

Cruz homers in 10th inning to lift Mariners to win

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Pinch-hitter Franklin Gutierrez came through with a tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning and Nelson Cruz added a two-run homer, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 5-2 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Friday night.

No. 9 hitter Ketel Marte greeted Jose Alvarez (0-1) with a leadoff single, advanced on a sacrifice by Norichika Aoki and scored when Gutierrez lined a 1-0 pitch to center field. Cruz then lined his third homer of

the season just over the short fence in the left field corner on a full count.

Joel Peralta (1-0) got the victory with a perfect inning of relief.

Steve Cishek pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save in four chances. The seven-year veteran right-hander is back to being a full-time closer, two seasons after posting a career-high 36 saves for the Miami Marlins.

Seattle's Hisashi Iwakuma allowed two runs and six hits over eight innings, giving up solo homers to Kole Calhoun and C.J. Cron after getting staked to a 2-0 lead. The right-hander struck out three

and walked one.

Iwakuma was scheduled to pitch the second game of the series, but ended up working on his regular four days' rest after Felix Hernandez was scratched because of an illness.

Angels right-hander Nick Tropeano threw 96 pitches over 5 1/3 innings, allowing two runs, four hits and four walks while striking out five. He began the season at Triple-A, but was recalled to replace the injured Andrew

Heaney in the rotation.

Tropeano found himself in a bases-loaded, no-out situation after his first 10 pitches, and the Mariners grabbed a 2-0 lead on sacrifice flies by Cruz and Adam Lind.

Calhoun got one of the runs back in the fourth with his second homer of the season.

Cron tied it in the fifth with a leadoff homer to center field, his first of the season. The Angels got only one more hit after that.

SPIKE MARKS

Mariners: Cruz led the majors last season with 27 home runs on the road. ... Manager Scott Servais spent the previous four seasons as the Angels' assistant general manager. ... Iwakuma is with a 3.35 ERA in 13 starts since his no-hitter against Baltimore on Aug. 12. ... C Chris Iannetta, who spent the previous four seasons with the Angels before signing with Seattle as a free agent in November, was 1 for 4 in his return to the big A.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: Hernandez spent the night back at the team's hotel after receiving

some medication. If he is still under the weather on Saturday, Servais said he may give the ball to reliever Mike Montgomery, who started 16 games as a rookie last season and had back-to-back shutouts in June.

UP NEXT

Mariners: Hernandez (1-1) is 7-2 with a 1.37 ERA in his last 14 starts against the Angels — including four last season in which he pitched at least six innings and allowed fewer than two runs.

Angels: LHP Hector Santiago (1-0) pitched seven innings of two-hit ball and struck out 10 last Monday in a swin against the White Sox.

NBA Playoffs

Spurs beat Grizzlies to take 3-0 series lead

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kawhi Leonard scored 32 points, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Memphis Grizzlies 96-87 on Friday night to take a 3-0 lead in their first-round series.

The Spurs are a win away from their ninth postseason series sweep and third against Memphis. They finished the game on a 13-6 run in the final 3:41, and Leonard, the two-time Defensive Player of the Year, scored 13 points in the quarter as he shot 11 of 22 for the game and 6 of 9 from 3-point range.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 16 points and 10 rebounds. Danny Green and Manu Ginobili each added 11 points for San Antonio.

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 20 points and 11 rebounds on 6-of-21 shooting. Matt Barnes added 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Vince Carter had 11 and JaMychal Green was 5 of 5 for 10 points.

CLEVELAND 101, DETROIT 91

LeBron James had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and Kyrie Irving made a pair of big 3-pointers down the stretch to help the Cleveland Cavaliers move within a game of a first-round sweep with a 101-91 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Friday night.

Irving scored 26 points for Cleveland, which overcame a gritty effort by the Pistons in Detroit's first home playoff game since

2009. Andre Drummond scored 17 points for the Pistons, but Detroit fell behind toward the end of the third quarter, and a late rally came up short.

The Cavs lead the series 3-0, with Game 4 coming up Sunday night.

Detroit's chances were all but extinguished when Irving sank a 3-pointer from the right corner with 43 seconds remaining, and James ran back to midcourt for a celebratory chest bump.

BOSTON 111, ATLANTA 103

Isaiah Thomas scored a career-high 42 points, and the Boston Celtics held on to beat the Atlanta Hawks 111-103 on Friday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference first-round series.

Evan Turner, inserted into the starting lineup, had 17 points and seven assists. Amir Johnson added 15 points and seven rebounds as the Celtics closed to 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

Playing by far their best first half of the series, Boston led by as many as 20 points before seeing that mostly erased by a 12-0 run by the Hawks in the third.

