

# DAILY Southtown SPORTS



GAME 7 CUBS VS. INDIANS, LATE (SERIES TIED 3-3)

# Waiting to exhale



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cubs relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman (54) watches the 2-run home run from Indians center fielder Rajai Davis (20) in the eighth inning Wednesday in Game 7 of the World Series.

## A short offseason, demands of rest and preparation await Cubs after postseason ends

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

CLEVELAND — After stretching the World Series to seven games, the Cubs face their shortest offseason that will cause manager Joe Maddon to make sure his players find the balance of rest and getting ready for the April 3 opener against the Cardinals at St. Louis.

“You have to be aware of that,” said Maddon, who thought the Cubs would be in decent shape outside of the full recovery of Kyle Schwarber from left knee surgery. “Going into next spring training, you need to map it out well and be mindful of what these guys went through this year.”

Spring training will start a week earlier because of the World Baseball Classic. The goal is to be more patient with the players coming into spring training and get them ready for the first game of the regular season.

“You don’t press them too hard early,” Maddon said. “Maybe you really have a lot of conversations and are mindful about a lot of different things. And get them ready for the first game of the season because you want to get off to a good start like we talked about it this year.”

**17** Consecutive scoreless innings for Cubs pitcher Kyle Hendricks in the World Series (NLCS Game 2: 4 1/3, Game 6: 7 1/3; WS Game 2: 4 1/3, Game 7: 2).

**48** Seasons since a starting pitcher in the World Series won three games (Mickey Lolich, 1968 Tigers). Indians starter Corey Kluber started Game 7 with two.

**108** Years since the Cubs last won the World Series (1908).

### Series glance

**Game 1:** Indians 6, Cubs 0

**Game 2:** Cubs 5, Indians 1

**Game 3:** Indians 1, Cubs 0

**Game 4:** Indians 7, Cubs 2

**Game 5:** Cubs 3, Indians 2

**Game 6:** Cubs 9, Indians 3

**Game 7:** Cubs at Indians, late

■ **Note to readers:** Wednesday’s game did not end before press time.

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## In a game of big swings, Cubs go from a laughter to a drama — and then wait some more

By MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

CLEVELAND — After waiting since 1908 for a World Series title, the misery became even more acute for the Cubs after needing only four outs to secure their long-awaited quest.

From manager Joe Maddon’s use of the pitching staff to a failed bunt attempt by Javier Baez with a 3-2 count and the go-ahead run at third base in the ninth inning, the Cubs accumulated enough pain to last another century.

The suspense mounted as rain stopped play in the top of the 10th inning with the Cubs and Indians tied at 6.

The rain started to arrive shortly after closer Aroldis Chapman, pitching for the third consecutive game despite throwing four innings and 62 pitches during that stretch, allowed a two-run, game-tying home run to Rajai Davis with two outs in the eighth.

The Cubs put the go-ahead run at third with one out in the ninth, but Javier Baez fouled a bunt attempt on a 3-2

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### FOOTBALL NOTES

## Ready for seconds

First-round win not enough to satisfy Knights

By PAT DISABATO  
Daily Southtown

It’s been 10 years since Lincoln-Way Central has advanced beyond the first round of the playoffs.

But after dominating Reavis 50-20 in their Class 7A opener, the Knights not only are in the second round, they’ll host undefeated Rolling Meadows (10-0) at 7 p.m. Friday.

“This is huge for our program,” Lincoln-Way Central running back Mike Morgan said. “It’s exciting. I know it’s been a while since we’ve advanced to the second round.”

Try 2005. And the second

round is where the party ended after District 210 rival Lincoln-Way East upended the Knights 39-9. East went on to go 14-0 en route to the Class 8A state championship.

Central running back Matt Pollack is confident the Knights have what it takes to extend their postseason beyond the second round.

“We have a lot of guys who can run the ball and our offensive line has been awesome,” said Pollack, a junior. “We’re playing really well right now. We’re just taking it one step at a time.”

Pollack and Morgan are just

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GARY MIDDENDORF/DAILY SOUTHTOWN  
Lincoln-Way Central’s Matt Pollack hopes to pick up where he left off on Friday, when he scored two touchdowns vs. Reavis.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

## Senior is feeling stronger every day

Healthy this season, Lockport’s Bollinger eyes big finish

By TIM TIERNEY  
Daily Southtown

It was obvious by the look on her face that Morgan Bollinger was exhausted. The Lockport senior had given everything she had in her final state-qualifying meet.

The fact Bollinger was able to run that kind of race at the Class 3A Marist Sectional indicated past injuries shouldn’t limit her at the state meet Saturday in Peoria.

“It’s really awesome to be healthy and be able to go out there every day and run,” Bollinger said with one meet to go in her high school career. “The feeling of being able to train every day makes you feel that much more prepared for races like this.”

Bollinger was All-State as a freshman and sophomore. She placed eighth and 19th, respectively, in her first two trips to the state meet before injuries took their toll last season. Her sectional time rose by a minute and she finished 35th in the state final.

But the determined senior re-

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