

# Bauer stifles Mariner bats as Indians earn win



Seattle Mariners' Ketel Marte singles in the third inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, June 6, 2016, in Seattle.

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Trevor Bauer pitched 7 1/3 strong innings and Rajah Davis homered to lead the Cleveland Indians to their sixth straight victory with a 3-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

Bauer (4-2) gave up one run while scattering five hits. He walked one and struck out 10 to earn his first victory since May 10. Bryan Shaw got the final two outs in the eighth and Cody Allen worked the ninth to pick up his 12th save in 13 opportunities.

It's the longest win streak for the Indians since Aug. 25-31 and extended their lead over Kansas City in the AL Central to 2 1/2 games.

James Paxton (0-2) took the loss for the Mariners, who

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have dropped four straight. He allowed all three runs — just one earned — on five hits. He walked one and struck out 10 in six innings.

After the Mariners jumped ahead 1-0 in the third on Nori Aoki's two-run, RBI single, the Indians rallied for two unearned runs in the fourth. Paxton yielded a one-hit single to Carlos Santana followed by a Jose Ramirez double into the left-field corner.

Santana, waved home, was beaten by the relay throw but catcher Chris Iannetta dropped

it for an error. Ramirez, who advanced to third on the throw, scored on Juan Uribe's sacrifice fly.

Davis hit his sixth home run in the fifth.

Robinson Cano had his career-best on-base streak to 34 consecutive games ended with an 0-for-4 evening.

Mariners reliever Edwin Diaz, called up from Triple-A Tacoma Saturday, made his major league debut in the seventh. He retired the side in order.

### UP NEXT

**Indians:** Anderson (1-3, 6.81) has his best outing — and only win — of the season in his previous outing May 23.

**Mariners:** Despite LHP Wade Miley (5-2, 5.84) giving up 12 hits and nine runs Thursday to San Diego he had a no-decision.

# Penguins move to brink of title with win versus Sharks

By **JOSH DUBOW**  
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**Stanley Cup Final**

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Bounce-back performances from two key players moved the Pittsburgh Penguins to the brink of winning the Stanley Cup.

Evgeni Malkin scored his first goal of the series and Matt Murray made 23 saves after a shaky Game 3 to lead the Penguins to a 3-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Monday night for a 3-1 series lead.

Malkin woke up after being held pointless in the first three games of the series by setting up Ian Cole's goal to open the scoring. He added one of his own on the power play to give Murray all the support needed.

Eric Fehr sealed it with a late goal after San Jose made a strong push in the third.

Two nights after allowing a soft game-tying goal to Joel Ward, Murray was steady throughout to put the Penguins one win from

skating off with their fourth Stanley Cup in franchise history. They can do it at home in Game 5 on Thursday. "Just keep doing what we're doing. Obviously we know what's at stake," Penguins captain Sidney Crosby said. "We don't have to change a thing, just keep playing the same way we're playing and the results will take care of themselves."

The Sharks were unable to build on their first win in the final, allowing the first goal for the fourth straight game and going more than nine minutes without a shot on goal during one stretch of the second period. San Jose will need to win in Pittsburgh to give its loyal fans who waited 25 years to watch the Stanley Cup Final in the Bay



The Pittsburgh Penguins celebrate at the end of Game 4 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals against the San Jose Sharks in San Jose, Calif., Monday, June 6, 2016. Pittsburgh won the game 3-1.

Area another home game.

Melker Karlsson scored the lone goal and Martin Jones made 17 saves for San Jose.

The story for the Penguins after their 3-2 overtime loss in Game 3 was how to get Malkin going after a slow start to the series. And how would the rookie Murray respond after giving up the

soft goal to Ward and the winner to Joonas Donskoi.

Both passed with flying colors.

Malkin was energized from the start, helping setting up the first goal and then tapping in the second off a feed from Phil Kessel for Pittsburgh's first power-play goal of the series.

"You try to just stay

with it. You just try to make sure you execute," Crosby said. "We had a really good first one, generated a lot of chances. I think that built some confidence. We got a great play from Phil and Geno there to get us a big goal."

Murray wasn't tested often early and went nearly the first half of the second period without facing a single shot. But the Sharks made a strong push after that, and he robbed Logan Couture, who was left all alone in the slot after a turnover by Kris Letang late in the second.

Murray then stopped Patrick Marleau on a breakaway and saved a one-timer by Joe Pavelski early in the third before allowing his first goal. Karlsson beat him on a rebound of Brenden Dillon's point shot with 11:53 to play.

But Murray didn't flinch and came up big again against Pavelski to preserve the lead, keeping the NHL's leading goal scorer this postseason without a point in the final.

Fehr provided the insurance when he beat Jones on odd-man rush with 2:02 left.

Murray was helped by a strong penalty kill that thwarted two chances from San Jose's potent power-play, and once again never trailed in the game. The Penguins have not played from behind for a span of 435:56 since a Game 4 loss to Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference final. Pittsburgh's only two losses since came in overtime games they didn't trail until the final goal.

