

Pro Baseball

Martin homers in 9th, Mariners rally to beat A’s

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SEATTLE — Leonys Martin hit a game-ending, two-run homer in the ninth inning to give the Seattle Mariners a 6-5 comeback victory over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

Seattle trailed 5-2 after seven innings but got a two-run homer from Robinson Cano in the eighth.

Oakland closer Ryan Madson (2-1) came on in the ninth and got two quick outs before Norichika Aoki punched a double down the left field line.

Martin then drove a 1-2 pitch deep over the wall in right-center for his ninth home run.

Oakland erased a 2-1



deficit in the sixth, jumping on the Mariners bullpen to complete a four-run rally capped by Coco Crisp’s bases-loaded double off Mike Montgomery.

Montgomery (2-0) wasn’t charged with the runs and finished the game with 3 1/3 scoreless innings.

Cano put the Mariners up 1-0 in the first, following a one-out single by Seth Smith with an RBI double to left-center.

Crisp brought the A’s even in the third with his fourth homer, a one-out solo shot to



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Seattle Mariners’ Leonys Martin yells as he rounds the bases after hitting a two-run walk-off home run in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Oakland Athletics, Tuesday, May 24, 2016, in Seattle.

right off Nathan Karns.

BETTER OUTING FOR GRAVEMAN

Oakland starter Kendall Graveman allowed two runs on seven hits in 4 1/3 innings, but that was an improvement over his previous five starts

in which he was 0-5 with a 7.92 ERA.

TRAINING ROOM

A’s: 2B Jed Lowrie, on the DL with a bruised shin, was 1 for 4 in a rehab appearance on Monday for Triple-A Nashville. He is scheduled to be activated Wednesday and in the lineup. “I think as far as the psychology goes, we’ve been subtracting, and now we’re on the verge of having a couple additions,” manager Bob Melvin said. “I think that will certainly be welcome. I know Jed’s looking forward to getting back in the lineup.”

Mariners: SS Ketel Marte said his injured left thumb continues to improve, but he’s being cautious. “It’s better than yesterday,” said Marte, who is on the 15-day

DL. “It’s hard, because I want to play.”

UP NEXT

A’s: Zach Neal will be called up Wednesday from Nashville to make his first major league start. The right-hander was 5-1 with a 2.53 ERA in seven starts with the Sounds. He was previously called up May 11 for one game and made his debut with three innings of relief against the Red Sox, allowing three runs on four hits in three innings.

Mariners: Right-hander Hisashi Iwakuma (2-4, 4.39 ERA) is 2-1 with a 4.07 ERA in four starts in May after going 0-3 in five starts in April. In his only start against the A’s this season, he allowed just one run on four hits in seven innings in an 8-2 victory.

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“Jared Schultz is the most consistent and coachable player I have ever coached,” said BMCC men’s basketball coach Adam Ellis in a press release. “He comes every day ready to compete. He has a unique ability to find ways to impact a game whether it be by his scoring, his defense or just making the right play at the right time. I am sad to lose Jared, however I am more than happy to see him continue his playing career for Coach Anthony Owens at the University of Great Falls. I am excited to stay connected and follow the rest of his career and his life as he continues his education and athletic goals.”

The T-Wolves went 14-15 in 2015-16, their most wins since the 15-win 2008-9 campaign. Schultz averaged 15.76 points a game and added 4.38 rebounds and 2.7 assists while leading the NWAC with 1,026 minutes played. He was selected for the Sophomore All-Star Game.

“Being here taught me to grow up a lot,” he said. “Moving six to seven hours away from home, I had to grow up fast. But it was great to be a part of a program that went through some rebuilding over the past two years. This last year we won more games than BMCC has won in a long time, and it was cool to be a part of that.”

The Argos went 13-16 last season and finished sixth in the NAIA’s Frontier Conference.

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19 aces and 13 blocks as a full-rotation player to make her second All-NWAC East First Team.

In her BMCC career, which included 45 matches played with 16 starts, Hobart totaled 180 kills, 680 digs, 44 aces and 59 assists. She is listed at outside hitter on the Vandals’ roster.

Beierle and Schwarz appeared in a combined 81 matches for the T-Wolves over the past three seasons — Schwarz was injured for the 2014 season — and will remain teammates at the NAIA Division II level.

Beierle, a setter from Yakima, Washington, was second on the team with 247 assists as a sophomore and led the T-Wolves in assists per game (4.75) and aces (22). She finished her BMCC career with 46 matches played, eight starts, 577 assists, 42 aces and 178 digs.

Schwarz, a middle blocker from Twin Falls, Idaho, was second on the team with 51 blocks (13 solo) this past season. Her BMCC totals in 35 matches (17 starts) are 135 kills, 67 blocks (17 solo) and 21 aces.

