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Neller: Stronger Corps with new fitness test

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In the last five months, 6 out of 7 female recruits — and 40 out of about 1,500 male recruits — failed to pass the new regimen of pull-ups, ammunition-can lifts, a 3-mile run and combat maneuvers required to move on in training for combat jobs, according to data obtained by The Associated Press.

The tests, taken about 45 days into basic training, force recruits who fail into other, less physically demanding Marine jobs. And that, the Marine commandant says, is making the Corps stronger.

The high failure rate for women, however, raises questions about how well integration can work, including in Marine infantry units where troops routinely slog for miles carrying packs weighed down with artillery shells and ammunition, and at any moment must be able to scale walls, dig in and fight in close combat.

The new standards are a

product of the Pentagon's decision to allow women to compete for frontline jobs, including infantry, artillery and other combat posts. But Marine leaders say they are having a broader impact by screening out less physically powerful Marines — both men and women.

"I think that's made everybody better," Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller told the AP in his first in-depth interview on the subject. "We're trying to raise everybody's bar a little bit and we're trying to figure out how to get closer together because at the end of the day we're all going to be on the battlefield and we all have to be able to do our job."

Marine Corps leaders initially balked at allowing women into certain infantry, reconnaissance and combat engineer jobs, pointing to studies that showed mixed gender units did not perform as well as male-only units. But Defense Secretary Ash Carter ordered all combat jobs must be open to

women.

The Marines developed a detailed progression of physical standards that recruits must meet to get into the combat jobs. Officials insist that standards will not be lowered to allow more women to pass.

The results underscore the difficulties for women. Nearly 86 percent of the women failed the tests, compared with less than 3 percent of the men.

Before the standards test existed, those 40 men would have moved on to combat jobs, where they would likely have been unproductive members of their units, a Marine Corps analysis said. So Neller said that as time goes on, the overall quality of the force will be better.

Neller said it will be an adjustment for Marines with women in previously male-only units.

A career infantryman, Neller didn't see a lot of female Marines in his units as he rose through the ranks. He first saw female Marines on the battle-

field when he was in Iraq.

While it will be difficult for some, "if you can carry the weight and you can do the job, and you're smart and you're a good leader, and you're a person of character and quality and set a good example, people will follow you," he said during an interview in his Pentagon office.

The Marines' fitness tests get gradually more difficult. Recruits interested in combat arms jobs have to take a harder physical fitness test — comprising pull-ups, crunches, a 1.5-mile run and ammunition-can lifts — than those looking for other Marine posts. As they move through training, the tests get harder and more complex, requiring them to qualify for specific infantry, artillery and other jobs.

"I have great respect for them being the pioneers in this area," Neller said. "If they can compete and hang with everybody else, I think it will all just go away."

CNO sees 'deterrence message' in Pacific dual-carrier ops

The Washington Post

The Navy just concluded the multiday deployment of two carrier strike groups to the Philippine Sea, a rare move that comes at a sensitive time ahead of an international tribunal's ruling on territorial claims by China and other nations in the nearby South China Sea.

The USS John C. Stennis and USS Ronald Reagan, both aircraft carriers, and their associated strike groups launched joint operations Saturday and completed them by Monday afternoon, said Navy Cmdr. Clayton Doss, a service spokesman. The strike groups carried out a variety of training, including air defense drills, defensive air

combat training, long-range strikes and sea surveillance, Navy officials said.

Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, said Monday in Washington at a conference run by the Center for a New American Security that the Navy does not get to do two-carrier operations very often. He called it a "terrific opportunity for us just to do some high-end warfighting and training."

But Richardson also said that the dual-carrier operations should be considered a signal to other nations in the region that the United States is committed to its allies.

"For anyone who wants to

destabilize that region, we hope that there is a deterrence message there as well," he said.

Photographs released by the Navy show the two aircraft carriers within sight of each other, with other ships traveling with them nearby. One image depicts a combined formation of F/A-18 fighters from both strike groups flying together over the Stennis.

The operations come as the United States and its partners raise concerns about China's expansion in the South China Sea. It has constructed or reclaimed seven islands in the Spratley Islands and appears to be developing Scarborough Shoal, which it seized in 2012.