The Sharks came out strong to open the game but still trailed after one. Murray made good saves on Pavelski, Joe Thornton and Brent Burns, and Pittsburgh capitalized on a poor line change by San Jose.

Malkin started the play with a nice feed to Kessel, whose big shot was turned aside by Jones. But Cole got the rebound all alone on the other side and fired it past a diving Jones for his first career playoff goal.

# An extra rest day in NBA Finals schedule seems timely for Cavaliers

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

CLEVELAND — Under the long-used former NBA Finals format, Game 3 of this Golden State-Cleveland matchup would have been played Tuesday night.

Not this year, thanks to an extra rest day.

And the Cavaliers are probably celebrating that.

The Eastern Conference champions need as much time as they can get to try to figure out a way back into these finals. They've used LeBron James as a ballhandler and as a center, they've played at different speeds, they've tried different lineups.

There have been moments of success — just not enough to make this a series.

As such, the Warriors are two wins from back-to-back championships. Golden State will try to take a 3-0 lead in this finals rematch when the series resumes in Cleveland on Wednesday night.

"The next couple days, I won't be reflecting," James said. "I'll figure out ways I can be better."

That certainly sounds good, given that James at his best is probably still better than any player in the world. Problem is, James is already averaging close to a triple-double in this series — so he's already plenty productive. And the Cavaliers are down 0-2 despite keeping Warriors' sharpshooters Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson in check so far.

Regardless, Golden State won Game 1 by 15, then rolled in Game 2 on Sunday night by 33. That plus-48 combined margin adds up to the most one-sided first two games of the finals ever.

"They're just a better team right now," acknowledged Cleveland guard J.R. Smith, who managed a combined eight points in Games 1 and 2.

Adding to the tough spot the Cavaliers are in is the

status of forward Kevin Love, who is now in the NBA's concussion protocol after taking himself out of Game 2. Love caught an elbow from Harrison Barnes in the back of the head during the first half, and left in the third quarter when symptoms of a concussion started to present themselves.

If Love can't go, the Cavaliers might have no choice but to reinvent themselves with their realistic title hopes hanging by a thread. Going to a bigger lineup — probably meaning giving all-but-forgotten center Timofey Mozgov some minutes that matter — could be the only real card Cavs coach Tyrone Lue has left to play.

"They'll probably play with a little more energy," Thompson said. "That's

natural when you go home. Probably with a sense of desperation. They might go big. You never know. But we'll be prepared."

James has faced 0-2 deficits four times before, all during his first stint in Cleveland. He and the Cavs lost in seven games to Detroit in the 2006 second round, rallied to beat Detroit in six games in the 2007 East finals, got swept by San Antonio in that season's NBA Finals, and lost in seven games to Boston in the 2008 second round.

He knows the numbers, that 28 of the 31 previous teams to lose the first two games of the finals did not recover. He didn't need anyone to remind him that only one team in the last 39 years — the 2006 Miami Heat, with his close friend

Dwyane Wade taking over — successfully rallied from an 0-2 hole in the title series.

"What we've done these last two games doesn't put a damper or a cloud over how we got to this point," James said. "We're still here and we have a chance to turn this series around if we come in and do what we need to do both offensively and defensively."

This was supposed to be their chance, after last season's matchup with the Warriors saw Love sidelined for the entire series with a shoulder injury and Kyrie Irving gone after Game 1 with knee issues.

Love might be gone again. And Irving seems befuddled by the Warriors' defense, shooting 33 percent with a mere five assists in the first two games.

"They did what they were supposed to do at home," Irving said. "They came out and took care of home court, and now they have to come

to Cleveland."

That's almost an obligatory sentiment, though. The Cavs are supposed to say that all they need to do is take care of their home floor now to get back in this series. And the Warriors in turn also said all the things they were supposed to say as well, like knowing there's a long way to go before they can think about a second consecutive title.

Fact is, they've won seven straight over the Cavaliers now, often in dominant fashion. And that title is looming.

"There's no point in celebrating or jumping up and down and saying 'Look at us,'" Curry said. "We're two games away from winning a championship. We still have to go out and get the job done. It's a trap to think that we've figured things out and that we have the perfect formula to beat Cleveland."

### Motorsports

# Kurt Busch wins at Pocono Raceway

By **DAN GELSTON**  
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LONG POND, Pa. — Kurt Busch stretched his fuel to the checkered flag and won the Sprint Cup race Monday at Pocono Raceway.

Busch was urged by his team to save fuel and go hard for the win on the final lap. The 2004 champion did all he could to conserve fuel in the No. 41 Chevrolet and even shut off the engine headed into the turns.

Told he was two laps shy, Busch not only had enough fuel left to win his first race of the season but enough for victory burnouts and a celebratory lap around the track.

"The way the fuel mileage played out, I didn't know if we'd have enough," Busch said. "This is a wonderful win for us. We'd been so close all year."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was second, and Brad Keselowski, Chase Elliott, and Joey Logano rounded out the top five in a race postponed one day because of rain.

