2026 AL DIVISIONAL SERIES

#1 Bissel Cove Bluefish vs #4 Urpaign Dragons

GAME 1

Giancarlo Stanton delivered the decisive power display, blasting two home runs and driving in four runs as **Bissel Cove held off Urpaign, 6–5**, to take a 1–0 lead in the best-of-seven ALDS.

The Bluefish broke through in the third inning when Stanton launched a three-run homer. After the Dragons got on the board in the fourth, Stanton struck again in the fifth with a solo shot, giving Bissel Cove a 4–1 advantage.

Bissel Cove added a run in the seventh on the strength of its offense, with Corbin Carroll's two-run homer providing additional insurance earlier in the game. Garrett Crochet kept the Dragons in check through eight innings, allowing just two runs on four hits while striking out six.

Urpaign made things interesting in the ninth. After trailing 6–2, the Dragons erupted for three runs, highlighted by a three-run homer from Ceddanne Rafaela. The rally brought the tying run into reach, but David Bednar shut the door, striking out a batter and earning the save.

Bluefish 6, Dragons 5
Series: Bluefish 1, Dragons 0

Standout Performances

Giancarlo Stanton - Bluefish: 2 HR · 4 RBI

Garrett Crochet - Bluefish: 8 IP · 4 H · 2 ER · 6 K

Ceddanne Rafaela - Dragons: 1 HR · 3 RBI

Dragons	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG
G.Perdomo SS	4	0	0	0	.000
A.Martinez RF	3	1	2	2	.667
E–B.Donovan PH	0	1	0	0	----
A.Rutschman C	2	0	0	0	.000
N.Pivetta P	1	0	0	0	.000
F–K.Clemens PH	1	0	0	0	.000
C.Kelly DH&C	3	1	1	0	.333
C.Rafaela CF	4	1	1	3	.250
B.Turang 2B	4	0	0	0	.000
B.Williamson 3B	2	0	0	0	.000
G–J.Bauers PH	1	0	0	0	.000
J.Naylor 1B	3	0	0	0	.000
M.Straw LF	3	1	1	0	.333
Totals	31	5	5	5	

Bluefish	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG
K.Tucker LF	4	2	2	0	.500
C–B.Perkins LF	0	0	0	0	----
V.Guerrero Jr 1B	4	0	1	0	.250
C.Carroll RF	4	1	1	2	.250
G.Stanton DH	3	2	2	4	.667
A–R.Devers PH,DH	1	0	0	0	.000
J.Rodriguez CF	3	0	2	0	.667
M.Chapman 3B	4	0	0	0	.000
G.Henderson SS	4	0	0	0	.000
G.Moreno C	3	0	1	0	.333
B–E.Sosa PH	1	0	0	0	.000
D–J.McCann C	0	0	0	0	----
A.Gimenez 2B	3	1	1	0	.333
Totals	34	6	10	6	

A–Pinch Hit For Stanton In 7th Inning
B–Pinch Hit For Moreno In 8th Inning

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C-Subbed Defensively (LF) For Tucker In 9th Inning
D-Subbed Defensively (C ) For Sosa In 9th Inning
E-Pinch Hit For Martinez In 9th Inning
F-Pinch Hit For Pivetta In 9th Inning
G-Pinch Hit For Williamson In 9th Inning

INJURY: Adley Rutschman INJURED (for 0 more games) in 4th inning

Dragons..... 0 0 0  1 0 1  0 0 3  -  5  5  0
Bluefish..... 0 0 3  0 1 0  2 0    -  6 10  0

Dragons (0-1)            IP       H   R  ER  BB  SO  HR    ERA  SCORESHEET
N.Pivetta LOSS(0-1)       8      10   6   6   1   8   3   6.75  A1 B7
Totals                    8      10   6   6   1   8   3

Bluefish (1-0)           IP       H   R  ER  BB  SO  HR    ERA  SCORESHEET
G.Crochet WIN(1-0)        8       4   2   2   1   6   1   2.25  A1 D1
F.Peralta                 0 1/3   1   3   3   2   0   1  81.00  D2 D5
D.Bednar SAVE(1st)        0 2/3   0   0   0   0   1   0   0.00  D6
Totals                    9       5   5   5   3   7   2
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GAME 2

The Bissel Cove Bluefish continued their strong start to the ALDS, defeating the Urpaign Dragons 4–1 behind a dominant eight-inning performance from Hunter Brown.

After Giancarlo Stanton's power display stole the spotlight in Game 1, Game 2 belonged to Brown, who struck out 10 batters while allowing just three hits and one unearned run. He kept the Dragons off balance all afternoon and never allowed their offense to find a rhythm.

Bissel Cove struck first in the opening inning. Corbin Carroll delivered a two-run homer to give the Bluefish an early 2–0 lead. Urpaign answered with a run in the fourth, helped by an error, but could not capitalize on further opportunities.

The game remained close until the eighth, when Bissel Cove added two insurance runs on a pair of home runs. Gabriel Moreno connected for a two-run shot, extending the lead to 4–1 and giving Brown some breathing room.

Garrett Whitlock pitched a scoreless ninth to secure the save and complete the Bluefish victory.

