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Error-prone O's extend road losing streak to 17

Two big misuses prove costly in 6th straight loss overall

By Jon Meoli

The Orioles' oft-lacking defense isn't the only reason they lost Tuesday night in Cleveland, or the night before. Until they fix it, the 7-2 loss Tuesday at Progressive Field that represented their club-record 17th straight defeat on the road won't be the last. This time, it started early, with a second error by Steve Wilkerson as many nighs extending the first inning to a leadoff walk from Matt Harvey could come around to score on a single by Bobby Bradley.

Two more runs scored off Harvey before he gave way to Cole Sulser, who allowed both the runners he inherited to score. Harvey, who pitched well earlier in the season despite some shoddy glove work behind him, ended up charged with six runs (five earned) on six hits with two walks and two strikeouts, with his ERA up to 7.76. Trey Mancini had a run-scoring double in the top of the fifth, and Cleveland extended its lead back to five with a home run by Bradley off his old teammate Adam Plutko. The Orioles (22-44) have now lost six straight games overall, dropping to 5-7 in June, after beginning the month with the league's best offense and a 5-1 record.

More errors

There were two costly errors against the Orioles, but two others went unpunished. Franco made a two-out error at third base in the second inning, and Wilkerson had his third in two nights in the eighth inning.

NOTES

Hyde: MLB's action will be 'stiff penalty'

Players caught using foreign substances to face suspension

By Jon Meoli

After over a week of speculation, MLB announced Tuesday that beginning June 21, umpires will conduct checks for foreign substances such as pine tar or other slick grip enhancers to enforce the rule against applying them to the baseball in games. Offending players will be ejected from that game and automatically suspended for 10 more, and while that suspension is with pay, the team will have to play without that player for that 10-day stretch. Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said that deterrent was plenty to get his club to fall in line.

something with pine tar and sunscreen, Bull-frog (sunscreen), this is something some guys have used a long time," Hyde said. "I think MLB just wants to make it a little playing field, and I'm all for making it a level playing field at this time." MLB's enforcement will target both glue-like substances and the traditional combination of sunscreen and rosin, which is much milder. If they're the same, the Orioles have had discussions in small groups and have "talked quite a bit with the staff," Hyde said, but are going to have a larger team meeting tomorrow. Since MLB began threatening action, the Orioles and baseball as a whole have seen their average four-season fastball spin rate drop.

Minor league trade

The Orioles continued stockpiling international talent from other clubs Tuesday, acquiring 19-year-old Dominican outfielder Jose Berroa from the Pittsburgh Pirates for minor league catcher Taylor Davis. Berroa was assigned to the Florida Complex League, which begins later this month.

Around the horn

Hyde said left-hander John Means was at the team's complex in Sarasota, Fla., "working back toward starting his progression" after being shut down with a shoulder injury earlier this month. Hyde said Means played catch Tuesday.

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He's in the top 10 among qualifiers in WHIP, strikeout rate (14.58 per nine) and ERA, while his swinging strike rate of 23.1% is the highest among any minor leaguer, according to FanGraphs.

4-High-A Aberdeen outfielder Kyle Stowers

Stowers played only three games for High-A Aberdeen during the past week, but homered in each of them. He added a double Saturday for his fourth hit in 14 at-bats in that stretch, though he also struck out six times.

2-Triple-A Norfolk LHP Alexander Wells

It's been better at Triple-A Norfolk of late for both Wells and fellow lefty Zac Louth, but Wells hasn't had his time with the Tides interrupted by any pesky major league appearances, so he'll be featured here.

5-Low-A Delmarva infielder Darell Hernaiz

A fifth-round shortstop in 2019, Hernaiz was bumped by some of the recent trades out of the Orioles' top 30, but he's certainly one to watch. Hernaiz didn't get on base the first two games of the season, then started what's now a 26-game on-base streak.

3-Double-A Bowie RHP Grayson Rodriguez

Baseball America's top pitching prospect in all of baseball made his season debut start for Double-A Bowie during the past week and gave the Baysox five innings of shutout ball, allowing two hits and walking two with six strikeouts.

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Like Louth, Wells is due to get an extended look in the big leagues this year considering where he is in his development and the fact that he's on the roster. It will be fascinating to see whether a finesse pitcher with fly-ball tendencies can make it work in Camden Yards, though it must be noted Wells has made it work everywhere he's been so far.

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It speaks to the standards that Adley Rutschman has set for himself that another week with two home runs while going 8-for-27 doesn't really rate anymore. If should, though. He's been a constant in the Bowie lineup and is batting .294 with a .999 OPS while helping shepherd a pitching staff full

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By Tracy Gray

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE: S O L I D I E T A R I S P I S T I X M U S I C A I T T H E T I N T R E F R A N C O I S A N G R E W I N T H E R I E T I E T R E G R E W I N T H E R I E T I E T R E

Bridge Play Frank Stewart

"Here's an optimist for you," a club player told me. "A friend of mine hooked up with a much younger woman, and they wound up getting married. He's 82."

"He's an optimist?" "He bought a house," my friend said, "a half-block from an elementary school."

Today's declarer was, no pessimist. At four spades, he took the ace of hearts and optimistically led a trump to fessch with his jack-Nex.

South's view of the play was too easy. After he wins the first trick, he can take the A-K of diamonds, lead a third diamond and discard dummy's last heart as a loser-on-loser (my topic this week).

East can overruff dummy on the next diamond, but South can ruff his losing heart in dummy and pick up the trumps. He loses only one more trick to the ace of clubs, making his game.

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