

NL All-Star team features all-Cubs infield

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For the first time in 53 years and only the second time in Major League Baseball history, four players from one team will compose the starting infield for an All-Star Game.

All four Chicago Cubs infielders — first baseman Anthony Rizzo, second baseman Ben Zobrist, shortstop Addison Russell and third baseman Kris Bryant — were voted as starters for the midsummer class next Tuesday night in San Diego. Only the 1963 St. Louis Cardinals previously had all

four infielders in the starting lineup.

Center fielder Dexter Fowler will join his Chicago teammates, making the Cubs the first team since the Cincinnati Reds' Big Red Machine in 1976 to have five starters in the lineup.

Also on the NL roster will be sixth and seventh Cubs chosen — pitchers Jake Arrieta and Jon Lester. Arrieta will be making his first appearance and Lester his fourth.

The non-Cubs starters for the NL will be San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey and outfielders Bryce Harper of the Washington Na-

tional and Yoenis Cespedes of the New York Mets.

In the American League, the Boston Red Sox landed four starters on the team and six overall. Shortstop Xander Bogaerts and outfielders Jackie Bradley Jr. and Mookie Betts will be first-time starters, and designated hitter David Ortiz will make his 10th appearance in his final season. Selected to the pitching staff were starter Steven Wright and reliever Craig Kimbrel.

Two Kansas City Royals players — catcher Salvador Perez and first baseman Eric Hosmer — were named

to the AL starting lineup along with Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve, Baltimore Orioles third baseman Manny Machado and Los Angeles Angels outfielder Mike Trout, who will make his fifth appearance.

The All-Star starters reflect a youth movement, with 12 of the 17 players voted into the lineup are age 26 or younger. Bogaerts and Russell are the pair of first starting shortstops under age 24 in All-Star history.

The AL's starting infield and catcher are all 26 or younger, an All-Star first.

Perez topped all vote-getters with 4,965,838 votes, making him the second Royal to top the balloting. George Brett was the leader in 1981.

Rizzo was the NL leader with 3,242,670 votes.

The tightest race was for second base in the NL. Zobrist finished with 3,013,407 votes to edge the Nationals' Daniel Murphy by 88 votes.

Trout won the All-Star MVP each of the past two years, the first player to take the award back to back.

Candidates in the Final Five voting by fans are second basemen Ian Kinsler of

the Detroit Tigers and Dustin Pedroia of the Red Sox, Rays third baseman Evan Longoria, and outfielder Michael Saunders of the Toronto Blue Jays and George Springer of the Astros in the AL and Giants first baseman Brandon Belt, outfielders Ryan Braun of the Milwaukee Brewers and Starling Marte of the Pittsburgh Pirates, third baseman Jake Lamb of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies shortstop Trevor Story.

One player from each league will be selected based on votes.

Cozart, Bruce power Reds past Cubs

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CHICAGO — Zack Cozart and Jay Bruce each clubbed two-run homers as the Cincinnati Reds never trailed en route to a 9-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday.

Reds starter Brandon Finnegan (4-7) worked five innings and broke a three-game losing streak for the win as Cincinnati evened the series at a victory apiece.

Cubs starter John Lackey (7-5) was hit for six early runs and took the loss in a six-inning outing, his third setback since June 20.

Cozart went 2-for-5 with two runs and two RBI, Billy Hamilton was 2-for-3 with a walk and scored twice while Bruce slugged a two-run homer in the ninth — his 18th — as the Reds (31-54) snapped a two-game losing streak.

Addison Russell went 2-for-4 with a pair of home runs and three RBI while Kris Bryant clubbed his major league-leading 25th home run for the Cubs (52-31).

The Reds scored twice in a rocky first for Lackey, who issued three walks and gave up a single.

Lackey walked Billy Hamilton and Joey Votto, both advanced on a passed ball and Hamilton scored when a throw to home from catcher Ross to Lackey was off target.

Lackey then walked Bruce and gave up a run-scoring single to Brandon Phillips that brought home Votto. Bruce was out at third out on a throw from Willson Contreras to Bryant to end the inning.

Cozart's 13th homer of the season with two out in the second also scored Finnegan — who had reached on a fielder's choice — for a 4-0 Reds' lead.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon was ejected by home plate umpire Jerry Meals in the second inning after argu-



Cincinnati Reds right fielder Jay Bruce high fives teammates after his two-run home run in the ninth inning of their game against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago on Tuesday.

ing balls and strikes during a David Ross at-bat. It was his second ejection of the season.

Eugenio Suarez made it 5-0 with two out in the third with a double to the right field corner to score Phillips for first.

The Cubs got four runs back in the third, hitting Finnegan with a season-high three home runs in the inning to trim the margin to 5-4.

