

Lynnwood and Meadowdale: guessing begins

By RIC ROFF
Sports editor

If you're looking for your darkhorse, go no further.

Lynnwood and Meadowdale win hands down. Or, better yet, get your hands up, you've had it.

"Our defense is going to have to prove themselves," Lynnwood coach Bob Jacobs said. "Sure, we have some great people and we're really looking forward to the coming season. But I won't personally be

satisfied until the defense proves itself."

Nevertheless, Lynnwood is a product of last year's "super soph," a team that depended a lot on youth. That youth has matured a year and taken a shot upwards which is normal. It's normal, unless you are the opposition.

PROBABLY THE biggest bruiser on the squad is 6-5 Steve Zilkey, who tips in at 215 pounds. Zilkey, a senior, suffered a back injury that laid him up

most of last year. This year, someone stuck an exacto knife into the top of his wrist that will put him out of action for the first couple weeks of the season. Then the enforcer will return.

Complimenting him are senior Dean Rotter, 6-2, 185-pounds, who proved himself as a tough rebounder and good shooter last year. Rotter will play forward. Mike Berg, a high jumper in his spare time, is 6-4 and a senior, along with 5-11 Rob Bruns.

Talented juniors are 6-6 Ted Jones at center, 6-6 Bill Patrick, 6-3 Brian Walker (suffered a bone injury in his foot last year that laid him up) and 6-2 Mark Christensen at guard-forward.

"All these kids have started at times," coach Jacobs said. "But no one started all year because of injuries or inconsistency. We'll know more after the first of the year. I see us as becoming more competitive then, rather than now."

The reason is simple. The team has yet to work as a unit with uninterrupted play. Injuries have barred that. Take, for example, another possible bright spot, Wally Henderson, who started the last game of the season against Everett, shot 70 per cent from the field in that game. The 5-11 guard is quick, "but we still don't know what he can do."

ALSO IN THE line-up somewhere are a brother team of Rich and Jeff Bruns, who play "pretty tall." 6-4 junior Scott Lask who was nicknamed "magic" at Sammamish High School last year, and Mark Stearns and Dave Glenfield.

A good backcourt highlights the team, according to coach Jacobs, with good mobility from his big men inside. Attitude is in a positive state this year, too, he adds, and half the battle is won when you have that.

So why is Lynnwood a darkhorse?

"Because we have yet to see the 'true' ability of these boys together," coach Jacobs said. "This year, if we don't have the injuries, I think we will see that."

COACH BILL HULL at Meadowdale has the other sleeper in the league. He has coached in the Edmonds district for 21 years, getting his start at Edmonds.

Yet, even with all that experience as head coach, he can't make a judgment on this year's squad.

"It's hard to say after three days' turnout," he



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NO ONE SEEMS to know what Lynnwood will do this year in basketball, stemming from injuries and inconsistency on last year's "super soph" squad. One thing's for sure, the Royals have the tallest team in the district. (Staff photo)

Both are returning seniors, sit seniors and the rest are sophomores. "Two of the players started last year, three played, so we have five lettermen."

That's why Meadowdale is a darkhorse.

