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NLCS GAME 2: CARDINALS 5, GIANTS 4

Homers help Cards even series at 1-1 with the Giants



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The St. Louis Cardinals Oscar Taveras celebrates after hitting his solo home run against the San Francisco Giants in Game 2 of the National League Championship Series on Sunday night. The Cardinals won 5-4 and will head to San Francisco for Game 3, set for Tuesday.

Wong leads off bottom of ninth with game-winning blast

BY JOE OSTERMEIER
News-Democrat

Kolten Wong homered to lead off the bottom of the ninth inning, giving the St. Louis Cardinals a wild 5-4 win over San Francisco in Game 2 of the National League Championship Series on Sunday night.

Wong's homer was the third in the last three innings for St. Louis, which pulled into a 1-1 tie in the best-of-seven series.

The Cardinals scored single runs in the third, fourth, seventh, eighth and ninth, while the Giants responded with single runs in the fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth.

The flurry of late runs came after Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina hurt his ribcage while hitting into a double play in the sixth, an injury that could sideline him the rest of the series.

HOW IT HAPPENED

St. Louis trailed 3-2 in the seventh before home runs by Oscar Taveras and Matt Adams gave them a 4-3 lead going into the ninth. But Cardinals closer Trevor Rosenthal allowed a Giants runner to score from second base on a wild pitch, tying the game.

That left it up to Wong, who hit an 0-1 pitch from Sergio Romo to right as a crowd of 46,262 went wild.

The Cards led 2-0 on a home run by Matt Carpenter in the third and an RBI single by Randal Grichuk in the fourth, but the Giants scored in the fifth, sixth and seventh for a one-run lead.

Taveras' pinch-hit homer pulled the Cards into a 3-3 tie

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in the seventh, and Adams' homer put them ahead in the eighth.

After the Giants tied it in the top of the ninth, Wong won it in the bottom of the inning.

WHAT'S NEXT

Game 3 of the series is at 3:07 p.m. Tuesday at ATT&T Park, with the telecast on Fox Sports 1 and on KMOX-AM 1120 and WXOS-FM 101.1.

Games 4 and 5 will be in San Francisco on Wednesday and Thursday evening, with Games 6 and 7 — if necessary — back at Busch Stadium next Saturday and Sunday.

Arrests made at killing protest

Some protesters allegedly wearing masks in St. Louis QuikTrip gathering

BY JIM SUHR
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Officers arrested 17 protesters and used pepper spray to subdue some of them Sunday in a St. Louis neighborhood not far from the suburb where violence erupted this summer after the shooting of a black man by a white policeman.

The arrests were the only incident in an otherwise peaceful weekend of demonstrations in the city to protest the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson in August. The shooting sparked sometimes violent demonstrations in the predominantly black suburb.

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U.S.: Plenty of failures in Medicare health plans

BY ROBERT PEAR
New York Times

WASHINGTON — Federal officials say they have repeatedly criticized, and in many cases penalized, Medicare health plans for serious deficiencies, including the improper rejection of claims for medical services and unjustified limits on coverage of prescription drugs.

The findings, cataloged in dozens of federal audit reports, come as millions of older Americans prepare to sign up for private health plans and prescription drug plans in Medicare's annual open enrollment period, which will begin Wednesday and continue through Dec. 7.

About 16 million people, accounting for 30 percent of the 54

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