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Bittersweet end



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The Heat's Dwyane Wade hides his emotions while being honored before his final regular-season home game against the 76ers on Tuesday night at AmericanAirlines Arena.

Heat eliminated from playoff contention on a night they celebrate Dwyane Wade

BY IRA WINDERMAN | South Florida Sun Sentinel

MIAMI — There was an air of finality Tuesday night at AmericanAirlines Arena. One aspect was inspiring. The other deflating. On a night Dwyane Wade celebrated the final home game amid his retirement season, the Miami Heat were eliminated from playoff contention when the Detroit Pistons defeated the Memphis Grizzlies.

For as dynamic as the Heat were, fueled by the emotion of the night in the 122-99 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers, it was a reminder of how they so often failed to maintain such a level of intensity throughout the course of the season.

And so the final regular-season home game of Wade's career also became the final home game, period.

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A farewell for the ages

MIAMI — In the end, the goodbye was such a great-bye it was hard to know how to feel on the way out.

Happy? Sad? Proud? Empty?

Emotional for what happened Tuesday night, as even Dwyane Wade seemed when he took the pregame microphone as fans chanted, "M-V-P?"

"You're going to make me cry before this game," Wade said.

Or maybe it was an injection of pure nostalgia for how Tuesday



Dave Hyde

played out over 16 years. Even Wade stared up at the videos of his youth in 2003, of tributes from friends such as LeBron James and family — son Zaire, giving one final, announcer-style "D-WAAAAAYNE WAAAAADE."

"I love you, really," Wade said.

What a night. What a farewell. What a happy and sad, wonderful and emotional, heartfelt and heart-wrenching ending to a 16-year

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REDS 14, MARLINS 0

Urena roughed up by Reds

BY JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Matt Kemp started Cincinnati's spree of three consecutive homers, Luis Castillo dominated again and the Reds snapped their eight-game losing streak Tuesday night by beating the Miami Marlins 14-0 shortly after their manager and an outfielder were suspended.

The Reds hit five homers in all as they

won for the first time since opening day. Their 2-8 mark matches last season's start.

The Reds were missing outfielder Yasiel Puig and manager David Bell, suspended for their part in a fracas in Pittsburgh on Sunday. Puig decided to serve his two-game suspension rather than appeal. Bell got a one-game punishment, and bench coach Freddie Benavides took his place for the series opener.

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DOLPHINS

Rebuilding with AAF help

BY SAFID DEEN
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The Miami Dolphins, in the hunt for several players to fill out their 90-man roster for training camp, are using their evaluations from the defunct Alliance of American Football to acquire talent before this month's NFL draft.

The Dolphins, who are rebuilding their roster in hopes of achieving sustained success in the future, signed seven AAF play-

ers Tuesday: running back Kenneth Farrow, linebacker Tyrone Holmes, defensive tackle Joey Mbu, offensive tackle Jaryd Jones-Smith, wide receiver Reece Horn, linebacker Jayrone Elliott and offensive guard Michael Dunn.

The AAF allowed players who were college standouts or bounced around on NFL practice squads to show scouts their potential, while NFL teams such as the

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