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YANKEES LEAD SERIES 3-2

Old foe Pedro stands between Yanks and 27th title



AP/KATHY WILLENS

New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte ponders a question as he speaks to reporters at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday. Pettitte is scheduled to pitch for the Yankees against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6 of the World Series tonight.

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP BASEBALL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Pettitte against Pedro Martinez, with the Yankees one win from ecstasy.

Now that's a World Series matchup worth talking about.

Still stalking that elusive 27th championship, New York turns to Pettitte once again in Game 6 on Wednesday night, hoping he can pitch his team past Chase Utley and the Philadelphia Phillies on only three days' rest.

"I think everybody knew it was going to be a great Series. I think everybody knew

it was going to be a tough Series. And it looks like it's living up to that," Pettitte said Tuesday.

His familiar foe is pumped up, too. Martinez and Pettitte have faced each other six times on the mound — but never with the stakes so high.

"Two old goats out there doing the best they can and having fun with it," Martinez said. "I don't have enough words to describe how excited I am about being here. This is just a great gift to me."

After wasting a chance to wrap things up in Game 5

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AP/KATHY WILLENS

Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Pedro Martinez speaks to reporters at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday. Martinez is scheduled to pitch tonight against an old rival Andy Pettitte.

NBA ROUNDUP

Nuggets remain perfect

Denver routs Indiana 111-93; Anthony posts 25 points, Billups adds 24

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Carmelo Anthony got a little help from his teammates to lift Denver to its best start in 24 years.

Anthony scored 25 points and Chauncey Billups added 24 as the Nuggets beat the Indiana Pacers 111-93 on Tuesday night to improve to 4-0. Nene had 16 points and 13 rebounds and reserve Aron Afflalo added points 15 for the Nuggets.

"Everybody stepped up tonight," said Anthony, who was averaging a league-best 38 points coming into the game. He was just 6-for-17 from the field, but made up for it by making 11 of 14 free throws.

The Nuggets say they have carried momentum from reaching the Western Conference finals last season.

"We should feel good, we shouldn't feel no other way," Anthony said. "It seems like we're picking up where we left off from last year."

Former Denver guard Dahntay Jones led the Pacers (0-3) with 20 points. He made perhaps the strongest statements after the loss, Indiana's third straight by double digits.

"It's very tough to take three losses in a row like this," he said. "We're sick and tired of losing."

Danny Granger scored points 18 on 6 of 16 shooting and Roy Hibbert added 14 points and 12 rebounds for Indiana.

Pacers forward Troy Murphy bruised his lower back when he fell hard to the floor in the first quarter and did not return. He was second in the league in rebounding and third in 3-point percentage last season.

"It's kind of stiffened up," he said while sitting in front of his locker. "It's not the most comfortable thing right

now, but hopefully, it will feel better tomorrow and I'll be able to go."

Denver made 8 of 15 3-pointers on Tuesday while Indiana made just 3 of 22.

"We had a good defensive feel for the game all night long," Denver coach George Karl said. "Any time you win a game on the road and keep it in double digits, you're doing a lot of good things."

Denver's players said it was important to get a win at the beginning of their six-game road trip, and they felt getting off to a good start would be the key. The Nuggets led 30-13 at the end of the first quarter, even though Anthony shot 1-for-7.

Indiana shot 22 percent in the opening period.

"The first quarter, we didn't make shots that we've made the past couple of years," Indiana coach Jim O'Brien said. "You can't shoot poorly and dig yourself out of a 20-point hole in the first quarter."

The Nuggets led 55-39 at halftime, but Indiana cut Denver's lead to 59-50 on a layup by Jones.

Billups responded with a 3-pointer. Later in the quarter, when the Pacers again started building momentum, Billups hit another three. Anthony followed that with a breakaway dunk to make it 71-55. Anthony and Billups combined for 23 points in the quarter, and Denver led 83-71 at the end of the period.

Denver pulled away in the fourth quarter and led by as many as 25 points. Indiana's only lead was 6-5 in the first quarter.

CELTICS 105, 76ERS 74

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 21 points, Rasheed Wallace had 20 and the Boston Celtics remained unbeaten with a victory over



AP/DARRON CUMMINGS

Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, right, puts up a shot against Indiana Pacers forward Danny Granger during the first quarter in Indianapolis Tuesday.

the 76ers.

The Celtics improved to 5-0 even without the usual standout performances from Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen.

Allen didn't score his first field goal until the third quarter and had five points. Garnett made just one basket on seven shots and scored three points when he was yanked with the game out of hand.

Wallace was about the only Celtic who had his normal night, even getting

whistled for a technical foul for arguing with the refs in the third quarter.

