

Tigers slip past Red Sox on run-scoring walk

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

BOSTON — Tyler Collins walked with the bases loaded in the seventh inning to force in the winning run, and the Detroit Tigers edged the Boston Red Sox 9-8 Tuesday night at Fenway Park.

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Collins worked a two-out, full-count walk from Red Sox reliever Robbie Ross Jr. (1-2), allowing Justin Upton to trot home from third.

Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run shot for his 20th homer of the season, and Jarrod Saltalamacchia had three hits and two RBIs for Detroit (53-48), which won for the fourth time in six games.

Tigers starter Mike Pelfrey pitched five innings, allowing five runs on six hits and two walks with a strikeout.

Alex Wilson (1-0) earned

the win with a scoreless two-thirds of an inning. Francisco Rodriguez set down the Red Sox in the ninth to record his 29th save.

David Ortiz clubbed a three-run homer, his 25th of the year, and Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a solo shot for his 16th for Boston (55-43), which is 1-4 in its past five games.

Red Sox starter Steven Wright gave up a season-high eight earned runs on nine hits and three walks with two strikeouts in 4 2/3 innings.

Bradley's solo blast over the bullpens in right field on an 0-1 pitch in the sixth brought Boston within 8-6 after the Red Sox blew a one-run lead they held through four innings.

Dustin Pedroia trimmed the deficit to one with his RBI single later in the inning, and Xander Bogaerts tied the game with a run-

scoring groundout.

Wright put the Red Sox in an early hole, serving up Cabrera's homer into the right field bullpens on a 1-1 pitch in the first inning.

Collins and Jose Iglesias each delivered RBI singles in the second to double the Tigers' lead.

Ortiz made it a one-run game with his third-inning blast, which came on a 3-2 pitch from Pelfrey and sailed over the bullpens.

Brock Holt's groundout an inning later tied it and Mookie Betts' double the next at-bat gave Boston the lead.

Detroit ended Wright's night with a four-run fourth.

Victor Martinez tied it with an RBI single before Nick Castellanos' single loaded the bases.

Upton then ripped a single to first base that bounced off Hanley Ramirez's glove,

putting the Tigers on top again.

Ramirez recovered and flipped to Wright at first for the out before catching a Mike Aviles pop up for the second out.

However, Saltalamacchia laced a two-run single past diving second baseman Pedroia into center.

NOTES: Boston C Ryan Hanigan (flu-like symptoms) was a late scratch. Sandy Leon started and caught knuckleball pitcher Steven Wright. ... Detroit CF Cameron Maybin (back) missed his third consecutive game. One of Maybin's rib heads popped out and was put back in place. ... Red Sox OF Chris Young (right hamstring strain) will "hopefully" be close to starting a rehab assignment when the team returns from its West Coast trip, manager John Farrell said. ... Tigers RF

J.D. Martinez (fractured right elbow) began a rehab assignment with Triple-A Toledo. Martinez will DH for two games and might play in the outfield Friday, manager Brad Ausmus said. ... Detroit LHP Daniel Norris (oblique) had his rehab assignment transferred to Double-A Erie, and he will start Thursday. RHP Jordan Zimmermann (neck) will make his next rehab start Friday with Toledo. ... Tigers RHP Michael Fulmer (9-2, 2.41 ERA) counters Red Sox LHP Eduardo Rodriguez (2-4, 6.70 ERA) in Wednesday's series finale.

Rockies 6, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE — Colorado's Carlos Gonzalez and Trevor Story had two RBIs apiece to lead the surging Rockies past the first-place Baltimore Orioles 6-3 on Tuesday night.

Colorado has won five of its past six games and rebounded from a disappointing series opener when they lost in the 10th inning on a throwing error by right-hander Jordan Lyles.

The Orioles' Chris Tillman (14-3) fell short in his bid for a major league-leading 15th victory. He struggled early and often, allowing a season-tying high six runs on nine hits with four strikeouts over five innings. It was Tillman's first loss in nearly a month, which also ended his team's five-game winning streak.

Colorado's Chad Bettis (9-6) put together another effective outing and contained the Orioles powerful lineup. He gave up just two runs on four hits with three strikeouts and three walks over six innings. The Rockies improved to 8-1 in the past nine starts by right-hander.

Virginia pro captures Maine Open

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MANCHESTER — Ted Brown said he doesn't keep balls that he bogeys but he may want to hold onto one that he used for a birdie.