Bluefish 4, Dragons 1
Series: Bluefish 2, Dragons 0

<u>Standout Performances</u>

Hunter Brown - Bluefish: 8 IP · 3 H · 1 R · 10 K

Dragons	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG
G.Perdomo SS	3	1	1	0	.091
B.Turang 2B	4	0	1	0	.083
B.Donovan LF	4	0	1	1	.250
K.Clemens 1B	3	0	0	0	.000
C-M.Schuemann PH	1	0	0	0	.000
C.Rafaela CF	4	0	0	0	.167
J.Naylor DH	2	0	0	0	.000
C.Kelly C	3	0	0	0	.222
A.Martinez RF	3	0	0	0	.444
B.Williamson 3B	3	0	1	0	.143
Totals	30	1	4	1	

Bluefish	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG
K.Tucker LF	2	1	0	0	.400
B-B.Perkins LF	0	0	0	0	----
V.Guerrero Jr 1B	4	0	1	0	.250
C.Carroll RF	4	1	2	2	.333
R.Devers DH	3	0	0	0	.000
A-E.Sosa PH,DH	1	0	0	0	.000
J.Rodriguez CF	3	0	1	0	.556
M.Chapman 3B	3	0	0	0	.000
G.Henderson SS	3	1	1	0	.091
G.Moreno C	3	1	1	2	.333
A.Gimenez 2B	3	0	1	0	.333
Totals	29	4	7	4	

A-Pinch Hit For Devers In 8th Inning
B-Subbed Defensively (LF) For Tucker In 9th Inning
C-Pinch Hit For Clemens In 9th Inning

Dragons.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
Bluefish.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	4	7	3

Dragons (0-3)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET
T.Sugano LOSS(0-1)	7	2	2	2	2	5	1	2.57	A1 C6
S.Cruz	0	3	2	2	0	0	1	----	C7 C9
M.Fluharty	0 2/3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	D1 D3
G.Jax	0 1/3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.00	D4
Totals	8	7	4	4	2	6	2		

Bluefish (3-0)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET
H.Brown WIN(1-0)	8	3	1	0	2	10	0	0.00	A1 D2
G.Whitlock SAVE(1st)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	D3
Totals	9	4	1	0	2	10	0		

GAME 3

The Bissel Cove Bluefish are now one win away from advancing after edging the Urpaign Dragons 1–0 in a superb pitching duel.

For eight innings, neither offense could find the breakthrough. Urpaign starter Bailey Ober was outstanding, shutting out the Bluefish over seven innings while allowing six hits and striking out four. Bissel Cove countered with an equally effective staff effort, combining for a shutout of its own.

The decisive moment finally arrived in the top of the ninth. Julio Rodríguez drew a walk, and Matt Chapman followed with a single to put runners aboard. After Gunnar Henderson struck out, Gabriel Moreno delivered the biggest hit of the afternoon, singling home Rodríguez for the game's only run.

Cade Smith earned the win with a scoreless inning of relief, and David Bednar closed out the Dragons to record his third save of the series. John Schreiber took the loss after surrendering the deciding run.

Bluefish 1, Dragons 0
Series: Bluefish 3, Dragons 0

Standout Performances

Gabriel Moreno - Bluefish: 2-for-4 · 1 RBI

Moreno came through when it mattered most, driving home Rodríguez with the ninth-inning single that broke the scoreless tie.

Bailey Ober - Dragons: 7 IP · 6 H · 0 R

Ober deserved a better fate. He kept Bissel Cove off the scoreboard for seven innings, but the Dragons couldn't provide the offensive support needed to reward his effort.

David Bednar - Bluefish: 3 saves in 3 appearances

Bednar continued his excellent postseason run, recording another save to preserve the Bluefish shutout and their commanding series lead.

Bluefish	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	Dragons	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG
K.Tucker LF	5	0	0	0	.267	G.Perdomo SS	4	0	0	0	.067
D-J.McCann C	0	0	0	0	----	B.Turang 2B	4	0	0	0	.063
V.Guerrero Jr 1B	4	0	1	0	.250	B.Donovan LF	3	0	1	0	.286
C.Carroll RF	4	0	0	0	.250	K.Clemens RF	3	0	0	0	.000
R.Devers DH	4	0	1	0	.111	A-R.Hassell RF	1	0	0	0	.000
J.Rodriguez CF	3	1	0	0	.417	C.Rafaela CF	4	0	1	0	.188
M.Chapman 3B	4	0	3	0	.200	J.Naylor DH	3	0	1	0	.091
G.Henderson SS	4	0	0	0	.067	C.Kelly C	2	0	1	0	.273
G.Moreno C	4	0	2	1	.385	F-A.Rutschman PH	1	0	0	0	.000
C-B.Perkins PR,LF	0	0	0	0	----	J.Bauers 1B	4	0	0	0	.000
A.Gimenez 2B	3	0	1	0	.333	K.Karros 3B	3	0	1	0	.333
B-E.Sosa PH	1	0	0	0	.000						
E-N.Nunez 2B	0	0	0	0	----						
Totals	36	1	8	1		Totals	32	0	5	0	