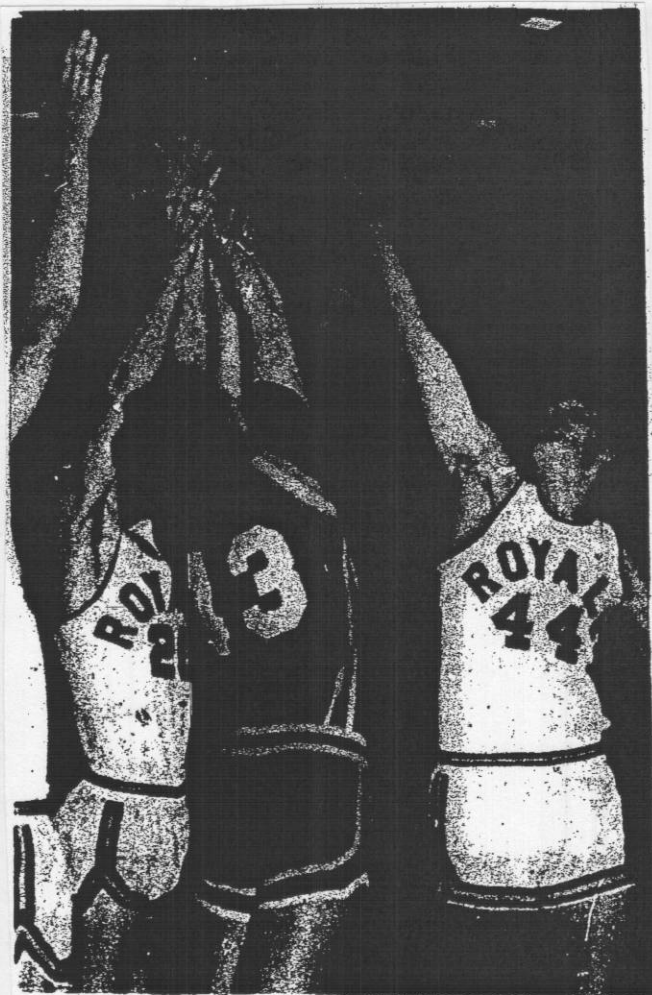
Greg Hosington tips in at 6-5, 195, and will play the post position. John Sullivan guards in 6-2.

Other seniors who lettered last year are Steve Cobb (6-3), Ron VonPresenline (6-3), Jaff Zaskey (6-3) and Jeff Schwan (6-6). Junior power forward Joe Sullivan (6-6) and Kerry Miller (5-11) will help out after playing on a makeshift Jr varsity team.

Our seniors that did

play last year were pretty much middle of the road," Coach Hull said. "This year I don't think we are quick, we're not particularly slow, but we're not a real running-type team, either."

How about experience? "I've been down that road before," he said. And if that tells you anything, you're lucky.



Going up 12-7

FLYING SKYWARD for the ball are Lynnwood's Rob Bruns (left), teammate Dave Glenville (far right) and Meadowdale's Greg Hosington.

Will Royals be better? 12-7

By STUART MICHELSON

The Lynnwood Royals, signaling that this year might be theirs, took a close one from the Edmonds Tigers in the Edmonds District Jambo-ree Friday night.

The struggle was led by the scoring of 6-7 center Ted Jones, of Lynnwood, who tallied six points in the 12 minute period. He was followed by 6-3 Dean Rotter with three points while Rich Bruns, Chet Ross, Mike Berg, Randy Stansberry and Dave Glenville had two points each. Bill Patrick had one.

For Edmonds, Rob Heesen had four points to pave the way, Bruce Hull and Frank Hinkley had three each, Mike Appleby, Scott Suran and Jeff Weishaar had two and Rich Petek had one.

Warriors tip Royals, 43-41 in overtime 12-14

By MARK TROYER

If last Friday night's non-conference basketball game between the Woodway Warriors and the Lynnwood Royals was any indication of the type of play that will determine the conference championship in Wesco this year, area fans are in for one of the most exciting basketball seasons they have ever seen.

Woodway tipped the Royals 43-41 in overtime

Woodway, highly rated in Wesco this year, played before a near capacity home crowd and threatened to blow Lynnwood all the way home. Led by Dan Allen's great shooting touch, Woodway ran off the first 12 points of the game. Then, with 2:36 left in the first quarter, Lynnwood broke through the stingy Warrior defense to get their first bucket of the night.

Woodway, who lit their first six shots, finally

started missing and Lynnwood came back to trail 14-9 at the quarter. The Royals closed within three, half way through the second quarter before falling back 27-20 at the half.

The third quarter was a see-saw battle with Lynnwood outscoring Woodway 10-8. Then the excitement started to build with Lynnwood applying a full court press and tying the score 35-35. Warrior guard Jim

Miller hit two free throws to give Woodway a 37-35 lead with 5:50 to go. Then Woodway went into a four corner offense passing up

the outside shots. Lynnwood got the ball back when Ross hit a baseline jumper with 48 seconds to go to tie the score. Lynnwood then

got the ball back when Woodway failed to get across the center line in 10 seconds.

