

WORLD SERIES: Kluber lowers postseason ERA to 0.74

Continued from 1B
manager Terry Francona is now 9-0 in the Series, including sweeps by his Boston teams in 2004 and '07.

The Game 1 winner has taken the title in the last six Series and 17 of 19.

Trevor Bauer, trying to come back from a sliced pinkie, starts Game 2 for the Indians on Wednesday night against Jake Arrieta. Because the forecast called for an increased chance of rain later in the evening, Major League Baseball took the extraordinary step of moving up the first pitch by an hour to 7:08 p.m.

Kluber struck out eight in the first three innings. He combined with Miller and Cody Allen to fan 15.

With the Indians hoping for their first title since 1948 and the Cubs seeking their first since 1908, Lester stumbled in the opening inning.

Cleveland loaded the bases with two outs, Jose Ramirez had a run-scoring swinging bunt single and Brandon Guyer was hit by a pitch.

Lester had been 3-0 in three Series starts with a 0.43



Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Co-rorey Kluber throws during the fifth inning of Game 1 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, in Cleveland.

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ERA.

Perez, who had three homers in 153 at-bats during the regular season, connected in the fourth for a 3-0 lead. His drive in the eighth was his third homer this post-season.

Teams that combined for 174 seasons of futility, America's biggest droughts since the Great Plains' Dust Bowl of the 1930s, captivated even many non-baseball fans.

On a night of civic pride, LeBron James and the NBA's Cavaliers received their

championship rings next door prior to their season opener, and Cleveland hosted a World Series opener for the first time.

The Cubs had not played in the Series since five weeks after Japan signed the Instrument of Surrender ending World War II.

Kluber, whose win in the All-Star Game gave the AL home-field advantage on the Series, improved to 3-1 in the postseason and lowered his ERA to a sparkling 0.74. He is on track to start Games

4 and 7 in the manner of an old-style ace.

He was pitching on six days' rest this time, and his two-seam fastball was darting through the strike zone. He was helped by plate umpire Larry Vanover, whose generous calls on the low, outside corner contributed to 11 called strikeouts, six against Cubs batters.

Kluber struck out nine in six innings and walked none. He stranded Ben Zobrist after a leadoff double in the second and David Ross

following a one-out single in the third.

Kyle Schwarber, making a surprise return in his first big league game since tearing knee ligaments on April 7, doubled off the right-field wall in the fourth — a drive kept in by a stiff wind on a 50-degree night. Kluber then got Baez to fly out.

Zobrist's leadoff double in the seventh finished Kluber, and Chicago loaded the bases with no outs against Miller on Schwarber's walk and Javier Baez's single. Pinch-hitter Willson Contreras flied to Rajai Davis in short center, and Davis threw home rather than double up Schwarber, who had strayed far off second.

Using his intimidating slider, Miller struck out Addison Russell and David Ross to escape the jam, then fanned Schwarber to strand runners at the corners in the eighth, his 46th pitch. Miller has thrown 20 scoreless innings in postseason play, including 13 2/3 innings with 24 strikeouts this year.

Allen completed Cleveland's fourth postseason shutout and second in a row. Ramirez also had three hits

each for the Indians, who beat Toronto in the ALCS despite hitting just .168. Zobrist had three hit for the Cubs.

Lester gave up three runs, six hits and three walks in 5 2/3 innings, and was rattled by Vanover's calls, barking at the umpire in the third, then stopping for a discussion at the inning's end.

UP NEXT

While Arrieta went 18-8 with a 3.10 ERA during the regular season, he struggled to a 5.01 ERA in his final four starts. He allowed four runs over five innings in Game 3 of the NLCS.

Bauer lasted only two outs in his ALCS when his pinkie, cut in a drone accident, began bleeding.

THEY'RE BACK

Dexter Fowler took a called third strike from Kluber leading off the game, becoming the first Cubs player to bat in the Series since Don Johnson hit into a game-ending forceout against Detroit's Hal Newhouser in Game 7 in 1945.

TAKE A SEAT

Chicago benched right fielder Jason Heyward, in a 2-for-28 postseason slump, and started Chris Coghlan.

