

# Sports

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## Washington on to World Series

■ Nationals complete sweep of St. Louis, return to Series for first time since 1933

By Howard Fendrich  
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — As the Washington Nationals moved a party 86 years in the making from their ballpark's infield to a booze-filled clubhouse, manager Dave Martinez paused near the dugout and thrust the silver NL Championship Series trophy overhead, to the delight of loud, delirious fans still in the stands.

Who would have thought this was possible five months ago, when the team was flailing around Washington and folks figured Martinez's job was in jeopardy?

From 19-31 during a mediocre May to the Fall Classic in an outstanding October — and the city's first World Series appearance since 1933. Extending their stunning

*"I just kept counting down: We're 12 outs from the World Series. We're nine outs from the World Series. Six. Three."*

— Trea Turner, shortstop for the Washington Nationals

turnaround, the wild-card Nationals got RBIs from middle-of-the-order stars Anthony Rendon and Juan Soto in a seven-run first inning Tuesday night, and Patrick Corbin's 12-strikeout performance plus a trio of relievers helped hold on to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-4 in Game 4 to complete a sweep in the NLCS.

"Often, bumpy roads lead to beautiful places," said Martinez, who underwent a heart procedure in September, "and this is a beautiful place."

Right from the first inning Tuesday, most in a sellout crowd of 43,976 rose from their seats to applaud or yell or twirl their red towels, to chant "Let's go, Nats!" and "M-V-P!" and various players' names, enjoying every moment of that game-deciding outburst.

And then, a couple of hours and several innings later, as Tanner Rainey, Sean Doolittle and Daniel Hudson were protecting a shrinking lead, those same spectators stood and shouted and reveled some more.

"I just kept counting down: We're 12 outs from the World Series. We're nine outs from the World Series," shortstop Trea Turner said. "Six. Three."

Now the Nationals get plenty of time to rest and set up their so-far terrific

rotation before beginning the last series of the season against the Houston Astros or New York Yankees in a week. Houston leads the best-of-seven AL Championship Series 2-1 after winning Game 3 at New York 4-1 Tuesday.

The Nationals became the fourth team to reach the World Series after being 12 games under .500.

"We think we can compete with any team, any time," NLCS MVP Howie Kendrick said. "People always get caught up in the things that are on paper, but the reality of it is you have to go out and play. Once we get out on the field, anything can happen."

The last time the World Series came to the nation's capital, more than eight decades ago, the Washington Senators lost to the New York Giants in five games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## Astros take 2-1 lead over Yankees

By Ronald Blum  
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Didi Gregorius turned on a first-pitch fastball from Gerrit Cole with two on and two outs in the fifth inning and sent it soaring toward the right-field seats. The crowd at Yankee Stadium rose and roared, hoping for a go-ahead drive.

"I think every flyball in 2019 is a homer," Houston manager AJ Hinch said. "It's kind of been conditioned that way."

Gregorius stood at the plate, watching, then took some tentative steps toward

first base as Josh Reddick gloved the ball a step in front of the right-field wall, 343 feet away.

"I missed it," Gregorius said. "I know I didn't have all of it."

New York stranded nine during a 4-1 loss to Houston on Tuesday night that put the Yankees in a 2-1 AL Championship Series deficit, going 0 for 6 with runners in scoring position.

Gregorius, who hit a grand slam against Minnesota in the previous playoff round, left the bases loaded in the first when he hit an inning-ending groundout — also on the first pitch. He

went 0 for 4 and saw just six pitches after averaging 4.01 per plate appearance during the regular season.

"Most of the game was on me," he said. "I didn't come through, so I was the one that failed, not the whole team."

New York averaged 4.06 pitches per plate appearance during the regular season, second to Seattle's 4.11. But the Yankees had a hyper-aggressive approach on Cole, with Aaron Judge, Edwin Encarnación and Gregorius hitting the first pitch in the opening inning. Encarnación also saw just one pitch in the third.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

## Packers rally to edge Lions, 23-22

■ Green Bay takes advantage of two controversial penalty calls late

By Keith Jenkins  
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — It took Mason Crosby 13 seasons to perform his first Lambeau Leap.

The 35-year-old kicker nailed a 23-yard field goal as time expired and jumped into the crowd with a boost from long snapper Hunter Bradley after he finished off a rally for the Green Bay Packers, who benefited from some questionable officiating to edge the Detroit Lions 23-22 on Monday night.

