

Pro Baseball

Dean outshines Hernandez as Twins down M's



Seattle Mariners catcher Chris Iannetta, right, gives a pat to starting pitcher Felix Hernandez on Friday.

By JIM HOEHN Associated Press

SEATTLE — Robbie Grossman's bases-loaded double keyed a five-run third inning and Pat Dean pitched effectively for seven innings for his first major league victory to pace the Minnesota Twins past the Seattle Mariners 7-2 on Friday night.

Dean (1-1), allowed two runs on four hits, striking out eight and walking none in his second start and fourth appearance since being called up May 11. Ryan Pressley pitched the

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eight and Brandon Kintzler finished.

Seattle ace Felix Hernandez (4-4), who entered with a 2.21 ERA, was tagged for six runs on eight hits in six innings.

The Twins, who won for just the fifth time on the road against 19 losses, rocked Hernandez for five hits, including three doubles,

during the third to take a 6-1 lead. Danny Santana doubled to open the third, Eduardo Nunez reached on a bunt single and Brian Dozier followed with an RBI double to make it 2-1. Joe Mauer added the fourth consecutive hit with an RBI single and Miguel Sano walked to load the bases.

Grossman's two-run, ground-rule down the right-field line put the Twins up 5-1. Sano scored on Byung Ho Park's ground out to third.

Seattle got a run back in the fourth on a triple by Robinson Cano and broken-bat single by Dae-Ho

Lee. Joe Mauer added a solo homer in the seventh to make it 7-2.

Franklin Gutierrez staked the Mariners to a 1-0 lead in the first, driving an 0-1 pitch deep over the wall in right for his third home run.

Sano answered for the Twins in the top of the second with a solo shot to left-center, his ninth homer.

The Twins were playing their first game since pitching coach Neil Allen was suspended following his arrest on suspicion of drunken driving early Thursday.

NBA Playoffs

LeBron, Cavaliers back to Finals

By IAN HARRISON Associated Press

Eastern Finals Cleveland 113 Toronto 87

Cavs win series 4-2

TORONTO — LeBron James scored 33 points, Kevin Love had 20 points and 12 rebounds and the Cleveland Cavaliers advanced to their second straight NBA Finals by beating the Toronto Raptors 113-87 in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals Friday night.

It's the third finals appearance in team history for the Cavaliers. Cleveland lost to Golden State in six games last year and got swept by San Antonio in 2007.

For James, it's his sixth straight trip to the finals, including four with Miami. He broke the 30-point barrier for the first time this post-season and finished with 11 rebounds and six assists.

Kyrie Irving had 30 points and J.R. Smith had 15 for the Cavaliers, who will face

the winner of the Golden State-Oklahoma City series on Thursday.

Cleveland would open at home against the Thunder but would be on the road against the 73-win Warriors, who trail 3-2 against Oklahoma City heading into Saturday's Game 6.

The Cavs will be seeking to end Cleveland's 52-year championship drought, the longest by any city with at least three professional teams. No Cleveland team has won it all since the Browns blanked Baltimore 27-0 to win the NFL championship in 1964.

Kyle Lowry scored 35

points and DeMar DeRozan had 20 as the deepest playoff run in Raptors team history ended, much to the disappointment of a sellout crowd of 20,605 dressed in red and white T-shirts that formed a maple leaf pattern on either side of the court. Fans stood and cheered "Let's go, Raptors! Let's go, Raptors!" throughout most of the final three minutes.

Toronto prolonged the series with back-to-back home wins in Games 3 and 4 but never mounted much of a challenge to the conference champions in Game 6, falling behind by 21 in the third quarter.