Elliott led 51 laps and seemed poised for most of the race to earn his first career win. The Hendrick Motorsports rookie stumbled off late restarts that forced him to fall short.

Busch had quietly been having a solid season for Stewart-Haas Racing, posting four top-five finishes and 11 top 10s in 13 starts entering the race. He had reeled off seven straight top 10s but didn't have the win he needed to earn a sport in the Chase for the Sprint Cup title.

Busch led 32 laps in winning his 28th career Cup race. He became the ninth driver to win a race this season.

### SCOREBOARD

#### Basketball

NBA				
Playoff Glance				
<b>FINALS</b> (Best-of-7; x if necessary)				
Golden State 2, Cleveland 0 (all games on ABC)				
Thursday, June 2: Golden State 104, Cleveland 89				
Sunday, June 5: Golden State 110, Cleveland 77				
Wednesday, June 8: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
Friday, June 10: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
Monday, June 13: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.				
Thursday, June 16: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
Sunday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.				
WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	6	2	.750	—
New York	4	3	.571	1½
Chicago	4	4	.500	2
Indiana	4	4	.500	2
Washington	3	6	.333	3½
Connecticut	1	7	.125	5
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	7	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	7	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	4	.429	4
Seattle	3	5	.375	4½
Phoenix	2	5	.286	5
San Antonio	1	5	.167	5½
Monday's Games				
Indiana 88, Connecticut 77				
Washington 86, Atlanta 79				
New York 86, Seattle 78				
No games scheduled				
Today's Games				
Phoenix at Minnesota, 5 p.m.				
New York at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.				

#### Hockey

NHL				
Playoff Glance				
<b>STANLEY CUP FINALS</b> (Best-of-7)				
Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1				
Monday, May 30: Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 2				
Wednesday, June 1: Pittsburgh 2, San Jose 1				
Saturday, June 4: San Jose 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT				
Monday, June 6: Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1				
Thursday, June 9: San Jose at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBC)				
Baseball				
MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	33	23	.589	—
Toronto	31	28	.525	3½
New York	27	30	.474	7
Tampa Bay	26	30	.464	6½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	32	24	.571	—
Kansas City	30	27	.526	2½
Chicago	29	28	.509	3½
Detroit	29	28	.509	3½
Minnesota	16	40	.286	16
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	35	22	.614	—
Seattle	31	26	.544	4
Houston	28	31	.475	8
Los Angeles	26	31	.456	9
Oakland	25	32	.439	10
Monday's Games				
Baltimore 4, Kansas City 1				
N.Y. Yankees 5, L.A. Angels 2				
Detroit 11, Toronto 0				
Texas 6, Houston 5				
Tampa Bay 6, Arizona 4				
Cleveland 3, Seattle 1				
Today's Games				
Kansas City (Ventura 4-3) at Baltimore (Jimenez 2-6), 4:05 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Huff 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 2-6), 4:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Sanchez 5-1) at Detroit (Boyd 0-1), 4:10 p.m.				
Houston (Keuchel 3-7) at Texas (Hamels 5-1), 5:05 p.m.				
Miami (Conley 3-3) at Minnesota (Dean 1-2), 5:10 p.m.				
Oakland (Manaea 2-3) at Milwaukee (Davies 3-3), 5:10 p.m.				
Washington (Ross 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Latos 6-1), 5:10 p.m.				

#### Motorsports

NASCAR Sprint Cup				
<b>Axalta "We Paint Winners" 400</b> At Pocono Raceway Long Pond, Pa.				
<b>Monday's Results</b> (Starting position in parentheses)				
1. (9) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 160 laps.				
2. (8) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 160.				
3. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 160.				
4. (13) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 160.				
5. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 160.				
6. (11) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 160.				
7. (3) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 160.				
8. (5) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 160.				
9. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 160.				
10. (14) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 160.				
11. (21) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 160.				
12. (22) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 160.				
13. (24) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 160.				
14. (10) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 160.				
15. (25) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 160.				
16. (32) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 160.				
17. (26) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 160.				
18. (23) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 160.				
19. (17) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 160.				
20. (16) Eric Almiria, Ford, 160.				
21. (28) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 160.				
22. (35) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 160.				
23. (34) David Ragan, Toyota, 160.				
24. (29) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 160.				
25. (18) Chris Buescher, Ford, 159.				
26. (15) Greg Biffle, Ford, 159.				
27. (38) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 159.				
28. (40) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 159.				
29. (39) Jeb Burton, Ford, 158.				
30. (37) Cole Whit, Chevrolet, rear gear, 155.				
31. (12) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 150.				
32. (33) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 145.				
33. (20) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 135.				
34. (6) Jimmy Stewart, Chevrolet, 131.				
35. (7) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 131.				
36. (12) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 125.				
37. (19) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 117.				
38. (36) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, accident, 102.				
39. (30) Brian Scott, Toyota, 81.				
40. (27) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, accident, 57.				
Time: 3 hours, 11 minutes, 15 seconds.				
Margin of Victory: 1.126 seconds.				
Caution Flags: 10 for 40 laps.				
Lead Changes: 14 among 10 drivers.				