

Cubs are hearing Brewers' footsteps

Hall is hero again in sixth-straight victory

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Bill Hall, stuck in a third base platoon much of the season because of troubles hitting right-handed pitching, is making his case to become a full-time player.

Hall homered to snap a late-inning tie for the second straight game, both off right-handers, and the Milwaukee Brewers also caught up with Kyle Lohse, beating the St. Louis Cardinals and their surprise ace 4-3 for their sixth straight victory Tuesday night.

"You go up there looking for a mistake," Hall said. "It was pretty much the same pitch as last night. I just wanted to get out there and put the barrel on it."

Manager Ned Yost wanted to restrict his comments to the game about Hall, who has complained more recently about his lack of full-time status.

"I'm not going to talk about the doghouse, I'll talk about his play tonight," Yost said before taking questions. "Big home run two nights in a row. He's been coming through. Everybody wants those kind of at-bats, that's the mark of a good club."

Ryan Ludwick hit the longest home run at 3-year-old Busch Stadium for the Cardinals, who have lost two straight after winning five in a row. But Lohse tired in the last two innings of an eight-inning outing, squandering a three-run lead and missing a chance to win his 10th straight decision.

"You just feel like you're in control and it was just a couple of pitches that were just maybe up a little bit," Lohse said. "That's a good team, they took advantage of it."

The Brewers bunched all but one of their seven hits off the right-hander in the seventh and eighth. They tied the game with two runs in the eighth on an RBI single by Rickie Weeks and a run-scoring single by J.J. Hardy in consecutive at-bats.

They won it by again getting to the Cardinals' beleaguered bullpen, which

has absorbed four of the team's last five losses. St. Louis relievers have 22 losses, tied for most in the majors with the Giants pending San Francisco's late game against Washington.

"Do you think the bullpen lost this game?" an irritated manager Tony La Russa said. "Do you think the bullpen lost it yesterday? How many runs did we score? It ain't the bullpen, our team got beat."

Hall, whose 10th inning homer off Ryan Franklin ignited a three-run rally in a 6-3 victory on Monday, hit his 14th homer with one in the top of the ninth off Kyle McClellan (2-5). He's batting .179 but with eight homers against righties, losing playing time to left-handed hitting Russell Branyan, but has felt better since a recent adjustment to his swing.

"One day it just clicked in the batting cage in Arizona," Hall said. "Now my stance is fine and I'm in a good position to hit."

The Brewers have homered in 18 straight games, one off the franchise record set in 1996, totaling 28 in that

span. They have 21 one-run victories, tied with the Cardinals for the most in the majors, and their 57-43 record is the franchise's best since the 1982 World Series team that lost to the Cardinals went 58-42.

Brian Shouse (4-1) needed only eight pitches to retire the side in order in the eighth and Salomon Torres got three outs for his 18th save in 22 chances.

Jeff Suppan allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings after being activated from the 15-day disabled list with joint irritation in his elbow. He had been 4-0 with a 1.48 ERA against his old team since leaving for a free agent deal with the Brewers in 2007.

Suppan allowed two runs on four hits in the first before settling down.

"Tonight I was able to feel good about finishing my pitches," Suppan said. "The first inning I got my pitches up and they were able to drive them, and then I started getting my pitches down."

IN BRIEF

T-jacks roar in preseason opener

The M&M Timberjacks close out their preseason schedule against the Green Bay Vipers Saturday in a 4 p.m. game at Peshtigo.

The Timberjacks got off to a roaring start with a 42-8 trouncing of N.E.W. Storm last Saturday.

Dan Ries scored on a 5-yard run, tailback Randy Hoheneder scrambled in from 12 yards, and Aric Chaltry added a 2-yard plunge.

After posting a first-half shutout, the Timberjacks' defense forced a fumble on the Storm's first play of the second half. Joel Wortner recovered the loose ball to set up a 1-yard blast by his brother Ryan.

Zak Shutte left the Storm grasping at air with some shifty moves as he added a pair of touchdown runs.

FROM B1

GOLF:

After pressing during much of the match, Smith took the pressure off herself on the last four holes.

"I was just more relaxed," she explained. "It was kind of ugly golf. I've been tense during the matches I've played this year. I was trying to control the club instead of letting the club do the work."

Smith lost to Wells in the 2002 Finals at Little River and advanced to the semifinals at North Shore in 2004. Wells is shooting for her ninth title, while LaValley and Dannberg are in the semifinals for the first time.

LaValley came out on fire on her home course and had a four-hole lead over Mansfield heading into the back nine.

Mansfield turned in the shot of the day when her 75-foot chip from the fringe on No. 10 clanged against the pin and dropped in for a birdie to cut LaValley's lead to three.

LaValley and Mansfield both struggled on the back, but a string of errant drives wiped out Mansfield's momentum.