Javier Baez send a leadoff solo home run to left for his ninth homer of the year while Bryant followed with a one-out shot to nearly the same spot for his major league-leading 25th.

With two out, Russell clubbed his 10th of the season, a two-run homer that scored Anthony Rizzo.

The Reds restored a two-run lead in the fourth at 6-4 as Votto drove in Cozart with a one-out sacrifice to center.

Russell hit another to left — his 11th — to trim the Reds

lead to 6-5 in bottom of the fifth. It was his second career multi-homer game of his career and first this season.

Finnegan was pulled for a pinch hitter in the sixth. He allowed five runs on five hits, walked four and struck out five and gave up four home runs.

Lackey worked six innings and likewise was replaced by a pinch hitter. He allowed six runs (five earned) on six hits while walking five and striking out four through six innings.

Votto drove in Hamilton for an insurance run and a 7-5 lead with none out in the seventh off Cubs reliever Travis Wood.

Bruce's ninth inning home run came off Cubs reliever Pedro Strop and drove in Votto.

NOTES: The Reds have reached a deal on a minor league contract with Cuban free agent SS Alfredo Rodri-

guez. The 22-year-old will begin play immediately in the Dominican Summer League.

...With minor league pitching coach Ted Power moving to the big league club, the Reds said his Triple-A Louisville duties will be shared by player development staffers Mario Soto, Jeff Fassero and Tony Fossas. ... Cubs 3B Kris Bryant was back in the lineup on Tuesday and apparently OK after Monday's outfield collision that left him with a leg bruise. A run-in with Albert Almora Jr. also prompted an admonishment from manager Joe Maddon to be more watchful. ... The Cubs send RHP Adam Warren (3-1, 4.56 ERA) against Reds RHP Anthony DeSclafani (2-0, 1.78 ERA) in Wednesday's series finale.

... A Chicago win over the Reds on Tuesday or Wednesday would give them their fifth straight series against Cincinnati dating back to last season.

Coffee News Comrades roll past Navigators

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Coffee News of Bangor's Matt Smith pitched five scoreless innings, striking out four and yielding one walk, en route to a 14-0 American Legion baseball victory over the Rowell's Navigators of Penquis Monday night.

Pacing the Bangor Comrades offense were Kyle Stevenson, Derek Fournier, and Jesse Colford with two hits each and Peter Kemble with three hits of his own, including a triple.

Brayden Miller, Tanner Strout, and Jeremy Richard each singled for Rowell's Penquis Navigators.

How to report Legion games

American Legion baseball games should be reported to the BDN website at this link: <http://bangordailynews.com/sports/scores/>

Click on your game, add the information and hit submit. Do not hit submit until you have added all of your information.

We ask coaches to list each team's record and the first and last names of players mentioned for each team. Also, key highlights to the game.

We ask for the repeat hitters, including whether the hits were doubles, triples, home runs, etc. We also ask for the score by innings (line score) for each team, along with total hits and errors. Please list each pitcher, and

include the inning in which the relievers entered the game, and a notable number of strikeouts and walks, along with the catchers.

DI baseball, ages 9-10

Machias 4, Ellsworth 3

At Beal Field in Machias, the Machias all-stars rallied for four runs in the fifth inning to earn the District 1 victory.

Levi Campbell, Tristan Hicks and Caden Schwinn each singled for Machias. Pitcher Bryan Dennison struck out six batters and Ethan Libby struck out five.

Peter Koblinski singled twice for Ellsworth and Mike Palmer added a single.

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Koblinski, Bragdon (4), Palmer (5) and Swett; Dennison, Libby (4) and Prout

How to report all-star games to the BDN

All-star youth baseball and softball games can be reported to the Bangor Daily News via email to: bdnsports@bangordailynews.com

Coaches are required to list information for both teams, with first and last names of players. Info should include key highlights and stats for leading hitters and pitchers.

Linescores may also be included.

The game result should be emailed as soon as possible on the day it is played.

The host team is responsible for reporting games.

Detroit Tigers put pitcher Norris on disabled list

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The Detroit Tigers on Tuesday placed starting left-handed pitcher Daniel Norris on the disabled list with an oblique injury.

Reliever **MLB NOTEBOOK** Buck Farmer was recalled from Triple-A Toledo.

Norris left Monday's start against the Cleveland Indians at the start of the third inning after re-aggravating a muscle he injured last season.

"It just kind of grabbed at me," Norris told mlive.com. "I went back in and just kind of checked it out, and went out for the third and I just couldn't really finish my pitches. I kept grabbing it, so they pulled me in."

Norris (1-0, 4.85 ERA) is the second pitcher in two days to land on the disabled list for Detroit.

