

Yankees do it again, lead 3-2

NEW YORK (AP) — The young closer had seen this before. There was no need to turn around and watch the ball leave the park.

Byung-Hyun Kim dropped to a crouch on the mound as Scott Brosius circled the bases and the stadium erupted.

Incredibly, the New York Yankees had done it again in the World Series. The rest was inevitable.

Brosius saved the Yankees with a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning, then Alfonso Soriano singled home the winning run in the 12th to give New York a 3-2 victory and a three games-to-two edge.

"No disrespect to the fans or the Diamondbacks, but you have to sit back and kind of chuckle a little bit because it's so unbelievable," said Chuck Knoblauch, who scored the winning run.

A day earlier, it was Tino Martinez who tagged Kim for a two-out, two-run shot in the ninth. Then Derek Jeter homered in the 10th to win it.

Kim could only apologize for the double disasters.

"I am sorry to my teammates and my manager for giving up the tying run,"

he said through an interpreter. "I want to thank my manager for giving me another chance to pitch."

The Yankees became the first team in postseason history to win two straight games when trailing after eight innings, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I can't be surprised. It just happened the day before," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Said Brosius: "It seemed like the whole situation was set again, and it happened again."

Now, the defending three-time champions will try to wrap up another crown in Game 6 Saturday night at Bank One Ballpark.

Randy Johnson, who pitched a three-hit shutout in Game 2 for Arizona, once again will start against Andy Pettitte.

"You can't win them all. We would like to win them all, but the Yankees are very tough here in their house, and we know that," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said.

Knoblauch opened the 12th with his first hit of the series, ending an 0-for-13 rut, and moved up on Brosius' sacrifice. Soriano followed with a single off losing pitcher Albie Lopez, and

Knoblauch scored ahead of right fielder Reggie Sanders' throw.

Sanders had a shot at Knoblauch, but his one-hop throw skipped and could not be handled cleanly by catcher Rod Barajas.

Soriano made a key defensive play in the 11th as the Yankees won their Series-record 10th straight home game. Sterling Hitchcock got the victory.

New York has won seven straight extra-inning games in the Series, dating to 1964.

Brenly, second-guessed for pulling Curt Schilling and bringing in Kim with a late lead a day earlier, was not afraid to make a similar move.

The rookie manager yanked Miguel Batista with a 2-0 lead in the eighth after the Yankees put two on with two outs. The strategy worked when Greg Swindell got Martinez on a harmless fly ball.

But the sellout crowd of 56,018 roared as the Yankees came to bat in the ninth, and the noise level got even louder when the fans realized Kim was coming in to pitch.

"He is our closer, he wanted the ball in that situation," Brenly said.

Jorge Posada gave a sign of things to come, leading off with a double. Kim retired Shane Spencer on a grounder and struck out Knoblauch, bringing up Brosius.

At that point, Barajas walked toward the young closer and held up a finger, seeming to indicate: one more out.

But Brosius, the 1998 World Series MVP launched a long drive to left field and immediately raised his arm in the air.

Brenly did not move. From the dug-out, he stared glassy-eyed at the wild scene unfolding in front of him.

Then, as Barajas rushed to the mound, Brenly slowly walked out and signaled for reliever Mike Morgan.

Before this week, only three times had there been a two-out homer in the bottom of the ninth that tied or won a Series game. Now, add two more to the record book — and add to the Yankees' mystique.

"This is the most incredible couple of games I've ever managed," Torre said.

Arizona had its chance in the 11th against Mariano Rivera, loading the bases with the help of Matt Williams' first sacrifice bunt since 1990.

Four area teams advance in state football playoffs

All in action Saturday afternoon

Four area teams are advancing to the second round of state football playoffs and will be in action Saturday.

The Class 4A representative, the Scott City Beavers (8-2), will travel to Nickerson (5-5) Saturday with the game beginning at 3 p.m. Central Time.

The Beavers defeated Hugoton (7-2) 13-7 to advance. Nickerson defeated Lindsborg (6-3) 13-8 for their chance in the playoffs.

In Class 2A, St. Francis (8-2) travels to Johnson in Stanton County for their second round playoff game at 2 p.m. Central Time Saturday. The game will be broadcast on KWGB in Goodland with pre-game beginning at 1:30 p.m. Central Time.

Johnson (6-3) defeated Bucklin (6-3) 36-0 to advance to the second round while the St. Francis Indians defeated Leoti (4-5) 66-13 in the first round.

The Tribune Jackrabbits advanced

to the second round of the 8-man Division I state playoffs and will host Jetmore with kickoff at 3 p.m. Mountain Time Saturday. The Tribune game will be broadcast on KKCI in Goodland with pre-game beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Tribune defeated Tipton (7-2) 46-0 for their chance to advance. Jetmore defeated Quivira Heights (9-0) 54-8 to advance. Tribune will have a 10-0 record into the second round while Jetmore has a 9-1 record.

Cheylin of Bird City will travel to Hanston on Saturday for their second round playoff in the 8-Man Division II playoffs. Kickoff for the game is set for 3 p.m. Central Time.

Cheylin (7-2) defeated Weskan (6-3) 51-6 in the first round. Hanston (8-0) defeated Deerfield (4-4) 52-6.

Hanston will attempt to extend their winning streak to 10 with a win over Cheylin. The Cougars have an 8-2 record.

Kansas used to facing powerhouses

LAWRENCE (AP) — Sometimes there are tiny advantages to playing the toughest schedule in the country.

Kansas has already met No. 9 UCLA and No. 3 Oklahoma, not to mention a Kansas State team ranked for a while in the top 15. Next week, they'll be at No. 5 Texas.

So why be intimidated by No. 2 Nebraska?

"Having played the schedule we've played, you don't fall to thinking, 'Oh, no, that's Nebraska,'" said coach Terry Allen. "With the teams and the competition we've played, there's not an ultimate fear of this being some superior football team."

But maybe there ought to be. The Jayhawks (2-5, 1-4 Big 12) will face a

Nebraska team (9-0, 5-0) Saturday that just beat Oklahoma for its biggest win since Frank Solich replaced Tom Osborne in 1998.

Powered by quarterback Eric Crouch, the Huskers lead all NCAA Division I-A schools with almost 320 yards rushing per game. Trying to stop them will be a Kansas rush defense ranked 109th.

The Huskers, aiming for a date in the

national championship game, are averaging 36.8 points.

Kansas, possibly heading for a coaching change, is giving up 32.1 points per game.

The statistical imbalance does not stop there. In total defense, Nebraska is ninth, Kansas 91st.

Altogether, Nebraska ranks no worse than 12th in seven of the 10 NCAA statistical categories.



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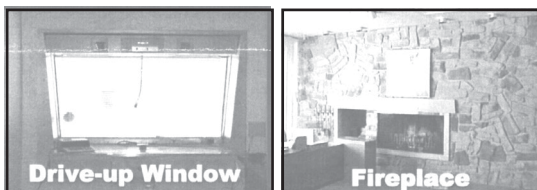
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