

Pro Baseball

Chastened Padres rout Mariners

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SAN DIEGO — Alexei Ramirez homered twice and matched his career high with five RBIs, and Adam Rosales and Wil Myers also homered for the San Diego Padres, who beat the Seattle Mariners 14-6 Wednesday night several hours after executive chairman Ron Fowler strongly criticized the team's poor recent play.

Ramirez had a pair of two-run homers and an RBI single. Jon Jay had four hits while Myers and Yangervis Solarte also each had three hits. Myers finished a triple shy of the cycle. The Padres snapped a four-game losing streak, winning for the second time in 10 games.

On Wednesday morning, Fowler told the team's flagship radio station, the Mighty 1090, that the Padres' recent performances have been "embarrassing" and "pathetic." His comments came a day after James Shields allowed 10 runs in 2 2/3 innings of a 16-4 loss at Seattle.

Hours after Fowler ripped them, the Padres found out they didn't have to face Felix Hernandez, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a right calf strain.

The Padres still had a shaky start, with Christian Friedrich allowing Robinson Cano's three-run homer during a 37-pitch first inning in which the lefty escaped a bases-loaded jam.

Left-hander James Paxton (0-1) started in Hernandez's place and



San Diego Padres' Derek Norris (3) congratulates Alexei Ramirez, right, who hit a two-run home run, his second homer of the night, near Seattle Mariners catcher Chris Iannetta, rear, during the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday in San Diego.



was roughed up in the first, allowing six runs on five hits. Myers homered to right with one out, his eighth. Rosales homered into the second deck in left with two outs, his second. Ramirez was aboard on an RBI single, and Rosales almost caught up to him approaching third base.

Five of the runs that inning were unearned after Paxton overthrew second trying for a force play.

After the Padres chased Paxton in the fourth, Ramirez greeted Joel Peralta with a two-run homer. He also hit a two-run homer off Steve Johnson in the sixth, after Derek Norris hit a leadoff double. Ramirez has three homers this season.

Myers hit an RBI double in the fifth and a sac fly in the sixth.

Kyle Seager had four singles for Seattle.

Friedrich (2-1) allowed four runs, three earned, and nine hits in five innings, struck out four and walked four.

Paxton allowed eight runs, three earned, on 10 hits in 3 2/3 innings. He struck out seven and

walked one.

TRAINING ROOM

Mariners: Manager Scott Servais said he hopes Hernandez misses only a few starts.

Padres: RHP Tyson Ross (right shoulder inflammation), who hasn't pitched since opening day, played catch. Manager Andy Green said it would be "aggressive" to anticipate his return before the All-Star break.

UP NEXT

Mariners: LHP Wade Miley (5-2, 4.95) is scheduled to start the final game of the split, four-game series.

Padres: RHP Colin Rea (3-2, 4.47) is scheduled to start for San Diego.

Pro Hockey

Penguins edge Sharks, take 2-0 series lead

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Stanley Cup



PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby enters the faceoff circle with a plan every time, well aware it will almost certainly evaporate once the puck smacks the ice.

That doesn't stop the Pittsburgh superstar from doing it, because every once in a while the idea in his head morphs into reality. Times like Wednesday night, when Crosby's improvisation helped move the Penguins within two victories of the Stanley Cup.

Crosby's faceoff win helped set up Conor Sheary's perfectly placed wrist shot 2:35 into overtime, one that lifted the Penguins to a 2-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks and a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

"I call 25 faceoffs a night," Crosby said with a laugh. "I got 24 wrong tonight."

It's the one Crosby got right that will live on if the Penguins find a way to close out their fourth championship. Just before heading to the dot to the right of San Jose goalie Martin Jones, Crosby told Sheary to line up on the wall and then look for a soft spot in the San Jose defense.

Crosby won the draw and dropped it to defenseman Kris Letang, who feigned a shot then slipped it to Sheary. The 23-year-old rookie zipped it over Jones' outstretched glove for his fourth goal of the playoffs and second of the series.

"It's pretty surreal," said Sheary, who began the season in the minor leagues.

Game 3 is Saturday night

in San Jose.

Sharks defenseman Justin Braun tied it with 4:05 left in regulation, but San Jose fell to 0-4 when pushed to overtime in the playoffs after getting largely outplayed for much of the night by the quicker, more nimble Penguins.

Phil Kessel scored his 10th goal of the postseason for Pittsburgh, and Matt Murray made 21 stops. The Penguins have not trailed at any point while reeling off four straight playoff victories after falling behind in the Eastern Conference final against Tampa Bay.

"Game 1 was decided in last two minutes, tonight was decided in overtime," Sharks coach Peter DeBoer said. "We'll hold off on the funeral."

Maybe, but time is running out. Only five teams in NHL history have come back from a 2-0 deficit in the final to win the Cup, a hole the Sharks find themselves in despite Braun's second career playoff goal and 28 stops by Martin Jones.

