

# BULLDOGS: Team stranded seven baserunners in game

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you don't see them show up and compete every day."

"I just don't think we prepared before the game well enough," Tolan said. "We underestimated (La Grande) a little bit, but they came out and outworked us, but we shouldn't let that happen."

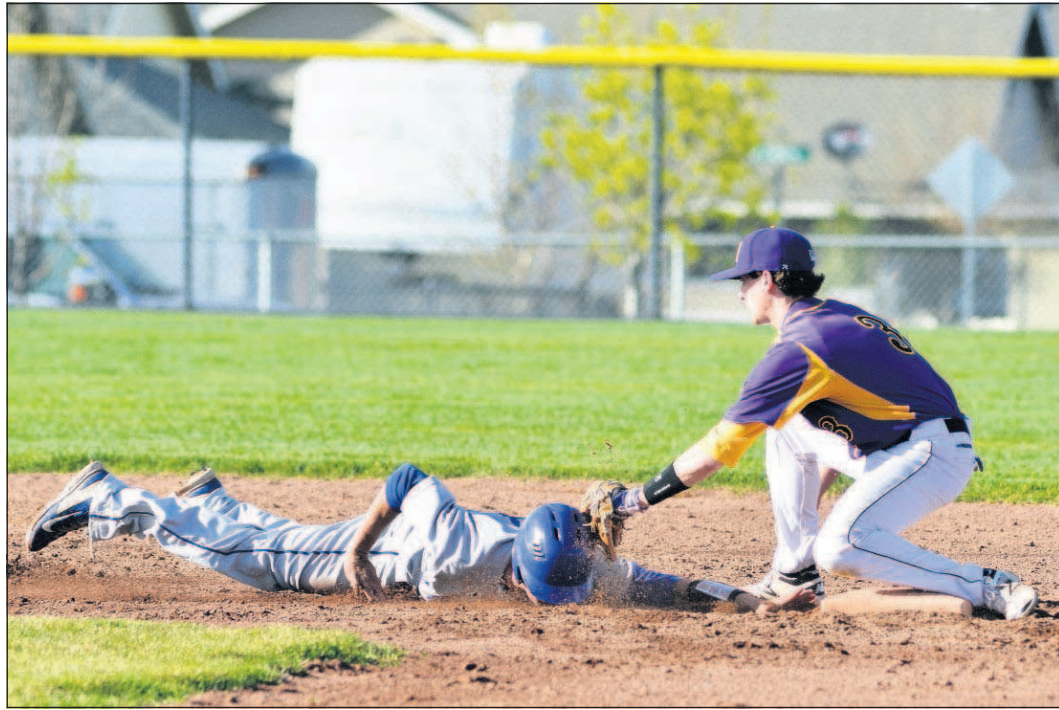
La Grande (3-6) opened the scoring in the second inning when Isaac Chamberlain reached base on an infield error, then moved to second on a passed ball and was driven home by an Aaron Goss single. But the Bulldogs tied in up in the bottom of the third when R.J. Robles drew a two-out walk, stole second and then scored on Hayden Edmiston's single to make it 1-1.

Tolan wouldn't allow another run before leaving the game after four complete innings. He faced just 14 batters, gave up two hits, struck out three, walked none and hit one batter.

"I felt like I hit my spots with my fastball pretty well but my secondary stuff was a little off today," Tolan said.

"He went out and competed a little bit on the bump," Hawkins said. "He works hard and he's a guy that we'd like to get some innings down the road."

Slade Gritz came on to relieve Tolan to start the fifth and walked La Grande's Ross Duncan to lead off. Duncan moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Goss, then scored when the Bulldogs tried to turn an unconventional double play and first baseman Tyler Sexton overthrew third base on the back end.



**Hermiston's Chase Root puts the tag on La Grande's Ray Jimenez in the Bulldogs' 4-1 loss to La Grande on Tuesday in Hermiston.**

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The Bulldogs had a golden opportunity to get the run right back, but left runners on second and third in the bottom of the fifth, which ended up being the last time they had a runner past second in the game.

