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Oregon State's Adley Rutschman singles against Arkansas during the fifth inning of Game 3 of the NCAA College World Series baseball finals.

OSU: Adley Rutschman named CWS' Most Outstanding Player

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we never got that hit. We never got anything going. Who's to say? I don't think we'll ever know. If Abel hadn't thrown so well, maybe it's a little different story, but he didn't give us a chance."

Oregon State, which came from behind for three of its six CWS wins, was in control all the way in the winner-take-all Game 3. Arkansas (48-21) was shut out for the first time in 100 games.

Abel (8-1) ran into trouble in the third when Arkansas loaded the bases with one out. He struck out Heston Kjerstad and got Bonfield to fly out to end the inning, and the Razorbacks had no base runners the rest of the night. Abel struck out 10 and walked two in a 129-pitch outing.

Adley Rutschman, who set a CWS record with 17 hits, went 3 for 4 and drove in two runs. He was 17 for 30 (.567) with 13 RBIs in eight games and was named the CWS Most Outstanding Player. Rutschman singled his first three times at bat and drove in a run in the first against Isaiah Campbell (5-7) and another in the third for a 3-0 lead.

Abel had been used as a starter and reliever this season, and his versatility and durability were important for the depleted pitching staff.

"My goodness, that man. Unbelievable," said Rutschman, the Beavers' catcher. "Just the progression he made. No one would have thought that he'd do that coming in. He was getting pulled from starts. He comes out and throws a complete game in the most important game of the year. Pretty special to me. He's going to do big things."

Abel pitched an inning of relief to earn the win Wednesday. That was four days after he started and

allowed three hits and a run in seven innings against Mississippi State. On June 18 he pitched four innings of one-hit, one-run relief against Washington.

Abel mixed a low-90s fastball with a changeup and picked his spots with his curveball. The only hits he allowed were Grant Koch's double down the left-field line and Casey Martin's swinging bunt, both in the third inning.

"You couldn't predict what he was going to do," Carson Shaddy said. "He had command of all three pitches. He pitched lights out. He was just on."

The Beavers, also the winners in 2006 and 2007, were by far the most dominant team in the nation through the 2017 regular season and brought a 54-4 record to Omaha. But after winning their first two games here, they made a stunningly meek exit with two straight losses to LSU.

They brought back almost everybody in the everyday lineup along with ace Luke Heimlich.

Oregon State was the No. 3 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament and swept its regional and super regional to return to the CWS. In Omaha, the Beavers took a circuitous route to the championship. They lost their opening game and came from behind in two of the four elimination games they had to win to reach the finals.

"Having the season we had last year was phenomenal, but to come up short, there's that missing piece at the end that you can never get back and you don't know if you're ever going to make it back to Omaha."

"To be able to come through the losers' bracket, play eight games, and having everyone step up at the right time when we needed them to, it just makes everything so much better."

Mariners sweep Baltimore

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BALTIMORE — In an unprecedented four-game sweep in Baltimore, the Seattle Mariners outscored the Orioles by a total of six runs and twice prevailed in extra innings.

The difference between the two teams, to a large degree, is that Seattle finds a way to win, and the Orioles keep coming up with a variety of ways to lose.

Nelson Cruz homered and drove in three runs, and the Mariners capitalized on two 10th-inning errors in a 4-2 victory Thursday that completed their first four-game sweep at Baltimore in franchise history.

The Mariners improved to 8-0 in extra innings this season. They won in 11 innings on Wednesday, after winning the first two games of the series 5-3 and 3-2.

"We won four games, four different ways," manager Scott Servais said with pride. "It shows what kind of team we are. Different players on different nights, all pitching in. We are playing pretty good baseball as a team right now. This sweep was a great turnaround for us."

The Mariners came to town with a run of six losses in seven games. They headed back to Seattle in the thick of the AL West race.

"It's great to get a sweep," shortstop Jean Segura said. "It gives us momentum as we go back home."

After missing two straight games with lower back pain, Cruz celebrated his return



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Seattle Mariners' Dee Gordon scores a run on a single by Jean Segura in the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday in Baltimore. Seattle won 4-2 in 10 innings.

with his 21st homer, a two-run shot in the fourth inning that put Seattle up 2-0.

Manny Machado and Chris Davis answered with solo drives off Mike Leake in the bottom half, and that accounted for all the scoring until the 10th.

Dee Gordon beat out a dribbler to the left of the mound and scored when center fielder Colby Rasmus bobbled Segura's single off Miguel Castro (2-4). A throwing error by third baseman Steve Wilkerson and an RBI single by Cruz followed.

Gordon's speed and

Cruz's power have proven to be a potent combination for the Mariners. It was certainly too much for Baltimore.

"Guys like Gordon put such pressure on you because you know any little bobble, anything, he's going to take another base," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "A groundball that probably 95 percent of people are out on pretty easily, it's a base hit. That's why they're having a good year and winning some games, because of things like that."

"You can't say, 'We don't have it.' Well, a lot of teams don't have that."

Juan Nicasio got three straight outs in the 10th for his first save after James Pazos (2-1) worked the ninth.

Leake allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, his eighth straight start of at least six innings.

Making his first major league start, Jimmy Yacabonis gave up two runs and six hits over four-plus innings for Baltimore.