"That was fun, yeah," Crosby said of leaping into the crowd. "That feeling, once you get up in the stands, the energy in there and teammates and everyone's around, that's something I'll always remember. That was great."

Aaron Rodgers, in his second straight game without top target Davante Adams, completed 24 of 39 passes for 283 yards and two touchdowns, including a beautiful 35-yard throw to Allen Lazard for the second-year pro's first career score.

Rodgers linked up with Jamaal Williams for the other TD. Williams finished with 104 yards on 14 carries and four catches for 32 yards for Green Bay (5-1), which captured its first win in five tries against its NFC North rival.

The Packers, who are off to their first 3-0 start in the NFC North since 2012, might not have pulled it off if not for two fourth-quarter penalties for illegal hands to the face against Detroit's Trey Flowers, both of them on third down. The first set up Lazard's touchdown, and the second allowed Green Bay to run the clock down to 2 seconds before Crosby's game-winner. In both cases, replays showed Flowers' hands on the neck or shoulder — not the face — of a Packers lineman.

"I actually changed the position of my hand, because it was to the chest initially," Flowers said. "I was doing it all game. I didn't know that was a flag to the chest, so I changed it. And he called it again."

"I didn't think hands to the chest was a penalty. I thought hands to the face, but I had him right here in the chest. The second time I changed it. ... That's part of a move that I do. So, nah, I don't think that was a penalty."

Referee Clete Blakeman said each of the calls was made by umpire Jeff Rice, and he discussed the last one with him.

"Basically, it's for illegal use of the hands, hands-to-the-face foul," Blakeman told a pool reporter. "To be a foul, we basically need some forceful contact that's prolonged to the head and neck area of the defender."

"So, in his mind he had pinned him back, it was prolonged, and that's what created the foul."

TVS

# TREASURE VALLEY STEEL, INC.

Quality Steel Roofing &amp; Siding Products Since 1982

### Manufacturing Zee & Cee Purlins In-House Custom Cut Exact Lengths



- 24 Colors
- Custom Trim
- 2 1/2" Corrugated
- Delivery Available
- Full Soffit Line
- 3 ft. Gulf Coast Panel
- 3 ft. PBR Panel
- 3 ft. Mesa Panel
- 3 ft. Tuff Rib Panel
- Standing Seam
- 2 ft. Delta Rib
- 3 ft. Pro Panel

**DELIVERY AVAILABLE**

**40 Year Full Paint Warranty • WeatherX Paint System**



**ONTARIO**  
541-889-4214  
1460 N. Verde Dr.  
Toll Free 1-866-887-8335

**BOISE**  
208-336-7505  
6619 S. Supply Way  
Toll Free 1-888-717-8335

[WWW.TREASUREVALLEYSTEEL.COM](http://WWW.TREASUREVALLEYSTEEL.COM)



THE BEST VALUE  
IN WIRELESS  
UNLIMITED DATA

**\$30** /MO.

WITH 4 LINES

 **U.S. Cellular**  
CHOOSE FAIR

1084 Campbell St., Baker City, 541-523-3334

Data may be temporarily slower than other traffic in times of congestion. Video streams at up to 480p (DVD quality). Credit approval and Auto Pay/Paperless Billing required. Additional terms apply.

**Things we want you to know:** New unlimited plan and Customer Service Agreement required. New unlimited plan does not include hotspot functionality or Payback Credit. Existing customers may switch to new unlimited plans but, in most cases, any previous promotional credits requiring a Total Plan Unlimited or Unlimited Plus Plan subscription will not transfer. A Regulatory Cost Recovery Fee (RCRF) applies; this is not a tax or government required charge. Additional charges, taxes, terms, conditions and coverage areas may apply and vary by plan, service and phone. **Kansas Customers:** In areas in which U.S. Cellular receives support from the Federal Universal Service Fund, all reasonable requests for service must be met. Unresolved questions concerning service availability can be directed to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. All products, trademarks, trade names and service names are property of their respective owners. Limited-time offer. Prices, plans and terms are subject to change without notice. Limitations and exclusions apply. See store or an associate for details or visit [uscellular.com](http://uscellular.com). Store locations listed are owned and operated by an Authorized Agent of U.S. Cellular ©2019 U.S. Cellular