Edmonds robbed as Royals 'clean' up 12-21

By PAUL KINDERIS

Fast and clean. That was the basketball game between Lynnwood and Edmonds last week. And breathtaking.

It wasn't won until the last second. And in that last second, Lynnwood's Richie Bruns let loose with a shot that was still in the air when the closing buzzer sounded for a come-from-behind victory, 48-47.

Actually, the Royals led most of the game, taking 14-11 and 24-23 leads at the end of the first and half-time points, respectively.

THE GAME continued to be close but clean, as only eight fouls were called throughout the entire period of play. At the end of the third quarter, Lynnwood still led, 40-37, but Edmonds tied it in the fourth and

went ahead with two seconds left on the clock, 47-46.

Bruns got the ball in-bounds and pumped up his shot, sending Edmonds back to the drawing board and Lynnwood spinning.

Bruns led Lynnwood balance with 16 points and was followed with Brian Walker's 12, Ted Jones' 10, Chet Ross' six and Mike Berg's four. But game honors went to Edmonds' Bruce Hull, who scored 21 points. Jeff Weishaar with 11, Gary Olson with seven, Rob Heesen with six and Joel Tallman with two.

LYNNWOOD ALSO trounced Snohomish last Friday, 60-39, after breaking out with an early 20-7 lead in the first quarter. The Panthers never got

any closer than 10 points for the rest of the game as Lynnwood broke it open in the third and fourth quarters and never looked back.

Led by the rebounding of Dean Rotter and the scoring of Mike Berg, the game was soon wrapped up.

"The kids really came to play last night," and "terrific team defense," were just two of the things coach Bob Jacobs said following the team's fourth victory of the season.

Balanced scoring again proved evident on the team as Ted Jones and Scott Lask dumped in nine each. Chet Ross added seven and Rotter six. Berg led all Royals with 10 points while Mark Christiansen had five, Walker four and Rich Bruns four.

Western Conference basketball standings 12-28

Team	Eastern Division		League Season	
	W	L	W	L
Everett	2	0	6	0
Lynnwood	2	0	5	1
Meadowdale	1	1	3	3
Oak Harbor	1	1	3	2
Mountlake Terrace	0	2	1	4
Snohomish	0	2	0	5

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Woodway	2	0	6	0
Edmonds	1	1	3	3
Marysville	1	1	2	2
Cascade	0	1	1	4
Mariner	0	1	1	5

Results as of Dec. 28

Everett 32, Snohomish 48

Oak Harbor 44, Terrace 42

Lynnwood 61, Meadowdale 54

Woodway 63, Edmonds 48

Marysville 44, Mariner 39

Cascade 38, Redmonds 38 (non league)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Joy to Lynnwood; Chiefs fall, 61-54

12-28

By SAUL KINDERIS
Lynnwood hoop coach Bob Jacobs received his Christmas present early this year.

Tuesday night's clash between his Royals and the Chiefs of Meadowdale had everything he wanted and then some as his squad played Scrooge and dumped the Chiefs, 61-54.

"It couldn't have been a better Christmas present," Jacobs said after his team put the "wraps" on the Chiefs on Lynnwood's home court for the first time in history.

THE GAME GOT off to a slow start with Meadowdale taking an 11-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. They increased that margin, thanks to Jon Sullivan and Jeff Zinke, to open up a 28-22 lead at the end of the first half.

Going into the third quarter the Royals came from behind and then broke away to get a 41-32 lead off Bill Patrick's 10 points and baskets by Wally Henderson and Ted Jones.

That was short-lived, however, as the Chiefs woke up and with numerous fouls (including Patrick fouling out and Chief coach Phil Hull drawing a technical), drew out the last four minutes of the

game to well over 10.
In the end, the Royals wrapped it up with a 61-54 count.

The entire game was a very emotional one from start to finish with spectators either yelling advice to the players or telling the referees where to go. And the players showed it as the game proceeded at a fast pace with numerous mistakes.

AFTER THE game, coach Hull of Meadowdale said that Lynnwood "did a great job" while Royal mentor Jacobs agreed.

