

NLDS

Cubs blank Giants in opener

Dodgers bullpen holds off Nationals

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jon Lester outpitched Johnny Cueto with eight sparkling innings, Javier Baez homered in the eighth and the Chicago Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants 1-0 in a tense Game 1 of their NL Division Series on Friday night.

Lester retired his last 13 batters in a dominant performance, but the game was scoreless when Baez sent Angel Pagan scrambling to the left-field wall with a towering drive. With a raucous crowd of 42,148 and every player anxiously tracking the flight of the ball, Pagan ran out of room as he landed in the basket that tops the ivy-covered walls at Wrigley Field.

Aroldis Chapman gave up Buster Posey's two-out double off the ivy in the ninth before Hunter Pence bounced to second for the final out, wrapping a bow on Chicago's first meaningful game in weeks.

The Cubs clinched the NL Central title on Sept. 15 and led the majors with 103 wins, but have their sights on the franchise's World Series crown since 1908.

Game 2 in the best-of-five matchup is Saturday at Chicago.



Chicago Cubs' Javier Baez hits a single in the fifth inning of Game 1 of baseball's National League Division Series against the San Francisco Giants, Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, in Chicago.

AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast

LOS ANGELES 4, WASHINGTON 3 — At Washington, Clayton Kershaw was hardly at his best.

Nothing new when it comes to October.

He allowed eight hits and three runs. He needed 101 pitches just to make it through five innings. His career postseason ERA even rose a bit, up to 4.65.

Didn't matter a bit to the lefty. Only this did: He earned a rare playoff victory.

Backed by early homers from rookie sensation Corey Seager and Justin Turner off Max Scherzer in a matchup of Cy Young Award winners that promised more than it delivered, Kershaw helped the Los Angeles Dodgers

edge the Washington Nationals 4-3 Friday in Game 1 of their NL Division Series.

"It was a grind. A lot of guys on base all the time. Definitely wasn't easy," Kershaw said. "As close as you can bend without breaking, I guess."

His work done, Kershaw was able to relax in the dugout, chewing gum and blowing bubbles while watching relievers Joe Blanton, Grant Dayton, Pedro Baez and Kenley Jansen combine to give up one hit over four scoreless innings. Jansen got his first five-out save since April.

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ALDS

Indians, Blue Jays take 2-0 lead

Red Sox, Rangers face elimination

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CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber carried a shutout into the eighth inning and Lonnie Chisenhall hit a three-run homer off postseason-cursed David Price, giving the Cleveland Indians a 6-0 win on Friday over the Boston Red Sox and a 2-0 lead in their AL Division Series.

Showing no signs of a late-season leg injury, Kluber limited the AL East champions to three hits over seven innings as the Indians moved within one win of returning to the ALCS for the first time since 2007.

David Ortiz and the Red Sox are in serious trouble and have to hope they can get things turned around Sunday in Game 3 at Fenway Park or their turnaround season will be over and Big Papi's career will be done.

Chisenhall connected in the second inning off Price, who fell to 0-8 in nine playoff starts and must now face the wrath of Red Sox Nation. The left-hander lasted just 3 1/3 innings and once again crumbled with a chance to silence critics who say he can't pitch in the big game.

Price came in 10-2 in his career against the Indians, including a 5-0 mark at Progressive Field.



Cleveland Indians outfielders Rajai Davis and Francisco Lindor (12) celebrate after defeating the Boston Red Sox in Game 2 of baseball's American League Division Series, Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, in Cleveland.

AP Photo/David Dermer

But that didn't mean anything to these Indians, who strung together four straight hits — three of them soft singles — to put him in a 4-0 hole after just two innings.

BLUE JAYS 5, RANGERS 3 — At Arlington, Texas, talk about a 1-2-3 punch for the Toronto Blue Jays in these playoffs.

The wild-card Blue Jays have rediscovered their power stroke in October, and are going home with a chance to sweep the Texas Rangers in the AL Division Series after a 5-3 win Friday.

Edwin Encarnacion capped a three-homer burst in the fifth inning off Yu Darvish, and Toronto won

on a dreary, misty afternoon for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five matchup.

One important reminder, though: Last fall, Toronto lost the first two games of the ALDS at home against Texas, then rallied to win the series.

"I learned something last year ... you got to win three games," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "They've got a great team over there. You don't lead the American League, powerhouse league, you don't luck into that."

Wearing spikes that had "No Panic" printed on them, closer Roberto Osuna got a five-out save that sent the Blue Jays home looking to clinch the series in Game 3 Sunday night.

BULLDOGS: McLeod happy to win against his old teammates

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the pedal to the floor in the game, putting up more than 400 total yards of offense and finishing all but two drives with touchdowns. The Bulldogs also had their first turnover-free game of the year.

"It felt amazing," James said. "You could tell after the first (touchdown) that we had something good going."

Hermiston's defense was just as outstanding, earning its first shutout of the season and doing so in utter dominance. The Bulldogs forced three turnovers — two fumbles and one interception — and held Ridgeview (1-5, 1-3) to under 150 yards of total offense. To add on, Hermiston did not allow Ridgeview to cross midfield until the 2:17 mark in the second quarter, and the Ravens only saw the other side of the field two more times the entire game.

Linebacker Damien McLeod said that the defense spent a lot of time on the practice field and in

the film room this week, and felt very prepared for the run-heavy Ravens.

"They're a running team, all they do is run," McLeod said. "We have great coaches that told us what to do, we stacked the box and we just bought in and the scoreboard speaks for itself."

McLeod was also happy to be on the smiling side of the scoreboard Friday. The senior transferred to Hermiston before the season after spending the previous three years of high school at Ridgeview, and admitted it was a little odd for him to start.

"I've played with most of those guys before, but never played against them," McLeod said. "A few of my good buddies I've played with since third grade ... it was a little different, but it was a lot of fun for sure."

Hermiston made it clear from the first drive of the game that it had something to prove, finding holes in the Ravens defense by running and throwing. The Bulldogs



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's John-Henry Line wraps up Ridgeview's Jace Reitz in the Bulldogs' 54-0 win against the Ravens on Friday in Hermiston.

quickly advanced down to the 10 yard line, where James connected with Jerry Ramirez for the game's first touchdown with 7:40 left in the first quarter. Ramirez added a second touchdown later in the half and finished with four catches in the game.

On Ridgeview's ensuing drive, the Ravens found themselves deep in their own territory facing a third-and-long. That's when

quarterback Blaine Gibbs dropped back to pass, rolled to his left and fumbled the ball as he got hit. Hermiston recovered the fumble at the Ridgeview six poised for another score.

And the Bulldogs didn't wait long as Jonathan Hinkle barreled his way into the end zone for the six-yard score to put Hermiston up 14-0 with just under six minutes to play in the first quarter. Hinkle finished the

game with nine carries for 41 yards and the score.

Hermiston went on to score four more times in the half, but none were more impressive than the final score. Staring at a 2nd & 11 from his own 30, James took the snap and dropped three steps back before locking on to a streaking Dayshawn Neal running down the near sideline. James rocked back and threw the perfectly spiraling ball like a rainbow to Neal, who fought off the Ridgeview defensive back at the opposite 40 yard line.

After the catch, Neal locked up with the defender until he stiff-armed the defender with his powerful left hand and broke free, coasting the remaining 35 yards for the touchdown — a 70-yard completion in total.

"I just really trust (Dayshawn)," James said, "and the stats show it."

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BRIEFLY

PLL set for November elections

PENDLETON — Pendleton Little League will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Blue Mountain Community College Science and Tech building.

Topics will include the year-end financial report, new projects and happenings, and the election of new board members.

Anyone interested in becoming a board member is encouraged to attend.

— East Oregonian

BUCKS: Next up is Hood River

Lani that made the score 7-6 after a missed extra point.

With about a minute left in the first quarter Bower put the Bucks ahead with an 11-yard touchdown run, and another missed kick made it 12-7.

Mountain View beat the Bucks deep again to go back up 14-12 on a 71-yard pass in the second quarter, which is where the score was at halftime.

Pendleton finished with 305 yards of total offense.

Next up for Pendleton, which is in three-way tie with Mountain View and Ridgeview in fifth place, is a home game against Hood River on Friday at 7 p.m.

BMCC: Team feels like it's really coming together at right time

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"We have a lot to be proud of," said co-head coach Jessica Humphreys. "A good third of our team is sick or injured, so what they were able to do tonight was something to be proud of."

Due to the absences the T-Wolves were working out of a 5-1 offense, something they hadn't done much this year.

"Kylee Chavez is really stepping up to the plate," Humphreys said. "She's kind of leading our team offensively, so we're proud of that."

"(Chavez) did really well," Shreier said. "She's ran a 5-1 one or two times, but tonight she really stepped up."

Shreier said she can feel the team coming together

after a trying season that has them just above .500 at 16-13, 5-3 in the NWAC East after Friday's win.

"Tonight was a night that we bonded as a team and played as one," she said. "I just think we need to keep having the fun that we had tonight on the court and keep up the energy that we've been having."

Yakima Valley (8-8, 3-5

East) looked like it was going to suck the fun right out of Mosby Court when it went up 19-13 in the third set, but the T-Wolves closed the match with a couple long rallies that brought their energy level back up for the next set, which they would control.

"It's fun to see them reward themselves," co-head coach Dave Baty said of the

team's strong finish. "Not too long ago they might have struggled to come back from the momentum break that Yakima put on us, but the kids responded well."

Kerista Goodpaster led Yakima with 19 kills and added 18 digs.

Next up for Blue Mountain is a road game at Spokane, Washington on Thursday at 6 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP VOLLEYBALL	
Today	Baker at Mac-Hi, Noon
	Irrigon at Heppner, 10 a.m.
	Helix at Wallowa, 1 p.m.
	Helix at Joseph, 3 p.m.
Tuesday	La Grande at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.
	Culver at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.
	Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.
	Hood River at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
	Irrigon at Umatilla, 5 p.m.
	Helix at Lone, 5 p.m.
	Mitchell/Spray at Condon/Wheeler, 5 p.m.
	Hermiston at The Dalles, 6:30 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER	
Today	Mac-Hi at Ontario, Noon
	Riverside at Umatilla, 1 p.m.
	Irrigon at Prescott (WA), 4 p.m.
Tuesday	Pendleton at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
	Umatilla at Walla Walla Valley Acad. (WA), 4 p.m.
	Dayton (WA) at Riverside, 4 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER	
Today	Mac-Hi at Ontario, 2 p.m.
Tuesday	Hermiston at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
	Clarkston (WA) at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.
	Riverside at Horizon Christian, 4:15 p.m.
	Portland Christian at Umatilla, 4:15 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY	
Today	Hermiston, Pendleton at Richland (WA), TBD
	Mac-Hi, Weston-McEwen, Helix, Umatilla at La Grande, TBD
Thursday	Pendleton, Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Weston-McEwen, Helix, Heppner, Umatilla, Stanfield at Pendleton, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL				
Today	Eastern Oregon at MSU-Northern, 5 p.m.			

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL				
Today	Eastern Oregon at Corban, 7 p.m.			

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER				
Today	Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.			
Sunday	Walla Walla at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.			

Prep Standings					
Football					
5A Special District 1					
Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Summit	4-0	5-1	186	108	1
Bend	3-1	5-1	211	138	8
Redmond	3-1	3-3	238	176	14
Hermiston	3-1	3-3	179	130	13
Mtn. View	1-3	3-3	142	171	17
Pendleton	1-3	2-4	154	241	23
Ridgeview	1-3	1-5	80	226	25
Hood River	0-4	0-6	70	250	30
This Week					
Mountain View	35	Pendleton	18		
Hermiston	54	Ridgeview	0		
Summit	26	Bend	0		
Redmond	48	Hood River	20		

4A Greater Oregon League					
Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
La Grande	1-0	2-4	196	203	25
Ontario	0-0	4-1	175	70	2
Mac-Hi	0-0	2-2	82	97	27
Baker	0-1	4-2	135	124	14
This Week					
Mac-Hi at Ontario, DNR					
Mac-Hi at Grande, Baker	34				

3A Eastern Oregon League					
Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Vale	2-0	3-3	107	111	12
Umatilla	1-1	5-1	146	86	17

Burns	1-1	4-2	174	91	11
Nyssa	1-1	2-3	88	90	18
Irrigon	1-1	2-4	130	174	21
Riverside	0-2	1-5	85	200	32
This Week					
Umatilla	34	Riverside	0		
Vale	34	OT			
Nyssa	18	Burns	28		

2A Columbia Basin Conference					
Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Stanfield	2-0	6-0	294	123	2
Heppner	2-0	5-1	191	86	3
Culver	1-1	1-4	126	209	16
Pilot Rock	0-1	0-5	50	173	26
W-McEwen	0-2	1-5	83	193	17
This Week					
Stanfield	74	Weston-McEwen	26		
Heppner	52	Pilot Rock	20		

1A Special District 1					
Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk	
Powder Vall.	3-0	5-1	360	108	13
Pine Eagle	3-0	4-1	206	138	12
Crane	2-0	4-1	216	82	9
Joseph	2-1	3-3	202	260	16
Jordan Vall.	1-0	3-0	106	62	3
Adrian	1-1	1-4	100	192	25
Echo	1-2	2-3	142	174	30
Cove	0-3	1-5	146	296	26
Wallowa	0-3	1-5	138	191	29
Harp./Hunt.	0-3	0-5	72	292	36
This Week					
Powder Valley	54	Echo	6		
Joseph	56	Cove	26		
Pine Eagle	30	Wallowa	28		
Adrian	66	Harp./Huntington	16		

Football				
NFL				
Thursday's Game	Arizona 33, San Francisco 21			
Sunday's Games	N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.			
	New England at Cleveland, 10 a.m.			
	Tennessee at Miami, 10 a.m.			
	Houston at Minnesota, 10 a.m.			
	Washington at Baltimore, 10 a.m.			
	Chicago at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.			
	Philadelphia at Detroit, 10 a.m.			
	Atlanta at Denver, 1:05 p.m.			
	Cincinnati at Dallas, 1:25 p.m.			
	San Diego at Oakland, 1:25 p.m.			
	Buffalo at Los Angeles, 1:25 p.m.			
	N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 5:30 p.m.			
Monday's Game	Tampa Bay at Carolina, 5:30 p.m.			
NCAA				
Top 25				
Friday's Games	No. 3 Clemson 56, Boston College 10			
	No. 19 Boise State 49, New Mexico 21			
Saturday's Games	Texas at No. 20 Oklahoma, 9 a.m. (FS1)			
	No. 6 Houston at Navy, Noon (CBSN)			
	Indiana at No. 2 Ohio State, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)			
	No. 9 Tennessee at No. 8 Texas A&M, (CBS)			
	No. 25 Virginia Tech at No. 17 North Carolina, 12:30 p.m.			
	No. 21 Colorado at USC, 1 p.m. (PAC12)			
	No. 1 Alabama at No. 16 Arkansas, 4 p.m. (ESPN)			
	No. 4 Michigan at Rutgers, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)			
	No. 5 Washington at Oregon, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)			

No. 23 Florida State at No. 10 Miami, 5 p.m. (ABC)
Arizona at No. 24 Utah, 7 p.m. (FS1)
Washington State at No. 15 Stanford, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Baseball	
MLB	
Playoff Glance	
WILD CARD	Tuesday: Toronto 5, Baltimore 2, 11 innings
Wednesday: San Francisco 3, New York 0	
DIVISION SERIES	
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)	
American League	
Texas vs. Toronto (Toronto leads 2-0)	
Thursday: Toronto 10, Texas 1	
Friday: Toronto 5, Texas 3	
Sunday, Oct. 9: Texas at Toronto, 4:38 p.m. (TBS)	
x-M	