

MLB

Bradley's slam helps Red Sox beat Astros 8-2 in ALCS

HOUSTON (AP) — Jackie Bradley Jr. didn't let his demeanor change this season, even as fans begged Boston to trade him during a miserable first-half slump.

Stayed steady after the biggest swing of his career, too.

Bradley belted a grand slam for his second big hit in the AL Championship Series, helping the Red Sox beat the Houston Astros 8-2 on Tuesday for a 2-1 series lead. His low-key personality was on display as he rounded the bases without the hint of a smile. He greeted his screaming, excited teammates at home plate with one small jump and a few high fives.

"One of my coaches back in the day ... said: 'No one should ever know whether you're winning or losing. Kind of keep the same temperament. That way, it will allow you to put some perspective into things,'" Bradley said. "And I kind of took that to heart."

Bradley's slam backed a solid start by Nathan Eovaldi, who hushed Houston a day after some social media smack talk from Alex Bregman.

"We can play at any park," Eovaldi said. "The first game is always the biggest one of any series when you go on the road."

Game 4 is Wednesday night, with Boston's Rick Porcello opposing Charlie Morton.

Steve Pearce hit a



Boston Red Sox's Jackie Bradley Jr., right, watches his grand slam off Houston Astros relief pitcher Roberto Osuna during the eighth inning in Game 3 of an American League Championship Series baseball game on Tuesday.

tiebreaking homer for the Red Sox off Joe Smith in the sixth, a drive that sailed just inside the foul pole in left field for a 3-2 lead.

Bradley's slam capped a five-run burst in the eighth against Roberto Osuna. The Astros closer got two outs but allowed two singles and plunked consecutive batters to force in a run. Bradley then crushed a 1-1 fastball into the right field seats to send Houston fans streaming toward the exits.

"That's the pitch I always get him out with," Osuna said. "He hit it today, but I would go there

100 more times."

Osuna was acquired from Toronto this season while serving a 75-game ban under Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. He had a 1.99 ERA over 23 games for Houston in the regular season after he returned.

With his childhood hero and fellow Alvin, Texas, native Nolan Ryan sitting behind the plate, Eovaldi turned in another solid start. He allowed six hits and two runs with four strikeouts in six innings for the win in the second play-off start of his career.

"For him, I know it's a special one," Boston manager Alex Cora said.

Bregman had shared a video Monday on Instagram of Houston hitting back-to-back-to-back home runs off Eovaldi in his previous outing against the Astros in June. Eovaldi downplayed the post when asked about it Monday.

Bregman did much of the damage against Eovaldi, getting two hits, an RBI and a walk in three plate appearances. Bregman has reached base safely in 20 of 28 plate appearances this postseason.

NBA NHL

Eastern Conference				Eastern Conference						
Atlantic Division				Atlantic Division						
W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	PTS			
Boston	1	0	1.000	—	Toronto	7	6	1	0	12
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	0.5	Boston	5	4	1	0	8
New York	0	0	.000	0.5	Montreal	5	3	1	1	7
Toronto	0	0	.000	0.5	Ottawa	6	3	2	1	7
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1	Tampa Bay	4	3	1	0	6
Central Division				Metropolitan Division						
W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	PTS			
Chicago	0	0	.000	—	Florida	4	0	2	2	2
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—	Detroit	6	0	4	2	2
Detroit	0	0	.000	—	Carolina	7	4	2	1	9
Indiana	0	0	.000	—	New Jersey	4	4	0	0	8
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—	Columbus	5	3	2	0	6
Southeast Division				Pacific Division						
W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	PTS			
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—	Philadelphia	6	3	3	0	6
Charlotte	0	0	.000	—	Washington	5	2	2	1	5
Miami	0	0	.000	—	N.Y. Islanders	4	2	2	0	4
Orlando	0	0	.000	—	N.Y. Rangers	6	2	4	0	4
Washington	0	0	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Western Conference				Western Conference						
Northwest Division				Central Division						
W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	PTS			
Denver	0	0	.000	—	Nashville	6	5	1	0	10
Timberwolves	0	0	.000	—	Chicago	5	3	0	2	8
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	—	Colorado	6	3	1	2	8
Portland	0	0	.000	—	Winnipeg	6	3	2	1	7
Utah	0	0	.000	—	Dallas	6	3	3	0	6
Pacific Division				Wild						
W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	PTS			
Golden State	0	0	.000	—	St. Louis	5	1	2	2	4
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	.000	—	Anaheim	6	4	1	1	9
Phoenix	0	0	.000	—	Vancouver	6	4	2	0	8
Sacramento	0	0	.000	—	Calgary	5	3	2	0	6
Southwest Division				Pacific Division						
W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W	L	PTS			
Dallas	0	0	.000	—	Los Angeles	6	2	3	1	5
Houston	0	0	.000	—	San Jose	6	2	3	1	5
Memphis	0	0	.000	—	Edmonton	4	2	2	0	4
New Orleans	0	0	.000	—	Vegas	6	2	4	0	4
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—	Arizona	5	1	4	0	2

Tuesday's Games
 Boston 105, Philadelphia 87

Late Games
 Oklahoma City at Golden State

Today's Games
 Brooklyn at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Memphis at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.
Wolves at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
 Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
 Vancouver 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Colorado 2, SO
 Philadelphia 6, Florida 5, SO
 New Jersey 3, Dallas 0
 Tampa Bay 4, Carolina 2
Wild 2, Arizona 1
 Edmonton 5, Winnipeg 4, OT

Late Games
 Buffalo at Vegas

Today's Games
 St. Louis at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Schwagel FROM PAGE 1B

a lot of community support over the years, both as sponsors of the team and fans. Community buy-in is essential for an amateur team to thrive, especially in a small community. Without business sponsors and the fans, there is no team."