The Philippines took China to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, Netherlands, after the seizure of Scarborough Shoal, saying Beijing breached international law. A ruling could come within weeks.

The Stennis strike group has since moved east toward Hawaii, where it is expected to participate in coming days in Rim of the Pacific, an international training exercise that is expected to include 27 countries, including China.

The Reagan strike group deployed from Yokosuka, Japan, on June 4 and remained in the Philippine Sea on Monday, Doss said.

Army general warns against arbitrary cuts

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Budget constraints and mandatory force-size cuts have left the Army sending its units to support missions across the globe as quickly as it can prepare them for those operations, Gen. Daniel Allyn said Tuesday.

Allyn, the Army's vice chief of staff, warned that a return to arbitrary and unpredictable military budget caps under sequestration would further risk soldiers' mission preparedness and the Army's ability to plan for the future.

Those cuts, which could slash up to \$100 billion from Defense Department spending in coming years, would be enacted if Congress is unable to act to permanently lift the budget constraints initially installed as part of the 2011 Budget Control Act.

"Obviously, it would be really, really good if Congress would pass the budget so we'd at least have predictable, sustained funding to deliver the best capability that we can," Allyn said Tuesday in Washington.

When the Army began cutting its force size in the face of the budget cuts and as combat operations concluded after prolonged wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the service had expected a less busy future, but that has not been the case, Allyn said. Continued deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, new missions in Africa and Asia, and the need to respond to Russia's aggression in eastern Europe have meant soldiers must continue to deploy. It has forced the Army to perform "a significant balancing act" in preparing its troops for today's missions and modernizing for the service's future.

The Army now has about 187,700 soldiers deployed to 140 countries. Allyn said the service provides 46 percent of deployed American forces and it provides 64 percent of the force available to quickly respond to an emergency situation.

Nominee to lead AFRICOM: US lacks a strategy in Libya

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Marine general tapped to lead U.S. Africa Command said Tuesday that the military lacks a grand strategy in Libya, where a small number of ground troops are now assisting in a struggle against the Islamic State group.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Waldhauser told a Senate committee that AFRICOM objectives include assisting the fledgling government and the fight against the extremist group. Amid grilling from Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., he said he was not aware of any larger strategy beyond those aims.

Five years after U.S.-led NATO intervention toppled dictator Moammar Gadhafi, Libya has largely been overshadowed by the war against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

But instability there has re-

cently offered a foothold for the jihadi fighters and led to the deployment of U.S. special operators to advise local forces.

"We continue to support that at this time. I am not aware of any overall grand strategy at this point," Waldhauser said.

The director of joint force development with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Waldhauser served in Operation Desert Storm and led combat troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. If confirmed by the Senate, he will replace Army Gen. David Rodriguez as the leader of AFRICOM, which oversees an increasingly complex variety of regional conflicts with extremist groups, such as al-Shabab in Somalia and Boko Haram in Nigeria.

Last month, top U.S. military officials disclosed talks with the Libyan government about sending more forces to the country amid its battle against the Islamic State group. Waldhauser told McCain and the Senate

Armed Services Committee that targets for airstrikes are being developed, but no additional troops are needed "at the moment."

McCain, who is chairman of the committee and a top critic of the Obama administration's handling of Libya, pounced on the comment, saying it appears the military is acting in an ad hoc fashion as the Islamic State group has grown its presence.

"'At the moment' means to me we don't have a strategy," McCain said. "Unfortunately, this administration has reacted at the moment with incrementalism, mission creep, a gradual escalation in Iraq and Syria, and I don't want to see the same thing in Libya."

Earlier this year, President Barack Obama said a lack of planning for the aftermath after the fall of Gadhafi has been the biggest mistake of his presidency.

Religious-speech flap at retirement event

By DIANNA CAHN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Whether Master Sgt. Charles Roberson intended to turn his Air Force Reserve retirement ceremony into a First Amendment and religion battleground is unclear.

But he stood firm when his commanding officer tried to bar a prepared speech by one of his guests in what advocates claim was because the remarks invoked God and prayer. Roberson went ahead with his plans, leading to a showdown at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., in which the speaker, Oscar Rodriguez, was removed from the auditorium.

