

Astros take 2-1 series lead against Royals

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HOUSTON — Dallas Keuchel's perfect performance in Houston this year has the upstart Astros one win away from the American League Championship Series.

Keuchel remained undefeated at Minute Maid Park with seven gutsy innings and Chris Carter homered Sunday, leading the Astros to a 4-2 win over the Kansas City Royals for a 2-1 edge in their Division Series.

The Astros could wrap up the best-of-five matchup with a win over the defending AL champions in Game 4 on Monday.

Houston's remarkable run comes just two years after the team lost a franchise-worst 111 games in a third-straight 100-loss season.

"I think that success is a lot more sweet when you kind of go through hardship like we did the first couple years that

I was up here," Keuchel said. "But it's really not a confidence that has grown. It's been here the whole time ... just now that we're getting to the playoffs and on a national stage ... it's a shock to a lot of people."

Keuchel, who shut down the Yankees in the AL wild-card game, worked out of jam after jam, allowing five hits and one run with seven strikeouts after going 15-0 at home this season, a modern major league record. He has a 1.45 ERA at Minute Maid Park in 19 starts this year.

"The ball in Dallas Keuchel's hand brings an awful lot of confidence to a lot of people. Including me," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "And he came up with some excellent pitches."

Luke Gregerson gave up a leadoff homer in the ninth to Alex Gordon before finishing off the Astros first playoff game in Houston in 10 years

with a four-out save. It was his first save of more than three outs in three years.

Jason Castro drove in two runs with a single in the fifth that made it 2-1. Carlos Gomez, who has a rib muscle strain, started for the first time in the series and had an RBI single in the sixth.

Carter's soaring solo homer, which landed on the train tracks atop the wall in left-center, and came on Danny Duffy's first pitch of the seventh pushed the lead to 4-1.

Carter, batting .199 in the regular season but .455 in the postseason, was a triple shy of the cycle for the Astros, who were hosting a playoff game for the first time since the 2005 World Series.

"After struggling so much this year and just having the success I've been having in the last couple of weeks, it's been nice to contribute and helps us win games," Carter said.

Lorenzo Cain hit a solo homer in the fourth for the Royals, who are on the brink of elimination after reaching the World Series last season.

Kansas City starter Edinson Volquez fell to 0-3 in his postseason career by allowing five hits and three runs in 5-2-3 innings.

They took the series lead in front of a rowdy, playoff-starved sellout crowd of 42,674. The group was mostly clad in orange and dotted with fans sporting fake beards in support of the star lefty who has become all but untouchable at home.

CCHS: Squad is 6-0 this season

(Continued from Page 5) another outstanding running back, Highland Baptist's Brontré Griffin. Griffin came into the game leading the state in rushing with 1,300 yards and 20 touchdowns.

He also had a big night, rushing for 280 yards and four touchdowns on 25 carries.

"He got some mop-up yardage at the end, but I thought our first unit did a good job of gang tackling him," Minton said. "Our defense played really well tonight."

Griffin played all four quarters despite Central Catholic pulling its starters in the third quarter.

Byrne closed the first half with two touchdown passes. He hit Greg Leger in stride and the junior raced 60 yards for a score, while Guariseo grabbed an 8-yarder with no time left on the clock to give Central Catholic a commanding 40-12 lead at halftime.

Byrne was 9-of-11 passing for 197 yards and three touchdowns. The senior has completed 30 of 49 passes for 611 yards with eight touchdowns and three interceptions this season.

Guariseo added two more touchdowns runs to open the third quarter, extending the lead to 56-12 and sending Central Catholic starters on both sides of the ball to the bench with 5:44 remaining. Griffin added two touchdowns runs against the younger Eagles.

Badeaux closed out the Central Catholic scoring, taking a kickoff return 65 yards for a touchdown with 11:07 left in the game.

Central Catholic (6-0, 3-0 District 7-1A) will return to action Thursday when it hosts district foe Vermilion Catholic (4-2, 2-1 Thursday). Vermilion Catholic lost to unbeaten Ascension Episcopal Friday 40-39.