Kaden Caldwell led off with a walk, then went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kody Moss. When Chase Root lifted a high fly ball to left field on the next at-bat, Caldwell was expecting it to be caught and prepared to tag up, but the ball cleared the outstretched glove of Ray Jimenez at the warning track. The ball bounced off the wall and directly back to Jimenez, who scooped it up and

put it on a beeline back to the infield to hold Caldwell at third. A strikeout and a pop-fly to right ended the threat.

The Tigers added two more runs in the top of the seventh and scored their first earned run of the game when Jon Gonzalez reached on a double, then came home two batters later on a Chance Frederick single. Ryan Adams, who got on with a two-out walk, capped the scoring when he scampored in from third on a passed ball.

The Bulldogs got one runner on with two outs in the bottom of the seventh when Robles drew a walk, but a fly to center on the next at-bat ended it. Hermiston stranded seven

runners total in the game.

La Grande starter Brad Bell picked up the win throwing four complete with two strikeouts, one walk and one earned run on three hits. Trent Shafer tossed three scoreless innings of relief for the save and struck out two, walked two and hit one batter.

With just a doubleheader left before the start of league play, Hawkins said the Bulldogs are in danger of squandering what he believes can still be a very successful season. He and his coaching staff drove their message home while players caught their breath after sprinting between the foul poles as punishment for their

game performance.

"A point has to be made, we're better than this," he said. "We'd better pick it up here. We've got two more games until league, and we're very competitive in our league. And if we don't play well, we won't win a league game. We'd better figure it out."

"We have high standards for our boys, and that's in the classroom and outside of the classroom, and I wouldn't tell the kids that they're pretty close to being pretty good if I didn't believe it. Now they just have to believe it. Having a showing like tonight isn't even close to what they can do."

The players seemed to be picking up what the coaches were laying down.

"We need to step it up a little bit and I think that's a wake-up call for us," Tolan said.

"We definitely need that kind of pressure because we can't keep playing the way we are and expect to be successful in league like that," said Gritz, who finished with three strikeouts, four walks and three runs (one earned) allowed on three hits. "We're doing a lot of good things in practice, we're just not always carrying it out to the game."

The Bulldogs get their final league tune-ups on Friday when they play a twin bill at Parkrose with first pitch at 3 p.m.

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# UConn: Stewart earns 4th-straight most outstanding player award

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men's team had won four in a row in Division I, rolling to seven consecutive championships under John Wooden from 1967-73. With Tuesday's victory, Auriemma passed the Wizard of Westwood with his 11th national title.

"What those 11 championships mean to me is how many great players I've had the opportunity to coach," Auriemma said. "How many great people have come through the program. It doesn't matter whose name is above, or whose name I'm under. As long as I have those players in my memory, I'm good."

Stewart said when she came to campus four years ago that she wanted to win four titles. She delivered on that promise by scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in her final college game.

"It's unbelievable," Stewart said. "That was our goal coming in here once we were freshman and to carry it out and win like this as seniors is unbelievable."

The Huskies (38-0) have been nearly unbeatable since Stewart

arrived. They lost four games her freshman year and only one since. The win over Syracuse was the 75th straight for UConn — all by double figures. Stewart and her fellow seniors went 24-0 in NCAA tourney games, too.

Stewart earned the most outstanding player of the Final Four all four years of her career. No other women's player has won it more than twice and only Lew Alcindor did it three times on the men's side.

The three-time AP Player of the Year has said it is up to others to decide her place in women's college basketball lore. There is no denying she is the most accomplished player ever, winning more titles than fellow UConn greats Diana Taurasi and Maya Moore, who watched from the stands at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Like the other great UConn teams, this version had a killer instinct. The Huskies scored the first nine points of the game. Stewart had 10 points in the first 6 minutes as UConn built a 23-6 lead. When the Orange made a little run to cut its deficit to 25-13,

Moriah Jefferson hit a 3-pointer off a nifty play just before the first-quarter buzzer. UConn's big three of Stewart, Jefferson and Morgan Tuck, who have helped the Huskies to an NCAA record 151 wins over their four years, combined for 26 of the 28 points in the period.