"That the Air Force would do this to myself as this was my retirement—I was very embarrassed and humiliated in front

of my family and friends," Roberson said in a video released Monday by the conservative First Liberty Institute, which argues in defense of religious freedoms.

First Liberty has taken Rodriguez as a client and on Monday sent a letter to the Air Force demanding an apology and warning it was "prepared to pursue all available legal remedies," if the service does not move to rectify the actions. The Air Force said Tuesday it was still preparing a response. But a spokeswoman said that while there is a nonreligious flag-folding script for official military ceremonies, personnel are entitled to use a religious script for a retirement ceremony.

"Since retirement ceremonies are personal in nature,

the script preference for a flag-folding ceremony is at the discretion of the individual being honored and represents the member's views, not those of the Air Force," spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said. "The Air Force places the highest value on the rights of its personnel in matters of religion and facilitates the free exercise of religion by its members."

In its letter to Air Force officials, First Liberty senior counsel Michael Berry called on the Air Force to apologize, acknowledge it was wrong and punish the noncommissioned officers who escorted Rodriguez from the room. Berry argued that Rodriguez, a 30-year veteran, was exercising his First Amendment right in giving the speech even on a military base.

Vikings' rookie from Germany trying to catch up on training

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — When Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Zimmer canceled the last session of minicamp as a reward for the team's offseason work, most players were surprised and delighted by the early start on summer vacation.

Moritz Boehringer wasn't so sure.

"I wanted to practice," Boehringer said, smiling wryly, "because it's always good to get some more reps."

Nobody on the 90-man roster needs more training than Boehringer, the rookie wide receiver from Germany who became the first draft pick in the history of the NFL to come directly from a country outside the United States.

His deficiencies haven't been for a lack of dedication, though. This is simply the situation he's in, having discovered the sport about five years ago through YouTube videos of Vikings running back Adrian Peterson. He has played competitively for merely three seasons at a level nowhere near as sophisticated or intense as the league he is entering.

"He's starting from way, way, way behind," offensive coordinator Norv Turner said.

For the Schwabisch Hall Unicorns in 2015, Boehringer had 16 touchdown receptions and an average of 20.9 yards per catch in 21 games on his way to the German Football League's rookie of the year award. The Unicorns only ran 70 or 80 plays out of five or six formations, piling in comparison to the complexity of Turner's playbook with the Vikings.

Naturally, Boehringer's helmet has been spinning this spring in his attempt to grasp the route concepts, blocking responsibilities and advanced footwork technique required to excel at his highly

skilled position.

He threw up on the field during his first practice in Minnesota, last month at rookie minicamp. Throughout the workouts with the full team over the past three-plus weeks, Boehringer has dropped plenty of passes.

"Most of the time it's a mental thing, because I'm not 100 percent comfortable with the playbook," Boehringer said after the Vikings wrapped up their offseason program and adjourned for six weeks until training camp. "But I think it'll come after time."

The Vikings have raved about the 22-year-old's acuity, despite his inexperience. General manager Rick Spielman declared Boehringer "off-the-charts smart," fully confident he can grasp the intricacies of American football with time.

"You want to start at the grassroots and work your way up, and we've been doing that with him. He's extremely intelligent, so he catches onto things pretty well," wide receivers coach George Stewart said. "He understands exactly what I'm trying to communicate to him. He has a great understanding of the language."

Culture hasn't been an issue, either, beyond a couple of predictable hiccups. His golf debut didn't go so well — "I don't think it's my sport, but I tried," he said with a laugh — and he was unaware of the American custom of tipping restaurant servers that is uncommon in Europe.

"We go out to eat almost every night, so that's something that was kind of eye-opening for him and he's still kind of getting used to," said quarterback Joel Stave, his roommate this spring. "Every once in a while, he'll leave a dollar and we've got to cover it for him."

Boehringer and Stave have formed a

playbook study group with another rookie, tight end David Morgan.

"He's getting more comfortable with the offense, he's getting more comfortable with just football here, and he's getting more comfortable with the guys," Stave said. "He seems more confident, and it seems like he's having more fun. It's been a lot of fun getting to know him and a lot of fun getting to talk to him and see what it's like coming from a different background like that."