"It's a good thing I played well on the front because the back was pitiful," said LaValley. "My short game was good. I got up and down. That saved me a lot."

Mansfield gave it her best shot while taking on a home-course golfer.

"Judy's a great competitor. I knew I was the underdog. I think I tried too hard," said the Little River club champion.

Dannberg was surprised to make the championship flight, but her strong play Monday and Tuesday is the mark of a golfer with enough talent to win the Riverside club championship last year.



EagleHerald/Jody Korch
Janet Sbar of North Shore Golf Club chips onto the third green at Riverside Country Club during the Upper Peninsula Ladies Golf Association Championship Tuesday. (Color reprints: www.ehextra.com)

"I played my regular game," she said of her 3-and-1 win over Polito. "My chipping and putting was good. I hit some nice drives, but I didn't have much luck driving today. Sue is a tough player to beat. We were beside each other on almost every hole, side by side."

Wells cruised to a comfortable win for the second straight day.

"I like it nice and boring," she said with a smile. "I wasn't putting as well as I did Sunday, but I made some nice par saves."

UPLGA LEADERBOARD

Championship Flight
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Jan Shetter (Riverside) def. Pat Stark (L'Anse), 4-3
Jan Hruska (Marquette) def. Janet LeClaire (L'Anse), 6-5
Karen McCorkle (Gladstone) def. Jenny Gagnon (Oak Crest), 3-2

First Flight
JoAnne Zelm (Riverside) def. Lisa Froehlich (Riverside), 5-4
Tina Weiland (Wawonowin) def. Rosie Spndler (Gladstone), 3-2
Pam Caron (Gladstone) def. Donna Steele (Oak Crest), 5-3
Janet Sbar (North Shore) def. Maria Busakowski (Iron River), 3-2
Consolation: Froehlich vs. Spindler

Second Flight
Linda Derocher (Wawonowin) def. Colleen McClellan (Sault Ste. Marie), 1-up
Doncie Richards (Wawonowin) def. Pat Roberts (Wawonowin), 4-2

Jane Dickow (Ontonagon) def. Bette Gordon (Riverside) 5-4
Annetta Hultman (Eiverside) def. Michelle Wagner (Little River), 5-4
Consolation: McClellan vs. Roberts

Third Flight
Nancy Mullins (Riverside) def. Jeanette Elliot (Oak Crest), 2-1
Marge Holgate (Soo, Canada) def. Pam Booth (The Oaks), 7-5
Judy Kirt (North Shore) bye
Doreen Hubbard (North Shore) def. Chris Aichner (Oak Crest), 3-2
Consolation: Elliot vs. Booth

Fourth Flight
Peggy Koski (Wawonowin) def. Mariam Dannemueller (Sault Ste. Marie), 19 holes
Dot Phillips (Ontonagon) def. Sandy Butler (Gladstone), 1-up
Patricia McGregor (George Young) bye
Jenny Kellner (Riverside) def. Cheryl Melka (Wawonowin), 4-3
Consolation: Dannemueller vs. Butler

Fifth Flight
Vickie Lobeck (Portage) def. Gail Trumble (Sault Ste. Marie), 20th hole
Sheila Via (Oak Crest) def. Diane Bell (Wawonowin), 6-5
Carol Smith (North Shore) bye
Tricia Irvine (The Oaks) def. Sharon Laundry (Sault Ste. Marie), 1-up
Consolation: Trumball vs. Bell

Sixth Flight
Betty DiFore (Gladstone) def. Nancy Alfredson (Riverside), 5-4
Linda Dugas (Sault Ste. Marie) def. Amy Hodges (Calumet), 2-1
Ginger LaRock (Iron River) bye
Fern Cerutti (Sault Ste. Marie) def. Carol Schrader (Sault Ste. Marie) 6-5
Consolation: Alfredson vs. Hodges
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Powell beats Bolt in 100-meter duel

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Asafa Powell capitalized on Usain Bolt's weak start and edged the world-record holder by one-hundredth of a second, leading from start to finish in the 100 meters at the DN Galan meet on Tuesday.

Powell, the former world-record holder, won their highly anticipated rematch in 9.88 seconds. Bolt, who was slow

out of the blocks, nearly caught his fellow Jamaican at the finish line. Third went to Norwegian Jaysuma Saïdy Ndure in 10.06.

The win was a measure of revenge for Powell, after losing to his close friend Bolt at Jamaica's Olympic Trials last month.

"I was really happy with

the race," Powell said. "My goal was to win. My start was quick and fast. And the speed stayed with me through the finish."

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Post 39 building up steam

STURGEON BAY, Wis. — Marinette Legion will ride a six-game win streak into this weekend's De Pere Regional.