Andre Iguodala led the Sixers with 17 points. Philadelphia missed 15 of 16 3-point attempts.

CAVALIERS 102, WIZARDS 90

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 27 points, Shaquille O'Neal added a season-high 21 while wearing out Washington's big men and the Cavaliers won

their third straight, beating the Wizards.

The Cavs trailed by 18 in the second quarter before turning up their defense and relying on their superstar combo of James and O'Neal to win their sixth straight at home over the Wizards.

Mo Williams scored 15 and Daniel Gibson 14 for the Cavs, who made nine 3-pointers in the second half — four in the fourth quarter when James was out.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Hellmann, Sandlin 2nd at Meet of Champions

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Franklin County's Robert Sandlin and Jenny Hellmann both finished second in the Class AA varsity races at the KTCCCA Meet of Champions Saturday at Masterson Station Park in Lexington.

Both races covered 5,000 meters.

Sandlin was second with a time of 16 minutes, 33.42 seconds as the Flyers placed fifth in the team standings. Bell County's James Brown won the race in 16:26.57.

Western Hills was eighth in the boys Class AA race, led by Brandon Pulliam's fifth-place finish in 17:19.93.

Hellmann's time was 20:50.89 in the girls race, with Boyle County's Emma Ditto winning in 19:38.07.

The Lady Flyers had the best finish among the local teams placing third with 93 points, just two points behind runner-up Boyle County.

FCHS had three other runners among the top 25 in the girls varsity race — Brooke Stigers, 11th in 22:30.27; Kristen Just, 15th in 23:00.73; and Shelby Wacker, 21st in 23:32.89. Rounding out the team were Marci Beason, 70th in 27:00.12, and Katelyn Chalk, 78th in 28:32.93.

The Flyers' Jordan Parris finished in the top 20, placing 18th in 18:21.22. Also running for FCHS were Jason Shaw, 34th in 19:04.10; Parker Smith, 57th in 19:51.26; Anthony Adkins, 58th in 19:51.52; Brian Wyatt, 87th in 21:04.94; Roy Kitchen, 91st in 21:09.67; Matthew Wyatt, 103rd in 21:37.07; C.J. Decker, 105th in 21:40.25; and Blaine Lewis, 106th in 21:40.62.

WHHS runners behind Pulliam were Grant Hughes, 31st in 18:59.29; Zack Wasson, 70th in 20:31.11; Tyler Nix, 84th in 21:00.99; Zach Gaines, 118th in 22:11.266; Chris Nguyen, 135th in 23:33.39.

Western Hills had two girls in the varsity race — Katie Jackson was 64th in 26:18.82, and Kendyl Whaley was 86th in 31:29.15.

In the 5K junior varsity race, Franklin County had three male runners — Tighe Harrod was 16th in 23:00.74, Julian Viso was 17th in 23:05.08, and Nick Johnson was 18th in 23:10.59.

>Saturday's meet was the state championship for the elementary and middle school teams.

Elkhorn was 22nd in the boys 6th grade and under division. The race covered 3,000 meters.

Running for the Elks were

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: BOWLING GREEN 30, BUFFALO 29

Bowling Green beats Buffalo on last-minute TD

AMHERST, N.Y. (AP) — Tyler Sheehan threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Freddie Barnes with 39 seconds left to give Bowling Green a 30-29 victory over Buffalo on Tuesday night.

The Falcons (4-5, 3-2 Mid-American Conference) rallied from a 13-point deficit as Sheehan threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter. He was 22

for 40 for 313 yards and an interception.

Sheehan directed the winning 11-play, 75-yard drive by completing 6 of 10 passes down the stretch. The go-ahead touchdown came after a holding call erased a completion to Willie Geter, which had set up the Falcons at the Buffalo 6.

Geter finished with 22 yards rushing, including a

pair of 1-yard touchdown runs in the first half.

Jeffvon Gill ran for 172 yards and a touchdown for Buffalo (3-6, 1-4 MAC), which rallied from a 20-point deficit in the fourth quarter to win last year's matchup in two overtimes. Gill, a true freshman, was pressed into his first extensive action after ankle injuries sidelined both Ike Ndu-

ka and Mario Henry.

Zach Maynard threw for 149 yards, completing 13 of 27 including an 18-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Rack.

Bowling Green blocked two Buffalo punts, the first set up Geters first TD. The second set up a five-play, 17 yard drive in which Sheehan scored from the 4.

Nduka scored a TD on the

Bulls first possession with a 3-yard run. Henry scored on a 2-yard run in the second quarter.

Buffalo had 411 yards of total offense but was just 5 of 15 on third down.

Bowling Green was 7 of 14 on third downs, converting 3 of 4 chances in the fourth quarter while finishing with 361 total yards.