"We know that if we play this way we're not going to win games, so we need to be better," San Jose center Logan Couture said.

The Penguins improved to 4-2 in overtime.

"We did a good job of playing well here at home," Crosby said. "We know it's going to get challenging going to San Jose."

TIGERS: Santiam Christian one of just two teams to beat Stanfield this season

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2011, and Dylan goes into the start fresh after throwing just four innings total in the postseason thanks to great starts by Brody Woods and solid relief by Tony Flores.

"My arm feels great. I was glad Brody (Woods) got to do it all by himself (in the semifinals) pretty much," Grogan said, adding he's gotten some good advice on how to handle the championship pressure from a knowledgeable source. "My brother Quin told me, 'When you're pitching don't worry about the batter. The batter fails seven out of every 10 at-bats.' I was thinking about that, and it's true. He's just been telling

me to keep a positive attitude for the team."

Catcher Thylor Monkus also was a bat boy for that 2011 team, which featured his brother Derek. Utility Adrian Renner's older brother Dominic also was on that team, and first baseman Ryan Bailey's brother Devin was the second half of a lethal 1-2 punch on the mound.

"He left his (championship) ring in my room when he moved out," Ryan Bailey said. "I look at it every day and I can just imagine having one of those. It's a big motivating factor right there."

Stanfield coach Bryan Johnson is reprising his role

from that 2011 title game, and reminded the Tigers of some bragging rights they could claim as well.

"I said you can kind of one-up them a little bit because this is 3A and that was 2A/1A."

Like their older siblings, the current group of Tigers must beat the bracket's No. 1 team.

It's a rematch of a game Santiam Christian won 2-1 on April 21 with a two-run walk-off home run hit by Dru Draper with two outs. It was just the second hit of the game allowed by Grogan.

It was also the last time Stanfield was defeated this season, and the Tigers (28-2) enter the game on a 13-game

winning streak.

"It was our last loss, and what we're looking for now is revenge, basically," said Tigers senior Jason Fitzpatrick.

Draper pitched the entire game against the Tigers, and is the expected starter on Friday. He struck out four, walked two, and held the Tigers to just three hits. Stanfield's only run off Draper came when Monkus reached base and advanced to third on back-to-back errors, then Grogan singled him in.

"He likes to jam you a lot. I'll be working on stuff to help me be aware for that this time around," Fitzpatrick said. "It seemed like we had trouble seeing the ball more than anything."

"He really could hit his spots, hitting inside and outside, he was really keeping us off balance," Bailey said. "We've got to respect that, but we've got to come out swinging and hit it where it's pitched."

Stanfield has scored 52 runs in four postseason games including the district championship, and

"(Draper) mixes it up a little bit and he's got a pretty good fastball, kind of sneaks up on you," Johnson said. "He's just a competitor and he's had a lot of success."

"If we keep swinging like we have been, I like our chances."

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games including the district championship, but Santiam Christian (25-3) has given up just nine total in the same span with most of those coming in a 7-6 win over Horizon Christian in their district final.

"It's going to be a good game this time around, that's for sure," Fitzpatrick said.

The game will be broadcast live on the radio at KOHU 1360 AM. Live video will also be available for a fee at NFHNetwork.com.

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ROCKETS: Ostrom has thrown bulk of the innings against Union this season

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the right balance of confidence and caution headed into their fifth match-up.

"We've just got to get in the mindset of regardless of what happened in the past, this could be a tight game and bring our 'A' game," he said.

"I've always been told to be borderline cocky," Holman said. "We never know, so we're going to go out and play because you

never know which team will be out there. ... It's the state playoffs so we're looking for a challenge."

It's the second time the Rockets finish the season against a league foe in the state final. They beat Weston McEwen 2-1 last year after three previous victories over the TigerScots.

"Treat it like any other game of the season, don't get too nervous, don't be too confident," Ostrom said of how to approach the familiar

match-up. "You've just got to (create a) fresh new slate, go in empty-minded with a killer attitude."

Every Rocket has found some measure of success against the Bobcats this season, but senior Madison Dave and junior Bekah Roe have been especially troublesome.

Dave batted 8 for 12 with three home runs, 14 RBIs, eight runs scored, two doubles and a triple. Roe was 9 for 15 with 10 runs scores, eight RBIs, two doubles and

a home run.

Ostrom has pitched 21 innings against Union, and has allowed 15 hits, five runs (four earned), struck out 16 and walked three. She's likely to get the call on Friday, but Fitzpatrick typically makes his decision as close to game-time as possible.

"We'll do a quick workout when we get over there (Thursday) and we're going to see what they look like," he said.

Holman has thrown just

three innings against Union and gave up no runs on five hits and struck out three.

Union lead-off hitter Jaiden Wright had led the Bobcat offense against Pilot Rock, but is just 3 for 8 with two runs scores and two RBIs, although one of her hits is a home run.

