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## IL series returns to Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) - At last, the
anta Braves and New York Mets Hed Who could blame them? The teams dragged into Atlanta
stirday, still feeling the aftercks of one of the greatest poston games in baseball history. H looked like a blowout just a ple of days ago is now up for dand the next two games at
mene, if needed. But New York is
ing a wave of emotion after its anning, $4-3$ victory in Game 5 i's a team that obviously does-
guit," third baseman Robin Vensaid, whose grand slam-single ded at least two more days to the mresponds to dire situations." choosing to rest up for Game night night at Turner Field. s in their improbable victory night before at Shea Stadium. the Braves, it was a chance
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { "Nobody is too down, nobody is } & \text { right-field wall for an apparent } \\ \text { too up," insisted Kevin Millwood, } & \text { grand slam that became a run-scor- } \\ \text { who will start Game } 6 \text { for Attanta. } \\ \text { ing single when he was mobbed by } \\ \text { "I think everybody is just preparing } & \text { his teammates before reaching sec- }\end{array}$ "I think everybody is just preparing
for tomorrow," for tomorrow,"
The Braves were three outs $\begin{aligned} & \text { his teanse. } \\ & \text { ond base } \\ & \text { While New York rocked, the }\end{aligned}$ from reaching the World Series for Wher seemed to awaken Atlanta's the first time since 1996 after Kei-
th Lockhart's two-out, run-scor-
listless baseball fans.
There were about 6,000 empty There were about 6,000 empty
ing triple in the topot, run-scor- of the 15 th
seats for the first two games of the broke a 2-2 tie. That was the first series, but a sellout is expected in run scored in the game since the $\quad$ Game 6 . The Braves sold some
third inning.
"Nobody is too down, nobody is too up." had only 3,000 remaining. It was the longest League Championship Series game by innings
since the Mets needed 16 to beat Houston in the deciding game of the 1986 NL series. It was the longest postseason game by time
ever, surpassing the 5 -hour, 13 ever, surpassing the 5 -hour, 13 -
minute marathon between the New Minute marathon between the New in Game 2 of a 1995 division series. 3 or 4-3 did not matter. New York became only the second team in playoff history to force a Game 6 after losing the first three game of a series.
rairie View returning to old ways

Rill trying and they are still losing. The only dif still trying and they are still losing. The on
tnce is this season, hardly anyone notices. The Prairie View Panthers were a weekly trivia
tsion last season when they were blazing toward nation's longest college football losing streak.
The Panthers snapped the streak at 80 with a 14victory over Langston on Sept. 26, 1998, and now yhave returned to the anonymity of being week-
inderdogs in the NCAA Division I-A A Southwest Aderdogs in the NCAA Division I-AA Southwest Their continued resiliency amazes interim coach People always ask me how do you get them ey come back week after week and they see the fon that one day it will happen. The 1999 Panthers won their second game of the teade Sept. 11 with a $21-7$ victory over Howard
anneand will take a $1-5$ record into Saturday's game Mr and will take a 1-5 record into Saturday's game "tifelt great to win that game," Gilliard said. "It gave
then an attitude that they could win. Even though

We ve just won one game they still have that belief. do and that's their goal."
Until their victory last season, Prairie View had not won a game since Oct. 28, 1989, when they beat Mis sissippi Valley $21-12$. Langston beat the Panthers $19-18$ the following week to begin the long losing streak.
Talent and numbers keep the Panthers down. The school awards only 15 scholarships. Most of their op ponents in the NCAA
65 scholarships. The Panthers start games with fresh legs but by the fourth quarter, they are worn down.
"It's been that and it's still that," Gilliard said. "That's what's haunting us right now. The only thing that will bring about change is a few more scholarships." Panthers have scored 43 points this season The Panthers have scored 43 points this season
but only 13 in the second half. Alabama A\&M scored late for a $27-3$ victory.
Southern won $42-0$, one of three shutouts agains Southern won 42-0, on
the Panthers this season.

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