

LAA's shocking third straight game with a come-from-behind Grand Slam

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Otani started as the second and designated hitter in the 2023 Major League Baseball away game against the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field in Denver, Colorado, on the 24th and recorded three hits in five at-bats, one RBI, one walk, and two strikeouts. Otani, who escaped from the no-hit silence for two consecutive games, raised his season's batting average from 0.292 to 0.298 by playing a three-hit game without a triple in the cycling hit. OPS also increased significantly from 0.993 to 1.011.

It is already the fourth cycling hit that has failed this season alone. On April 28, a home run was missing against Oakland Athletics, and on May 16, a double was missing against the Baltimore Orioles. On June 4, in a game against the Houston Astros, he failed to make a cycling hit because he missed a home run despite four hits. For that reason, his Major League Baseball cycling hit was the first and last match against the Tampa Bay Rays on June 14, 2019.

However, like Ohtani, who is leading the MVP race, he was hot from his first at-bat. Otani hit Kyle Freeland's fifth changeup in the first inning with one out. Right fielder Nolan Jones attempted a diving catch, but it was difficult to catch the fastest ball 115.5 miles per hour and 185.8 kilometers per hour in both teams.

In the third inning, even the center field fly ball was sharp at 104.7 miles per hour 168.5 kilometers per hour. In the top of the fifth inning, when the two teams were tied 2-2, he rolled up Freeland's changeup that was digging into his body as the leadoff hitter and hit a left-center reversal solo shot. It was the 25th shot of the season with a distance of 434 feet about 132 meters and a batting speed of 103.1 miles per hour about 165.9 kilometers per hour. It is a large home run that widens the gap with Pete Alonso New York Mets, the second-ranked home run in the Major League, but it was the slowest among Otani's balls that came out on the same day. Then, Mike Trout fired a solo shot season 16th in the middle of the season, and the two collaborated on their ninth back-to-back home run.

Ohtani hit Peter Lambert's first changeup in the sixth inning to produce a right-handed hit, leaving only one triple left until the cycling hit. However, after a full count match with Pierce Johnson in the final at-bat in the eighth inning, he struck out swinging and lost his second Major League cycling hit.

What was more painful than the failure of the cycling hit was the team's defeat. The first run was up to Colorado. Colorado took the lead in the bottom of the first inning with Jurickson Profa's one-run home run over the left-center wall, but the LA Angels lightly tied 1-1 with Kevin Padlow's timely double in the top of the second inning and Luis Lengifo's center fielder sacrifice fly RBI. Colorado counterattacked with Cocomonds' timely RBI single in the middle of the second inning with one out, and the LA Angels seemed to take a 4-2 lead and win as Ohtani and Trout's back-to-back home runs exploded in the fifth inning.

However, Colorado, which caught up with one point with Ezekiel Toba's timely hit to the right in the bottom of the sixth inning with one out and a full base, did not miss the chance to catch up with the bases loaded again in the bottom of the eighth inning. Colorado, which made the bases loaded with consecutive hits by Harold Castro, Toba and Ryan McMan's fielder choice, decided the game when Elias Diaz hit a come-from-behind grand slam over the center fence against Chris Devensky.

Despite Otani's strong performance, the LA Angels, which suffered a shocking 4-7 reversal loss, lost three consecutive games, finishing third with 41 wins and 36 losses, widening the gap with Houston, the second-ranked team in the American League West, by one game. Los Angeles Angels starter Patrick Sandoval failed to become a winning pitcher despite 10 hits one home run, one walk, three strikeouts and three runs in five innings.

Colorado escaped its eighth straight loss and reached its 30th major league win this season for the 27th time. Starter Freeland avoided losing pitchers despite nine hits two home runs, two walks, three strikeouts and four runs three earned runs in five innings, and Johnson, who struck out Otani, won his first win of the season with one hit and one walk and three strikeouts in one inning. [스포츠토토](#)