

Straw's 3B in 14th lifts Astros over pesky Mariners 8-7

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SEATTLE — It took more than five hours, but the Houston Astros finally put away the pesky Seattle Mariners.

Rookie Myles Straw led off the 14th inning with a triple and scored on Yuli Gurriel's sacrifice fly, and the Astros outlasted the Mariners 8-7 Thursday night in the longest game of the season by innings for either team.

Seattle staged tying rallies in the ninth and 10th innings and loaded the bases in the bottom of the 14th thanks to three walks by Chris Devenski (1-0), but the right-hander got Shed Long to fly out to end it.

"All's well that ends well," Astros manager AJ Hinch said.

Houston led 5-1 after 6½ innings but Seattle chipped away, tying it at 6 in the ninth on Edwin Encarnacion's single against closer Roberto Osuna, his first blown save of the season. That prevented Justin Verlander from becoming the first 10-game winner in the AL.

"That was not a game that was expected, given how it started," Hinch said. "And even halfway through nine innings, it felt like we were completely in control of it. Then it was like a game that was never going to end. Quite a game."

Verlander was pulled with one out in the sixth after giving up three singles. He was charged with three runs on five hits.

"From the get-go today it was a little bit touch and go for me," Verlander said. "I wasn't my best today and we made the pull. I wasn't surprised. In some of these games like this one,

it comes down to pure will, who wants it most."

Josh Reddick's sacrifice fly as a pinch-hitter in the 10th gave the Astros to a 7-6 lead before Omar Narváez tied it with his ninth homer of the season.

Matt Festa (0-1) allowed Straw's triple — a ball that was played poorly by right fielder Domingo Santana — and one walk in the 14th for the Mariners.

Seattle outfielder Mitch Haniger left in the seventh with what the team called a "mid-body" contusion.

The Astros took three of four in the series and are 9-0-1 in their last 10 series.

Austin Adams started as an opener for Seattle and couldn't get through the first inning. He gave up three runs, three hits and two walks, including a two-run homer to Robinson Chirinos, before being replaced by Tommy Milone.

Chirinos has homered in four consecutive games, tying Cliff Johnson's club record from 1975 for longest streak.

Alex Bregman's 18th homer gave Houston took a 4-1 lead in the fifth. Rookie Jack Mayfield hit his first career homer in the seventh inning to make it 5-1.

The Mariners rallied for three runs in the seventh inning on five singles. After Houston added a run in the eighth, the Mariners scored again in the bottom of the inning before Osuna entered.

"It's kind of hard to be focused the whole game," Narváez said. "But we did a good job swinging the bats. Remember, we were facing a pretty good team. They don't strike out much and put the ball in the play almost every time."



Houston Astros closing pitcher Chris Devenski (47) shares congratulations with catcher Robinson Chirinos after the Astros defeated the Seattle Mariners 8-7 in 14 innings in a baseball game Thursday in Seattle.

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Seattle Mariners' Omar Narvaez celebrates his home run against the Houston Astros during the 10th inning of a baseball game Thursday in Seattle.

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shield on his helmet, but was unable to provide more than an emotional boost.

Chara followed Rask onto the ice for the pregame skate, and he got a lengthy cheer for his introduction. The Bruins played a video of his highlights during an early whistle, and he went out of the way to deliver the game's first hit, just 15 seconds in, on Brayden Schenn.

When things went bad later, the crowd tried to spur the team on with chants of "Chara!"

But the 42-year-old defenseman's toughness

could only carry so far.

O'Reilly scored in the opening minute of the second period, backhanding in a rebound for his third goal in his last five periods. It was still 1-0 midway through the third when the referees disregarded a leg sweep by Tyler Bozak that knocked Noel Acciari out of the game.

Perron followed with a shot that banked off Rask's pad and into the net. The fans responded with a vulgar chant and a shower of rally towels; the public address announcer eventually asked them to stop.

Boston did seem inspired — or at least desperate — and cut the defi-

cit to one goal on a delayed penalty with about 6 1/2 minutes left. Torey Krug took a high stick to the face at the blue line but he played on, straightened his helmet and dished the puck to DeBrusk for a one-timer past Binnington.

