



WORLD SERIES: CUBS 8, INDIANS 7, 10 INNINGS



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Chicago pitcher Carl Edwards celebrates on the field with a big "W" for win sign after the Cubs defeated Cleveland in Game 7 of the World Series. The Cubs, often referred to as "the lovable losers," won their first World Series title since 1908 with a 8-7 victory in 10 innings. The Indians have not won the title since 1948.

LOVABLE WINNERS

By Ronald Blum
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CLEVELAND — The wait 'til next year is finally over. The Chicago Cubs are World Series champions.

Ending more than a century of flops, futility and frustration, the Cubs won their first title since 1908, outlasting the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in 10 innings of a Game 7 thriller early Thursday.

"It happened. It happened. Chicago, it happened," first baseman Anthony Rizzo said. "We did it. We're world champions. I tell ya, we're world champions. I can't believe it."

Lovable losers for generations, the Cubs nearly let this one get away, too. All-Star closer Aroldis Chapman blew a three-run lead with two outs in the eighth when Rajai Davis hit a tying homer.

CUBS SERIES WINS

The Chicago Cubs have won the World Series three times, in 1907, 1908, and 2016.

Game	Opponent
2016 World Series	Cleveland Indians
1908 World Series	Detroit Tigers
1907 World Series	Detroit Tigers

But the Cubs, after tormenting their fans one more time, came right back after a 17-minute rain delay before the top of the 10th.

Ben Zobrist hit an RBI double and Miguel Montero singled home a run to make it 8-6. Davis delivered an RBI single with two outs in the bottom half, but Mike Montgomery closed it out at 12:47 a.m., and the celebration was on.

Blue-clad Cubs fans who traveled from Wrigley Field filled



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Chicago manager Joe Maddon celebrates with Ben Zobrist after claiming the title.

nearly the entire lower deck behind the Chicago dugout at Progressive Field, singing "Go! Cubs! Go!"

Manager Joe Maddon's team halted the longest title drought in baseball, becoming the first club to overcome a 3-1 Series deficit since the 1985 Kansas City Royals.

Cleveland was trying to win its first crown since 1948, but manager Terry Francona's club lost the last two games at home.

World Series favorites since spring training, Chicago led the majors with 103 wins this season.

The Cubs then ended more than a century of misery for their loyal fans — barely. Third baseman Kris Bryant, one of Chicago's young stars, began smiling even before fielding a grounder by Michael Martinez and throwing it across to Rizzo for the final out.

Zobrist was chosen as the World Series MVP, a year after he helped the Royals win the championship.

Zobrist was among the play-

ers brought to the Cubs by Theo Epstein, the baseball guru added another crown to his collection. He also assembled the Red Sox team that broke Boston's 86-year drought with the 2004 championship.

From Curse of the Bambino to the Billy Goat Curse, he ended another jinx.

The Indians, meanwhile, added more heartbreak. In their previous World Series appearance, they were a double-play grinder from winning the title before losing Game 7 in 11 innings to the Marlins.

"It's going to hurt. It hurts because we care, but they need to walk with their head held high because they left nothing on the field," said Francona, a former Ar-

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ARIZONA BASKETBALL

Extent of Smith's injury unknown; Miller: Walk-ons 'have to be ready'

By Bruce Pascoe
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

While the extent of Ray Smith's apparent knee injury remained unknown Wednesday, Arizona coach Sean Miller is already bracing for life without him.

And maybe without Alonzo Trier. And maybe without Chance Comanche.

Maybe, that is, with as few as seven available scholarship players for UA's exhibition game Sunday against Division II power Chico State and for its Nov. 11 regular-season opener against Michigan State.

"We're gonna play our walk-ons, and they have to get ready," Miller said after UA beat the College of Idaho 86-35 on Tuesday. "We're gonna have to play three guards a lot. We're gonna have to teach Lauri (Markkanen) some small forward, and we're gonna have to take it one day at a time and be better at doing the things we can control than ever before."

"When we play at McKale,



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Coach Sean Miller may have as few as seven scholarship players available against Chico State.

we're gonna have to rely on our crowd and our efficiency, playing together with great effort and take it one day at a time and see where that leads us."

Smith's loss during the second half of Tuesday's game left UA with another big question mark just 10 days before the start of the season. Arizona lost forward Talbott Denny to an ACL tear in

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- Who: Chico State at Arizona (exhibition)
- When: 4 p.m.
- TV: Pac-12 Arizona
- Radio: 1290-AM, 107.5-FM

August and has faced questions about Trier's eligibility status since mid-October.

Then, on Tuesday, Comanche showed up in street clothes just a day after Miller said he "might be our team's most improved player," noting that the 6-foot-11-inch forward is up to 220 pounds after arriving at 187 in June 2015.

"He's much stronger, and experience is everything," Miller said during a news conference Monday. "The practices he went through a year ago going against Kaleb (Tarczewski) and Ryan Anderson ... at the end of the year he started to come on, and I played

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Sucker punch from NJCAA ends Pima's soccer season

One by one, gloomy face after gloomy face, Pima College's men's soccer players walked into the campus' Sentinel Peak building Wednesday afternoon. They were followed by their parents, their coaches, by PCC's chancellor, athletic director, an attorney and anyone else wishing to hear the bad news.

Do you want to see a grown man cry? Pima College men's soccer coach Dave Cosgrove cried.

"These kids did nothing wrong," he said, halting, searching for words. "They did exactly what they were coached to do."

At 1 p.m., Wednesday, the Aztecs, winners of a third straight ACCAC tournament championship, planned to arrive at the Denver airport and board a bus to Laramie, Wyoming, where they would play Trinidad State JC in Friday's West District semifinals.

Instead, their season is over. It was like getting sucker-punched and then getting thrown in jail.

"It was a shock to me," said PCC athletic director Edgar Soto.



Greg Hansen

"I kept saying, 'this can't be true!'"

He, too, shed some tears. Late Saturday night at Kino North Stadium, the Aztecs beat Phoenix College 3-1 to win a third consecutive ACCAC soccer title. GoBears SportsNet, which provides live streaming of most Phoenix College sports events, videotaped the game.

Ordinarily, that would be good. The camera doesn't lie.

The game tape ended after 2 hours 2 minutes 58 seconds. It was all good. The Aztecs would go home believing that an 18-3-1 record and a No. 9 national ranking could lead to the NJCAA national championship.

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