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MLB PLAYOFFS

Dodgers put the pressure on Cubs

Los Angeles just one win away from trip to World Series

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Los Angeles Dodgers have a tough lineup, a talented pitching staff and a manager making all the right moves.

Yup, it's beginning to look a lot like 1988. Y u Darvish pitched sparkling ball into the seventh inning, Chris Taylor homered again and the Dodgers beat the Chicago Cubs 6-1 on Tuesday night to open a 3-0 lead in the NL Championship Series.

Andre Ethier also went deep and Taylor added an RBI triple in the fifth as Los Angeles improved to 6-0 in this postseason, setting a franchise record for consecutive playoff wins. Yasiel Puig had two more hits in another entertaining performance that included an impressive bat flip — on a long foul ball in the first inning.

Looking for a four-game sweep and their 22nd pennant, the Dodgers will send Alex Wood to the mound Wednesday night at Wrigley Field with a chance to reach the World Series for the first

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NLCS - Game 3



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PENDLETON

Buckaroos finish off Bulldogs



Pendleton's Rylee Gentner (7) hits the ball Tuesday at Warberg Court as Sophia Streeter (14) attempts to block.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton earns season sweep of Hermiston

By ERIC SINGER
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On a night where the Pendleton volleyball team honored its eight senior players prior to its match with Hermiston, the group's vast amount of on-court experience came in quite handy.

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The Buckaroos were aiming for a season sweep of Hermiston, while the young Bulldogs were aiming to end what's been a tough regular season on a high note with an upset of the rival Bucks. Hermiston came out swinging against Pendleton in the first set and built up leads of seven points, nine points and eventually 10 points at 20-10.

However, Pendleton knew from experience that the set was far from over and just had to work a little bit harder and get on a run. And when the Bucks finally did, they came at Hermiston fast and quick and eventually frazzled the Bulldogs. Pendleton rallied to win the first set 26-24 and went on to win the match 3-1 (26-24, 25-11, 22-25, 25-8) on Tuesday night at Warberg Court.

"I feel like we finally just put a lot of heart into our game," Pendleton senior Maureen Davies said of the Buckaroos' first set. "It's a rivalry game we just had to push through and keep pushing on to achieve what we want for our season and we

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HERMISTON

Hermiston lets one by in draw with Hood River Valley

Bulldogs come up short of league title

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
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HERMISTON — On Tuesday night, the Hermiston boys soccer team was essentially playing for the league championship. The Bulldogs welcomed the No. 1 Hood River Valley Eagles to Kennison Field for one of its final regular season games, and the outcome would determine who could coast into the playoffs.

It was a battle for the full 80 minutes with the final score being a testament to Hermiston's ability to play sound ball and Hood River's skillfulness. The 1-1 draw gives the Eagles (7-2-3 overall, 3-0-2 Columbia

River Conference) the top spot in the league, while leaving the Bulldogs (7-3-3, 2-0-3) a little sadder than they should be. But for good reason.

"Tying the No. 1 team in state, usually that's a win but tonight we know we were the equal of them and the better," head coach Rich Harshberger said. "That could have easily been our game and that's okay that they're upset that we came away with the tie and not the win."

Understandably, the Bulldogs opened the match with some nerves but after the first 15 or so minutes Hermiston settled into its game plan, the match up was even-keeled.

The Bulldogs knew what

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to expect, and were already quite familiar with the Eagles' game, as the two teams faced each other just two weeks

ago. "They are really good at finding players in space," Harshberger said. "They move the ball really well and find guys feet, and they have a couple of skills guys that really help do that."

Hood River did just that and got some good looks at the goal in the first half. Later Hermiston had a few chances to take the lead, but they were either too high or just a bit too late, which allowed the Eagles defense set up to make a play. Tough defense and aggressive offense on both sides kept the score at

0-0 going into the break.

But the scoreless draw didn't last more than three minutes when the teams returned to the field.

Senior Mark Mejia made his way into the box with Hood River defenders at his back. His shot looked soft enough to be stopped by the Eagles' goalkeeper but instead the ball skirted just passed him into the back right corner of the net and put the Bulldogs up 1-0.

Junior goal keeper Juan Navarrete did his best to keep to score in Hermiston's favor, but after some miraculous saves one finally got by him.

Hood River scored the equalizer in the 61st minute off a corner kick. The ball was placed almost perfectly inside the box, and after bouncing around senior Saul

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Hermiston's Joel Mendez collides with Hood River's Erik Siekkinen in the Bulldogs' 1-1 tie with the Eagles on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Sports shorts

Celtics' Hayward breaks ankle in season-opening loss to Cavaliers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Boston's Gordon Hayward broke his left ankle just five minutes into the season, a grisly injury that overshadowed Kyrie Irving's return to Cleveland and the Cavaliers' 102-99 win over the Celtics on Tuesday.

LeBron James scored 29 points 13 in the fourth quarter in his most extensive action in three weeks because of a sprained left ankle. He also fed Kevin Love for a critical 3-pointer with 46.3 second left to put the Cavs up 102-98.

Irving, who asked to be traded this summer after six seasons in Cleveland, had a chance to tie it with a 3-pointer at the horn but missed. Irving finished with 22 points for the Celtics, who overcame an 18-point deficit in the third and led with 2:04 left.

Hayward signed a four-year, \$128 million free agent contract with the Celtics this summer.



Hayward

"It's become common knowledge that these so-called one-and-done players, maybe understandably, are almost entirely focused on where they are going to go in the draft lottery. Not to say they don't badly care about winning but the stakes are so high in terms of the amount of money they can make over a long NBA career."

— Adam Silver

The NBA Commissioner said Tuesday that he has interest in ending the league's 'one-and-done' draft rule.

Rockets rally on the road to spoil Warriors return

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Confetti began to fall and the Golden State Warriors thought they had pulled off a wild opening-night win.

The Houston Rockets emphatically signaled otherwise — insisting that Kevin Durant's baseline jumper had swished through the net after the buzzer.

After one official got hurt, two remaining referees reviewed the play and ruled the Rockets had escaped with a 122-121 victory Tuesday on the night the Warriors received their championship rings.

Trevor Ariza's 3-pointer with 2:09 remaining pulled Houston within 119-118 then Patrick McCaw hit a baseline jumper immediately after Golden State's timeout. James Harden made a layup and PJ Tucker hit two free throws with 44.1 to make it 122-121.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1977 — Reggie Jackson hits three consecutive home runs, all on the first pitch, to lead the New York Yankees to the World Series championship over Los Angeles in six games.

1992 — Miami and Washington are tied for No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 Football poll. It's the first tie at the top in 51 years and the third since the poll started in 1936.

2003 — No Pan Intended becomes the 10th pacer to win harness racing's Triple Crown, going wire-to-wire in the Messenger Stakes at The Meadows.

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