On Monday, the Tigers placed Jordan Zimmermann on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 1, with a strain on the right side of his neck.

Anibel Sanchez has been reinserted into the starting rotation and Dustin Moleken also was called up from Toledo.

Royals place RHP Davis on DL

The Kansas City Royals placed right-hander Wade Davis on the disabled list with a forearm strain, the team announced Tuesday.

The move was made retroactive to July 1.

The injury will knock the 30-year-old Davis out of contention for an American League All-Star spot. He has

19 saves and a 1.23 ERA this season.

Davis was a member of the 2015 AL All-Star team and helped the Royals win the World Series.

Kansas City recalled right-hander Brooks Pounders from Triple-A Omaha. Pounders was 4-1 with a 2.80 ERA in 19 appearances (seven starts) this season.

Seattle's Hernandez nearing return

Seattle righthander Felix Hernandez is scheduled to throw a simulated game on Wednesday.

Hernandez, placed on the 15-day disabled list on June 1 with a right calf strain, is scheduled to work three 15-pitch innings before the series finale against the Houston Astros.

Hernandez, according to reports, looked ready for live action during a 43-pitch bullpen session on Friday. If he comes through unscathed, Hernandez will make two rehab starts and then rejoin the rotation after the All-Star break.

Indians shake up bullpen

Cleveland's 19-inning victory against Toronto on Friday had a ripple effect three days later as the Indians shook up their bullpen by releasing Joba Chamberlain and Tom Gorzelanny.

Recalled from Triple-A was hard-throwing Mike Clevinger and lefty TJ House. Clevinger and House will pitch out of the bullpen. Clevinger was 8-0 with a 2.70 ERA in 13 starts, with 76 strikeouts in 70 innings at Triple-A Columbus.

Wade seeking more than Heat offer of \$40M

WIRE SERVICE REPORTS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida — The latest NBA free-agency stalemate with guard Dwyane Wade comes in the wake of a two-year, \$40 million offer from the Miami Heat.

The Heat **NBA NOTEBOOK** offer, which remains on the table, was confirmed to the Sun Sentinel by a party close to the negotiations.

According to the party, the Heat offer, which is for a flat \$20 million for each of the two seasons, would allow Wade to opt out after the first of the two seasons and re-enter free agency next summer, when the NBA salary cap is again expected to make another quantum leap.

Wade earned \$20 million on a one-year deal this past season, but salaries for commensurate players have exceeded that figure since Friday's start of NBA free agency.

Wade apparently is seeking an additional year at such a rate or higher from the Heat.

A \$20 million salary next season would put him third on the Heat's payroll and the two-year offer would put him fourth in terms of committed total salary going forward.

Forward Chris Bosh, who remains hopeful of returning from the blood clots that have sidelined him over the second half of each of the

past two seasons, is due \$23.7 million next season, with \$76 million due over the next three seasons. Center Hassan Whiteside on Friday agreed to a four-year, \$98 million free-agency contract that will pay \$22 million next season. Beyond that, guard Goran Dragic will earn \$15.9 million next season, still due \$70 million over the next four seasons.

Wade, who turns 35 in January, indicated at season's end he did not believe he was close to his career finish line, coming off one of his most productive and healthiest seasons in years.

Agent insists James will return to Cavs

LeBron James remains a free agent and on Tuesday a number of teams were contacting his agent to see if the NBA Finals MVP was a 100 percent committed to staying in Cleveland.

Despite opting out of his 2016-17 contract, James has said he has no intentions of leaving Northeastern Ohio, at least for now.

But teams are doing their due diligence, according to ESPN, which also reported James' agent Rich Paul has "politely" informed teams that James is staying a Cavalier.

Henderson to join 76ers

Guard Gerald Henderson and the Philadelphia 76ers have agreed to a two-year, \$18 million deal, according to The Vertical.

Henderson, who played his high school basketball in Philadelphia and whose father played for the 76ers, will be counted on for veteran leadership.

The seven-year veteran averaged 8.7 points and 2.9 rebounds for Portland last season. He primarily came off the bench for the Trail Blazers.

He spent the first six seasons of his career with the Charlotte Bobcats/Hornets.

Nowitzki to re-sign with Mavs

Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks agreed to a two-year deal worth at least \$40 million.

The deal can be signed Wednesday, when the NBA moratorium on contract signings is lifted.

Nowitzki played last season on a one-year deal and has spent his entire 18-year career with the Mavericks. He is sixth on the NBA's all-time scoring list with 29,491 career points.

The Mavericks missed out on two primary free agent targets on the first two days of July, when point guard Mike Conley (Memphis) and center Hassan Whiteside (Miami) resigned to remain with their current teams.

But Dallas did land two likely starters in Harrison Barnes and Andrew Bogut,



Nowitzki



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