CCHS Box Score

	CCHS	HBGS
First downs:	15	12
Rushing yards:	320	331
Passing yards:	197	34
Total yards:	517	365
A-C-HE:	11-8-0	9-2-0
Penalties-yards:	4-45	1-15
Fumbles-lost:	3-1	2-0

Score by Quarters				
HBGS	0	12	0	13
CCHS	8	32	16	8

Scoring summary

First Quarter
CCHS: Jalen Johnson 24-yd. pass from Blake Byrne (run good) 1:27

Second Quarter
CCHS: Stefano Guariseo 1-yd. run (run good) 5:31

CCHS: Guariseo 88-yd. run (run good) 5:59

HBGS: Brontré Griffin 35-yd. run (kick failed) 1:37

CCHS: Greg Leger 60-yd. pass from Blake Byrne (run good) 1:19

HBGS: Griffin 5-yd. run (kick failed) 1:08

CCHS: Guariseo 8-yd. run (run good) 0:00

Third Quarter
CCHS: Guariseo 12-yd. run (run good) 9:37

CCHS: Guariseo 40-yd. run (run good) 5:44

Fourth Quarter
HBGS: Griffin 5-yd. run (kick failed) 11:57

CCHS: Bailey Badeaux 65-yd. kickoff return (run good) 11:07

HBGS: Griffin 33-yd. run (kick good) 8:47

CCHS Individual Stats
Passing: Blake Byrne 8-11-0, 197 yds., 3 TDs

Receiving: Greg Leger, 3-94 yds., TD; Jalen Johnson, 1-24 yds., TD; Stefano Guariseo, 4-79 yds., TD.

Rushing: Stefano Guariseo, 21-293 yds., 4 TDs; Blake Byrne, 3-11 yds.; Demarcus Mitchell 1-9 yds.; Chris Singleton, 1-7 yds.

NFL: Saints fall to Eagles

(Continued from Page 5) ford connected with Huff for 19 yards a play before the score.

On the Saints' next snap, Cox sacked Brees, forced a fumble and recovered it at the 13. Bradford connected with Brent Celek on the following play to put Philadelphia ahead 23-10, but Caleb Sturgis missed the extra point.

Walter Thurmond intercepted Brees and returned it 44 yards to the 4 to set up Murray's 4-yard TD run that made it 39-10.

Brees threw a 14-yard TD pass to Brandin Cooks on the final play.

Brees ended the game as well as he started in the first. The Eagles had a first down at the Saints 12 when Bradford was picked off by Brandon Browner in the end zone in the first quarter. Brees immediately drove New Orleans downfield and threw a 6-yard TD pass to Ben Watson for a 7-0 lead.

"You can't give it away four or five different times and expect to win. You just can't," coach Sean Payton said. "I was encouraged with the interceptions. Those were good plays on the ball. Beyond that, it's attention to detail. The same things that go into winning games can keep you from winning games."

They were given inflatable orange thundersticks at the door and spent the afternoon beating them as they cheered, making the roar in the closed-roof stadium deafening at times.

"Electric crowd, and it was 10 years coming," Keuchel said.

Keuchel wasn't as sharp as he was in New York, but he was able to tiptoe out of trouble again and again and get deep in the game despite a pitch count that got high early. He finished with a season-high 124 pitches.

"You get to this type of scenario and you don't capitalize, you get what happens today," said Kansas City manager Ned Yost, who chose Keuchel to start for the AL in July's All-Star game.

The Astros scored three runs in the first two innings of both of the first two games, but couldn't get anything going early on Sunday.

Colby Rasmus, who homered in Houston's first three playoff games, got a kooky single in the eighth when his pop fly cromed off the ceiling and back into play.

Morgan City Box Score

	MCHS	SLHS
First downs:	3	16
Rushing yards:	31	191
Passing yards:	98	167
Total yards:	129	358
A-C-HE:	15-5-0	22-11-1
Punts-Avg.:	4-36.5	1-26
Penalties-yards:	6-62	12-80
Fumbles-lost:	4-1	0-0

Score By Quarters				
MCHS	0	2	0	0
SLHS	7	13	7	0

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
SLHS: Corbin Allen 1-yard run. (Brannon

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PRESIDENTIAL FIRST
Cain's first career homer in the postseason came when he launched the 10th pitch of the at-bat, a hanging 80 mph slider, into the seats in left field to start the fourth inning and make it 1-0.

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PITCH

Former President George H.W. Bush, in a wheelchair and wearing a neck brace, threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the game. The 91-year-old Bush, recovering after breaking a vertebra in his neck in a summer spill, smiled broadly when the crowd cheered after he was brought onto the field. With wife Barbara by his side, he bounced a short throw from about five feet in front of the plate to Houston's Jed Lowrie, who was set up to catch.

