

Cincinnati needs an extra inning to win Game 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Add Oakland's ace reliever to Cincinnati's hit list and give the Reds a perfectly astonishing 2-0 lead in the World Series.

A day after beating Dave Stewart in the opening game, the Reds' Joe Oliver got the third straight hit off Dennis Eckersley in the bottom of the 10th inning to shock the A's 5-4 Wednesday night and take a lead that few imagined possible.

Suddenly, from thoughts of sweeping their second straight Series, the A's now go home for Game 3 Friday trying to keep from being swept themselves.

Billy Hatcher enjoyed his second consecutive perfect night making him 7 for 7 with four doubles and a triple. His triple off right fielder Jose Canseco's glove in the eighth inning gave him the Series record for consecutive hits. He then scored the tying run on Glenn Braggs' force play.

Eckersley took over to start the 10th and retired Eric Davis, but a scratch single by pinch-hitter Billy Bates, a ground single to left by Chris Sabo and Oliver's hard single down the third-base line gave Cincinnati its seventh straight World Series victory. The Reds' victory came a day after the Reds beat up Dave Stewart, the A's four-time 20-game winner.

Canseco ended Oakland's home run drought in the postseason, but the Athletics stranded 10 runners, for a total of 21 in the two games.

Rob Dibble pitched two shutout innings for the victory. Four Cincinnati relievers shut out Oakland for 7 1/3 innings.



A position change will allow Nebraska's Clifford Scales to drive to the basket more often this season.

Husker is anxious to be off the point

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Number 2 is No. 1 to Clifford Scales.

Number 2 in basketball numbering is shooting guard, also known as off guard, as in off the point. Scales wants to get off the point and back to his natural position.

"I'm anxious, but still waiting," Scales said.

He's waiting until the 13th game of the season. For the first 12 games, junior college transfer Jose Ramos is ineligible.

When Ramos becomes eligible, if all goes according to plan, he will share the point guard duties with Keith Moody, and Scales can move full-time to off guard.

In Scales' freshman year, Henry T. Buchanan was making the switch from off guard to the point. For Scales' sophomore season, Eric Johnson made the same change. Last year, it was Scales' turn.

These conversions came out of necessity, fighting the adage that point guards are born, not made.

Scales said he believes that maxim because of his own performance at point guard, "average and getting better."

"I became a robot," he said. He averaged 12.2 points and 4.2 assists per game while leading the team in minutes played.

The time at point guard should

help his ball-handling and team leadership, he said.

Having two players on the court with experience at point guard should benefit the Huskers, too.

"I think that it will help from the standpoint of having two generals on the court, and having two ball-handlers," Scales said.

Scales, though, will be free to go to the basket and play the wing in fast breaks — something he couldn't do last year because of the point guard's defensive responsibilities.

Uncertainty about Ramos' mid-season arrival may be one reason the Huskers have been picked in many polls to finish near the bottom of the Big Eight again, even though Nebraska returns a veteran core from last year's team.

Scales finds nothing wrong with the predictions.

"I don't think Dick Vitale or anybody is going to pick us to get to the NCAA tournament or win the Big Eight," he said. "Until we prove ourselves, I don't feel like we should be any higher."

More recognition this year, particularly for his defensive play, is Scales' goal. After a season of self-sacrifice for the team's sake, he will be back where he is comfortable with a chance to make up for anything he hasn't done so far.

"I'm looking to cram three years into one," Scales said.

Volleyball player understands her role

Aussie Husker says 'no worries' to lack of game time

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The score was 9-2 in the third game when Nebraska sophomore volleyball player Debbie Brand checked in Tuesday against Kansas State. She was the next-to-last Cornhusker to leave the Husker bench and, minutes later, the match ended before she could earn a positive statistic.

Still, Brand was happy to play at all.

She hasn't done much of it lately. After a freshman season in which Brand saw considerable playing time, even turning in Nebraska's best four-game dig mark with 21, her playing time has tapered off.

All told, the outside hitter from

Adelaide, Australia, has 27 digs this season. Her playing time has been limited by the return to health of the outside hitters who were injured in 1989.

Brand said she understands. "I guess that's just the way it is," she said, "but I'm glad the team's healthy."

"The best players are out there."

Every team has reserves.

"Of course everyone would like to play — no one likes to sit the bench," Brand said. "I'm just glad to be part of the team because it is such a good team and a good program."

Brand's back-roll in the United States is easier to accept than her stagnant starring role back home was. In Australia, Brand had gone as far as

she could, playing for the national team.

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— "It was a big risk for them to recruit me, so I'm just having fun now, you know."

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NU volleyball player

I stayed there," she said. "I just wanted to come here and learn. So it doesn't bother me, because I've improved a lot and learned a lot."

