 1/2
Milwaukee	16	33	.327	16 1/2
West Division				
San Francisco	30	20	.600	—
Los Angeles	28	19	.596	1/2
San Diego	24	26	.480	6
Arizona	22	25	.468	6 1/2
Colorado	20	26	.435	8

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Kansas City 8, Chicago Cubs 4				
Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 3				
Cincinnati 5, Washington 2				
Arizona 7, Milwaukee 5				
St. Louis 3, L.A. Dodgers 0				
San Diego 6, Pittsburgh 2				
San Francisco 4, Atlanta 2				
Saturday's Games				
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 1-2) at Philadelphia (Harang 4-4), 12:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Hellickson 2-3) at Milwaukee (Lohse 3-5), 1:10 p.m.				
Miami (Koehler 3-3) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 3-5), 1:10 p.m.				
Washington (G.Gonzalez 4-2) at Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 1-1), 1:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Ventura 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Wada 0-0), 4:15 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Frias 3-2) at St. Louis (Wacha 7-0), 4:15 p.m.				
Atlanta (W.Perez 0-0) at San Francisco (Lincecum 5-2), 7:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Morton 1-0) at San Diego (T.Ross 2-4), 7:10 p.m.				
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Pittsburgh at San Diego, 6:10 p.m.				

Monday's Games				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	
Toronto at Washington, 4:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs at Miami, 4:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 5:10 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 5:40 p.m.				
Atlanta at Arizona, 6:40 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.				

Golf

PGA				
Player	Score	Par	Notes	
AT&T Byron Nelson				
Friday's				