

Golden Knights outlast Caps 6-4 in Final opener

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LAS VEGAS — The Vegas Golden Knights’ incredible inaugural season isn’t slowing down in the Stanley Cup Final.

Tomas Nosek scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period, and the expansion Golden Knights opened an improbable Final with a thrilling 6-4 victory over the Washington Capitals on Monday night.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 24 saves in an occasionally shaky performance, but the three-time Stanley Cup winner’s new teammates carried the goalie who has so often carried them with a relentless outburst of offense.

The Eastern Conference champion Capitals hadn’t given up this many goals in 29 games since March 18, but they hadn’t seen anything like this charmed run by the upstart Knights.

“We put fun ahead of everything, and you can tell,” said Ryan Reaves, who scored the Knights’ tying goal in the third period. “Guys have are having fun and they’re smiling.”

With its sellout crowd of hometown fans at deafening volume all night, Vegas put its usual speed and relentlessness on full display while overcoming a third-period deficit to win the opener of a matchup between two franchises seeking their first Stanley Cup titles.

The Game 1 winner has



AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin
Washington Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby, left, is scored on by Vegas Golden Knights left wing Tomas Nosek, of the Czech Republic, during the third period in Game 1 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals on Monday in Las Vegas.

won the last six Cups and 61 of 78 overall.

Braden Holtby stopped 28 shots for the Capitals,

whose first Stanley Cup Final game in 20 years was a defensive nightmare. Washington still had chances to

win, but never slowed the Knights.

Tom Wilson got credit for the goal that put the Caps up 4-3 early in the third period when Fleury back-heelled a loose puck into his own net, but Reaves evened it 91 seconds later for Vegas.

Nosek then put the Knights ahead after Shea Theodore kept the puck in Washington’s zone, side-stepped a defender and fired a beautiful cross-ice pass to the Czech forward, who buried a one-timer for his second goal of the playoffs.

Colin Miller, William Karlsson and Reilly Smith scored early goals before Nosek added an empty-netter for the Knights, who are three wins away from one of the most improbable cham-

pionships in recent North American team sports history. Just 342 days after the Knights selected the backbone of their first roster in the expansion draft, Vegas had another party on the Strip with its remarkable collection of castoffs.

Brett Connolly, Nicklas Backstrom and John Carlson scored for Washington, but its biggest stars didn’t match the Knights’ outburst.

Captain Alex Ovechkin, who collected a career-high 22 points in the first three rounds, had one assist in his first Stanley Cup Final game. Evgeny Kuznetsov, who scored a whopping 24 points in the first three rounds, also had just one assist.

PLAYOFFS: Rockets advance both teams to semis

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Midwestern League championships come to town.

The Spartans (17-1) have scored the second most runs in all of Class 5A, averaging 18.9, which is good for 341 on the season — just behind Ridgeview, which has scored 345 runs this year. Marist returns only two seniors but has a strong junior class that makes up half of its roster.

Similar to the Bucks, the Spartans’ defense has only allowed a total of 64 runs from their opponents, good for the fourth fewest in 5A.

Marist is riding a 10-game win streak that started with a 13-4 win over Crater back on May 4 and continued with a 7-1 victory over No. 13 Corvallis in Round 1 and a 3-2 victory against No. 5 Hood River Valley in the quarterfinals.

The first pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday at Steve Cary Field.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Rocket second baseman Levi Theime gets the ball too late to tag a Joseph runner during a March 28 non-conference game in Pilot Rock.

have to knock off the No. 1 Toledo Boomers, a team that has been undefeated at home this season.

The Rockets’ (22-3 overall) postseason journey hasn’t been an unexpected one. In the last four years, they have made it to the final game three times and have won the state championship twice — in the 2014-15 season and again the following year.

Pilot Rock boasts a star-studded roster and Class 2A/1A Special District 6 Player of the Year in Sara Weinke.

Weinke leads the Rockets’ offense, hitting .662 (43-for-65), but has also gotten support from a few other teammates. Rhyanne

Oates (.610) and Rhyanne Deist (.492) have also been successful at the plate. The three make up nearly all of the four-player senior class, and have one last chance to bring home a state title in blue and white.

To do so, however, Pilot Rock will need to get past a tough opponent.

Although the Boomers don’t have the same amount of playoff experience — they have made it to Round 1 only once in the last 10 seasons — they have had a phenomenal year and sit at 22-4 overall.

