

Penalties

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play on the boards and continue to work the systems.

Although the Icers only committed three penalties Friday, the timing was crucial. A late penalty and a five-minute boarding call on senior forward Taylor Cera helped the Flames (8-5) capture the momentum.

"It really swung the momentum," O'Brien said. "It's a mental thing, and we

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Tim O'Brien
Icers' forward

need to get it in the guys' minds to stay out of the box. We need to get back to playing hard, Penn State hockey."

Playing up to their potential is another concern for Polidor. The No. 5-ranked Icers have now dropped two of their last three games.

"It's frustrating," Polidor said. "We need to come to practice and be ready to work."

Improvement is also something O'Brien is keeping his eye on this season. If the team continues to improve in certain areas, he feels the Icers will be successful.

"We're taking a lot of penalties right now, there's no doubt about it," he said.

"But we're definitely getting better. The guys shouldn't have to worry about it."

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Giants on verge of World Series crown

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ARLINGTON, Texas — The rookie pitched way beyond his years, sending a shudder through Rangers Ballpark.

Madison Bumgarner dominated for eight innings, Aubrey Huff and Buster Posey homered and the San Francisco Giants put on a fielding clinic in Game 4, beating Texas 4-0 on Sunday night to move within one win of that elusive World Series title.

Dressed in black-and-orange, the Giants were spooky good in taking a 3-1 edge. Bumgarner allowed only three hits and took all the fun out of a festive, Halloween crowd.

"I can't say enough about what he did," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said.

Ace Tim Lincecum will try Monday night to deliver the Giants' first championship since they moved to San Francisco in 1958. Now it's up to Cliff Lee to save the Rangers' season in Game 5.

The 21-year-old Bumgarner and closer Brian Wilson helped the Giants become the first team to post two shutouts in a World Series since Baltimore threw three straight to close out the Dodgers in 1966.

"I thought the pitching was the thing tonight," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "And their defense."

Huff's two-run homer in the third gave Bumgarner all the support he needed. Posey added a solo shot in the eighth — Bumgarner and Posey became the first rookie battery to start in the Series since Spec Shea and Yogi Berra for the Yankees in 1947.

Even though Bumgarner got relief help, it was a complete game for the Giants. Andres Torres and Edgar Renteria each got three hits and their teammates made almost every play in the field.

Make it great D in Big D.

Left fielder Cody Ross came up with a shoestring catch, second baseman Freddy Sanchez made a leaping grab and Posey threw out Josh Hamilton trying to steal. Bumgarner helped himself, too, knocking down Hamilton's scorcher up the middle.

Coming off a 4-2 win Saturday night, the Rangers and their fans were ready to even this Series.

Earlier in the day, about a quarter-mile away at Cowboys Stadium, Dallas dropped to 1-6 with a 35-17 loss to Jacksonville.

Two little boys held up signs inside that read: "Hurry Up Cowboys ... I Have a Rangers Game to go to."

The father-and-son team of George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush threw out the ceremonial first ball in what Major League Baseball said was the first time two former presidents attended a World Series game.

The elder Bush's wife, Barbara, even kept score from her front-row seat next to the Texas dugout.

There wasn't much to write down — not on the Texas side, anyway.

Bumgarner didn't permit a runner past first base until the seventh. Facing his only jam, he retired Ian Kinsler on a fly ball to strand two runners and preserve a 3-0 lead.

Bumgarner struck out Vladimir Guerrero three times, the first time the star Texas designated hitter had done that this season. Wilson closed with a hitless ninth.

The Giants tweaked their lineup, benching strikeout machine Pat Burrell and making Huff the DH for the first time this season. Bochy put Nate Schierholtz in right field and Travis Ishikawa at first base — fine fielders, not great hitters.

That's more the NL way, where spare bats rarely grow on the bench.

Washington came off his bench twice to discuss calls with first base umpire Jeff Kellogg. Both plays were bang-bang, and replays seemed to show both were misses that went against the Rangers.

Thwarted early, the Giants took a 2-0 lead in the third on Huff's homer.

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year. Coupled with her hat trick against Indiana, the forward has five goals in the team's last two games. Walsh said Costa has gained confidence in recent weeks and it's fueled the forward's string of outstanding play.

Once the score was leveled, Penn State took over possession, limiting Purdue to three shots on goal and five total shots for the day.

"We just kept the ball," Walsh said. "There's not much these teams can do against you when you've got the ball more than they do. Our best defense against them [Sunday] was a good offense and we played it around a little bit and we saw they were short on depth so we tried to make them work as hard as we could when we had the ball."

With the current standings, a Penn State win against Michigan next Sunday would ensure at least a share of the team's 13th straight Big Ten title. Finally back on top of

the standings her teams have dominated the past four seasons, Toney said she's excited to be back in the conference race.

"I can't even tell you how good it feels," Toney said.

"We had quite a big celebration here and we know that we have one game next weekend and when we win, we'll have our 13th straight Big Ten title. We know how hard we have to come out and we're going to take it to Michigan next weekend."

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Win

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Heading back to Northwestern on Thursday, as the No. 3 seed to face the No. 6 Indiana Hoosiers for the first round of the Big Ten Tournament, Morett said the Lions are going in knowing the league championship is up for grabs. No team in the Big Ten is

undefeated and the coach sees it as an opening for her team.

Captain Daneen Zug mentioned last week that the goal for this team is set on winning this tournament and earning the automatic bid for the NCAA tournament later this month.

Zug believes little needs to be said in terms of finding motivation.

Running on a four-game win-

ning streak, Amy believes the team's focus is on point and although Friday's game was sloppy at times, it was the last step toward the postseason.

"We could have played better, but a win's a win," Amy said. "It definitely gives us the confidence we need going into the Big Ten tournament."

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Volleyball

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matches to Purdue and Indiana — the Lions' first consecutive losses in nearly eight years.

On Friday night, Penn State got a second chance at the Hoosiers, and performed well. The Lions played inspired volleyball in front of 5,811 rowdy fans at Rec Hall — the largest home crowd of the season.

Penn State hit a combined .385 clip and limited an upstart Indiana squad to a .161 attack percentage. Prior to that match, the Hoosiers had won five of their last six contests.

On Saturday, though, Penn State was simply flat.

The match against the Boilermakers (15-8, 6-6) featured

many out-of-system plays. D'Errico ran into the stands several times to chase down balls and setter Kristin Carpenter had a hard time connecting with teammates.

"It's good to come out with a win, but it's disappointing to come out knowing we didn't play well," co-captain Blair Brown said.

"Just because I thought we took steps forward [Friday] and then another couple steps back [Saturday]."

Brown was one bright spot for the Lions on Saturday night. The 6-foot-5 redshirt senior registered a career-high 23 kills. McClendon pitched in for 16 kills while D'Errico posted a match-high 19 digs.

Yet the Lions know that they're still missing something.

"We're lucky we're winning

some of the games we are," Rose said.

"And when we run into someone who's playing hard, we're not going to win. We don't have the ability to start and finish like a great team."

D'Errico said she's excited to get back to the practice gym this week because she knows the team has a lot to work on.

But it's not necessarily something tangible that the Lions need to improve on, D'Errico said. It's more of a mentality thing.

"We should want blood every time we step on the court," D'Errico said. "We have to teach our team, as a whole, together, how to go after it all the time and not be OK with a two-point lead, a three-point lead."

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