Targeted as a prospect through the NFL's expanding international outreach program, Boehringer blew away the scouts at Florida Atlantic University's pro day workout with a 4.43-second 40-yard dash. His 6-foot-4, 227-pound frame stoked the buzz around the league.

Spielman called Stewart into his office one day during the pre-draft evaluation process at team headquarters to watch a YouTube highlight video of Boehringer's GFL games. They were sold. Rather than risking a wait to sign him after the draft, the Vikings took him in the sixth round.

"There are not a lot of receivers who are as big as me and have athletic ability. I think this combination is pretty unique," Boehringer said.

He's equally aware of the marketing implications accompanying his arrival.

"I think that's the best way to spread the game, having players from other countries be as role models," Boehringer said.

Soon he'll report to training camp and put the pads on, bringing a new bunch of challenges.

"I still have to get used to that it's my job now," Boehringer said, "and not just a hobby."

Higher security urged for Olympics

Associated Press

SYDNEY — Australia's Olympic team leader is urging Brazilian authorities to implement Olympic-scale security now in Rio de Janeiro "before an athlete gets hurt."

Two members of the Australian Paralympic sailing squad were robbed at gunpoint in Rio on the weekend, emphasizing fears of crime against foreign athletes ahead of the Aug. 5-21 Summer Games.

An estimated 85,000 police and soldiers will be patrolling the streets during the Olympics and Paralympics, but violent crime remains a fact of life in Rio.

"Maybe the organizing committee should mobilize their games-time defense force early," Kitty Chiller, Australia's Olympic team leader, said Tuesday. "Do it now." Chiller said she'd written to the head of the Rio organizing committee and to the city's mayor, Eduardo Paes, to express concerns.

A statement from Australian Sailing said Paralympic sailor Liesl Tesch and team official Sarah Ross were confronted by two men while riding their bicycles in Rio park on Sunday. One of the men was carrying a pistol and the women were robbed of their bicycles.

Last month, Spain's Olympic gold-medal winning sailor Fernando Echavarri and two companions said they were held up at gunpoint by five young men in Rio.

Tesch raced at the Paralympic sailing venue Monday, and was quoted as saying of the robbery: "We are both shaken, but physically we're both OK."

Security is near the top of a long list of problems plaguing Rio ahead of the Olympics, including the Zika virus, water pollution, slow ticket sales and budget cuts.

"This is not an isolated incident, athletes have been mugged while training or competing in Rio test events and we want our athletes protected," Chiller said. "We have briefed our athletes leading into the Games. Basically we are saying that if you are confronted by criminals, comply, hand over your belongings and don't argue. That is exactly what the two Paralympians did on Sunday."

She said the Paralympic sailors were confronted by men at 7:30 a.m. near their accommodation.

"There were people around but no one came to their assistance. This is a major concern and the only answer is for the authorities to put extra police and security on the ground now," Chiller said. "We are taking over 400 young athletes to the games, we need to ensure they are protected at all costs."

Australian team leaders have already barred athletes and officials from visiting shantytowns and slums in Rio, and are considering team curfews and other no-go zones.

Seahawks instruct rookies on life, football

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Pete Carroll stood at the front of the auditorium just like he would for any other meeting as the head coach of the Seattle Seahawks.

But his words Monday were brief, poignant and directed just at his newest players. And they had nothing to do with what these rookies end up doing on the field.

"It's so important to us to help you guys figure out what is coming," Carroll said.

When the NFL did away with its rookie symposium in Canton, Ohio, it put the onus back on the teams to organize three days of rookie transition education after the completion of their minicamps and before players head off on their summer breaks. Seattle took it a step further, creating an education program that started following the completion of the Seahawks' rookie minicamp the second week of May and

will conclude with the mandatory three days this week.

The reason for such an extensive program: The Seahawks don't believe three days is enough to adequately provide rookies with the information they need. It's education the team provided in the past, but now in a more formal program.