Boston pulled Rask with a little more than a minute left and earned several chances, but couldn't get the puck past Binnington.

Notes: Binnington's nine playoff road wins is the most by a rookie in NHL history. Ron Hexall won eight in 1987. ... Derek Sanderson and Bobby Orr, the connection that gave the Bruins

the game-winning goal against the Blues in the 1970 clincher, were the pregame banner wavers. ... Actors Michael J. Fox, Woody Harrelson and John Krasinski were in the crowd. ... Blues D Vince Dunn was in the lineup after missing almost three weeks after taking a puck to the face. ... Boston D Matt Grzelcyk missed his third straight game. ... The Blues improved to 9-3 on the road in the playoffs.

UP NEXT

The series returns to St. Louis, where the teams split Games 3 and 4. The Blues are 6-6 at home so far in the postseason.

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Portland area 6A schools.

"We are going to spread it out and have fun," coach Davis said. "Go out and be athletes and showcase some athletes who are going to the next level. The North is a pretty strong 6A contingent. We will see what the

big schools have."

The South will feature a few 6A players, but there is some exceptional talent at the 5A level, including quarterback Nate Overholt from Wilsonville, who was the Oregon Gatorade Player of the Year.

"It's exciting to know I will be playing with a guy

of that caliber," said Willard, a first team all-state center. "I'm excited to see how I stack up."

At 6-foot, 265 pounds, Willard was happy to see he will share the line with the likes of Jahi Richardson (6-3, 310) of South Eugene, Madden Salisbury (6-3, 295) of Sheldom, Andre

Beal (6-5, 285) of North Salem, Richard Estrella (6-4, 310) of Churchill and Jacob Ferenczi (6-5, 285) of North Bend.

"I'm not used to being undersized, but in this game, I will be," Willard said. "I'm just trying to put myself in the best position I can to compete with them."

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competition, making them the most-represented team.

Central recently defeated Pendleton 11-4 in the 5A state championships.

"I'm sad that we didn't make it all the way," Stahl said of Pendleton's championship defeat, "but I'm glad we made it as far as we did."

Although Stahl is the only Buck on the roster, he'll be playing along-

side some familiar faces. Tigard's CJ Rivers and Wilsonville's Nolan Thebiay were both teammates with Stahl on the Northwest Elite Oregon Senior Scout team last fall.

"I knew Gabe (Umbarger) and Matt (Demianer) on my ball team, but that was because I had already played with them before," Stahl said. "That was it. I didn't know anyone else. It was cool to see the team bond we created together. It'll be fun

to go down and play with some really good athletes."

Also on the North team is Grant Schoen of Clackamas, who signed to play with Pepperdine University, and West Linn pitcher and Xavier University commit Jonathon Kelly.

The South lineup features University of Oregon commit Decker Stedman of Thurston and future Oregon State Beavers player Ryan Brown of South Salem. Both will take to the infield for the

All-Star series.

Stahl recently signed a letter of intent to pitch for Mount Hood Community College in Gresham.

Pendleton coach TJ Haguewood was selected to coach during the series, but will not be able to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

"I'm proud of Ryan," Haguewood said. "He's dedicated a lot to the art of pitching. It'll be fun for him to play with the best of the best in the state."

SCOREBOARD

ALL TIMES PDT

FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Toronto 2, Golden State 1
 Thursday, May 30: Toronto 118, Golden State 109
 Sunday, June 2: Golden State 109, Toronto 104
 Wednesday, June 5: Toronto 123, Golden State 109
 Friday, June 7: Toronto at Golden State, 6 p.m.
 Monday, June 10: Golden State at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 x-Thursday, June 13: Toronto at Golden State, 6 p.m.
 x-Sunday, June 16: Golden State at Toronto, 5 p.m.