The Celtics then survived a frenetic fourth quarter that featured three ties and a pair of lead changes, finally getting separation with five straight points for a 104-98 lead.

Jeff Teague had 23 points for Atlanta. Kent Bazemore and Dennis Schroder each finished with 20.

Blazers need better shooting in Game 3

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard is taking a pragmatic approach to his shooting struggles in Portland's first two playoff games: It will pass.

Lillard has uncharacteristically hit just 13 of 39 shots from the field, or 33 percent, to open the series against the Los Angeles Clippers. Normally proficient from the perimeter, he's made just three of 13 3-point attempts.

That's a drop-off for Lilliard, who shot nearly 42 percent from the field during the regular season, and hit 37 percent of his 3s.

"I'm sure of myself, you know what I mean?" he said "Sometimes you just don't make shots, sometimes teams have good game plans, and when you do get good shots but you don't make them and it turns into a bad shooting game. It's been two games where I haven't shot well. The first game I didn't get any attempts up. Last game I came out I was trying to be aggressive and they didn't go in."

As Lillard goes, so (usually) do the Blazers. Overall, Portland shot 45 percent from the field in the regular season. The team was ranked fourth in the league from 3-point range, hitting 37 percent.

But Portland's shooting has dropped to about 37 percent overall against the Clippers, who now hold a two-game advantage going into Saturday night's Game 3 in Portland.

Lillard's backcourt teammate, C.J. McCollum, was also struggling against the Clippers, averaging 12.5 points over the first two games after averaging 20.8



Portland guard Gerald Henderson, right, shoots as Los Angeles forward Wesley Johnson defends during Game 2 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

NBA

Portland Trail Blazers

Los Angeles Clippers

Clippers lead series 2-0

Game 1: Clippers 115, Blazers 95
Game 2: Clippers 102, Blazers 81
Game 3: Saturday at Portland, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Game 4: Monday, April 25 at Portland, 7:30 p.m. (TNT)

panic," Lillard said. "We didn't get away from being who we were. We just stuck with it and we kept playing and things kind of fell into place. I think we're in a similar situation now."

But the fact is that since 2008, 53 of the last 55 teams to win the first two games of an NBA playoff series have ultimately prevailed. No team has advanced after trailing 0-2 since Memphis against the Clippers in 2013.

"I've been proud all year long about how we learned and got better, and now we've got a shorter amount of time to do it," Stotts said. "But I think that's one of our strengths that we've been resilient, we've never underestimated ourselves and what we're capable of doing."

Lillard said Friday that he hasn't switched up his routine too much because of his shooting, just lingering a bit longer on the practice floor — his custom whenever he has trouble. He trusts that he's going to get his looks and that they're going to fall.

"It works out funny, you shoot more shots and it doesn't always help right away. But when you see the ball go in so much in work-outs, your jumper starts to feel good, then boom, there it is," he said. "I feel like in Game 3 I'll shoot the ball a lot better."

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL

Today

Stanfield at Taft, 10 a.m.

Sherman at Weston-McEwen (DH) 11 a.m./12:30 p.m.

Irrigon at Culver (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.

Dufur at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.

Stanfield vs. Monroe (at Taft), 12:30 p.m.

Pendleton at The Dalles (DH), Noon/1:30 p.m.

Hood River at Hermiston (DH), Noon/2:30 p.m.

Mac-Hi at Baker (DH), Noon/2 p.m.

Tuesday

Riverside at Prescott (WA), 4 p.m.

Union at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.

The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

Hermiston at Hood River, 4:30 p.m.

Mac-Hi at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.

Irrigon at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Today

Mac-Hi at Baker (DH), Noon/2 p.m.

Enterprise at Weston-McEwen (DH), 1/3 p.m.

Pilot Rock at Burns (DH), 1/3 p.m.

Tuesday

Weston-McEwen at Umatilla (DH), 1/3 p.m.

Irrigon at Burns, 3:30 p.m.

Riverside at Waitsburg (WA), 4 p.m.

Pilot Rock at Heppner, 4 p.m.

The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

Hermiston at Hood River, 4:30 p.m.

PREP TRACK & FIELD

Today

Pendleton, Hermiston at Kiwanis Invite (Hermiston), 10 a.m.

Mac-Hi, Pilot Rock, Weston-McEwen, Heppner, Irrigon, Helix, Echo, Stanfield at Pepsi Invite (Union), 11 a.m.

Ione at Portland Christian Invite (Portland), 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Helix, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen at Weston-McEwen Invite, 2 p.m.

PREP GOLF

Monday

Pendleton (boys) at Meadowlakes GC (Prineville), 11 a.m.

Hermiston (boys) at Crook County Tourney, 11 a.m.

