

NL Championship Series:

Dodgers vs Brewers

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

American Family Field

Umpire James Hoye

Postgame 1 Press Conference

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Q. For starters, can you just take us through how that play unfolded, what you guys each saw, because looked like you did signal "save" quickly. What you each saw from start to finish there on that play.

JAMES HOYE: So with Sal running back, right, he gloves at first and it hits the wall. At that point it's no catch, right? Chad, on that form six-man system, it's his job to go out on that ball, from left line, to go out and get that ball.

So on the first, I see him immediately saying no catch. They throw the ball in, and then all of a sudden you turn around and there's runners everywhere, right? At that point guys are going back, going forward. The coaches are spinning.

So they throw the ball to home with the guy sliding in. Then they throw -- Contreras runs to third and runs to second.

And at that, 15 seconds, we have a hold for the 15 seconds on the challenge. Right? David goes, "Challenge." And at that point I wanted to make sure -- so at that point I wanted to know exactly what David was challenging. So he gave the signal.

So I went over to David, I go, "What are we challenging?" Then there was some discrepancy, because at that point I didn't know exactly what we had on the field. I wanted to verify exactly. So I go, "Hang on, David, wait a minute, let's get together."

So we get the crew together. At that point Chad has a no-catch in the outfield. The home plate umpire, John Libka, he had an out at the play on a force out. And Vic, the umpire at third base, had a force out at third.

I go, I go back to David, I go, "Hey, we have a no catch in the outfield. We have a force at the plate and we have a



force at third. Do you want to challenge that?" He goes yes.

So then at that point we get the call from replay. It's a confirmed out at the plate. Confirmed out at third base.

I make the announcement, and then David says to me, he goes, "But wait." So I explain to him, if they went the other way, went third and home, the run would have scored. But because it's a force at home doesn't remove the force going to third. So they got the two outs, the inning ended. That's how that evolved into the play.

Q. You mentioned there's runners everywhere. Looked like Muncy maybe rounded first. Could there have been an out there for him passing the baserunner, kind of like retreated into foul territory?

JAMES HOYE: True. At that point, though, we did not have passing. So we had the out at the plate, out at third. So we did not have passing on the field.

Q. Clarification, you said in this alignment, the left field ump calls it. Regular season, that would be the third -- kind of a similar spot on the field?

JAMES HOYE: Correct. Both guys from the wings position, either left field, six-man, base umpire, four-man would have that call.

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