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

# Hello, good Baez



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Cubs second baseman Javier Baez hits a solo home run in the fifth inning Wednesday night in Game 7 of the World Series at Progressive Field. The Cubs led 5-3 after seven innings.

## 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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, Game 6: 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>; WS Game 2: 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, 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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## How did the Cubs get fired up for Game 6? With Rizzo channeling his inner ‘Rocky’

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

Cubs manager Joe Maddon heard voices in the dugout Tuesday at Progressive Field in Cleveland, but it had nothing to do with his controversial decisions involving closer Aroldis Chapman.

Instead, it’s slugger Anthony Rizzo who has been leading the Cubs’ battle cry from a 3-1 deficit in the World Series by carrying out the theme from Rocky.

“The whole game he’ll be sitting behind me before his at-bat, and he’s throwing Rockyisms at us,” Maddon said. “I think it’s great.”

Maddon can’t recall Rizzo’s best line from the movie but recalls his first baseman repeatedly saying something about Mickey, Rocky’s trainer played by Burgess Meredith.

“I just know we’re into Rocky, which I’m fine with,” Maddon said.



Maddon

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

## Here we go again in a sectional final

Libertyville, Stevenson to meet in postseason second straight year

BY JON J. KERR  
News-Sun

Late in its Class 4A Lakes Sectional semifinal match against Palatine Tuesday, Libertyville needed a play.

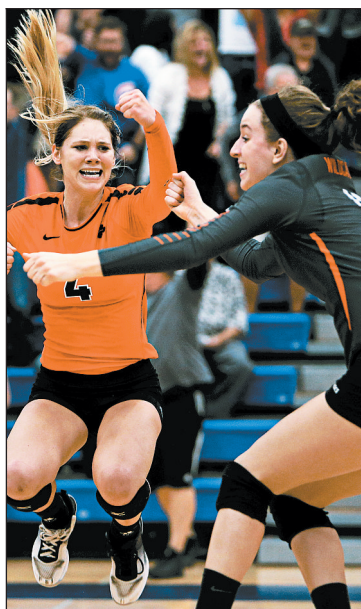
So the Wildcats turned to one of their best playmakers, Anna Lillydahl. The senior setter had her hand in three straight points to close out the dramatic three-set match as Libertyville defeated Palatine 25-20, 17-25, 25-20.

“We lean on experience when we are in those situations,” Wildcats coach Greg Loika said. “We thought that as the match wore on, the tension of the moment may lean in our favor.”

In the third set, Libertyville was on receive leading 22-20 when a dump shot by Lillydahl led to a block winner and point for the Wildcats. Then Lillydahl stepped to the line to serve.

During practices leading up to the match, Lillydahl worked on her serve. In high-leverage situations, some of her serves had sailed out of bounds.

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Libertyville’ Morgan O’Brien leaps after the Wildcats won their Lakes Sectional semifinal match on Tuesday.

### FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

## No situation too big for LB Weber

Senior has been fixture on defense for Antioch all season

BY LAMOND POPE  
News-Sun

Wauconda had four cracks at getting into the end zone from inside Antioch’s 10-yard line.

The Sequoits knew what was on the line.

“If they score, our season was done,” Antioch linebacker Logan Weber said. “We knew we had to not let them in.”

Antioch trailed by seven points. Less than four minutes

remained in Friday’s Class 6A opening-round playoff game. The defense came through with stops on four consecutive plays. Wauconda fumbled on the final play of the drive on fourth down at Antioch’s 1.

“I was extremely proud of our defense,” Weber said. “We had six sophomores in the game at the time. It was a key moment in the game. Without that we would have lost and our season would have been done.”

Weber had a team-leading six tackles in the game, which Antioch rallied to win 29-28. The

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