"Great intensity in the second half, good team effort and performances off the bench really made the difference," he said.

Ted Jones led Lynnwood scoring with 17 while Bill Patrick added 14, Wally Henderson 12, Richie Bruns six, Scott Look four, Chet Ross, Dean Rotter, Mike Berg and Rob Bruns with two apiece.

Meadowdale's Jon Sullivan led all scorers with 18, Zinke added 14, Greg Hoisington eight, Steve Cobb four, Ron Von Pressentine five, Joe Sullivan two, Brad Mackie three.

The win put Lynnwood's season record at 5-1 while their league mark went to 2-0.

By SAUL KINDERIS

Ask coach Bob Jacobs, the man who led his Lynnwood Royals past Woodway Friday night, and he won't answer you. Ask anyone, for that matter, and the answer is strangely the same. There isn't one.

What's the question? How about giving me the name of the team now dominating the Western Conference basketball season after half a season. After Friday night, it could even be Lynnwood.

"I think it's Meadowdale, like I've said all along," coach Jacobs said Monday, following a weekend of savor over their team's 55-51 win over the Warriors. "I know they aren't dominating right now but I still think they will. And I think we can."

BUT THE ANSWER still remains unsolved. No one team is undefeated and everyone is knocking everyone off. Take, for example, Mariner. They defeated Meadowdale who defeated Everett in the same week. Everett currently leads Wesco East with a 5-1 record. The rest of the standings are all botched up.

In Wesco West, it's not any easier. There isn't a leader with Cascade and Woodway sharing some kind of honor or a 3-2 record.

And Lynnwood, which is 3-3 in the East, sits about even with everyone else in the mad dash to district. They are tied with Mountlake Terrace, a team that beat them a week earlier.

But Friday night, it was an oddity

assorted fourth quarter that burst the Royals back on the scene. Lynnwood exploded after Woodway scored the first basket of the fourth quarter and outscored the Warriors 17-3, to seal the win.

Lynnwood, which was behind by 10 points or more during most of the game, picked up some great shooting by Brian Walker and rebounding by Dean Rotter. Chet Ross and Ted Jones for a "good team effort" needed to beat Woodway," according to coach Jacobs.

Rich Bruns, Jones and Walker scored 11 points apiece for the Royals while Rob Bruns added eight. Dan Allen led the charge for Woodway, but was held without a field goal in the second half, for 17 points. Alan Erickson added 10.

EARLIER IN THE week, Oak Harbor knocked off the Royals in a squeaker, 63-60.

The Wild-cats broke out to a fast start with an early 17-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. The physical Oak Harbor squad, led by Rod Durant and Bruce Bull, led through the first half but went quiet as the big guns from Lynnwood scored 10 unanswered points for a 44-47 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Wildcats caught the Royals on ice and put the game away in the final moments.

Durant led Oak Harbor scoring with 21 points. Bull added 14 and Henry 14.

Rotter had 12 points for Lynnwood, Berg nine and Jones nine. Walker added eight, Ross and Christiansen six each.

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Hawks keep books intact

By SAUL KINDERIS
Lynnwood failed in its attempt to change history as Mountlake Terrace continued with its annual win over the Royals.

coming from behind for a 44-40 victory.

The game was fast, rough, sloppy and full of fouls on both teams and at one point in the third quarter resembled a football game. Four players went down while scrambling for the ball.

Terrace's Dan Caldwell was the "center" of attention as he scored more than half the points for the game and had a technical called on him while stuffing the ball.

"When the going gets rugged, he's like a horse in there," Terrace coach Roger Ottum said.

Indeed he is. The 6-7 center finished with 24 points while Lynnwood's

Rich Bruns and Scott Look shared Lynnwood scoring honors with eight apiece.

EARLIER IN THE week, the Everett Seagulls flew over the football game. Four players went down while scrambling for the ball.

Lynnwood, with its six wins, was handed its second loss of the season when Everett, through the leadership of center Rich Webber, went on to post their eighth straight win.

After the game, Roy coach Jacobs said that Everett did a good job of "taking us out of our defense" and said, "I felt we lost the game on the boards."