Nebraska was one of several Top-10 schools she sent a videotape to. The Huskers gave her a chance, she said, and she remains grateful.

"It was a big risk for them to recruit me," Brand said, "so I'm just having fun now, you know."

She's adapted to a new job when she does play, seeing more time in the back row as a defensive specialist than on the attack in the front row.

Last season, Brand peaked with 15 kills on 40 attacks against Bowling Green. Through 19 matches this season she has just five kills on 15 attacks.

Does the Aussie miss life at the net?

"Yeah, because that's what I am — an outside hitter," Brand said. "But,

you know, if coach doesn't want me there . . ."

Practicing harder and looking forward to weaker teams on the Husker schedule are the best ways for her to deal with bench-warming frustration, she said.

She said she hopes hard work will pay off with playing time, but that if nothing else she will be able to return to Australia's new women's program and get paid for her ability and the things she'll be able to teach.

After the three-game sweep ended Tuesday at the NU Coliseum, dozens of children swarmed around her asking for an autograph, not caring whether she was a starter or an All-American.

Brand smiled, and, surrounded by her fans, said, "No worries."

Go for the Olympic gold: Call up pros, not amateurs

A recent New York Knicks game should end the debate over professional basketball participation in the Olympics.

A desperation three-point shot by Gerald Wilkins helped the Knicks get

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into overtime against Scavolini Pesaro (that's a team) at the McDonald's Open in Barcelona, Spain, Thursday. New York beat Scavolini 119-115 to avoid becoming the first NBA team to lose in the four-year-old tournament.

Yes, New York was playing its first exhibition game against an Italian team that has been playing for a while. Yes, New York was an NBA team particularly vulnerable to Scavolini's zone, since the Knicks are

notoriously poor outside shooters.

If this happens to an NBA team, though, 22-year-old amateurs should never be entrusted with representing the United States as long as someone better is available.

Step aside, boys, this is a job for professionals.

Even Danny Manning, a 1988 Olympian and part of the last U.S. amateur Olympic team, agrees.

"I think that a point has to be made that we have the best basketball players in the world," said Manning, who was in town last week with his Los Angeles Clipper teammates.

A college all-star team would have been killed in Spain. Scavolini isn't even an Italian all-star team. The Yugoslavian, Russian and Brazilian national teams are better.

The U.S. team that played in the Goodwill Games can testify to that. The American team, the last grasp at amateur success, looked pitiful and lost to the Yugoslavians and the Russians.

Yes, coach Mike Krzyzewski can and should be criticized for misusing

his power by starting Christian Laettner, his center at Duke, and including Bobby Hurley, his point guard at Duke. Yes, Krzyzewski made the same mistake John Thompson did for the 1988 Olympics, forgetting to take along enough shooting guards who can shoot.

Still, the U.S. had some awfully good players. The Americans played awfully, though — disjointed, selfish, clueless. The international opponents, who have adapted so well to our game, looked like real basketball teams.

This just added insult to the injury that came from the 1988 Olympics, where the U.S. team won the bronze medal, small consolation for the usual gold-medal team.

The Knicks' struggle and this summer's failure show that the lousy 1988 performance wasn't entirely Thompson's fault — a lot of it was his fault, but not all of it.

Manning watched American invincibility shattered in 1988, and now he sees NBA players every day.

Manning said he wasn't surprised by the Knicks' near-miss.

"There are a lot of good basketball players that are playing overseas," Manning said.

The Knicks got their act together in the championship game, trouncing POP 84 Split (that's also a team) in Saturday's final, 117-101. The world's dreams of Toni Kukoc leading the Yugoslavian team to victory were dashed.

Americans still have the best basketball players in the world. NBA players are those best players.

Manning said he wouldn't mind a rematch at the 1992 Olympics, which also will be in Barcelona.

"It would be nice," Manning said. "Just to get a chance to go back and accomplish a goal."

But could Manning even make that team? He couldn't if 12 all-stars tried out, and some are hinting that they will.

The 1992 Olympic basketball games will be fun to watch in the same way that 15-car pile-ups are fun to watch.

"Personally, I think it will be a

cakewalk," Manning said.

A team of Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, David Robinson, Patrick Ewing, Larry Bird, Charles Barkley, Dominique Wilkins, John Stockton, Joe Dumars, Karl Malone, Byron Scott and Dennis Rodman could not be beaten.

Did I skip your favorite player? That will be the only point worth debating.

To make things worse, the incredible professionalism, drive and competitiveness of NBA players would make sure the U.S. team would never let up, even when ahead by 25 or 30 points, which should come sometime in the first quarter.

The U.S. must send NBA players to the Olympics. Manning said sending pros will guarantee the gold.

"I don't think there's any question," he said. "We'll go out and win."

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