ALL TIMES PDT

STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
St. Louis 3, Boston 2
 Monday, May 27: Boston 4, St. Louis 2
 Thursday, June 6: St. Louis 3, Boston 2, OT
 Saturday, June 1: Boston 7, St. Louis 2
 Monday, June 3: St. Louis 4, Boston 2
 Thursday, June 6: St. Louis 2, Boston 1
 Sunday, June 9: Boston at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, June 12: St. Louis at Boston, 5 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

All Times PDT

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	39	22	.639	—
Tampa Bay	37	23	.617	1½
Boston	33	29	.532	6½
Toronto	23	39	.371	16½
Baltimore	19	43	.306	20½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	41	20	.672	—
Cleveland	31	31	.500	10½
Chicago	29	32	.475	12
Detroit	23	36	.390	17
Kansas City	19	43	.306	22½
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	43	21	.672	—
Texas	32	28	.533	9
Oakland	30	31	.492	11½
Los Angeles	30	32	.484	12
Seattle	26	40	.394	18

Wednesday's Games

Washington 6, Chicago White Sox 4
 Toronto 11, N.Y. Yankees 7
 Cleveland 9, Minnesota 7
 Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 0
 Texas 2, Baltimore 1, 12 innings
 Boston 8, Kansas City 0
 L.A. Angels 10, Oakland 9
 Seattle 14, Houston 1

Thursday's Games
 Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 1
 Boston 7, Kansas City 5
 Houston 8, Seattle 7, 14 innings
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 2
 Minnesota 5, Cleveland 4
 Texas 4, Baltimore 3
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Arizona (Kelly 5-6) at Toronto (Stroman 3-7), 4:07 p.m.
 Minnesota (Gibson 6-2) at Detroit (Boyd 5-4), 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (German 9-1) at Cleveland (TBD), 4:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (TBD) at Boston (Porcello 4-5), 4:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Anderson 6-4) at Texas (Lynn 7-4), 5:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (Ynoa 0-2) at Houston (Cole 5-5), 5:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Nova 3-5) at Kansas City (Bailey 4-6), 5:15 p.m.

Seattle (Gonzales 5-6) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 0-0), 7:07 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 10:05 a.m., 1st game
 Oakland at Texas, 11:05 a.m., 1st game
 Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 11:15 a.m.
 Arizona at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.
 Baltimore at Houston, 1:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Boston, 3:10 p.m., 2nd game
 Oakland at Texas, 6:05 p.m., 2nd game
 Seattle at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.

ALL TIMES PDT

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	35	27	.565	—
Atlanta	33	29	.532	2
New York	30	32	.484	5
Washington	28	33	.459	6½
Miami	23	37	.383	11
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	34	27	.557	—
Milwaukee	35	28	.556	—
St. Louis	31	29	.517	2½
Pittsburgh	30	31	.492	4
Cincinnati	28	33	.459	6
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	43	20	.683	—
Colorado	32	29	.525	10
San Diego	31	31	.500	11½
Arizona	31	32	.492	12
San Francisco	25	36	.410	17

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati at St. Louis, p.p.d.
 Washington 6, Chicago White Sox 4 (Woodruff 7-1), 5:10 p.m.
 Arizona 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 11 innings
 Philadelphia 7, San Diego 5
 Pittsburgh 7, Atlanta 4
 St. Louis 7, San Francisco 0
 Miami 8, Milwaukee 3
 Chicago Cubs 9, Colorado 8

Thursday's Games
 N.Y. Mets 7, San Francisco 3
 Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 1
 St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1
 Milwaukee 5, Miami 1
 Colorado 3, Chicago Cubs 1
 Washington at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.

Friday's Games
 St. Louis (Mikolas 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Hamels 4-2), 11:20 a.m.
 Cincinnati (Mahle 2-5) at Philadelphia (Eflin 5-5), 4:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Kelly 5-6) at Toronto (Stroman 3-7), 4:07 p.m.
 Atlanta (Soroka 6-1) at Miami (Urena 4-6), 4:10 p.m.
 Colorado (TBD) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 4-4), 4:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Kingham 1-1) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 7-1), 5:10 p.m.
 Washington (Fedde 1-0) at San Diego (Margevicius 2-6), 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-0) at San Francisco (TBD), 7:15 p.m.

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