UP NEXT

Houston rookie Lance McCullers (6-7, 3.22) opposes Yorlano Ventura (13-8, 4.08) in Game 4. It will be the post-season debut for McCullers, who turned 22 on Oct. 2. But he seems undaunted by the challenge. "I don't view myself as a young kid when I go out there," he said. Ventura will make his second start of the series after his first one was limited to two innings because of a 49-minute rain delay in Game 1. He was strong late in the regular season, going 7-1 with a 2.38 ERA in his last 11 starts.

Tray Deroen, 4-13 yds.; Kedric Scott, 6-13 yds.; Lloyd Singleton, 1-8 yds.; Ethan Scioneaux, 3-5 yds.; Team, 1-4 yds.; Malik Phillips, 1-0 yds.; Mawee Richard, 2- (-5) yds.; Abram Hartley, 4- (-8) yds.

Passing
Abram Hartley, 5-15-0, 98 yds.

Receiving
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Second Quarter		
SLHS: Jeydon Chermie 31-yard run. (Kick fail) 7:30		
MCHS: Safety (Gage Gros tackles Nicholas Willford in end zone) 2:18		
SLHS: Chermie 56-yard pass to Chandler LaFort. (Lee kick) 0:05		
Third Quarter		
SLHS: Chermie 12-yard run. (Lee kick) 5:44		
Fourth Quarter		
SLHS: Chermie 12-yard pass to Kyle Angeron. (Lee kick) 11:43		

FOOTBALL: Tigers fall

(Continued from Page 5) Chermie connected with Kyle Angeron on a 12-yard pass with 11:43 remaining.

Lee's extra point provided the final margin. Angeron led the South Lafourche receivers with six catches for 64 yards and a touchdown, while LaFort had one reception for 47 yards, and he has a chance to win some games, and they have to get that in their mind that we can compete. We hadn't been able to do that the last couple years, and they have to believe in themselves."

South Lafourche totaled 358 yards of offense (191 rushing and 167 passing). For Morgan City, Hartley completed five of 15 passes for 98 yards.

Singleton had two catches for 47 yards, while Kalen Hillen had one reception for 47 yards. Morgan City will continue District 7-4A action this week when it hosts Ellender in a 7 p.m. contest.

Asked what he hopes the Tigers take away from Friday's game to get better for the rest of their district season, Tregle said, "I hope they take away that this district we (are) playing in, we have a chance to win some games, and they have to get that in their mind that we can compete. We hadn't been able to do that the last couple years, and they have to believe in themselves."

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PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
Proposed BP Settlement Consent Decree and Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan for the Gulf of Mexico

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees (Trustees) invite the public to a series of meetings as they seek public comments on two documents. DOJ is asking for public comment on a proposed Consent Decree with BP. This Consent Decree sets forth a settlement between BP, the United States, and the five Gulf states resolving claims for federal civil penalties and natural resource damages related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The Trustees are seeking public comment on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Draft Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan (PDARP) and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The draft plan would allocate funds for restoration from a settlement with BP for up to \$8.8 billion for natural resource injuries.

There will be eight meetings—seven within the Gulf region and one in Washington D.C. Information about the Louisiana meetings listed below.

LOUISIANA PUBLIC MEETINGS		
Date	Times	Location
10/19/2015	5:30 PM - Open House 5:00 PM - Meeting	Courtyard by Marriott - Houma Versailles Parlor 142 Liberty Drive Houma, LA 70360
10/22/2015	5:30 PM - Open House 6:00 PM - Meeting	Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans Convention Center Garden Ballroom 10001 South Peters Street New Orleans, LA 70130

To download the proposed Consent Decree, visit <http://www.justice.gov/ondp/deepwater-horizon>. To view the Trustees' draft programmatic damage assessment and restoration plan, as well as a list of locations where copies of the documents have been placed for public review and a list of all public meetings, visit www.gulfpollrestoration.noaa.gov. To facilitate public review of documents, information on the Consent Decree and a link for making comment is also posted at www.gulfpollrestoration.noaa.gov.

In addition to verbal comments received at public meetings, the public may submit written comments through December 4, 2015:

For the Consent Decree:

- Online: <http://www.justice.gov/ondp/deepwater-horizon>
- By U.S. Mail: U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to U.S. v. BP Exploration and Production et al, Civil No. 10-4536 (E.D. La.) (centralized in MDL 2179). In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, April 20, 2012, D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-10026

For the draft plan:

- Online: www.gulfpollrestoration.noaa.gov
- By U.S. Mail: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 49567, Atlanta, GA 30345

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