The T-Wolves have had 10 players move on to four-year programs during their current title run, but Baty said he’s putting the finishing touches on a 2016 recruiting class that could include a couple of players coming the other way, although he will reserve comment until the signing period has ended.

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NBA Playoffs

Westbrook, Thunder put Warriors on brink of elimination

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook had 36 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Golden State Warriors 118-94 on Tuesday night to take a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference Finals and put the defending NBA champions on the brink of elimination.

It was Westbrook’s first triple-double of the playoffs after posting 18 in the regular season. Kevin Durant added 26 points and 11 rebounds for Oklahoma City.

Golden State, which won a league record 73 games in the regular season, lost consecutive games for the first time this season. The Warriors must win Game 5 on Thursday in Oakland to keep their season alive.

Klay Thompson led Golden State with 26 points. Two-time league MVP Stephen Curry was limited to 19 points on 6-for-20 shooting.

Golden State’s Draymond Green, who was fined for kicking Steven Adams in the groin in Game 3, finished with six points, 11 rebounds and six turnovers.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma City got a boost from an unlikely source. Andre Roberson, a player the Warriors have ignored at times during the series, scored a career-high 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Thunder led 30-26 at the end of the first quarter, then gained control in the second. In the most unlikely of connections, Adams threw a bullet pass to Roberson



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Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) celebrates against the Golden State Warriors during the first half in Game 4 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals in Oklahoma City, Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

near the basket for a dunk that gave the Thunder a 56-43 lead with just over four minutes left in the first half.

Oklahoma City finished with a flurry and led 72-53 at halftime. The Thunder matched the most points they have scored in a first half in franchise playoff history, a mark they set the previous game against the Warriors. It also matched the most points Golden State has allowed in a half this season for the second straight game.

Westbrook had 21 points, nine assists and five rebounds in the first half, and Durant had 18 points and six boards.

Curry finished 4 for 14 in the first half. Green had four points and five turnovers and Thompson had four

points and three fouls in 12 minutes.

Golden State shot 46 percent from the field in the first half, but Oklahoma City outrebounded the Warriors 28-20 and outscored them 21-9 at the free throw line in the half.

Thompson tried to keep the Warriors in it, scoring 19 points in just over seven minutes to start the third quarter. But the Thunder maintained their composure, led 94-82 at the end of the period and remained in control in the fourth.

STAT LINES

According to Thunder Public Relations, the last team to score 72 or more points in the first half of two straight playoff games was the 1987 Los Angeles Lakers.

TIP-INS

Warriors: Curry went 1 for 7 in the first quarter, and made just 1 of 4 3-point attempts. ... Thompson committed his third foul with 7:55 left in the second quarter, and Andrew Bogut committed his third about two minutes later. ... Curry made a 3-pointer for his 48th consecutive playoff game, extending his NBA record. ... The Warriors were 12-0 this season the game after a loss.

Thunder: Westbrook had five points, six assists and three rebounds in the first quarter. ... Oklahoma City Forced 13 turnovers in the first half. ... Serge Ibaka finished with 17 points and seven rebounds. ... The Thunder improved to 19-0 this season when Westbrook gets a triple-double.

BASEBALL: Stanfield enters 3A bracket with No. 4 seed

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“They don’t seem to be too worried ... they seem pretty confident in themselves.”

Lost River comes into the game off of a second place finish in Special District 2 where they finished 13-13 overall and 10-4 in district play. The Raiders only scored nine more runs than they allowed this season, averaging 7.1 runs per game and allowing 6.6 runs per game.

“They have a big right-handed pitcher that throws pretty hard, and a solid third baseman and catcher,” Henrichs said of the Raiders. “It’s kind of hard to find out too much about them in this short of time, but I think we’ll be ready to compete with whatever they bring.”

Irrigon plans to start their ace Austin Rice on the mound today, but Henrichs said he is hoping the offense can score some runs early so they can pull Rice for the likes of Hayden White and Nate Verley in relief to save Rice for a possible second round game on Friday.

“We don’t want to use him up if we don’t have to,” Henrichs said, “but we just have to take it one game at a time now.”

REGIS at WESTON-MCEWEN

— The 2015 season was not too kind for the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. The team finished with just eight wins on the season as the young team ended with a fifth place finish in Special District 6.

But in 2016 under first-year coach Corey Thacker, the TigerScots had one of the best turnarounds in the state, improving their win total by 10 to clinch a second place finish in their district and a spot in the state playoffs.

“It’s been a great, great season,”

Thacker said. “We had a tough league schedule but the boys have a great work ethic and never gave up. They’re playing great baseball right now, all of the guys one through nine in the batting order are just hitting and doing positive things.”

It was also the first season the TigerScots played in Special District 7 with the likes of Burns — the No. 1 ranked team in OSAA — Grant Union and Union. The change brought plenty of long busrides, but Thacker said it was a welcomed change.