Post 39 capped its regular season with an 8-6 win over Sturgeon Bay Monday night.

Marinette (22-8) cranked out 11 more hits and tuned up for the regional by splitting up the pitchers.

"We continue to hit the ball all over the field," Marinette coach Brian Lesandrini said. "Every guy up and down the lineup, they get very good at-bats."

Jordan Powers walked, stole second base and scored on Brandon Menor's double off the leftfield wall in the first inning.

Menor went 2 for 3 and showed more signs of breaking his summer-long batting slump.

Marinette took a 5-1 lead in the second. Steve Oman led off with a double, Jeff Hmielewski walked, Powers singled in Oman, Adam Francour was hit by a pitch and Garceau hit a two-run single. Menor drove in a run with a fielder's choice.

An inning later, Jordan Nerat doubled and scored on Powers' base hit.

Marinette added two more runs in the fifth,

as Oman singled, Kyle Kovnesky doubled, Oman scored on Hmielewski's groundout, and Kovnesky scored on a passed ball.

Powers wrapped up his amazing regular season with a .605 batting average.

"He beats out a lot of infield hits, but he hits the ball all over the field," according to Lesandrini. "When you get in a groove like that, it seems like you can hit everything, and that's what he's doing."

Ryan Kruse worked the first two innings for Post 39 and allowed one earned run on three hits with no walks and four strikeouts. Kovnesky also gave up one run in two innings pitched, with two strikeouts, one walk and three hits allowed. Oman pitched two hitless innings.

The Bays, who won the Fox River Valley Legion League Eastern Division with a 10-2 record, got three hits from Troy Jorgenson, the division's batting co-champion.

WP — Ryan Kruse 2 IP, 1R, 1ER, 3H, 0W, 4K
LP — Alex Larsen 3 IP, 6R, 6ER, 6H, 4W, 2K
Leading hitters (Marinette): Jordan Powers 3x4, Brandon Menor 2x3, Steve Oman 2x4; (Sturgeon Bay): Troy Jorgenson 3x4, John Heimbecher 2x3

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14-year-old tourney at Pedersen/Haase Fields

Today's Games
Game 1 — Eau Claire vs. Appleton, 10 a.m. (Haase)
Game 2 — Marinette vs. Baraboo, 11 a.m. (Pedersen)
Game 3 — DC Everest vs. Bay Port, 12:30 p.m. (Haase)
Game 4 — Portage vs. Wausau, 1:30 p.m. (Pedersen)
Game 5 — Janesville vs. Game 1 winner, 4 p.m. (Pedersen)
Game 6 — Mosinee vs. Game 2 winner, 6:30 p.m. (Pedersen)

Thursday's Games
Game 7 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 10 a.m. (Haase)
Game 8 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 11 a.m. (Pedersen)
Game 9 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 12:30 p.m. (Haase)
Game 10 — Game 8 winners vs. Game 5 loser, 1:30 p.m. (Pedersen)

Game 11 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 4 p.m. (Pedersen)
Game 12 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 6:30 p.m. (Pedersen)
Friday's Games
Game 13 — Game 9 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 11 a.m. (Pedersen)
Game 14 — Game 10 winner vs. Game 12 loser, 1:30 p.m. (Pedersen)
Game 15 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 4 p.m. (Pedersen)
Game 16 — Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 6:30 p.m. (Pedersen)
Saturday's Games
Game 17 — Game 15 winner vs. Game 15 loser, 11 a.m. (Pedersen)
Game 18 — Game 15 winner vs. Game 17 winner, 1:30 p.m. (Pedersen)
Sunday's Game
Game 19 — If necessary, 11 a.m. (Pedersen)

IN BRIEF

Maroon Booster Club ads available

MENOMINEE — Advertising letters for the Maroon Booster Club program will be

mailed this week. The deadline for new ads will be Aug. 8 with renewed ads to be submitted by Aug. 18. Signature ads, which cost \$10 each, can be sent to

Maroon Athletic Booster Club, 1510 7th Street, Menominee, MI. For more information, contact Mary Mathieu at 863-2998 or 938-2413.

Packer shareholders are still divided over Favre

GREEN BAY (AP) — Online comments solicited by a newspaper showed a split among Green Bay Packer shareholders over how the team should deal with quarterback Brett Favre, who retired in March and now wants to play again.

Thousands of the shareholders, most of whom hold largely symbolic shares that can't be sold, are expected at Lambeau Field Thursday for the annual meeting of the NFL's only publicly owned team.

The session gives the participants a chance to tour the stadium and get a report on the franchise. President and CEO Mark Murphy is to present the summary of the

annual report, and general manager Ted Thompson is to give an overview of the team.

It also gives shareholders a chance to ask questions about things like the way Thompson and coach Mike McCarthy have handled the Favre matter.

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