"They've been with us since May 9 so we had nothing but time," said Mo Kelly, vice president of player development. "It's a redundancy type deal. They can never hear it enough. We've talked to them on finances, I don't know how many meetings we've had so far, but guess what? They're still going to make mistakes. They're still young men. They're still growing up. Imagine if you were 21 years old with a lot of money in your pocket. That's the thing I keep thinking about it is they're young individuals, they're going to make mistakes and we have to be here to help them when they make mistakes."

Seattle's program was opened to the media Monday and included a history lesson on the franchise and a panel discussion with former players Bryce Fisher, Jordan Babineaux, Marcus Trufant and Hall of Fame offensive tackle Walter Jones on the lessons learned and pitfalls to avoid as a young player entering the league.

Much of the conversation revolved around finances and the circle of friends and family suddenly looking for money.

That's where the experiences of former players proved important. All four came from different backgrounds and entered the league with different expectations, but their stories shared a common theme. Yes, mistakes will be made. But the ultimate priority for these rookies is not endangering their future.

"To be able to hear from guys that have sat in the same seats as us and done the same things as us is priceless," said first-round pick Germain Iffedi.



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Pirates end Giants' 8-game win streak

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jeff Locke followed consecutive horrible starts with 62/3 scoreless innings, Erik Kratz hit his first home run since 2014 and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat San Francisco 1-0 on Monday night, ending the Giants' eight-game winning streak.

Locke (6-5) allowed five hits, no walks and struck out three, helping the Pirates to their second win in 12 games. He had allowed 18 runs and 20 hits over 82/3 innings during his previous two outings.

Madison Bumgarner (8-3) was the tough-luck loser, allowing one run in eight innings while having his seven-game winning streak snapped. The left-hander had his 12th straight start allowing two earned runs or fewer and gave up five hits while striking out eight and walking two.

It was Bumgarner's second complete game this season and the 12th of his career.

Kratz's shot with two outs in the fifth popped out of Angel Pagan's glove and fell into the first row of seats when the leaping left fielder crashed into the fence. It was his first home run since a two-homer game for Kansas City in August 2014.

Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his 20th save in 21 chances.

Cardinals 3, Cubs 2: Brandon Moss and Jhonny Peralta homered against John Lackey, and visiting St. Louis stopped a five-game slide by holding off Chicago.

Aledmys Diaz added an RBI single and Jaime Garcia (5-6) pitched into the seventh inning as the Cardinals got back on track following their first winless homestand of at least two series since 1983. It was their first trip to Wrigley Field since they were eliminated by the Cubs in their NL Division Series last year. Lackey (7-3) allowed three runs over six innings against his former team, but Garcia and two relievers held the major league-leading Cubs in check.

Seung Hwan Oh got four outs and Trevor Rosenthal worked a shaky ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances. Jason Heyward popped out with runners on the corners to end it.

Dodgers 4, Nationals 1: Clayton Kershaw yielded six hits in seven dominant innings to earn his ninth victory in 10 starts, and host Los Angeles beat Washington for its fourth straight

victory.

Washington scratched Stephen Strasburg about 80 minutes before game time due to an upper back strain, depriving Chavez Ravine of a tantalizing pitchers' duel with Kershaw (11-1).

Pitching in 96-degree heat, the Dodgers' ace still added eight strikeouts to his major league-leading 141, fanning Bryce Harper three times. Kershaw didn't walk a batter and got through a tricky seventh inning to remain unbeaten since May 1.

Kenley Jansen became the Dodgers' career saves leader in the ninth. He surpassed Eric Gagne with his 162nd save, including 20 this season in 23 chances.

Late replacement Yusmeiro Petit (2-1) pitched six solid innings of five-hit ball in his first start for the NL East-leading Nationals, who have lost three straight.

Justin Turner homered and drove in two runs, and Joc Pederson also went deep in the Dodgers' sixth win in seven games. Los Angeles (39-33) is a season-high six games over .500.

White Sox 3, Red Sox 1 (10): Jose Abreu doubled home two runs off Boston closer Craig Kimbrel with two outs in the 10th inning after visiting Chicago escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the ninth.

Chicago snapped a three-game losing streak and won for just the eighth time in 26 games. Boston has lost five of eight.

Zach Duke (2-0) wriggled out of the ninth to get the win. David Robertson worked the 10th for his 17th save.