Their last loss came on April 18, and since then have handily won most of their games.

First pitch will be at 4:30

at Toledo High School.

BASEBALL

(2A/1A) No. 3 PILOT ROCK vs. No. 7 BANDON — The No. 3 Rockets will have one last home game this season, and for the Pilot Rock baseball team it’s hoping that Tuesday’s semifinal showdown won’t be its last.

After a 4-2 win over No. 6 Sherman on Friday, Pilot Rock welcomes No. 7 Bandon for its first semi appearance since 2000.

The Rockets got here on a 14-game win streak with six shutouts including a Round 1 victory over No. 14 Western Mennonite, 12-0.

Pilot Rock’s success can be attributed to Levi Thieme toeing the rubber and hitters like Chris Weinke, Cade Munkers and recently Quinton Orr, who helped the Rockets (19-2 overall) to a 4-2 victory over No. 6 Sherman on Friday.

The Tigers (15-7) lost three of four games heading into the playoffs but quickly turned things around with a 9-5 victory to close out Special District 5 — where they finished second behind No. 2 Reedsport — a 3-2 win in Round 1 and a shutout, 2-0 victory in the quarterfinals.

The two teams will battle it out at Pilot Rock High School with the first pitch slated for 4:45 p.m.



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson
Seattle Mariners’ Denard Span, right, is congratulated by Kyle Seager after scoring against the Texas Rangers in the sixth inning.

MARINERS: Span makes debut and contributes

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through the first five innings, the only hit allowed a single by Andrew Romine in the third. It was a defensive miscue that created the opportunity for Seattle to take the lead.

With one out in the sixth, Denard Span hit a grounder to second base that should have ended the inning. Odor briefly bobbled the grounder and the Rangers were unable to turn the double play. Mitch Haniger’s base hit barely eluded the diving attempt of shortstop Jurickson Profar, and Nelson Cruz and Kyle Seager followed with line-drive RBI singles.

SPAN ARRIVES

Span, who also came over in the trade with the Rays, made his debut after being added to the 25-man roster. The Mariners optioned outfielder John Andreoli to Triple-A Tacoma to clear the roster spot. Span was 0 for 4.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Rangers: SS Elvis Andrus and 3B Adrian Beltré (hamstring) took ground

balls before the game. It was the first time Andrus had done any field work since suffering a right elbow fracture in early April.

Mariners: SS Jean Segura was originally in the lineup, but was scratched. Segura was inadvertently kicked in the head during Saturday night’s game and missed Sunday’s game. ... The Mariners expect Dee Gordon will be able to return to the lineup Thursday barring any setbacks in his recovery from a toe injury.

UP NEXT

Rangers: Austin Bibens-Dirkx (0-1) will make his second start since being called up from Triple-A Round Rock. Bibens-Dirkx allowed four earned runs and eight hits in his debut against Kansas City.

Mariners: Felix Hernandez (5-4) will try to have a better first inning than his last start when he gave up four runs in the first to Oakland. Hernandez has struggled early in games and has re-examined some of his routine in hopes of being better from the start.

RODEO: Branton wants to try and make the NFR

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Competitors ranged from high schoolers to those trying to break into the professional circuit.

Dawson Branton, a 16-year-old from Jefferson, said this was his first year competing in Helix, but he’s been bull riding since he was young. Branton placed second in his event. He, and many other competitors at Helix, had competed

in Cooley City, Washington, the night before, and were traveling up to Washington for another rodeo that night, before returning to Oregon on Sunday for the Spray Rodeo.

Branton said he plans to stay with rodeo after high school.

“I want to try to make the NFR (National Finals Rodeo),” he said.

Luke McKay, a stock saddle bronc rider from Jun-

tura, has been competing for about four years, but grew up on a ranch, and his whole family has done rodeo.

With stock saddle bronc, McKay said, the horses are supplied by a stock breeder. Once cowboys get to the rodeo, they are assigned horses based on a drawing.

On Saturday, McKay said, things didn’t go quite his way, despite getting a re-ride.

“I got bucked off,” he

said. “The horse didn’t cooperate.”

McKay said he hadn’t been at the Helix Rodeo before, but enjoyed his first time there.

“It’s a good stopping point,” he said, noting that he had several more rodeos this weekend.

Results
Calf Roping: Kass Kayser, 12-and-Under
Barrel Racing: Hallie Heisler
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