Local Slate

PREP FOOTBALL	
Friday	Pendleton at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Umatilla Nyssa, 7 p.m. Vale at Riverside, 7 p.m. Irrigon at Burns, 7 p.m. Lone at South Wasco, 7 p.m. Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 7 p.m. Culver at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m. Jordan Valley at Echo, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Arlington, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL	
Wednesday	Helix at Adrian (1A first round), 5 p.m. lone at Joseph (1A first round), 6 p.m.
Saturday	Arlington vs TBD (1A second round), TBA Weston-McEwen vs TBD (2A first round), TBA Pendleton vs. TBD (5A first round), TBA
PREP BOYS SOCCER	
Thursday	Walla Walla Valley at Riverside, 4:15 p.m.
Saturday	TBD at Hermiston (5A play-in round), TBA Mac-Hi at TBD (4A play-in round), TBA
PREP GIRLS SOCCER	
Thursday	Horizon Christian at Riverside, 4:15 p.m. Umatilla at Portland Christian, 4:15 p.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY	
Today	Pendleton, Hermiston at CRC Districts (Hood River), 4 p.m.
Friday	Mac-Hi at GOL Districts (La Grande), 4 p.m. Helix, Weston-McEwen, Heppner, Umatilla, Stanfield at Districts (Pendleton), 4 p.m.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
Saturday	Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL	
Today	North Idaho at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.
Friday	Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.
Saturday	Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.
COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER	
Saturday	Warner Pacific at Eastern Oregon, 2 p.m.
COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER	
Today	Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
Saturday	Warner Pacific at Eastern Oregon, 11:30 a.m. Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, Noon
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL	
Friday	

Bethesda (Calif.) at Eastern Oregon, 3:30 p.m.					
Saturday Trinity Western at Eastern Oregon, 3:30 p.m.					
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL					
Saturday Eastern Oregon at Simpson (Calif.), 5:30 p.m.					
Sunday Eastern Oregon at Simpson (Calif.), Noon					
Prep Standings					
Football					
5A Special District 1					
	Conf	Ovr	PS	PA	Rnk
y-Summit	6-0	7-1	297	143	1
Bend	4-2	6-2	240	173	12
x-Redmond	4-2	4-4	299	231	14
x-Hermiston	4-2	4-4	221	163	13
Mtn. View	3-3	5-3	223	196	17
Pendleton	2-4	3-5	194	286	25
Ridgeview	1-5	1-7	92	337	27
Hood River	0-6	0-8	106	323	30
y-clinched league title					
x-clinched playoff berth					
This Week					
Pendleton at Hermiston Mountain View at Bend Summit at Hood River Redmond at Ridgeview					

y-clinched league title					
This Week					
Culver at Weston-McEwen Pilot Rock at Stanfield					
1A Special District 1					
	Conf	Ovr	PS	PA	Rnk
Powder Vall.	5-0	7-1	496	140	10
Crane	3-0	7-0	390	88	3
Echo	3-2	4-3	246	208	24
Joseph	3-2	4-4	288	334	18
Pine Eagle	3-2	4-4	240	258	22
Adrian	2-1	3-4	204	250	28
Jordan Vall.	1-2	3-2	142	164	15
Wallowa	1-4	2-6	236	277	26
Harp./Hunt.	0-3	0-5	72	292	35
Cove	0-5	1-7	164	426	34
This Week					
Powder Valley at Crane Jordan Valley at Echo Joseph at Adrian					
1A Special District 4					
	Conf	Ovr	PS	PA	Rnk
y-Sherman	6-0	7-1	433	110	6
x-Dufur	4-1	7-1	408	98	4
Arlington	3-2	5-2	280	175	12
Perrydale	3-2	4-3	247	204	11
So. Wasco	1-4	2-5	67	343	30
lone	1-4	1-7	112	313	33
Mitch./S/W	0-5	2-5	97	294	37
x-clinched playoff berth					
y-clinched league title					
This Week					
Dufur at Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler, 1 p.m. lone at South Wasco, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Arlington, 7 p.m.					

Football

NFL	
Thursday's Games	
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 5:25 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
Washington at Cincinnati, 6:30 a.m.	
Detroit at Houston, 10 a.m.	
Arizona at Carolina, 10 a.m.	
Kansas City at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.	
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 10 a.m.	
New England at Buffalo, 10 a.m.	
Seattle at New Orleans, 10 a.m.	
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.	
San Diego at Denver, 1:05 p.m.	
Green Bay at Atlanta, 1:25 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.	
Open: Dallas, Carolina	
Monday, Oct. 31	
Minnesota at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.	
NCAA	
Top 25 This Week	
No. 1 Alabama (8-0) BYE	
No. 2 Ohio State (6-1) vs. Northwestern, Saturday.	
No. 3 Michigan (7-0) at Michigan State, Saturday.	