Playing in the final threesome, the professional from Maine, birdied the par-4 16th hole to break a tie at 6-under with two players who had already finished their rounds. Brown then narrowly avoided trouble on the 18th to hold on for a one-shot victory to win the Charlie's Maine Open at Augusta Country Club on Tuesday.

Brown shot a 3-under 67 in the second and final round to card a winning score of 7-under 133.

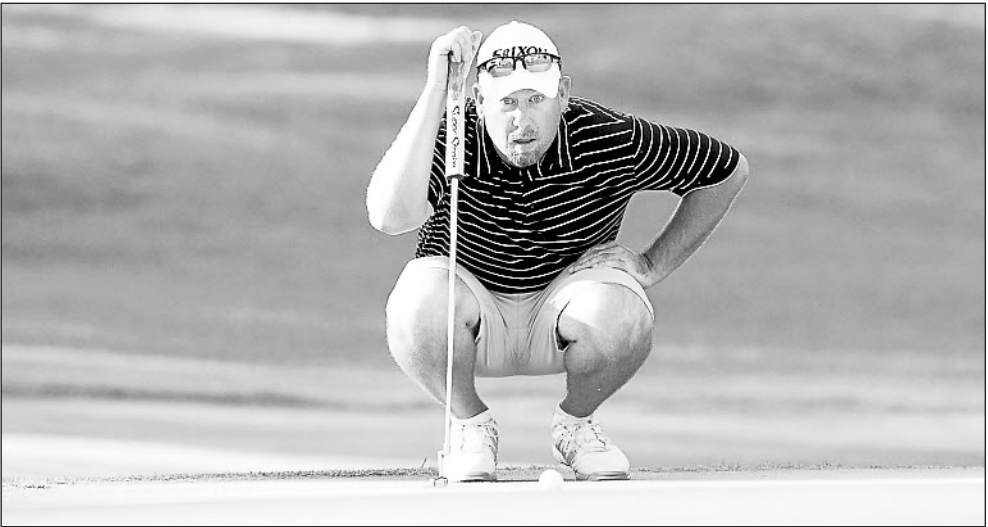
"It was nice to birdie 16, with that back pin. Both guys in my group ended up bogeying it," Brown said. "It's one of those, you got to hit a good shot or you get a little off and it's a tough one. That was good to make it to get back to even on the back nine."

"I had no idea where I stood until I got to the scorer's table. I never asked or knew, so I really didn't know."

With an 8-foot, uphill birdie putt on the 16th, Brown broke out of a tie with Nicholas Pandelena and Jon McLean. Both those players shot 4-under 66s on Tuesday while playing in the same threesome, 50 minutes ahead of Brown, to tie for second.

"I'm not going to change my game. I might if I knew, but there's no point," Brown said. "Out here I'm trying to birdie every hole, really. With the clubs that you have in your hand, and the greens running well, you're going to make some putts."

Brown did just that on



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Charlie's Maine Open winner Ted Brown lines up a put on the 17th green during the final round of the golf tournament Tuesday at the Augusta Country Club in Manchester.

his first two holes, birdieing both the par-4 first and par-3 second. Then he bogeyed the par-4 third and tossed his ball into the woods after sinking his bogey putt.

"I don't ever play a ball I make a bogey with. That's just the way I've played," Brown said. "Just on to the next one. There's no need for it. It's gone."

The Canadian-born player then rebounded with a birdie on the par-4 fourth, then another on the par-4 sixth to take a one-shot lead over groupmate Josh Eure and Spencer Mellon, who was in the group ahead.

Brown was solid, if unspectacular on the back nine. He parred each of the first three holes before bogeying the par-4 13th. A missed birdie putt on the par-3 15th then set up Brown for the successful birdie attempt on the 16th.

With no knowledge of his one-shot lead going into the 18th, Brown hit his tee shot to the left of the fairway through a tree. His second shot hit another tree and fell down in the rough, still to the left. But showing championship form, the for-

mer Web.com Tour player hit his third shot onto the green, and his first putt got to within a foot of the hole, making for an easy tap-in for victory.

"It's always good [to win]," Brown said.

It's doubly good considering the new champion hadn't played much this season before finishing tied for 10th at the Greater Bangor Open this past weekend. Brown took some time off from golf after losing his spot on the Web.com Tour this year.

"Played my way off that nicely," Brown said of the Tour. "Just didn't have the sponsorship. I put the clubs away for four months. Literally didn't touch them for a while."