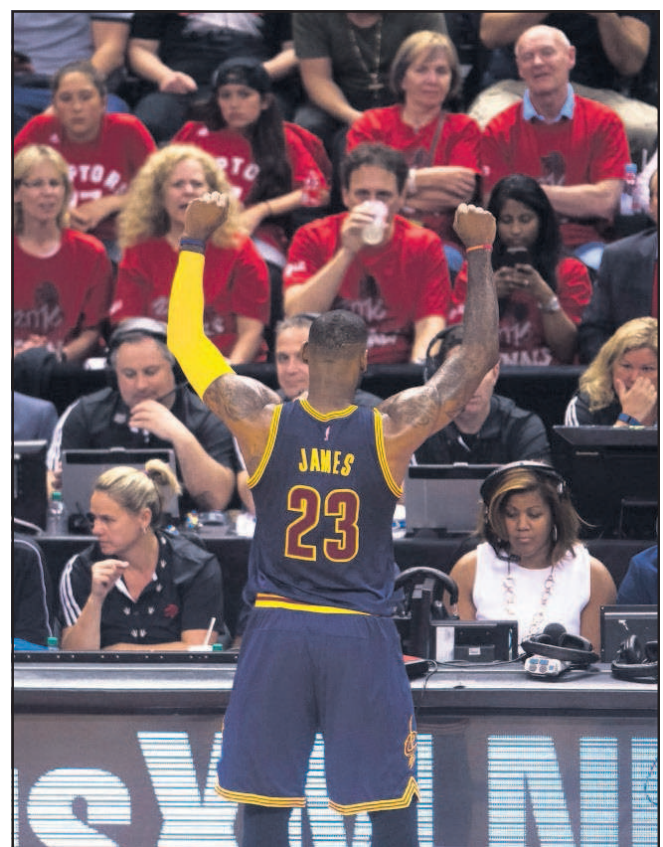
The Cavaliers came in 0-4 at Air Canada Centre counting the regular season and playoffs, but looked much more like the team that handed the Raptors a trio of lopsided losses in Cleveland this series.

The Raptors trailed 88-78 on a jumper by DeRozan with 10:23 remaining but James scored six points in a 14-3 run that gave the Cavs a 102-81 lead with about 6 minutes left.

James scored 14 in the first and five of Cleveland's nine field goals were from long range as the Cavaliers led 31-25 after one.

After video review, the officials waved off a basket by Biyombo with 3:18 left in the period and gave him a flagrant foul for knocking down Love.

Tempers flared again early in the second when Richard Jefferson reacted angrily to catching an elbow from Jonas Valanciunas as the two battled for a rebound. Patrick Patterson came over and shoved Jefferson out of the way. Both Patterson and Jefferson were given technical fouls.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James reacts to the crowd during Game 6 against the Toronto Raptors in the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals Friday.

French Open

Nine-time champ Nadal out with injury

By HOWARD FENDRICH Associated Press



Spain's Rafael Nadal acknowledges cheering spectators after winning his second round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Argentina's Facundo Bagnis at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Thursday, May 26, 2016.

PARIS — For a decade, Rafael Nadal ruled Roland Garros the way no other man has dominated any Grand Slam site.

On Friday, his powerful left wrist wrapped in a blue brace, Nadal delivered the surprising news he was withdrawing before his third-round match at the French Open because of an injury that would prevent him from delivering the whiplike, spin-heavy forehand that carried him to a record nine championships and a 72-2 record on the tournament's red clay.

"To win the tournament, I need five more matches," Nadal said, his face expressionless, his arms crossed in front of him, "and the doctor says that's 100 percent impossible."

His announcement, at what he called "one of the toughest press conferences in my career," overshadowed everything else going on around the grounds on Day 6 of the French Open, from the straight-set victories by defending cham-

pion Stan Wawrinka and No. 2-seeded Andy Murray, to the out-of-nowhere 6-0, 6-7 (3), 6-0 upset of two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova by 108th-ranked Shelby Rogers, a 23-year-old American.

No. 15 John Isner, the last U.S. man in the field, found out about Nadal's abrupt departure about 15 minutes after winning a five-setter to set up a showdown with Murray for a berth

in the quarterfinals. "It was a shock," Isner said. "I had no idea."

It robbed the event of more star power, coming a week after 17-time major champion Roger Federer pulled because of lingering back problems.

