

Blues defeat Bruins, Stanley Cup series now knotted 2-2

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home the rebound from a Zdeno Chara shot.

The Blues took advantage of another second-chance opportunity at 15:30 in the first. This time it was Vladimir Tarasenko pouncing on a big rebound in the slot off of a Pietrangelo shot to make it 2-1.

Rask struggled again during a Boston power play in the second period as O'Reilly almost poked in his own rebound on a short-handed rush.

Instead, it was the Bruins capitalizing short-handed at 14:19 of the second as Brandon Carlo found the back of the net for the first time this post-season after Binnington couldn't handle a Patrice Bergeron shot with the puck caroming off of his pad.

The goal sucked the life out of the Enterprise Center and took away the momentum St. Louis generated during a prolonged shift in the Boston zone, which featured several line changes and dangerous scoring chances as well as creating the power play that led to the short-handed goal.

Then came O'Reilly's heroics and the first Stanley Cup Final victory at home in St. Louis franchise history. Game 5 in the best-of-seven series is Thursday night in Boston.

ST. LOUIS — It usually takes a lucky bounce here and there to win the Stanley Cup.

Game 4 of the final between the Bruins and the Blues had a whole lot of bounces — and not a lot of luck for goaltenders Tuukka Rask and Jordan Binnington.

Whether it was nerves, fatigue or simply traffic in front, Rask and Binnington each gave up rebounds aplenty and both teams cashed in on the prime scoring chances Monday night. The Blues' Alex Pietrangelo pounded a slap shot that seemed to handcuff Rask and the juicy rebound left the puck in midair when Ryan O'Reilly swatted it into the net.

The goal put the Blues up 3-2 and turned out to be the game-winner in the 4-2 victory that knotted the final 2-2.

Both of O'Reilly's goals came off rebounds. He took a rebound off of a Zach Sanford shot behind the net and beat Rask on a wrap-around to the right side just 43 seconds into the game.

Charlie Coyle evened the game with 6:46 left in the first after he found himself alone in front of the Blues net to bang

Rutschman, Witt, Vaughn are top picks in MLB draft

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SECAUCUS, N.J. — A capsule look at the top three picks in the Major League Baseball draft Monday night:

1. Baltimore Orioles: Adley Rutschman, C, Oregon State

Golden Spikes Award finalist was Pac-12 player of year and conference's co-defensive player of year. Marked seventh time player drafted as catcher taken with top pick — first since Joe Mauer in 2001. Switch-hitting slugger batted .411 with career-best 17 homers and 58 RBIs for Beavers, and threw out 13 of 27 runners attempting to steal. Ranked among national leaders in several offensive categories, including on-base percentage (.575), slugging percentage (.751) and walks (school-record 76). Was 40th-round pick by Seattle in 2016.

2. Kansas City Royals: Bobby Witt Jr., SS, Colleyville H.S. (Texas)

Son of former big

league pitcher Bobby Witt, who was selected No. 3 overall by Texas Rangers in 1985 draft. Witts became highest-drafted father-son duo, topping Tom Grieve (No. 6, 1966) and Ben Grieve (No. 2, 1994). They're also seventh father-son combo of first-rounders, and first since Delino DeShields (1987) and Delino DeShields Jr. (2010). Younger Witt considered top high school prospect this year. Five-tool shortstop has impressive power with smooth right-handed swing.

3. Chicago White Sox: Andrew Vaughn, 1B, California

Outstanding overall hitter looking to become first repeat winner of Golden Spikes Award after being selected country's top college player as sophomore last year. Widely considered best all-around hitter in draft, Vaughn hit .381 with 15 homers, 50 RBIs and .544 on-base percentage that ranks among national leaders. Struck out just 74 times in three seasons.

2018 champ Beavers knocked out of NCAA regionals

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CORVALLIS — The second day of NCAA regionals brought an early exit for the defending national champion.

Oregon State was eliminated on its home field with a 4-1 loss to Big East champion Creighton on Saturday, marking the first time the Beavers have gone 0-2 in regionals in 14 appearances since 1985. They were knocked out in the regional round for the first time since 2015.