He was in better spirits after ending his drought. And this time he made his experience playing in the final group at the Maine Open a positive one, after finishing tied for fifth in his only previous appearance back in 2013.

Brown's groupmates, Eure and Jason Thresher, finished tied for seventh and tied for 22nd, respectively. Eure struggled on the back

nine, playing it 3-over until a birdie on the 18th to finish even for the day and 4-under for the tournament. Thresher played the front nine even, then double-bogeyed the 14th and bogeyed the 16th to shoot 3-over for the day and 1-under for the two-day Open.

Mellon finished tied for fourth at 5-under for the tournament with Evan Harmeling and Colin Brennan.

Eure was joined at 4-under with Christopher DeForest and Jack Wyman.

Wyman, from South Freeport, was both the highest-finishing Maine native, as well as the low amateur. For the latter achievement, he received a trophy of his own.

Shawn Warren, from Cape Elizabeth, was the top Maine professional after finishing 2-under and tied for 15th. Warren, the 2004 Maine Open champion back when he was still an amateur, was 1-over for the day on Tuesday.

Defending champion Matt Campbell shot 1-under on Tuesday to finish tied for 10th at 3-under for the tournament.

Federer to miss Olympics and rest of season

BY PRITHA SARKAR
REUTERS

Roger Federer has pulled out of the Rio Olympics and will miss the rest of the season, including the U.S. Open, because he needs "more extensive rehabilitation" after knee surgery earlier this year as he bids to prolong his career.

Last month he described how "one stupid move" sparked a chain of bad luck — which resulted in left knee surgery in February and sitting out the French Open with a back injury — culminating in Tuesday's decision to end his wretched season.

"I'm extremely disappointed to announce that I will not be able to represent Switzerland at the Olympic Games in Rio and that I will also miss the remainder of the season," the 17-time grand slam champion said on his Facebook page.

"Considering all options after consulting with my doctors and my team, I have made the very difficult decision to call an end to my 2016 season as I need more extensive rehabilitation following my knee surgery earlier this year."

"The doctors advised that if I want to play on the ATP World Tour injury free for another few years, as I in-

tend to do, I must give both my knee and body the proper time to fully recover. It is tough to miss the rest of the year."

For much of his career, the seven-time Wimbledon champion had been blessed with a body that seemed bullet-proof against the aches, pains and injuries suffered by most top athletes.

But one false move by the man known for his gliding footwork, while running a bath for his twin daughters following his Australian Open semi-final loss, means he would have gone a whole season without a title for the first time since 2000.

Now 34, Federer's an-

nouncement also probably ended the former world number one's hopes of ever winning an Olympic singles title.

"The silver lining is that this experience has made me realise how lucky I have been throughout my career with very few injuries," said Federer, who won an Olympic doubles gold with Stan Wawrinka in 2008.

"The love I have for tennis, the competition, tournaments and... the fans remains intact. I am as motivated as ever and plan to put all my energy towards coming back strong, healthy and in shape to play attacking tennis in 2017."

Red Sox

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Farrell stuck with Buchholz for the ninth, and he produced a 1-2-3 inning.

Kimbrel loosens up

Four hours before Drew Pomeranz threw the first pitch in Monday night's game against the Tigers, Craig Kimbrel took the hill, the first time the Sox closer has thrown from the mound since undergoing MCL surgery on July 11. All of the signs were positive.

"Good bullpen. He felt good about it," Farrell said. "He was aggressive for the 25 pitches he threw, both his fastball and his curveball. It didn't look like, to the naked eye, that he was favoring anything."

Conventionally, these sessions take place in the bullpen, but Farrell had Kimbrel on the main mound so that the Sox could use a pitch tracker to monitor everything closely. He is set to throw another bullpen tomorrow, and if that goes well, he'll likely be deployed on a

rehab assignment this weekend.

Farrell said Kimbrel might only need one rehab outing, and he wouldn't rule out a return during the team's upcoming road trip.

Dombrowski was encouraged by what his return will mean.

"Kimbrel, they tell me, threw the ball very well today," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if he joined us relatively soon. He's definitely looking like the short end of the 3-6 weeks. So all of a sudden, you have him and you have (Brad) Ziegler, you have (Junichi) Tazawa, (Matt) Barnes has been throwing great, we brought up (Joe) Kelly, (Robbie Ross Jr.) has been throwing well for us."