They also handled the Orange's press with precision passing that led to easy layups. The Huskies were up 50-23 at the half and extended the lead to 33 early in third quarter before Syracuse scored 16 straight points to get within 60-43 with 2:02 left in the period that brought the Orange fans to their feet. Consecutive layups by Napheesa Collier restored the 20-plus point lead and UConn cruised from there.

"Not shocked by how good they are, not shocked by the things they did in the game. We were definitely prepared for it," Syracuse coach Quentin Hillsman said. "One of the things I told our kids is you have no reason to be scared when you're prepared and we competed. We didn't play scared."

Stewart, Tuck and Jefferson left the game for good with 1:46 left. They shared an embrace together

before hugging Auriemma. The trio then went down the bench hugging every member of the team.

"There's three key ingredients that go into this kind of success. 'One, two, three,'" Auriemma said afterward, pointing to his three seniors.

"We're going out with a bang, we're going out with a bang, that's it, no more. We knew what we're supposed to do," Stewart said.

Auriemma has never lost in 11 title appearances. While the names may change, the results are always the same: UConn is still there holding that trophy in the end. This one gave the Hall of Fame coach a sixth undefeated season.

To win her fourth championship, Stewart had to beat her hometown team. Fourth-seeded Syracuse (30-8) had the best season in school history, advancing to its first NCAA championship game. They hadn't made it out of the first weekend of the tournament until this year.

"I'm really happy for Breanna Stewart, who came to one of my camps. She's a great player," Hillsman said. "When you have a player that great coming from

Syracuse, that doesn't happen that often."

These two teams hadn't played since the Orange left the Big East for the ACC after the 2013 season. Syracuse has now lost 24 straight against UConn, a skid that dates to 1996.

Cornelia Fondren scored 16 points to lead Syracuse.

**TIP-INS**  
Syracuse: The Orange had been stellar in the tournament from behind the 3-point line. They came into the game after making 48 3-pointers, averaging nearly 10 a game, and were shooting 33.6 percent from behind the arc. In the title game, they were just 2 for 19.

UConn: The Huskies were also undefeated in 1995, 2002, 2009, 2010 and 2014. ... Auriemma has 109 NCAA Tournament victories, only trailing Pat Summitt (112) for most in the history of the sport. ... The Huskies won three straight titles from 2002-04. ... Freshman Katie Lou Samuelson had a boot on her left foot after breaking the third metatarsal in the national semifinals. Gabby Williams started in her place.

# MARINERS: Iannetta's hit-by-pitch starts benches-clearing skirmish

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hit Iannetta on the left thigh.

The Seattle catcher, who was with the Los Angeles Angels last season, yelled at the right-hander as he walked up the line. The managers emerged from the dugouts, eventually pointing at each other and shouting.

The umpires cleared the field without any major trouble, and Luis Sardinas, another former Texas player, hit his first major league homer to cap six straight Seattle batters reaching to start the inning.

Seattle starter Hisashi Iwakuma couldn't hold a 2-0 lead while

going for his seventh consecutive win against Texas. The Japanese right-hander allowed consecutive run-scoring singles to Elvis Andrus and Robinson Chirinos with two outs in the fourth.

Texas starter Martin Perez gave up two runs and two hits in six innings, including a line-drive homer from Cruz in the fourth.

Smith scored from first on Martin's decisive two-out hit in the seventh after greeting Barnette with a single. Nori Aoki followed with an RBI single for his first hit with Seattle.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
Rangers: RHP Yu Darvish

(Tommy John surgery) threw a 50-pitch bullpen session. He is expected back in May after missing all of last season.

**UP NEXT**  
Mariners: LHP Wade Miley makes his Seattle debut after coming over in an offseason trade with Boston. He is 1-2 with a 3.86 ERA in three career starts against Texas.

Rangers: RHP Colby Lewis opens his 11th big league season and ninth with Texas coming off career bests of 17 wins and 204 2/3 innings. The 36-year-old Lewis lost an eight-inning complete game at Seattle, 4-2, last August.



**Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano (22) circles the bases on his home run as Texas Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre watches during the eighth inning of Tuesday's game in Arlington.**

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