

MLB

Mets beat sleeping Dodgers to reach NLCS

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LOS ANGELES — Daniel Murphy and the New York Mets caught the Los Angeles Dodgers sleeping, using brains and brawn to advance to an NL Championship Series matchup with the Chicago Cubs.

Murphy stole an uncovered third base and went on to score the tying run, then hit a go-ahead homer off Zack Greinke to lead the Mets over the Dodgers 3-2 Thursday night in the decisive Game 5 of their NL Division Series.

“What a team win,” Murphy said. “It felt like everybody got a piece of this one.”

After the final out, the Mets swarmed the mound, jumping up and down in

unison. They quickly donned black T-shirts and exchanged hugs and high-fives while a small group of orange and blue-clad fans shouted, “Let’s go Mets!”

Jacob deGrom allowed runners in his first five innings but just two runs — on RBI singles by Justin Turner and Andre Ethier that put the Dodgers ahead 2-1 in the first.

New York trailed 2-1 in the fourth inning when, with three infielders on the right side and no one near third, Murphy strolled to second on Lucas Duda’s fourth-inning walk and sprinted to third. Shortstop Corey Seager, the closest infielder, was almost

Game 5


New York
3


Los Angeles
2

all the way toward second.

“Just trying to casually walk to second and hoping that nobody called time because, I look like an idiot if somebody calls time and I run to third,” Murphy said. “I’m not sure who was supposed to cover, but there was nobody there. I’m not the fleetest of foot, but just fast enough for that one.”

Travis d’Arnaud followed with a sacrifice fly, and Murphy homered in the sixth for a 3-2 lead.

Murphy had three hits off Greinke. Murphy batted .333 in the series and homered three times off Greinke and Clayton Kershaw.

“Daniel was a tough out all series,” Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said. “He’s always to me been a guy that’s been a tough out. Pretty much hits everybody’s fastball.”

New York quickly will turn its attention to the Cubs. The NLCS, which starts Saturday night at Citi Field, is the first postseason meeting between the teams.

“Something doesn’t go right and we bounce back,” said the Mets’ 66-year-old Terry Collins, managing in the postseason for the first time. “We’ve done it all year long. Tremendous heart.”

DeGrom (2-0), the 2014 NL Rookie of the Year with the long, shaggy hair, struck out seven and walked three to earn his second road win of the series.

XC: Neiderwerfer challenges Scott at finish line

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him all the way through the race, or at least try to, I’m going to run a good time,” he said. “I was kind of hoping to stay with him towards the end and then maybe out-gun him at the end but he basically won the meet there in the middle.”

But Scott still got the close finish he was looking for as Hermiston’s Josiah Neiderwerfer reeled in Scott and eventually passed him with less than 500 meters to the finish line.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

A final kick from Scott pushed him just past an exhausted Neiderwerfer at the finish line as both runners finished with 16:26 times.

“I was thinking maybe he was going to beat me there, but as soon as I hit the (last) corner I realized I had some room and I wasn’t too dead yet, so I just gave it everything I had and I was able to get him at the end,” said Scott, who ran a season best.

The time was one second off Neiderwerfer’s PR, which he set at state last year.

Nearly 200 racers take off at the start of the Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite on Thursday in Mission.

Bylenga had to overcome a pair of late challengers as he slid into fourth place with a time of 16:39. Hood River’s Connor Truax (16:41) and Union’s Alex Graffunder (16:42) each passed him in the last 200 meters but couldn’t hold on at the end.

“In the last mile my (abdominals) were really bothering me and I kind of was struggling a little bit,” Bylenga said. “That last little loop I kind of dug in and tried

to not let anyone pass me.”

Due to a technical malfunction team scores were not available at press time, but earlier in the day the girls race had also produced a local champion as Pendleton’s Delaney Clem pulled away over the final stretch to finish with a season-best time of 19:31.

She came into the last 500 meters stalking Enterprise’s Dawn Mist Movich-Fields, then turned on the jets to easily pull away.

“That tends to be my strategy, I don’t intend it to be,” said the senior Buckaroo. “I wish I could just blow by them and sprint past them by a lot, but I tend to stick with them because I’ve gotten a lot better at kicking. I used to suck at it, but my coach (Nicole Stewart) has really helped me.”

Movich-Fields didn’t even attempt to keep pace with Clem’s kick, and finished second with a time of 19:35.

Union’s Alisa Fox was third in 19:49 and Sunny-side’s (WA) Dallas Borrego (19:53) and Hood River’s Daisy Dolan (20:00) rounded out the top five. Hermiston’s top finisher was Melanie Solorio in 11th (20:31.3).

The meet was the last of the regular season for local teams, which will turn their attention toward preparing for district meets, which will be held Oct. 23-24.

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PENDLETON: Greb leads Bucks hitters with 13 kills

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Pendleton hung right with the Riverhawks through most of the set, getting as close as three points at 15-12.