While their closer shows progress, the set-up man remains a giant question. The team is still uncertain of the severity of Koji Uehara's pectoral strain.

"Every injury is different, but we can't find a lot of track record or history with this one," he said. "So I do not have any idea. I know he'll be out 15 days, but I can't tell you if it's going to be soon after that or long after that."

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first team. He was joined by pitcher Jesse Colford (3-1, 1 save, 1.89 ERA), catcher Derek Fournier (.403, 21 RBI) second baseman Sam Huston (.428, 36 hits, 27 RBI, 17 SB) and shortstop Kyle Stevenson (.400 34 hits, 26 runs).

Zone 1 runner-up Post 16 of Skowhegan, which also advanced to the state tournament, had three first-team choices in pitcher Dustin Crawford (4-0, 1.67 ERA), outfielder Chase Malloy (.329, 23 hits, 10 SB) and utility player Cody Laweryson (.342, 26 hits, 17 RBI, 2-1 pitching record, 2.57 ERA).

Post 51 of Oakland, the zone's regular-season top seed, Brewer and the Acadians also had three first-teamers each.

Pitcher Jake Trask (4-0, 1.19 ERA), outfielder Derek Bowen (.337, 24 hits, 22 RBI, 22 runs) and utility player Dan Pooler (.408, 40 hits, 3-1

pitching record, 2.60 ERA) were Post 51's honorees, while first baseman Matt Pushard (.459, three home runs, 18 RBI), third baseman Kobe Rogerson (.377, 23 hits), and shortstop Logan Rogerson (.459, 24 hits, 14 SB) represented Brewer.

Joining Maguire on the first team from the Acadians were outfielder Nick Bagley (.341, 28 hits) and designated hitter Jake Keenan (.342, 25 hits).

Second-team selections were pitcher Nick Cowperthwaite, first baseman Andrew Hillier and outfielder Ryan Brookings of Coffee News; pitcher James Lathrop, catcher Trevor Gettig, shortstop Jared Cunningham and designated hitter Connor Garland of Post 51; outfielders Garrett Hamlin and Alex Maxsimic of Brewer; pitcher Nick Guerrette of Hampden-R.H. Foster; second baseman Hank Vinall of the Acadians; third baseman Ethan Stoddard of Motor City; and utility player Brayden Miller of Penquis.

Hawaii qualifies for Senior League World Series spot

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Central East Maui Little League of Wailuku, Hawaii, became the fifth team to qualify for this year's Senior League World Series on Monday night.

The Hawaiian club won the U.S. West title for the second time in three years, emerging from the losers' bracket with back-to-back one-run victories over previously unbeaten Nogales, Arizona, 4-3 and 6-5 in the championship round of the regional tournament played at Sacramento, California.

Central East Maui, which lost its second game of the U.S. West tourney 4-3 to Manhattan Beach, California, rallied to win five consecutive games to qualify for the SLWS. The Hawaiians entered Monday's championship round needing two wins over Arizona while

Arizona needed just one victory.

Hawaii, which went 2-2 in the 2014 SLWS, joins Australia, Spain, Puerto Rico and Maine District 3 champion Bronco-Hermon as qualifiers for this year's World Series that begins Sunday at Mansfield Stadium in Bangor.

Representatives from Canada and the U.S. East, Southeast, Southwest and Central are scheduled to be determined by Wednesday night despite rain that forced postponement of a game Monday at the East and Southwest regionals.

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Scarborough advances to Little League state final

ORRINGTON — The Scarborough all-star team advanced to the championship round with a 19-7 victory over Biddeford in the winners' bracket at the Little League baseball state tourney for ages 11-12 Tuesday.

LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS

Scarborough improved to 3-0 in the double-elimination tourney and will play at 5:30 p.m. Friday against the winner of Thursday's losers bracket game between Biddeford and Lewiston, also at 5:30 p.m.

A loss by Scarborough would force an if-necessary game at noon Saturday.

In Tuesday's second game, Lewiston eliminated Medomak Valley of Waldoboro 9-3 to stay alive for Thursday's contest.

Lewiston and Biddeford are both 2-1.

The tourney teams will have a rest day Wednesday.

The Orrington Little League field is located be-

hind the Center Drive School on 17 School Street. Directions to the field can be found on the tourney website at orringtonlitttleleague-tournaments.wordpress.com

The state champ advances to the East Regional Tournament Aug. 7-13 in Bristol, Connecticut.