No. 4 Clemson (7-0) at No. 13 Florida State, Saturday.	
No. 5 Washington (7-0) at No. 19 Utah, Saturday.	
No. 6 Texas A&M (6-1) vs. New Mexico State, Saturday.	
No. 7 Louisville (6-1) at Virginia, Saturday.	
No. 8 Nebraska (7-0) at No. 10 Wisconsin, Saturday.	
No. 9 Baylor (6-0) at Texas, Saturday.	
No. 10 Wisconsin (5-2) vs. No. 8 Nebraska, Saturday.	
No. 11 Houston (6-2) vs. UCF, Saturday.	
No. 12 West Virginia (6-0) at Oklahoma State, Saturday.	
No. 13 Florida State (5-2) vs. No. 4 Clemson, Saturday.	
No. 14 Boise State (7-0) at Wyoming, Saturday.	
No. 15 Florida (5-1) at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday.	
No. 16 Oklahoma (5-2) vs. Kansas, Saturday.	
No. 17 Arkansas (5-3) BYE	
No. 18 Tennessee (5-2) at South Carolina, Saturday.	
No. 19 Utah (7-1) vs. No. 5 Washington, Saturday.	
No. 20 Western Michigan (8-0) BYE	
No. 21 Auburn (5-2) BYE	
No. 22 North Carolina (6-2) BYE	
No. 23 Mississippi (3-4) vs. No. 21 Auburn, Saturday.	
No. 24 Navy (5-1) at South Florida, Saturday.	
No. 25 LSU (5-2) BYE	

Baseball

MLB	
Playoff Glance	
WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7; x if necessary)	
All Games on FOX	
Cleveland 1, Chicago 0 Today: Cleveland 6, Chicago 0 Wednesday: Chicago (Arrieta 18-8) at Cleveland (Bauer 12-8), 5:08 p.m. Friday: Cleveland (Tomlin 13-9) at Chicago, 5:08 p.m. Saturday: Cleveland at Chicago, 5:08 p.m. x-Sunday: Cleveland at Chicago, 5:15 p.m. x-Tuesday, Nov. 1: Chicago at Cleveland, 5:08 p.m. x-Wednesday, Nov. 2: Chicago at Cleveland, 5:08 p.m.	

Basketball

NBA				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	0	0	0.000	—
Brooklyn	0	0	0.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	0.000	—
Toronto	0	0	0.000	—
New York	0	1	0.000	½

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	0.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	0.000	—
Miami	0	0	0.000	—
Orlando	0	0	0.000	—
Washington	0	0	0.000	—
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	1	0	01.000	—
Chicago	0	0	0.000	½
Detroit	0	0	0.000	½
Indiana	0	0	0.000	½
Milwaukee	0	0	0.000	½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	1	0	01.000	—
Dallas	0	0	0.000	½
Houston	0	0	0.000	½
Memphis	0	0	0.000	½
New Orleans	0	0	0.000	½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	1	0	01.000	—
Denver	0	0	0.000	½
Minnesota	0	0	0.000	½
Oklahoma City	0	0	0.000	½
Utah	0	1	0.000	1-
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	0	0	0.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	0.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	0.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	0.000	—
Golden State	0	1	0.000	½

Tuesday's Games	
Cleveland 117, New York 88	
Portland 113, Utah 104	
San Antonio 129, Golden State 100	
Today's Games	
Miami at Orlando, 4 p.m.	
Dallas at Indiana, 4 p.m.	
Brooklyn at Boston, 4:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.	
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.	
Minnesota at Memphis, 5 p.m.	
Denver at New Orleans, 5 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.	
Sacramento at Phoenix, 7 p.m.	
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.	

Hockey

NHL							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	6	5	0	1	11	23	10
Tampa Bay	6	5	1	0	10	24	17
Detroit	7	5	2	0	10	24	17
Ottawa	6	4	2	0	8	21	20
Florida	6	3	2	1	7	18	15
Boston	6	3	3	0	6	15	18
Toronto	6	1	2	3	5	21	26
Buffalo	5	1	2	2	4	14	16
Metropolitan Division							

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	7	4	2	1	9	16	21
N.Y. Rangers	6	4	2	0	8	22	16
Washington	5	3	1	1	7	13	10
New Jersey	6	3	2	1	7	13	12
Philadelphia	7	3	3	1	7	24	25
N.Y. Islanders	6	3	3	0	6	18	17
Columbus	5	2	2	1	5	13	14
Carolina	6	1	3	2	4	18	24
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	7	4	2	1	9	24	19
St. Louis	7	4	2	1	9	20	19
Dallas	6	3	2	1	7	17	18
Chicago	7	3	3	1	7	25	25
Colorado	5	3	2	0	6	16	16
Nashville	5	2	3	0	4	15	15
Winnipeg	6	2	4	0	4	16	22
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	6	5	1	0	10	23	16
Vancouver	7	4	2	1	9	15	17
San Jose	7	4	3	0	8	16	19
Calgary	8	3	4	1	7	25	30
Los Angeles	6	3	3	0	6	17	20
Anaheim	7	2	3	2	6	15	18
Arizona	6	1	5	0	2	17	26