Red Sox knuckleballer Steven Wright pitched nine innings, giving up only an unearned run and five hits. He lowered his AL-best ERA to 2.01.

Abreu doubled off Kimbrel (0-3) after Avisail Garcia walked and J.B. Shuck singled.

Indians 7, Rays 4: Francisco Lindor and Juan Uribe homered in the eighth inning to lift host Cleveland over Tampa Bay.

Lindor hit the first pitch from Erasmo Ramirez (7-5) to break a 4-all tie. Uribe homered in his third straight game, a two-run shot off Ramirez.

Carlos Santana also homered for the AL Central leaders, who have won four straight.

Evan Longoria's two-run homer in the first and a solo shot by Brad Miller in the sixth helped Tampa Bay build a 4-2 lead, but the Rays dropped their fifth in a row.

Bryan Shaw (1-3) struck out the side in the eighth, and Cody Allen pitched the ninth for his 14th save.

Tampa Bay right fielder Mikie Mahtook sustained a broken left hand when he was hit by Josh Tomlin's pitch in the second.

Tigers 8, Mariners 7 (12): Justin Upton hit a line drive over the left-field wall in the 12th inning for his second home run of the game, lifting host Detroit past Seattle.

Upton connected on a 2-2 pitch from Vidal Nuno (0-1) leading off the 12th.

Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer for the Tigers in the first that cleared a brick wall in right-center, bounced off a concrete concourse and out of Comerica Park. Upton's first homer of the night, a two-run shot that cleared a second tier of bushes beyond the center-field wall, gave Detroit a 7-6 lead in the seventh.

Cameron Maybin had a two-run triple for the Tigers, and Anibal Sanchez (4-7) worked a scoreless inning for the win.

Kyle Seager and Adam Lind homered for the Mariners.

Diamondbacks 3, Phillies 1: Shelby Miller threw 62/3 sharp innings, Jake Lamb hit a two-run homer and visiting Arizona beat reeling Philadelphia to complete a four-game sweep.

Miller (2-6) allowed one run and five hits, striking out five in his first start since May 24. He had been on the disabled list with a sprained right index finger.

The Phillies went 0-6 on their first winless homestand of six or more games since September 1964, when they went 0-7 at Connie Mack Stadium before losing three more games in a historic collapse from first place.

Jeremy Hellickson (4-6) allowed three runs and four hits before getting an out.

Brad Ziegler pitched out of trouble in the ninth for his 15th save this season, converting his 43rd opportunity in a row.

Rangers 4, Orioles 3: Shin-Soo Choo hit a go-ahead, two-run single, Ian Desmond homered halfway up the hill in center field and streaking Texas beat visiting Baltimore in a makeup game matching the American League's top two teams.

Texas extended its season-best winning streak to seven games, the last four being one-run decisions.

Since the makeup of an April 17 rainout counted as a series, the AL West leaders

stretched their club record to 10 consecutive series wins — the longest in the AL since Tampa Bay's 10 in a row three years ago.

Desmond's 11th homer was a solo shot in the third, an inning before Bobby Wilson had a sacrifice fly and Choo followed by lining a single off Kevin Gausman (0-5) for a 4-3 lead.

Shawn Tolleson (2-2) worked 12/3 scoreless innings in relief of Derek Holland. Tony Barnette threw two shutout innings before Sam Dyson worked the ninth for his 14th save in 15 chances, including 12 straight since taking over as the closer on May 18.

Astros 10, Angels 7: Doug Fister threw seven solid innings and Jose Altuve, Jason Castro and Carlos Correa homered to help host Houston beat Los Angeles.

Fister (8-3) gave up two runs and four hits in earning his seventh straight win. The Astros have won Fister's last 10 starts.

Pat Neshek got two outs for his first save.

Altuve hit a 431-foot solo homer to center field in the fourth to give the Astros a 7-0 lead. Jhoulys Chacin (2-3) walked five while allowing six runs in two innings.

Rockies 5, Marlins 3: Mark Reynolds hit two homers to help power visiting Colorado past Miami in a record-setting home run contest.

Trevor Story, Nick Hundley and Charlie Blackmon also went deep for the Rockies, who salvaged the finale of a four-game series.