Schwagel grew up in Dumont and graduated from Wheaton Area High School in 2008. He came to Marshall in 2008 to attend SMSU and has been in the area ever since. He currently works at Southwest Pro Painting and has been with them for about four years. He recently married his wife, Ally, in August and just purchased their first home in the Marshall community.

"I am excited to take on the role as A's manager and I look forward to working with current and prospective players to build a team the community can continue to be proud of," Schwagel said.

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Wabasso/WWG FROM PAGE 2B

started the set off with a 2-0 lead over the Rabbits. They didn't stop there as they kept up with Wabasso with a 4-4 tie. The Rabbits didn't let that get in the way of their domination on the court as they started to pull away with a big lead at 10-4. Wabasso's Jenna Frank had a successful night and continued the Rabbits' strong play on the court as well as being focused and determined to win the last set of the night. The Rabbits held a steady lead for the remain-

der of the third set and swept the Chargers with final set scores of 25-7, 25-14 and 25-14.

The Chargers were led by Kelsey DeSmith in kills with four and followed by Brittany Erickson and Camryn Bunting contributing three each. Emma Wahl led WWG in digs, racking in a total of 14 followed by Grace Woelber with nine. Woelber was also 10 of 10 in serving against the Rabbits.

Wabasso was led by

Megan Rothmeier in digs with 11 and not far behind her was McKenna Nelson who had ten. Maddy Gueter led the Rabbits in kills with a total of 19, followed by Amanda Hoffman with eight and Cora Eichten with six. Jenna Frank led the Rabbits in assists with a total of 33 for the night.

A lot of positive things came from the Rabbits game as a whole and Johnson is proud of the way the team played.

"Our passing went really well and our setters

did a really good job of moving the ball around. Our hitters also put it away tonight, which made for a great effort overall," said Johnson.

Wabasso will be back on the road on Thursday for their final regular season game of the year against the Lakeview Lakers while the Chargers will face Fulda on Monday in Westbrook in the first round of the Section 3A tournament. WWG finished the regular season with a record of 13-15.

Camden XC FROM PAGE 1B



Left: A Lakeview runner competes in the Camden Conference championship meet on Tuesday.



Middle: A TMB runner competes in the Camden Conference championship meet on Tuesday.



Right: A YME runner competes in the Camden Conference championship meet on Tuesday.

11th-place time of 22:38.70. The Eagles took it a step further in the boys race, recording a perfect score of 15 points by recording the five fastest times of the race.

Mike Kvaal won the race with a time of 17:14.30, followed quickly by teammate Zeke Sather who finished at 17:22.60. Eean Allpress added a third-place finish at 17:41.60, while Mason Brehmer (17:49.40) and Griffin Johnson (17:50.50) placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

Canby/Minneota

Both Canby/Minneota teams placed second at the Camden Conference Championships on Tuesday. The girls finished with 30 points — just two points behind champion LQPV/DB — while the boys had a team

score of 63 points.

Grace Drietz recorded the fastest time in the girls race, crossing the finish line at 19:07.10 — nearly two minutes faster than the next runner to finish. Braelyn Merritt placed fifth with a time of 21:22.60, followed by McKenzie Ruether (21:24.00) and Faith Traen (21:35.40) in sixth and seventh place, respectively. Aidyn Bruns added a 12th-place time of 22:45.30 to complete the C/M girls team score.

Jared Josephson (18:06.60) and Jalyn Ufkin (18:07.50) paced the Canby/Minneota boys by finishing in eighth and ninth place, respectively. Blake Stoks took 12th with a time of 18:41.50. Alex Full finished 15th at 19:01.20, while Sean Dilley finished the race at 19:41.50 for 19th place.

Lakeview

The Lakeview boys finished with a team score of 103 points for third place. Ben Louwagie led the Lakers with a 13th-place time of 18:43.10. Ethan Schwankl (19:36.60) and Noah Schmidt (19:38.40) placed 16th and 17th, respectively. Cole Arends added a time of 21:24.40 for 29th place, while Andrew Loe placed 30th at 21:25.90.

With only two runners in the girls race, Lakeview did not register a team score. Sadie Vlaminck finished the race 15th with a time of 23:24.70, while Faith Louwagie added a time of 26:39.00 for 32nd place.

TMB

The Tracy-Milroy-Bala-

YME

The Yellow Medicine

East boys finished with a team score of 159 for sixth place.

Rory Shackelford led the YME boys with a sixth-place time of 17:55.00. Tate Schulte added a time of 20:33.20 for 25th place. Caleb Jans placed 42nd at 23:10.00, followed by Drake Lieser (23:17.60) and Luke Kliver (24:16.20) in 45th and 47th place, respectively.

The YME girls placed fourth out of five qualified teams with 103 points. Kylie Knollenberg paced the Sting runners by placing 14th at 23:23.40. Sanjana Pullen added a 21st-place time of 24:27.60, while Kenzie Kotek (25:46.40) and Courtney Winter (25:52.50) placed 27th and 28th, respectively. Violet Anderson finished in 31st at 26:22.30.

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