But then the Riverhawks finished them off with 10 of the last 17 points to take the 25-19 victory to even the match at 1-1.

The third set played out much like the second set, as the Bucks toughed out some pretty big points to hang around early. But as the Riverhawks held a 12-10 lead in the set, they stepped on the gas pedal to take seven of eight points to force a Bucks timeout with the score at 19-11.

Out of the timeout, the Bucks were able to make a push, as some big hits by the Bucks mixed with some hitting errors by the Riverhawks earned Pendleton seven of the next 12 points before The Dalles finished off the 25-18 set win and the 2-1 advantage.

In the fourth and final set, the Bucks showed a glimmer of hope early as they found some holes in the Riverhawks’ defense and held a 5-2 lead. But unlike the first set, the Buckaroos were not able to hold onto that momentum and the lead, as the Riverhawks quickly



Maureen Davies (10), of Pendleton, blocks a hit by The Dalles’ Ilianna Teles (2) as the Bucks’ Haley Greb provides backup Thursday at Warberg Court.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

woke up and re-discovered their rhythm.

The Riverhawks finished off the Buckaroos in the set by outscoring them 23-9 from that point to end up with a 25-14 set win to clinch the 3-1 match victory.

The Buckaroos were paced by another big night from junior outside hitter Haley Greb who unofficially tallied 13 kills in the match, including five kills in the Bucks first set win.

Greb has stepped up to

become one of the Bucks best players this season, often leading the team in blocks and kills.

“She’s kind of like the rock to the team,” said Lapp. “They know they can go to her looking for anything.”

The 2015 season has been a trying one for the Bucks going from 13 wins last season to the four wins this season.

But with only a handful of games remaining, Lapp has an idea of what she wants to

see from her team to finish out.

“I want to see confident players,” she said. “I want to see a team that has no regrets over what’s on the scoreboard and I want them to walk out of here thinking that I did great for my team this year and I feel good.”

Next up for the Bucks is a trip to the Southridge Tournament in Kennewick, Washington on Saturday morning. Game times are TBD.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Today
Ione at Mitchell, 1 p.m.
Riverside at Vale, 6 p.m.
Umatilla at Nyssa, 6 p.m. (MT)
Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River, 7 p.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m.
Culver at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.
Irrigon at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Stanfield, 7 p.m.
Echo at Elgin, 7 p.m.
Arlington/Condon at Sherman, 7 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Today
Prescott (WA) at Irrigon, 1 p.m.
Saturday
Riverside at Culver, 1 p.m.
City Christian at Umatilla, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Today
The Dalles at Hermiston, 3:30 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Today
Nixyaawii at Echo, 1 p.m.
Helix at Echo, 5 p.m.
Saturday
Pendleton at Southridge Tournament, 8 a.m.
Sherman at Ione, 10 a.m.
Arlington vs. Sherman (at Ione), Noon
Stanfield at Irrion, Noon
Condon/Wheeler at Dufur, Noon
Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 1 p.m.
Echo at Pine Eagle, 1 p.m.
Stanfield vs. Culver (at Irrigon), 1:30 p.m.
Arlington vs. South Wasco (at Ione), 2 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Horizon Christian (at Dufur), 2 p.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. Culver (at Irrigon), 3 p.m.
Helix at Powder Valley, 3 p.m.
South Wasco at Ione, 4 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday
Montana-Western at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Today
Eastern Oregon at Rocky Mountain, 1 p.m. (MT)
Sunday
Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, Noon (MT)

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Today
Eastern Oregon at Rocky Mountain, 3:30 p.m. (MT)
Sunday
Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, 2:30 p.m. (MT)

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Today
Blue Mountain vs. Centralia (at Chemeketa Crossover), 9 a.m.
Blue Mountain vs. Clark (at Chemeketa Crossover), 4:30 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Evergreen State, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Blue Mountain vs. TBD (at Chemeketa Crossover), TBD
Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday
Eastern Oregon at LCSC Inland Empire Challenge, TBD