A-Subbed Defensively (RF) For Clemens In 6th Inning
B-Pinch Hit For Gimenez In 9th Inning
C-Pinch Ran For Moreno In 9th Inning
D-Subbed Defensively (C) For Tucker In 9th Inning
E-Subbed Defensively (2B) For Sosa In 9th Inning
F-Pinch Hit For Kelly In 9th Inning

Bluefish.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	- 1 8 0
Dragons.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 0 5 1

Bluefish (4-0)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET
R.Bergert	5	4	0	0	3	6	0	0.00	A1 C4
E.Sheehan	2 1/3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00	C5 D3
C.Smith WIN(1-0)	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.00	D4 D6
D.Bednar SAVE(3rd)	0 2/3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.00	D7
Totals	9	5	0	0	3	10	0		

Dragons (0-4)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET
B.Ober	7	6	0	0	0	4	0	0.00	A1 D1
J.Schreiber LOSS(0-1)	1 1/3	2	1	1	1	3	0	6.75	D2 D8
M.Fluharty	0 2/3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.00	D9
Totals	9	8	1	1	1	9	0		

GAME 4

The Bissel Cove Bluefish completed an ALDS sweep, by downing the Urpaign Dragons 8–1 in Game 4 behind another strong start from Garrett Crochet and a decisive six-run sixth inning.

Urpaign briefly gave its home crowd something to cheer about, scoring in the first inning to take a 1–0 lead. But Bissel Cove answered in the fourth when Kyle Tucker homered to tie the game at 1–1.

The contest remained close until the sixth, when the Bluefish erupted for six runs. The decisive rally featured timely hitting from Giancarlo Stanton, who singled home two runs, and contributions from Corbin Carroll, Julio Rodríguez and Gabriel Moreno. Bissel Cove followed with another run in the seventh to stretch the advantage to 8–1.

Crochet once again proved too much for Urpaign, allowing just one run over eight innings while striking out eight without issuing a walk. He finished the series with a perfect 2–0.

Bluefish 8, Dragons 1
Series: Bluefish 4, Dragons 0

Standout Performances

Garrett Crochet - Bluefish: 8 IP · 6 H · 1 ER · 8 K

Crochet capped an outstanding series with another deep start. He kept the Dragons' offense quiet and gave the Bluefish bullpen a comfortable finish.

Giancarlo Stanton - Bluefish: 2 hits · 2 RBI

Stanton delivered the key two-run single during the sixth-inning explosion. His production continued a huge series at the plate.

Bluefish	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	Dragons	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG
V.Guerrero Jr 1B	4	1	1	0	.250	G.Perdomo SS	4	1	1	0	.105
K.Tucker LF	3	2	1	1	.278	A.Martinez RF	4	0	0	0	.308
D–B.Perkins LF	1	0	0	0	.000	A.Rutschman C	4	0	1	1	.111
G.Stanton DH	4	1	2	2	.600	C.Kelly DH	4	0	0	0	.200
C.Carroll RF	4	1	1	2	.250	C.Rafaela CF	4	0	0	0	.150
J.Rodriguez CF	3	0	0	1	.333	B.Turang 2B	4	0	1	0	.100
M.Chapman 3B	4	1	2	0	.263	B.Williamson 3B	3	0	0	0	.100
J.McCann C	2	0	0	0	.000	J.Naylor 1B	2	0	0	0	.077
B–G.Moreno PH,C	2	0	0	1	.333	E–J.Malloy PH,1B	1	0	0	0	.000
N.Nunez SS	2	0	0	0	.000	M.Straw LF	3	0	3	0	.556
C–G.Henderson PH,SS	2	0	0	0	.059						
E.Sosa 2B	1	0	0	0	.000						
A–A.Gimenez PH,2B	2	2	1	0	.357						
Totals	34	8	8	7		Totals	33	1	6	1	

A–Pinch Hit For Sosa In 6th Inning
B–Pinch Hit For McCann In 6th Inning
C–Pinch Hit For Nunez In 6th Inning
D–Subbed Defensively (LF) For Tucker In 7th Inning
E–Pinch Hit For Naylor In 7th Inning

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Bluefish..... 0 0 0  1 0 6  1 0 0  -  8  8  0
Dragons..... 1 0 0  0 0 0  0 0 0  -  1  6  1
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Bluefish (5-0)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET
G.Crochet WIN(3-0)	8	6	1	1	0	8	0	1.88	A1 D3
L.Weaver	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.00	D4
Totals	9	6	1	1	0	10	0		

Dragons (0-5)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	ERA	SCORESHEET
B.Walter	5	2	1	1	0	4	1	1.80	A1 B8
G.Jax LOSS(0-1)	0	2	5	4	1	0	0	108.00	B9 C4
S.Cruz	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	36.00	C5 D1
J.Curtiss	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.00	D2
Totals	9	8	8	6	2	4	1		

SERIES RECAP

Series: Bluefish 4, Dragons 0

Congratulations to Bruce on another great season (back-to-back playoff appearances)!

Bissel Cove advances to the ALCS against Dante's Atlanta Senators.

Thanks, Glen