It cleared one potential obstacle from the path of No. 1 Novak Djokovic, who is attempting to win a fourth consecutive major title and his first in Paris.

Americans in Paris

How the American players have fared at the French Open through Friday:

Men (6-9) No. 15 John Isner — beat John Millman; beat Kyle Edmund; beat Teymuraz Gabashvili; vs. No. 2 Andy Murray, Sunday. No. 23 Jack Sock — beat Robin Haase; beat Dustin Brown; lost to Albert Ramos-Vinolas. No. 33 Steve Johnson — lost to Fernando Verdasco. Brian Baker — lost to No. 20 Bernard Tomic. w-Bjorn Fratangelo — beat Sam Querrey; lost to No. 9 Richard Gasquet. Taylor Fritz — lost to Borna Coric. Denis Kudla — lost to Dusan Lajovic. Sam Querrey — lost to Bjorn Fratangelo. Rajeev Ram — lost to Jiri Vesely. Donald Young — lost to Teymuraz Gabashvili. Women (15-14) No. 1 Serena Williams — beat Magdalena Rybarikova; beat Teliana Pereira; vs. No. 26 Kristina Mladenovic, Saturday. No. 9 Venus Williams — beat Anett Kontaveit; beat Louisa Chirico; vs. Alize Cornet, Saturday. No. 15 Madison Keys — beat Donna Vekic; beat Mariana Duque-Marino; vs. Monica Puig, Saturday. No. 19 Sloane Stephens — beat Margarita Gasparyan; beat Verónica Cepede Royig; lost to Tsvetana Pironkova. Madison Brengle — lost to Elena Vesnina. q-Louisa Chirico — q-beat Tereza Martincova; q-beat Andrea Hlavackova; q-beat Inna Khromacheva; beat Lauren Davis; lost to No. 9 Venus Williams. Samantha Crawford — lost to Timea Babos. Lauren Davis — lost to Louisa Chirico. Inna Falconi — beat Mona Barthel; lost to Pauline Parmentier. Nicole Gibbs — lost to Heather Watson. Varvara Lepchenko — lost to No. 27 Ekaterina Makarova. Bethanie Mattek-Sands — lost to No. 25 Irina-Camelia Begu. Christina McHale — lost to Myrtille Georges. Alison Riske — lost to Viktorija Pliskova; beat Elena Vesnina; beat No. 10 Petra Kvitova; vs. No. 25 Irina-Camelia Begu, Sunday. w-Taylor Townsend — beat Amandine Hesse; lost to No. 18 Elena Svitolina. CoCo Vandeweghe — beat Naomi Broady; lost to No. 25 Irina-Camelia Begu. q-Sachia Vickery — q-beat Rebecca Peterson; q-beat Cindy Burger; q-beat Fiona Ferro; lost to Anastasija Sevastova. q-qualifier w-wild card

Pro Golf

Molder leads in suspended second round at Colonial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Bryce Molder would have a magical number if he could combine his front-nine scores through two days at Colonial into one round.

Bolstered by 11 combined birdies on Nos. 1-9 at Hogan's Alley, Molder had a one-stroke lead with three holes to play Friday in the Dean & DeLuca Invitational when second-round play was suspended because of darkness.

"It was kind of tale of two nines even though I didn't finish the second nine," Molder said. "The first nine was really clean. ... Everything was going right."

At 9 under, Molder was a stroke ahead of Webb Simpson and two in front of second-ranked Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed. Simpson and Spieth completed their rounds.

Molder was the first-round leader after an opening 64 with six birdies on the front nine. He had five more birdies on that side Friday, which would translate to a 59 — that is the best score ever shot on the PGA Tour.

"You know, I thought about that when I was on No. 6 today," Molder said. "That was fun. I mean, I wish I could have just turned back around, teed off on No. 1 and just kept going because that side has been really good to me."

Play was stopped with 61 of the 121 players still on the course. They will return to complete the second round Saturday morning, scheduled to resume just more than 11 hours after stopping. The third round will be played after the cut is made.

SCOREBOARD

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