Marcell Ozuna homered twice and Giancarlo Stanton hit one for the Marlins. The eight solo homers accounted for all the runs in the game, setting a major league record. The previous mark was five.

Stanton's home run, his 13th of the season, was his first in 16 games.

The eight home runs were also the most in a game at Marlins Park since it opened in 2012. Five of the game's first 13 batters connected.

Jorge De La Rosa (4-4) allowed three runs in six innings to earn the win. Carlos Estevez got his fourth save.

Marlins reliever Brian Ellington (1-1) took the loss after Paul Clemens yielded three runs over five innings in his season debut and first start since Sept. 28, 2013, with Houston.

UC Santa Barbara ousts No. 3 seed Miami in CWS

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — As players and coaches celebrated their victory over Miami, a fan behind the UC Santa Barbara dugout held up a sign reading "Why Not UCSB."

With national seeds falling the way they have been at the College World Series, why not, indeed?

The Gauchos knocked No. 3 Miami out of the CWS with a 5-3 victory on Monday, getting strong pitching from Noah Davis and Kyle Nelson and the tiebreaking hit from a pinch hitter, Ryan Cumberland, who had just 21 previous at-bats and was sick to his stomach all day.

So, yes, a Gauchos team making its first appearance in Omaha did revel in its win a bit more than usual for a team that had survived an elimination game.

"It's hard to act like you've done it before when you've never done it before," coach Andrew Checketts said. "First program World Series win, and it sure looked like it."

National seeds Florida, Miami and Texas

Tech have gone a combined 0-4 so far in Omaha.

The Hurricanes (50-14) went 0-2 for only the second time in their 25 CWS appearances. Their other two-and-out was in 1979.

"We didn't play as well as we could play," Miami coach Jim Morris said. "If we played as well as we could play and lost I would understand more. We didn't swing the bat the way I know we can swing it. We didn't get the big hits we've been getting all year."

Santa Barbara (43-19-1) struck for four runs after a 1-hour, 2-minute rain delay in the sixth inning. Cumberland, who laid down in the clubhouse during the delay, made it 3-1 with his one-out, bases-loaded smash down the first-base line.

The Gauchos added two more big runs before the inning was over on back-to-back squeeze plays.

Miami opened the scoring on Zack Collins' 16th homer of the season in the first inning off Davis (7-4), and the Gauchos' JJ Munro singled in the tying run

in the bottom half off Danny Garcia (9-5).

The offenses went quiet until after the rain in the sixth inning.

Garcia went back to the mound and got a flyout before Munro doubled into the right-field corner. Frankie Bartow relieved and issued a walk, and Cumberland, pinch hitting for Kyle Plantier, followed with the biggest hit of his career.

Miami tried to come back against Nelson, stringing together four straight hits in the eighth, with Randy Batista and Collins singling in runs. Davis got out of it when he froze Ruiz with a slider to strand runners on first and third.

Jacob Heyward's hard liner off third baseman Ryan Clark's glove gave Miami hope with one out in the ninth, but Christopher Barr's comebacker to Nelson started a game-ending double play.

Oklahoma State 1, Arizona 0: Tyler Buffett limited Arizona to three hits over eight innings, and Oklahoma State took command of its bracket in the College World Series.

The Cowboys, who beat UC Santa

Barbara by the same score on Saturday, became the first team in the CWS' 70 years to win back-to-back 1-0 games.

Buffett (9-3) walked two and struck out six in the longest outing of his career. Trey Cobb took over in the ninth and earned his sixth save.

Oklahoma State (43-20) scored in the fourth when Donnie Walton doubled and came home on Garrett Benges' single. Otherwise, Buffett and Arizona starter Bobby Dalbec (10-5) matched zeroes through eight innings the same way the Cowboys' Thomas Hatch did with UC Santa Barbara's Shane Bieber on Saturday.

Dalbec, drafted in the fourth round by the Boston Red Sox, held the Cowboys to five hits and struck out a career-high 12 for the Wildcats (45-22).

Oklahoma State has played 19 straight shutout innings since super regionals and has allowed only six runs through seven NCAA Tournament games.

The game was delayed 2 hours, 21 minutes because of lightning in the area.