"It was a matter of us not playing good baseball. That's the bottom line," OSU interim coach Pat

Bailey said.

The Beavers lost 10 of their last 15 games and finished 36-20-1 a season after they completed a two-year run in which they won 111 of 130 games under former coach Pat Casey.

The game was catcher Adley Rutschman's last for Oregon State. Rutschman was the No. 1 pick in the Major League Baseball draft on Monday. He was on deck when the Bluejays turned the game-ending double play. He had driven a ball to the warning track in his last at-bat and tipped his cap to the crowd as he jogged back to the dugout.



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Pendleton Athletic Director Troy Jerome gives words of advice to the graduating members of the Pendleton baseball team. Central defeated the Pendleton Bucks 11-4 to win the OSAA 5A State Championship at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer.

Seniors: Pendleton baseball celebrates grads in Keizer

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were able to don their caps and gowns and receive their diplomas.

And to see their sons graduate on the same grounds where they fought for Pendleton baseball's first-ever state title was extra sentimental for the parents in attendance.

"It's pretty special," said Karen Demianew, mother of outfielder Matt Demianew. "What a way to end their high school careers — to play for a championship and

to graduate on that field."

The OSAA has worked with schools around the state for the past 20 years or so to help graduating students and their families experience graduation, albeit on the playing field, to the appropriate music and with all the fanfare one can muster at a ballpark.

"The schools themselves and their administrators, ADs and coaches make it happen," said Oregon School Activities Association sports information director Steve Walker. "We

just play the music and read their scripts. It's really cool. Sad they can't be there with their classmates, but it's the next best thing."

Pendleton athletic director Troy Jerome arrived at Volcanoes Stadium with a box of gear for the ceremony.

To add a little authenticity to the event, Pendleton school board member Steve Umbarger was on hand to present the diplomas. With his son Gabe on the team, he was already at the stadium.

"It's surreal," said

Umbarger. "We didn't think about this when they were 6 years old and just starting baseball. But to see the culmination of all their years of hard work — it's really neat."

Festivities and celebrations followed on Sunday afternoon.

The Pendleton softball team had the same experience last year when they won the 5A state title.

"I'm in my gown and softball gear," Kalan McGlothlan said at the time. "This is just crazy."



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Pendleton third baseman Kyle Field holds up a ball to celebrate an out at third base.

Bucks: Drop 5A state title game to Central Panthers

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leton. They just keep grinding, grinding, grinding. That says a lot about them as a team."

With just one out on the board, the Panthers posted five more runs in the the bottom of the second. Alarcon and Brandon Lopez drove in two apiece with their back-to-back singles.

The Bucks would get on the scoreboard in the following inning.

"Before the game, coach Wes (Armstrong) said that we're battle-tested," said Pendleton center fielder Gabe Umbarger. "This game showed it."

Umbarger singled for Pendleton's first hit of the day. Panthers pitcher Ruben Cedillo walked two Bucks to send Matt Demianew in to put Pendleton on the board. Matt Demianew would score on Ty Beers' sacrifice fly before the inning's end.

"We showed a lot of character," Umbarger said. "We put runners on base and runs on the board. We had to believe in ourselves and what we could do. That's what it took to get started."

Roberts and Chris Large surrendered 10 runs within the first three innings before Demianew took to the mound. He would only



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Pendleton's Kyle Field swings at a pitch late in the game. Central defeated the Pendleton Bucks 11-4 to win the OSAA 5A State Baseball Championship at Volcanoes Stadium.

allow one more run over the final four innings.

"Central is a really strong-hitting team," Demianew said. "They put the ball in really good spots. We were throwing good, they were just able to hit against our pitchers."

Pendleton drew four straight walks in the top

of the fifth in which they scored their final runs, but Leismester, who relieved Cedillo on the mound, would hold them scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Cedillo hit a perfect 4-for-4 and scored two runs. Conner Laeng scored three runs and had an RBI.

Pendleton finished the season with a record of 18-9 season.

"There's no quit in these boys," said Hague-wood. "I'm super proud of them. It takes special players and extra opportunities to fight back like they did. Hopefully we'll be back next year."