Baseball

MLB Postseason

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5; x/iff necessary)
American League
Kansas City 3, Houston 2
Thursday, Oct. 8: Houston 5, Kansas City 2
Friday, Oct. 9: Kansas City 5, Houston 4
Sunday, Oct. 11: Houston 4, Kansas City 2
Monday, Oct. 12: Kansas City 9, Houston 6
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Kansas City 7, Houston 2
Toronto 3, Texas 2
Thursday, Oct. 8: Texas 5, Toronto 3
Friday, Oct. 9: Texas 6, Toronto 4, 14 innings
Sunday, Oct. 11: Toronto 5, Texas 1
Monday, Oct. 12: Toronto 8, Texas 4
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Toronto 6, Texas 3
National League
Chicago 3, St. Louis 1
Friday, Oct. 9: St. Louis 4, Chicago 0
Saturday, Oct. 10: Chicago 6, St. Louis 3
Monday, Oct. 12: Chicago 8, St. Louis 6
Tuesday, Oct. 13: Chicago 6, St. Louis 4
New York 3, Los Angeles 2
Friday, Oct. 9: New York 3, Los Angeles 1
Saturday, Oct. 10: Los Angeles 5, New York 2
Monday, Oct. 12: New York 13, Los Angeles 7
Tuesday, Oct. 13: Los Angeles 3, New York 1
Thursday, Oct. 15: New York 3, Los Angeles 2
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x/iff necessary)
American League
Friday, Oct. 16: Toronto (Estrada 13-8) at Kansas City (Volquez 13-9), 8:07 p.m. (FOX)
Saturday, Oct. 17: Toronto (Price 18-5) at Kansas City (Ventura 13-8), 4:07 p.m. (FS1)
Monday, Oct. 19: Kansas City (Cueto 11-13) at Toronto (Stroman 4-0), 8:07 p.m. (FS1)
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Kansas City at Toronto (Dickey 11-11), TBA (FOX or FS1)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 21: Kansas City at Toronto, TBA (FOX or FS1)
x-Friday, Oct. 23: Toronto at Kansas City, TBA (FOX or FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 24: Toronto at Kansas City, TBA (FOX or FS1)
National League
All games televised by TBS
Saturday, Oct. 17: Chicago (Lester 11-12) at New York (Harvey 13-8), 8:07 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 18: Chicago (Arrieta 22-6)

at New York, 8:07 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 20: New York at Chicago, TBA
Wednesday, Oct. 21: New York at Chicago, TBA
x-Thursday, Oct. 22: New York at Chicago, TBA
x-Saturday, Oct. 24: Chicago at New York, TBA
x-Sunday, Oct. 25: Chicago at New York, TBA

Football

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

W L T Pct PF PA

New England 4 0 0 1,000 149 76
N.Y. Jets 3 1 0 750 95 55
Buffalo 3 2 0 600 124 105
Miami 1 3 0 250 65 101
SOUTH

W L T Pct PF PA

Indianapolis 3 2 0 800 99 113
Tennessee 1 3 0 250 102 91
Houston 1 4 0 200 97 135
Jacksonville 1 4 0 200 93 145
NORTH

W L T Pct PF PA

Cincinnati 5 0 0 1,000 148 101
Pittsburgh 2 2 0 500 96 75
Cleveland 2 3 0 400 118 132
Baltimore 1 4 0 200 123 137
WEST

W L T Pct PF PA

Denver 5 0 0 1,000 113 79
San Diego 2 2 0 500 96 110
Oakland 2 3 0 400 107 124
Kansas City 1 4 0 200 117 143
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

W L T Pct PF PA

N.Y. Giants 3 2 0 800 132 109
Dallas 2 3 0 400 101 131
Washington 2 3 0 400 97 104
Philadelphia 2 3 0 400 117 103
SOUTH

W L T Pct PF PA

Atlanta 5 0 0 1,000 162 112
Carolina 4 0 0 1,000 108 71
Tampa Bay 2 3 0 400 110 148
New Orleans 1 4 0 200 103 143
NORTH

W L T Pct PF PA

Green Bay 5 0 0 1,000 137 81
Minnesota 2 2 0 500 80 73
Chicago 2 3 0 400 86 142
Detroit 0 5 0 000 83 138
WEST

W L T Pct PF PA

Arizona 4 1 0 800 190 90
St. Louis 2 3 0 400 84 113
Seattle 2 3 0 400 111 98
San Francisco 1 4 0 200 75 140

Thursday's Game
New Orleans 31, Atlanta 21
Sunday's Games
Kansas City (+3.5) at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
Miami (+1.5) at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
Washington (+6) at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m.
Arizona (-3.5) at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
Cincinnati (-3) at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Chicago (+3) at Detroit, 10 a.m.
Denver (-4) at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
Houston (+1) at Jacksonville, 10 a.m.
Carolina (+7) at Seattle, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (-2) at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
San Diego (+10.5) at Green Bay, 1:25 p.m.
New England (-10) at Indianapolis, 5:30 p.m.
Open: Dallas, Oakland, St. Louis, Tampa Bay
Monday, Oct. 19
N.Y. Giants (+4) at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.

Basketball

NBA Preseason

Today's Games
Washington at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Boston at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 6 p.m.

ATHLETE
OF THE WEEK

DYLAN
GROGAN

Junior -
Stanfield Football

The Tigers quarterback/linebacker helped lead a 20-point comeback to beat Irrigon 49-41 last week in a battle of two 5-0 teams. On offense he completed 6 of 10 passes for 92 yards and a touchdown, and rushed 21 times for 205 yards and two touchdowns. On defense he was part of a unit that allowed Irrigon to score just six points after halftime.

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