UP NEXT

Mariners: LHP Marco Gonzales (7-5, 4.04 ERA) starts against Kansas City on Friday night in the opener of a nine-game homestand.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	55	27	.671	—
New York	52	26	.667	1
Tampa Bay	39	41	.488	15
Toronto	37	43	.463	17
Baltimore	23	57	.288	31
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	35	.557	—
Minnesota	35	42	.455	8
Detroit	36	46	.439	9½
Chicago	28	52	.350	16½
Kansas City	25	55	.313	19½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	55	28	.663	—
Seattle	51	31	.622	3½
Oakland	44	38	.537	10½
Los Angeles	41	41	.500	13½
Texas	36	46	.439	18½

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	34	.570	—
Philadelphia	43	36	.544	2
Washington	41	38	.519	4
New York	32	46	.410	12½
Miami	32	50	.390	14½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	47	33	.588	—
Chicago	44	35	.557	2½
St. Louis	42	37	.532	4½
Pittsburgh	38	42	.475	9
Cincinnati	34	47	.420	13½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	47	34	.580	—
Los Angeles	43	37	.538	3½
San Francisco	42	40	.512	5½
Colorado	39	42	.481	8
San Diego	36	47	.434	12

NCAA				
College World Series				
Championship Series				
(Best-of-3)				
Oregon State 2, Arkansas 1				
Tuesday: Arkansas 4, Oregon State 1				
Wednesday: Oregon State 5, Arkansas 3				
Thursday: Oregon State 5, Arkansas 0, OSU wins CWS				

Thursday's Games				
Arizona 4, Miami 0				
Chicago Cubs 11, L.A. Dodgers 5				
Colorado 9, San Francisco 8				
Philadelphia 4, Washington 3				
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 4				
Friday's Games				
Minnesota (Berrios 8-5) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 2-2), 2:05 p.m.				
Washington (Fedde 0-3) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-6), 4:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Anderson 5-6) at Cincinnati (Romano 4-7), 4:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 5-3) at Miami (Alcantara 0-0), 4:10 p.m.				
Atlanta (Teheran 5-5) at St. Louis (Mikolas 8-2), 5:15 p.m.				
San Francisco (Suarez 2-4) at Arizona (Corbin 6-3), 6:40 p.m.				
Colorado (Anderson 4-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-2), 7:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Musgrove 2-3) at San Diego (Lauer 3-4), 7:10 p.m.				

Northwest League				
North Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Everett (Mariners)	8	6	.571	—
Tri-City (Padres)	7	7	.500	1
Spokane (Rangers)	6	8	.428	2
Houston 1, Tampa Bay 0	5	9	.357	3
South Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	10	4	.714	—
Hillsboro (D-Backs)	8	6	.571	2
Boise (Rockies)	7	7	.500	3
Eugene (Cubs)	5	9	.357	5

Thursday's Games				
Vancouver 3, Tri-City 2				
Hillsboro 6, Boise 5				
Everett 9, Spokane 5				
Salem-Keizer 7, Eugene 2				
Friday's Games				
Everett at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.				
Salem-Keizer at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.				
Spokane at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.				
Boise at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.				

Friday's Games				
GROUP C				
	W	T	L	GF GA Pts
x-France	2	1	0	3 1 7
x-Denmark	1	2	0	2 1 5
Peru	1	0	2	2 2 3
Australia	0	1	2	2 5 1
GROUP D				
	W	T	L	GF GA Pts
x-Croatia	3	0	0	7 1 9
x-Argentina	1	1	1	3 5 4
Nigeria	1	0	2	3 4 3
Iceland	0	1	2	2 5 1
GROUP E				
	W	T	L	GF GA Pts
x-Brazil	2	1	0	5 1 7
x-Switzerland	1	2	0	5 4 5
Serbia	1	0	2	2 4 3
Costa Rica	0	1	2	2 5 1
GROUP F				
	W	T	L	GF GA Pts
x-Sweden	2	0	1	5 2 6
x-Mexico	2	0	1	3 4 6
South Korea	1	0	2	3 3 3
Germany	1	0	2	2 4 3
GROUP G				
	W	T	L	GF GA Pts
x-Belgium	3	0	0	9 2 9
x-England	2	0	1	8 3 6
Tunisia	1	0	2	5 8 3
Panama	0	0	3	2 11 0

Thursday, June 28				
At Saransk, Russia				
Tunisia 2, Panama 1				
At Kaliningrad, Russia				
Belgium 1, England 0				
GROUP H				
	W	T	L	GF GA Pts
x-Colombia	2	0	1	5 2 6
x-Japan	1	1	0	4 4 4
Senegal	1	1	0	4 4 4
Poland	1	0	2	2 5 3

Thursday, June 28				
At Volgograd, Russia				
Poland 1, Japan 0				
At Samara, Russia				
Colombia 1, Senegal 0				
SECOND ROUND				
Saturday, June 30				
At Kazan, Russia				
France vs. Argentina, 7 a.m.				
At Sochi, Russia				
Uruguay vs. Portugal, 11 a.m.				
Sunday, July 1				
At Moscow				
Spain vs. Russia, 7 a.m.				
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia				
Croatia vs. Denmark, 11 a.m.				
Monday, July 2				
At Samara, Russia				
Brazil vs. Mexico, 7 a.m.				
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia				
Belgium vs. Japan, 11 a.m.				
Tuesday, July 3				
At St. Petersburg, Russia				
Sweden vs. Switzerland, 7 a.m.				

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