“We had to travel quite a bit, that’s for sure,” Thacker said. “But it was nice because we got to see some different fields and different places that we hadn’t played at before. I really think it made us a better team this year, too.”

The TigerScots were lucky enough to earn the No. 6 seed in the state bracket and will host the No. 11 Regis Rams today at 4:30 p.m. in Athena. Thacker hasn’t been able to do much scouting on the Rams, but said his team is ready to go.

“Oh the boys are excited,” Thacker said. “The boys worked hard this year and to have a home game is a big plus for us.”

Regis finished the year 14-9 overall and 13-3 in league for a second place finish in Special District 2. They averaged just short of seven runs per game on offense and allowed 3.8 runs against per game this season. Senior righty Jimmy Patrick will get the start at pitcher for Weston-McEwen and will try and shutdown the Rams in Round 1.

Class 3A LAKEVIEW at STANFIELD

— The Stanfield Tigers had one of the best overall seasons in all of the OSAA in 2016, breezing to a 25-2 record and an unbeaten run through the Eastern Oregon League. They scored an incredible 326 runs (12.1 per game

average), which was the most in the entire state, and gave up just 56 runs (2.1 per game) behind the dominance of pitchers Dylan Grogan (0.87 ERA, 118Ks), Tony Flores (2.29 ERA), Ryan Bailey (0.44 ERA, 3 saves), and Brody Woods (1.68 ERA, 8 wins).

But the Tigers know that all of those accomplishments mean little at this point in the season.

“It was a point we made after the district title game, we can look back on this after the season and enjoy it but it’s a whole new season now,” said Stanfield coach Bryan Johnson. “We hope to have four games left, and everything we did in the regular season should give the guys the confidence to reach our goal.”

The No. 4 seed Tigers will welcome the No. 13 Lakeview Honkers to Stanfield today for a 4:30 p.m. start in their Round 1 match-up, one that Johnson believes is a tough draw for his team.

“From the reports I got, (Lakeview) is really solid,” Johnson said. “They’re better than their ranking is. I think, and we’ll have to be at our best.”

The Honkers finished the season 20-7 overall and finished second in the Southern Cascade League with an 8-4 record. They averaged just over eight runs per game on offense this year and gave up less than four per game behind their senior pitcher Cody Hamilton. Johnson said he’s excited to see his team face the hard-throwing pitcher.

“It’ll be a really good test for us,” he said. “We haven’t seen a lot of quality pitching like that this year.”

The starting pitcher for Stanfield hasn’t been set in stone by Johnson yet, but he says the team is confident with whomever is chosen.

“We have three guys with fresh arms and they’re all ready to go,” Johnson said. “We’ve been lucky to have such great pitching this year.”

SOFTBALL:

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ment for the first time since 2013 with a third place finish in the district, and saw four of their players earn spots on the all-district teams.

Senior Kelly McLaughlin was Irrigon’s lone first team representative as McLaughlin supplied plenty of power in the middle of the Knights lineup this season. Making it onto the second team for Irrigon was pitcher Julissa Garza, junior catcher Lilly Mills, and infielder Beatriz Aguilera.

Heppner placed two players on the all-district teams with sophomore infielder Morgan Correa and senior outfielder Caitlyn Bailey earning second team honors.

Special District 6 Softball

Player of the Year: Bekah Roe, Pilot Rock, Jr.

First team

P Tehya Ostrom, Pilot Rock, jr.
P Jaiden Wright, Union, sr.
P Rebekka Holman, Pilot Rock, sr.
C Rhyanne Oates, Pilot Rock, soph.
C Shealyne Peasley, Burns, jr.
INF Bekah Roe, Pilot Rock, jr.
INF Madison Dave, Pilot Rock, sr.
INF Ashton Wright, Union, soph.
INF Katie Good, Union, soph.
INF Carl Feist, Burns, jr.
OF Kelly McLaughlin, Irrigon, sr.
OF Taylor Baremore, Burns, soph.
OF Kayla Deist, Pilot Rock, soph.
UTIL Sara Veinke, Pilot Rock, soph.
UTIL Ellie Clark, Union, soph.

Second team

P Ally Sutcliffe, Burns, jr.
P Jenna Monson, Union, jr.
P Julissa Garza, Irrigon
C Lilly Mills, Irrigon, jr.
C Lorena Vazquez, Culver, fr.
INF Sarah Blute, Burns, sr.
INF Beatriz Aguilera, Irrigon, sr.
INF Jacoy Wilson, Pilot Rock, jr.
INF Morgan Correa, Heppner, soph.
INF Alexis Fleury, Union, sr.
OF AJ Sutcliffe, Burns, jr.
OF Shayla Walker, Pilot Rock, jr.
OF Caitlyn Bailey, Heppner, sr.
UTIL Josi Harrison, Culver, sr.
UTIL Hannah Shanks, Union, jr.