Union won back-to-back state titles in 2013-14, and Dave said the Rockets are intent on their own repeat this year.

"It's a big game, and

I'm always nervous when it comes to a game. I don't like losing," she said. "We have a title to defend and so we're going to do it."

Radio coverage will be streamed online at OSAA.org/radio-network. Live video will be available for a fee at NFHNetwork.com.

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SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL
Friday
No. 3 Stanfield vs. No. 1 Santiam Christian (3A finals at Keizer), 5 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL
Friday
No. 1 Pilot Rock vs. No. 2 Union (2A/1A finals at Corvallis), 1 p.m.

Saturday
No. 1 MacHi vs. No. 3 Banks (4A finals at Corvallis), 1 p.m.

Basketball

NBA
Playoff Glance

FINALS
(Best-of-7; x if necessary)
Cleveland vs. Golden State (all games on ABC)

Today, June 2: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 5: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.

Friday, June 10: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.

xxMonday, June 13: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.

xxThursday, June 16: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.

xxSunday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlanta 5 1 833 —
Indiana 3 3 500 2
Chicago 3 4 429 2½
New York 2 3 400 2½
Washington 2 5 286 3½
Connecticut 1 5 167 4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Minnesota 6 0 1,000 —

MLB

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington 33 21 611 —
New York 29 23 558 3
Miami 28 25 528 4½
Philadelphia 26 27 491 6½
Atlanta 16 36 308 16

Central Division

Chicago 36 15 706 —
Pittsburgh 29 23 558 7½
St. Louis 28 26 519 9½
Milwaukee 24 29 453 13
Cincinnati 18 35 340 19

West Division

San Francisco 33 22 600 —
Los Angeles 28 26 519 4½
Colorado 24 28 462 7½
Arizona 23 32 418 10
San Diego 21 33 389 11½

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 13 innings

Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 1

Washington 7, Philadelphia 2

Atlanta 5, San Francisco 4, 11 innings

Miami 3, Pittsburgh 2

Chicago Cubs 2, L.A. Dodgers 1

Houston 5, Arizona 4, 11 innings

Cincinnati 7, Colorado 2

San Diego 14, Seattle 6

Today's Games

San Francisco (Bumgarner 6-2) at Atlanta

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Boston 32 21 604 —
Baltimore 29 22 569 2
Toronto 29 26 527 4
New York 24 28 462 7½
Tampa Bay 22 29 431 9

Central Division

Kansas City 30 22 577 —
Chicago 29 25 537 2
Cleveland 27 24 529 2½
Detroit 25 27 481 5
Minnesota 15 37 288 15

West Division

Texas 31 22 585 —
Seattle 30 22 577 ½
Oakland 25 29 462 6½
Houston 25 29 462 6½
Los Angeles 24 29 453 7

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 13 innings

Oakland 5, Minnesota 1

Cleveland 5, Texas 4, 11 innings

Baltimore 13, Boston 9

Detroit 3, L.A. Angels 0

Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 0

Houston 5, Arizona 4, 11 innings

Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 3

San Diego 14, Seattle 6

Today's Games

Arizona (Greinke 6-3) at Houston (Keuchel 3-6), 11:10 a.m.

NHL

Playoff Glance

STANLEY CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Pittsburgh 2, San Jose 0

Monday, Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 2

Wednesday, June 1: Pittsburgh 2, San Jose 1 (NBCSN)

Saturday, June 4: Pittsburgh at San Jose, 5 p.m. (NBC)

Monday, June 6: Pittsburgh at San Jose, 5 p.m. (NBC)

Hockey

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Philadelphia 6 3 5 23 21 16

New York 6 7 1 19 24 20

Montreal 5 4 4 19 22 20

NY City FC 4 4 6 18 20 26

Toronto FC 4 5 4 16 14 15

D.C. United 4 6 4 16 14 21

Orlando City 3 3 7 16 23 16

New England 3 4 7 16 19 25

Columbus 3 5 5 14 18 21

Chicago 2 5 5 11 10 14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Colorado 8 2 4 28 17 10

FC Dallas 8 4 3 27 23 21

Vancouver 6 6 3 21 23 25

Real Salt Lake 4 2 20 20 19

Los Angeles 5 2 5 20 27 16

San Jose 5 4 5 20 16 16

Portland 5 6 4 19 23 25

Tennis

FRENCH OPEN

Wednesday

At Stade Roland Garros, Paris

Purse: \$35.9 million (Grand Slam)

Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Fourth Round

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (14), Spain, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, 7-5.

Dominic Thiem (13), Austria, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-4.

Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. David Ferrer (11), Spain, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

David Goffin (12), Belgium, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

Quarterfinals

Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 (7).

Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Richard Gasquet (9), France, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-0, 6-2.

Women

Third Round

Feliciano Lopez and Marc Lopez (15), Spain, def. Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (1), France, 7-6