Mac-Hi (boys) at Quail Ridge GC, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

Hermiston (boys) at Corvallis, 8 a.m.

Pendleton (girls) at Pendleton CC, Noon

PREPTENNIS

Today

Riverside, Mac-Hi, Helix, Pendleton at Mac-Hi (Boys) Tourney (Milton-Freewater), 9 a.m.

Riverside, Mac-Hi, Helix, Pendleton at Mac-Hi (Girls) Tourney (Walla Walla, WA), 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Umatilla at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.

Riverside at Ione, 4 p.m.

Sherman at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.

PREP RODEO

Today

Intermountain rodeo at Hermiston, 1 p.m.

Intermountain rodeo at Hermiston, 6 p.m.

Sunday

Intermountain rodeo at Hermiston, Noon

PREP RUGBY

Umatilla 0-81-13 46 259 35

Elgin 0-80-10 17 153 31

Special District 6 (2A/1A)

ConfOvr RS RARnk

Pilot Rock 4-012-1 160 19 2

Union 4-0-8-0 87 26 1

Burns 3-110-3 98 57 7

Irrigon 1-3-8-4 88 46 3

Culver 0-3-5-8 83 133 21

Heppner 0-4-3-9 76 127 23

Baseball

First Round (Best-of-7)

Eastern Conference

Cleveland 3, Detroit 0

Sunday Cleveland 106, Detroit 101

Wednesday: Cleveland 107, Detroit 90

Friday: Cleveland 101, Detroit 91

Sunday: Cleveland at Detroit, 5:30 p.m. (TNT)

Toronto 2, Indiana 1

Saturday: Indiana 100, Toronto 90

Monday: Toronto 98, Indiana 87

Thursday: Toronto 101, Indiana 85

Saturday: Toronto at Indiana, 12 p.m. (TNT)

Miami 2, Charlotte 0

Sunday: Miami 123, Charlotte 91

Wednesday: Miami 115, Charlotte 103

Saturday: Miami at Charlotte, 2:30 p.m. (TNT)

Atlanta 2, Boston 1

Saturday: Atlanta 102, Boston 101

Tuesday: Atlanta 89, Boston 72

Friday: Boston 111, Atlanta 103

Sunday: Atlanta at Boston, 3 p.m. (TNT)

Western Conference

Golden State 2, Houston 1

Saturday: Golden State 104, Houston 78

Monday: Golden State 115, Houston 106

Thursday: Houston 97, Golden State 96

Sunday: Golden State at Houston, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

San Antonio 3, Memphis 0

Sunday: San Antonio 106, Memphis 74

Tuesday: San Antonio 94, Memphis 68

Friday: San Antonio 96, Memphis 87

Sunday: San Antonio at Memphis, 10 a.m. (ABC)

Oklahoma City 2, Dallas 1

Saturday: Oklahoma City 108, Dallas 70

Monday: Dallas 85, Oklahoma City 84

Thursday: Oklahoma City 131, Dallas 102

Saturday: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

L.A. Clippers 2, Portland 0

Sunday: L.A. Clippers 115, Portland 95

Wednesday: L.A. Clippers 102, Portland 81

Saturday: L.A. Clippers at Portland, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Hockey

First Round (Best-of-7)

Eastern Conference

N.Y. Islanders 3, Florida 2

Thursday: N.Y. Islanders 5, Florida 4

Friday: Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 1

Sunday: N.Y. Islanders 4, Florida 3, OT

Wednesday: Florida 2, N.Y. Islanders 1

Friday: N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 1, 2OT

Saturday: Florida at N.Y. Islanders, TBA

Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 1 (Tampa Bay wins series)

Wednesday: Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2

Friday: Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2

Sunday: Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 0

Tuesday: Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2

NHL Playoffs

First Round (Best-of-7)

Eastern Conference

N.Y. Islanders 3, Florida 2

Thursday: N.Y. Islanders 5, Florida 4

Friday: Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 1

Sunday: N.Y. Islanders 4, Florida 3, OT

Wednesday: Florida 2, N.Y. Islanders 1

Friday: N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 1, 2OT

Saturday: Florida at N.Y. Islanders, TBA

Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 1 (Tampa Bay wins series)

Wednesday: Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2

Friday: Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2

Sunday: Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 0

Tuesday: Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2

Tampa Bay (Snell 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 1-0), 10:05 a.m.

Oakland (Bassitt 0-0) at Toronto (Happ 2-0), 10:07 a.m.

Cleveland (Kluber 0-3) at Detroit (An. Sanchez 1-2), 10:10 a.m.

Texas (Lewis 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-2), 11:10 a.m.

Boston (Buchholz 0-1) at Houston (Fiers 1-1), 1:05 p.m.

