

Yankees even up ALCS at 1-1

NEW YORK (AP) — Just when it seemed the Yankees' latest dynasty was crumbling, New York's dormant offense awoke in time to tie the AL championship series (ALCS) at a game apiece.

Bernie Williams ended a record-setting, 21-inning scoreless streak with an RBI single that sparked a seven-run eighth inning, and New York rallied past the Seattle Mariners 7-1.

Orlando Hernandez, pitching on his birthday, allowed six hits and struck out seven in eight innings.

It seemed like the Yankees' hopes for a third straight World Series title were fading away.

Then suddenly, New York went 8-for-8 to start the eighth inning. The eight hits were an ALCS record and

the most in an inning for the Yankees since June 29 at Detroit.

Seattle's bullpen got blown apart, wasting six shutout innings by starter John Halama.

David Justice, visibly angered when umpires ruled he did not check his swing on a 1-1 pitch, started the big inning with a double to left-center that hit less than a foot from the top of the wall.

Williams slapped a single to center off Arthur Rhodes and Tino Martinez followed with a sinking liner to left that bounced off the glove of a diving Al Martin for a single that allowed Williams to take second.

Jorge Posada then hit a smash that rolled off the glove of a diving Mark McLemore in the hole be-

tween first and second, bounding into left field as Williams scored. It was the first time in 15 games since Sept. 23 at Detroit that four straight Yankees got hits.

Slumping Paul O'Neill, dropped to seventh in the batting order, followed with a sacrifice fly to left that made it 3-1, and that was it for Rhodes, who was replaced by Jose Mesa.

Luis Sojo singled to put runners on first and third, and Posada was thrown out at third, apparently as Jose Vizcaino missed a bunt single. Vizcaino then doubled in Sojo. Chuck Knoblauch singled home Vizcaino, and Derek Jeter followed with a two-run homer into the right-field seats.

Halama had allowed just five hits.

Sparks defines Cowboys rivalry

IRVING (AP) — Phillippi Sparks was two games into his NFL career when he learned how badly the New York Giants want to beat the Dallas Cowboys.

The rookie cornerback was walking off the field at Giants Stadium following a 34-28 loss to Dallas when teammate Leonard Marshall put an arm around Sparks and aimed the other at the scoreboard.

"You see that?" Marshall said sternly. "Don't you ever let it happen again. Take it personally."

Sparks told that story Wednesday while sitting in front of his locker at Cowboys headquarters. He could not help but smile as he thought about the rivalry he will experience from this side for the first time on Sunday.

Sparks has been with the Cowboys (2-3) for less than two months, but did not need long to sense how different they are from the Giants (4-2).

"The Giants organization is more blue-collar — get to work and make sure you get everything done," he said. "Here I think players are more free about joking, running around — still getting their work done, but having fun while they're doing it. Not to say I didn't have fun in New York, but it was still a business atmosphere."

Sparks keeps up with many of his Giants pals, including defensive backs coach Johnnie Lynn and safety Shaun Williams. He recently called running back Tiki Barber to remind him of their upcoming meeting.

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"Ever since then," he said, "I've known it was a love-hate relationship between Dallas and New York."

The hate part is understood. This time, the love is coming from Sparks, who fondly recalls his eight seasons with the Giants even though he was not re-signed after last season.

"They made a business decision," Sparks said. "No one left on bad terms."

The Cowboys were interested in him early in the summer, but instead signed Ryan McNeil and drafted three cornerbacks. Sparks was still unsigned when two of the rookies got hurt and the third was struggling.

So Sparks was signed just before the opener. He backed up fourth-round pick Kareem Larrimore for the first four games, then became the starter in the last game against Carolina.

Dallas won 16-13 and teammates credited Sparks with providing stability.

"Any time you have four veterans in the secondary, things are going to be better," said safety Darren Woodson, who played college ball with Sparks at Arizona State. "He adds a lot."

"He knows I'm going to bother him," Sparks said.

Sparks also was close to receivers Amani Toomer and Ike Hilliard. He taught them some tricks of the trade and pointed out weaknesses defensive backs were exploiting.

Sparks laughed and added that he did not teach them everything, so he is hoping to use his knowledge against them. He added that much of insider's knowledge of the Giants is useless because their offense has changed.

New York, though, knows plenty about him.

"I'm sure they're going to be licking their chops when they see No. 20 out there," said Sparks, who wore No. 22 with the Giants. "I'm looking forward to it. I respect every single person on that team, but I don't fear any of them. And they know it."

Woodson is expecting Sparks to be fired up.

"He hasn't said anything yet," Woodson said. "But during the game, we'll probably have to calm him down."

Sparks knows it, too.

"I'm going to let it all out," he said. "I'm leaving it all out there so when I leave I can hopefully say 'Job well done.'"

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score at 7-5 and came back to tie the game on two kills. A&M took a 10-7 lead with a block from Achilefu and kills from Gibson.

Tech then tied the game with an ace and two kills, and A&M was forced to take its first timeout of the game.

A&M pulled ahead on two Tech hitting errors, but the Raiders responded with a block and a kill for the tie. The Aggies finally put the game away with kills from Cole and Gibson.

A&M jumped to a 3-0 lead in the third game, but Tech came back and pulled ahead on A&M errors.

With the Raiders ahead, 3-5, outside hitter Brandi Mount and Marshall had three kills each to move ahead 7-5. However, Tech would not relent and scored five straight points on kills.

The Aggies came back and scored five straight points and ended the match on a Raider hitting error.

"This kind of a win will continue to build confidence in the team," Corbelli said. "The team worked really hard tonight together, and I'm really proud of that."

Marshall and Achilefu set career highs in blocks with nine and six, respectively. Gibson led the offense attack with 16 kills while Cole added 12.

Sports in Brief — Nebraska's Crouch sits out practice

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch sat out practice Wednesday to rest for Saturday's game against Texas Tech.

Crouch was hit hard last week at Iowa State, where he had 19 carries for 138 yards and a touchdown in the No. 1 Cornhuskers' 49-27 victory.

Crouch said he was sore after the game, but not seriously injured.

With redshirt freshman Jammal Lord, who has played little this season, as Nebraska's top backup, coach Frank Solich is not taking chances with his starter's health.

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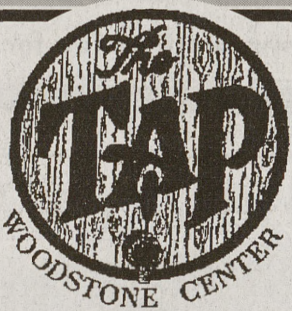
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