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Royals finish off Bruins, 57-41

By SAUL KINDERIS
There was one thing to be said for Friday night's game between Lynnwood and Cascade. It was different.

There was a lot of screaming as well as some laughter when a Bruin carried the ball four steps without a traveling penalty while the entire Cascade cheering section doubled up with laughter.

Then, late in the fourth quarter, everyone held their breath as Rich Bruns

made a full court pass to Ted Jones which ended in two points for the Royals.

The game was close with the Bruins leading until the last 41 seconds of the third quarter when Lynnwood's Scott Look

Cascade locked the game up at 22 up in the fourth quarter before Lynnwood broke away to finish it at 57-41.

After the game the Bruins coach said it "wasn't a picturesque

game and we were hurt by our inability to shoot fouls."

Royal coach Bob Jacobs commented, "We wanted it worse than they did and we had a great team effort."

SCORING

Lynnwood: Bruns, 11; Berg, 10; Jones, 6; Patrick, 4; Rotter, 2; Look, 11; Ross, 5; Walker, 2; Christiansen, 6; McCulloch, 3; Overton, 4; Brown, 2; Meibeen, 10; Muscatelli, 3.

Edmonds moves into West race with shocker

By STUART MICKELSON
The Edmonds Tigers moved into a second place tie with Cascade and over

Edmonds led 18-13 at halftime.

The Royals by far better than Edmonds were stumped on the boards by the Tiger's quickness and their point guard.

With the power on the zone, rolling with the ball, the team held the Royals to 19 first half points. Lynnwood didn't let the Tigers run away though.

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and Edmonds held a 18-13 halftime lead.



Edmonds coach Art Sooley was proud of the way his team held up. "It shows how we have matured; earlier this year that would have rattled us and we wouldn't have been able to come back."

The game stayed tight until midway in the final period when Edmonds pumped in 9 straight points; Gary Olson hit a Lynnwood turnaround jumper, Jeff Weishaar struck from the baseline; Rob Hoesen swished from the foul line and Bruce Hull layed one in and added a free throw. Edmonds led 48-38.

It sent the Royals reeling and they had only 1:31 left to turn it around.

They couldn't do it as Edmonds went into a semi-stall and ate up most of the time.

A sidelight to the game was a pair of technical fouls called on Lynnwood's Rob and Rich Bruns. Earlier in the week Edmonds scored four plays to double figures and topped Snohomish 56-42.

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Royals mop up Mariner, 64-51

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By SAUL KINDERIS
We played very aggressively. Lynnwood coach Bob Jacobs said following his Royals 64-51 victory over Mariner in an action-packed second half.

And the one player who probably agreed to this was Mariner's Brian Bremner, who not only scored 12 points for the Mariners, but also went down for the count while going for the ball and was carried off on a stretcher.

Bremner is currently nursing a bad ankle sprain.

MARINER SCORED the first basket of the game but Lynnwood pulled off a 12-9 first quarter

lead. Mariner came back to tie it, 18-18, with 5:17 left. Before Lynnwood broke away 29-21, at the half.

What happened in the second half will probably be remembered by everyone. The second half just sort of happened as opposed to having been planned. It started with a flying tackle as Lynnwood's Mike Berg was kayaked in a scramble for the ball. Then it progressed to a fast-paced free-for-all which resulted in a "help" by senior Rob Bruns.

No more than a minute transpired before the Mariners lost control of the ball. In the ensuing dash for possession, they managed to earn an over-and-back penalty.

Mariner's Dickson had 19 points. McPherson eight and Peters six.

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An upset? Royals rope Everett, 52-50

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By SAUL KINDERIS
Lynnwood pulled an upset out of their magic hat last week by turning back the number six state-ranked Everett Seagulls, 52-50.

It is the eyes of Lynnwood coach Bob Jacobs, took more than just ball through hoop.

"The boys showed a lot of character," he said.

And they needed it. The game was close throughout with the tide changing hands countless times. Lynnwood led at the close of the first quarter and at the half by five points. But a third quarter slump handed the lead to Everett as the Seagulls ripped off 17 points to Royals' five.