Baltimore (TWilson 0-0) at Kansas City (Medlen 1-0), 4:15 p.m.

Seattle (F Hernandez 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 1-0), 6:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 10:05 a.m.

Oakland at Toronto, 10:07 a.m.

Cleveland at Detroit, 10:10 a.m.

Minnesota at Washington, 10:35 a.m.

Texas at Chicago White Sox, 11:10 a.m.

Baltimore at Kansas City, 11:15 a.m.

Seattle at L.A. Angels, 12:35 p.m.

Boston at Houston, 5:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

Washington 12 4 750 —

New York 8 7 533 3½

Philadelphia 8 9 471 4½

Miami 5 10 333 6½

Atlanta 4 12 250 8

Central Division

Chicago 13 4 765 —

Pittsburgh 9 8 529 4

St. Louis 8 9 500 4½

Cincinnati 8 9 471 5

Milwaukee 7 10 412 6

West Division

Los Angeles 10 7 588 —

Colorado 9 7 563 ½

Arizona 9 9 500 1½

San Francisco 8 10 444 2½

San Diego 7 10 412 3

Friday's Games

Washington 8, Minnesota 4

Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 1

N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 3

Philadelphia 5, Milwaukee 2

Colorado 7, L.A. Dodgers 5

Pittsburgh 8, Arizona 7

San Francisco 8, Miami 1

San Diego 4, St. Louis 1

Today's Games

Minnesota (Hughes 1-2) at Washington (Roark 1-2), 10:05 a.m.

Chicago Cubs (Lackey 3-0) at Cincinnati (Straily 0-0), 4:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Matz 1-1) at Atlanta (Chacin 0-0), 4:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (Morton 1-1) at Milwaukee (Ch Anderson 1-1), 4:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 2-0) at Colorado (Chawood 2-1), 5:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Nicasio 2-1) at Arizona (R.De La Rosa 1-3), 5:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Wacha 1-0) at San Diego (Vargas 0-0), 5:40 p.m.

Miami (Fernandez 1-1) at San Francisco (Peavy 0-1), 6:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 10:10 a.m.

Minnesota at Washington, 10:35 a.m.

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 10:35 a.m.

Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 11:10 a.m.

Miami at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 1:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Arizona, 1:10 p.m.

St. Louis at San Diego, 1:40 p.m.

Eastern Conference

W L T Pts GF GA

Montreal 4 2 0 12 10 6

Philadelphia 3 3 0 9 8 7

Orlando City 2 1 3 9 11 8

Toronto FC 2 1 2 8 6 5

New England 1 1 5 8 10 10

NYC FC 1 2 3 6 9 10

Columbus 1 2 3 6 6 7

D.C. United 1 3 3 6 7 10

Columbus 1 3 2 5 6 9

New York 1 6 0 3 5 15

Western Conference

W L T Pts GF GA

FC Dallas 5 1 2 17 15 10

Real Salt Lake 0 2 1 10 6

Colorado 4 2 1 13 7 5

Sporting K.C. 4 0 12 9 7

Los Angeles 3 1 2 11 12 5

San Jose 3 2 2 11 10 10

Portland 2 3 2 8 11 14

Seattle 2 3 1 7 6 7

Vancouver 2 4 1 7 6 11

Houston 1 3 2 5 13 13

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Today's Games

Toronto FC at Montreal, 1 p.m.

New York City FC at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

New England at D.C. United, 2:30 p.m.

Houston at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.

Seattle at Colorado, 6 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

FC Dallas at Vancouver, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 12:30 p.m.

Orlando City at New York, 4:30 p.m.

Motorsports

Toyota Owners 400 Lineup

At Richmond International Raceway

Race Sunday, 10 a.m. (FOX)

1. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet.

2. (22) Joey Logano, Ford.

3. (42) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet.

4. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota.

5. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota.

6. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford.

7. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet.

8. (5) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet.

9. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota.

10. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet.

11. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet.

12. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford.

13. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota.

14. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet.

15. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet.

16. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet.

17. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford.

18. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet.

19. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford.

20. (44) Brian Scott, Ford.

21. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet.

22. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota.

23. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet.

24. (8) Aric Almirola, Ford.

25. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet.

26. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet.

27. (11) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet.

28. (38) Landon Cassill, Ford.

29. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford.

30. (23) David Ragan, Toyota.

31. (30) Josh Wise, Chevrolet.

32. (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet.

33. (34) Chris Buescher, Ford.

34. (7) Regan Smith, Chevrolet.

35. (55) Reid Sorenson, Chevrolet.

36. (83) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota.

37. (93) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet.

38. (32) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford.

39. (15) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet.

40. (46) Michael Annett, Chevrolet.

41. (98) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet.