

NLDS

Dodgers force a Game 5

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LOS ANGELES — Chase Utley singled home the tiebreaking run with two outs in the eighth inning after the Dodgers’ bullpen faltered in relief of Clayton Kershaw, and Los Angeles avoided elimination Tuesday with a 6-5 victory over the Washington Nationals that forced a deciding Game 5 in their NL playoff.

Kenley Jansen worked the ninth for a save, one day after giving up four late runs during Los Angeles’ loss in Game 3.

Game 5 is Thursday in Washington, with 20-game winner Max Scherzer set to pitch for the Nationals.

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said he will use left-hander Rich Hill and rookie Julio Urias, but did not announce which one will start.

After failing to close out the Dodgers on the road, Washington will get one more chance Thursday to win a playoff series for the first time since the franchise relocated from Montreal. NL East champions in three of the past five years, the Nationals were unable to advance



Los Angeles Dodgers’ Adrian Gonzalez (23) celebrates with Justin Turner, left, after hitting a two-run home run during Game 4 on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

during their two previous trips to the postseason.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run homer for the Dodgers, who turned to Kershaw on three days’ rest to salvage their season.

The score was tied 5-all with two outs in the eighth when Andrew Toles got hit by a pitch from loser Blake Treinen. Pinch-hitter Andre Ethier followed with a single to left and Utley singled to right, scoring Toles from second for a 6-5 lead.

Trailing 5-2 in the seventh, the Nats had runners on first and second against Kershaw with two outs. The crowd chanted Kershaw’s name before Bryce Harper drew an eight-pitch walk to load the bases and chase Kershaw, who walked off with his head down. He sat alone in the dugout with his head resting

on his right hand.

That’s when the bullpen nearly gave the game away.

Pedro Baez came in and hit Jayson Werth with his only pitch, forcing in a run to make it 5-3.

Daniel Murphy’s single off Luis Avilan dropped between Toles and Joc Pederson in left-center field, scoring two runs to tie it at 5. Avilan also heard boos.

Joe Blanton, who earned the win, retired Anthony Rendon on a swinging strikeout to end the inning.

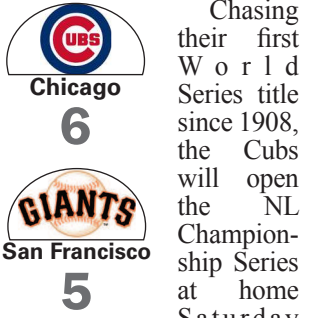
Desperate to avoid another early playoff exit, the Dodgers turned to Kershaw, their three-time NL Cy Young Award winner and he was charged with five runs and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out 11 — equaling his second-best postseason total — and walked two.

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Cubs rally to oust Giants

By **JANIE MCCAULEY**
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SAN FRANCISCO — Javier Baez’s tiebreaking single capped a four-run rally in the ninth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants 6-5 on Tuesday night in Game 4 to win their NL Division Series.



Chicago Cubs players celebrate after Game 4 of the National League Division Series against the San Francisco Giants in San Francisco, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016.

Chasing their first World Series title since 1908, the Cubs will open the NL Championship Series at home Saturday against the Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington Nationals.

That matchup is tied 2-all heading into the deciding Game 5 on Thursday.

Held to two hits over eight innings by Matt Moore, the Cubs trailed 5-2 before coming back against a beleaguered bullpen that sabotaged San Francisco one last time.

Now, the Cubs are going back to their second consecutive NLCS after finally ending San Francisco’s remarkable winning streak in postseason elimination games.

Pinch-hitter Willson Contreras tied it with a two-run single with none out. Baez singled in the

go-ahead run two batters later, and the Cubs capitalized on Gold Glove short-stop Brandon Crawford’s second costly error and more untimely blunders by the Giants’ once-reliable relief staff.

One day after getting tagged in the eighth inning of Chicago’s 6-5 loss in 13, Aroldis Chapman closed this one out by striking out the side in order. When he set down Brandon Belt to end it, Chapman’s teammates rushed to the mound to hug him and begin the celebration.

Cubs players gathered on the mound, fresh white caps adorning their heads, and posed for a group photo before bouncing up and down. They waved and saluted their loyal blue-clad fans cheering madly from the seats above the visitors’

dugout.

After finishing off the feisty Giants, Chicago earns another short break before opening the NLCS at Wrigley Field. Cubs manager Joe Maddon should have his rotation all lined up — lefty Jon Lester was not needed to pitch a potential Game 5.

Maddon has his confident, power-hitting Cubs on quite an October roll. They already beat All-Star Johnny Cueto and ex-Cubs pitcher Jeff Samardzija, then waited until Moore’s stellar outing was done to pounce.

The team with baseball’s best regular-season record at 103-58 took a step closer to ending its 108-year title drought.

Chicago was swept by the New York Mets in a four-game NLCS last year.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler at Lone, 7 p.m.

Friday
Hermiston at Bend, 7 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
La Grande at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Nyssa at Irrigon, 7 p.m.
Burns at Riverside, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Culver, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.
Stanfield at La Center (WA), 7 p.m.
Joseph at Echo, 7 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday
Sherman at Condon/Wheeler, 5 p.m.
Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m.
Stanfield at Culver, 6 p.m.
Pendleton at The Dalles, 6:30 p.m.
Hood River at Hermiston, 6:30 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday
Hermiston at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday
Hermiston at The Dalles, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River, 4 p.m.
Riverside at De La Salle, 4:15 p.m.
Umatilla at Portland Adventist, 4:15 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday
Pendleton, Hermiston, Mac-Hi,
Weston-McEwen, Helix, Heppner, Umatilla,
Stanfield at Pendleton, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday
Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon,
5 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Today
Blue Mountain at Spokane, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Friday
Rocky Mountain at Eastern Oregon,
3:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Today
Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 2 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	7
Redmond	3-1	3-3	238	176	15
Hermiston	3-1	3-3	179	130	14
Mtn. View	1-3	3-3	142	171	19
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 at Ridgeview, 7 p.m.
Hermiston at Bend, 7 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Summit at Redmond, 7 p.m.

4A Greater Oregon League

	Conf	Ovr	PS	PA	Rnk
Ontario	1-0	5-1	228	70	2
La Grande	1-0	2-4	196	203	22
Baker	0-1	4-2	135	124	17
Mac-Hi	0-1	2-3	82	150	25

This Week

La Grande at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m.
Ontario at Baker, 7 p.m.

3A Eastern Oregon League

	Conf	Ovr	PS	PA	Rnk
Vale	2-0	3-3	107	111	11
Umatilla	1-1	5-1	146	86	18
Burns	1-1	4-2	174	91	12

Nyssa

1-1 2-3 88 90 17

Irrigon

1-1 2-4 130 174 21

Riverside

0-2 1-5 85 200 32

This Week

Burns at Riverside, 7 p.m.
Nyssa at Irrigon, 7 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 7 p.m.

2A Columbia Basin Conference

	Conf	Ovr	PS	PA	Rnk
Stanfield	2-0	6-0	294	123	2
Heppner	2-0	5-1	191	86	4
Culver	0-1	1-4	126	209	14
Pilot Rock	0-1	0-5	50	173	26
W-McEwen	0-2	1-5	83	193	18

This Week

Stanfield at La Center (WA), 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Culver, 7 p.m.

1A Special District 1

	Conf	Ovr	PS	PA	Rnk
Powder Vall.	3-0	5-1	360	108	12
Pine Eagle	3-0	4-2	206	138	11
Crane	2-0	4-1	216	82	9
Joseph	2-1	3-3	202	260	16
Jordan Vall.	1-0	3-0	106	62	5
Adrian	1-1	1-4	100	192	27
Echo	1-2	2-3	142	174	31
Cove	0-3	1-5	146	296	25
Wallowa	0-3	1-5	138	191	29
Harp/Hunt.	0-3	0-5	72	292	35

This Week

Monument/Dayville at Harper/Huntington,
1 p.m.
Powder Valley at Pine Eagle, 2 p.m.
Echo at Joseph, 7 p.m.
Crane at Jordan Valley, 7 p.m.
Wallowa at Cove, 7 p.m.

1A Special District 4

	Conf	Ovr	PS	PA	Rnk
Sherman	4-0	5-1	302	82	8
Arlington	3-1	4-1	208	80	18
Perrydale	3-1	4-2	225	142	14
Dufur	2-1	5-1	272	98	2

Mitch/S/W

0-3 2-3 89 237 24

Lone

0-3 0-6 56 237 34

So. Wasco

0-3 1-4 66 269 36

This Week

Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler at Lone, 7 p.m.
Dufur at South Wasco, 7 p.m.
Sherman at Arlington, 7 p.m.

Football

NFL

Thursday's Games

Denver at San Diego, 5:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati at New England, 10 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Miami, 10 a.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 10 a.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
Jacksonville at Chicago, 10 a.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 10 a.m.
San Francisco at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at Green Bay, 1:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 5:30 p.m.
Open: Jacksonville, Seattle, Kansas City,
New Orleans

Monday's Games

N.Y. Jets at Arizona, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA

Top 25

Pacific-12 Conference

Saturday, Oct. 15

USC at Arizona, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
Utah at Oregon State, 1 p.m. (PAC12)
Stanford at Notre Dame, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Arizona State at Colorado, 5 p.m. (PAC12)
UCLA at Washington State, 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

Toronto 3, Texas 0

Thursday, Oct. 6: Toronto 10, Texas 1
Friday, Oct. 7: Toronto 5, Texas 3
Sunday, Oct. 9: Toronto 7, Texas 6, 10
innings

Cleveland 3, Boston 0

Thursday: Cleveland 5, Boston 4
Friday: Cleveland 6, Boston 0
Sunday, Oct. 9: Cleveland at Boston,
ppd., rain
Monday: Cleveland 4, Boston 3

National League

Chicago 3, San Francisco 1 (Chicago
wins series)

Friday: Chicago 1, San Francisco 0
Saturday, Oct. 8: Chicago 5, San Francisco 2
Monday: San Francisco 6, Chicago 5, 13
innings
x-Tuesday, Oct. 11: Chicago 6, San
Francisco 5

Washington 2, Los Angeles 2

Friday: Los Angeles 4, Washington 3
Saturday, Oct. 8: Los Angeles at Washing-
ton, ppd., rain
Sunday, Oct. 9: Washington 5, Los
Angeles 2
Monday, Oct. 10: Washington 8, at Los
Angeles 3
Today, Oct. 11: Los Angeles 6, Wash-
ington 5
Thursday, Oct. 13: Los Angeles at Wash-
ington, 2:05 or 5:08 p.m. (FS1)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

American League

All Games on TBS

Toronto vs. Cleveland

Friday, Oct. 14: Toronto at Cleveland,
5:08 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15: Toronto at Cleveland, TBA
Monday, Oct. 17: Cleveland at Toronto, TBA

NHL

Today's Games

Toronto at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA

Playoff glance

Finals

(Best-of-5)

Los Angeles 1, Minnesota 1

Sunday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles 78, Minne-
sota 76
Tuesday, Oct. 11: Minnesota 79, Los
Angeles 60
Friday, Oct. 14: Minnesota at Los Ange-
les, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 16: Minnesota at Los
Angeles, 5:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, Oct. 20: Los Angeles at
Minnesota, 5 p.m.

NBA

Preseason

Tuesday's Games

Miami 121, Brooklyn 100
Memphis 121, Philadelphia 91
Dallas 114, Oklahoma City 109
Portland 109, L.A. Lakers 106, OT

Wednesday's Games

San Antonio at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Indiana at Evansville, Ind.,
4:30 p.m.
Houston vs. New Orleans at Beijing, 4:30 a.m.
Denver vs. Minnesota at Lincoln, Neb., 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 6 p.m.