Lynnwood rallied in the fourth quarter, fighting back from a seven point deficit to knot the score at 50 apiece with seconds remaining in the game.

IT LOOKED like overtime was in store until Everett tossed it away. They fouled leading scorer Bill Patrick and teammate Brian Walker and both fouled to tie the charity stripe for the winning basket.

The victory was Lynnwood's 11th of the season against six losses while moving them into third place in Wesco East with Oak Harbor.

Those two teams were to meet last night at Lynnwood while the other heated battle in Wesco, namely in the West, was to be decided at Meadowdale with Everett.

Patrick from Lynnwood and Everett's Rich Webber led scoring honors in the game with 12 points each. Anthony Smith tossed in 11 for the Seagulls.

Lynnwood's Mike Berg added eight and Walker nine.

Wildcats go wild; knock Royals from race

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By SAUL KINDERIS
Oak Harbor put a stop to Lynnwood's chances of postseason play last week when the Wildcats pulled away in the closing seconds for a 67-58 victory.

The game was for keep as both squads came with a 9-5 conference record. Oak Harbor won a berth to the Northwest District Tournament by

taking the game. Oak Harbor took command in the first quarter and kept rolling with a 13-4 lead at the buzzer. When it looked like the Wildcats would run away with it, the Royals responded with five minutes left in the half to pull within four, 18-10, and moved even closer to tie the first half behind by one, 28-27.

Lynnwood took the lead for the first time in the second half as they got the jump and hit for a 28-28 count. The Wildcats, led by Ron Durant who pumped in 21 points for the night, pulled away to lead 45-41 at the end of the third quarter.

Lynnwood's Scott Look, who also finished the game with 21 points, evened the score at 45 apiece with 5:46 left in the game. Lynnwood was never down by more than five points from that time on, but the Wildcats made it seem like more by holding on for a five-point

barrage in the final moments. Oak Harbor coach Les Smith said his Wildcats played the second half the way they wanted and got the break on fouls.

"Other than Meadowdale, we really haven't been beat by a team this year," he said. "But we have beat ourselves, like a five-minute stretch where we just give the game away."

THE COACH was undoubtedly referring to the five minutes left in the second quarter when the Royals rallied from eight points down to pull within one.

Meanwhile, Lynnwood coach Bob Jacobs was in respectable humor, despite the loss.

"I'm pretty proud of these kids because they never gave up," he said. "And I have to give Oak Harbor credit. They are the only team to beat us twice this season."

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Chiefs put Royals in tough position

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By TOM PEARCE
Meadowdale dealt a hard blow to the playoff chances of Lynnwood, using their tough second half defense to dump the Royals, 56-40 Friday night.

The Chiefs' tight defense allowed only four points in the third quarter, as Meadowdale ended up outscoring the Royals 27-9 in the second half.

The Chiefs took a 19-11 lead after one quarter, capped by Jon Sullivan's 30 footer at the buzzer. The Royals then took control—for a little while

at least. They outscored the Chiefs 26-14, with Richie Bruns hitting the basket that gave Lynnwood a 31-29 lead into the locker room at the half.

THEN THE Meadowdale defense took over. The Chiefs scored the first six points, moving into a 35-31 lead, but Lynnwood came back to tie the game at 35-35. Meadowdale then scored the next 11 points, stretching that run into the fourth quarter, with the score 42-35 after three periods.

Meadowdale's tough defense held Lynnwood to only five points in the final period for their 11th season win, sixth in division play, 56-40.

Lynnwood fell to 10-4, 1-15 in division play, tied with Oak Harbor.

The Chiefs had four players score in double figures, led by Greg Hoisington's 15 and Jon Sullivan's 13. Richie Bruns led the Royals with 15. Hoisington also nabbed one rebound.

THE GAME was preceded by a few moments of silence for Mike Gunning, a teacher and scoutkeeper at Meadowdale, who passed away after school Friday.

Meadowdale will travel to Snohomish Friday, and then return home to face the division leading

Everett Seagulls to close out the season Tuesday, in a game that could decide the Eastern division title.

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