

Braves' Sale caps first complete game since 2019 in 1-0 shutout

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ATLANTA — Chris Sale already had thrown 97 pitches through eight innings, a full game for most pitchers in most games.

Atlanta Braves manager Walt Weiss had relievers ready in the bullpen for the ninth.

Even so, both knew Sale was not coming out Thursday night against the Los Angeles Dodgers. After learning before the game about the death of a friend, Sale had extra motivation to finish the shutout in Atlanta's 1-0 win for a series sweep.

"He was on a mission," Weiss said. "You could see it. He was attacking from the first pitch. And not that he doesn't do



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Atlanta Braves pitcher Chris Sale, right, celebrates after winning a baseball game shutout against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday in Atlanta.

that, but you can see he had a different look in his eye. And the look in the eye is always pretty good. But it was even a little bit different tonight."

That different look meant Weiss already was planning to have Sale

return to the mound for the ninth. Then, he said, Sale walked into the dugout after the eighth and announced, "This is mine."

Weiss wasn't about to argue.

Sale said he received a

text message before the game saying his friend, Ashley Foss, a financial advisor who worked with Sale's agent, B.B. Abbott, had died. Sale provided no details.

"If you ever needed more incentive, that's all you're going to need right there," Sale said.

The 37-year-old lefty was dominant in throwing only 60 pitches through five innings and 81 through seven. He allowed just five hits with no walks, throwing 80 of his 109 pitches for strikes.

Sale fanned 11 for his fourth double-digit strikeout game this season and the 95th of his career. The 10-time All-Star ranks seventh all-time. Sandy Koufax is sixth with 97.

Weiss said it was a Hall

of Fame-caliber performance by Sale.

"I always talk about how the Hall of Famers are just different, and that's a perfect example right there," Weiss said. "Chris knew that we were really thin tonight in the bullpen, so he puts a team on his back and throws a complete-game shutout against the world champions."

Weiss stuck with Sale even after Freddie Freeman singled to open the Dodgers ninth.

Teoscar Hernández popped out, pinch-runner Alek Thomas was out at second on Miguel Rojas' fielder's-choice grounder and Sale struck out Alex Call for his 17th complete game and first since 2019 with Boston at Kansas City.

It was Sale's fourth career shutout and first since that three-hitter against the Royals on June 5, 2019. Sale threw a 100.1 mph fastball to Shohei Ohtani in the third, reaching triple digits on a pitch for the first time since July 2018 with the Red Sox.

Sale (13-9) lowered his ERA to 2.06 with the overpowering outing in a matchup of National League division leaders. He trails only Milwaukee ace Jacob deGrom (1.73) among qualified major league pitchers.

"I'm just thankful to get through it, man," Sale said. "Like I said, I pride myself on working hard and I pride myself on going out there and giving my team a chance to win."

EAGLES

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Trzop, James Hinestroza and Ayden Votaw were named to the All-Tournament Team after the match.

ELIZABETHTOWN 4, BETHLEHEM 3

Greenwell scored twice, but it wasn't enough as the visiting Eagles fell to the Panthers Tuesday.

Hedgepath also scored once, while Matherly stopped eight of the 12 shots he faced from Elizabethtown.

NELSON COUNTY 5, MEADE COUNTY 1

Trzop had a hat trick as the homestanding Cardinals (5-2) got back into the win column with Thursday's victory over the Green Wave.

Blake Vowels added a goal and an assist, while Quinton Hayden scored once. Hinestroza and Ethan Reinle each had one assist.

Goalkeeper Easton Curtsinger stopped seven of the eight shots he faced from Meade County.

Nelson County hosts 5th Region rival North Hardin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MEADE COUNTY 2, THOMAS NELSON 1

Jase Barbour scored off an assist from Evan Cecil, but the visiting Generals fell to the Green Wave Tuesday night in Brandenburg.

Goalkeeper Jonathan Talbert stopped 19 of the 21 shots he faced from Meade County.

GIRLS NORTH OLDHAM 8, BARDSTOWN 0

The Tigers were shut out in a mercy-rule loss to North Oldham in Wednesday's Kentucky 2A Section 3 Tournament championship game.

Complete statistics weren't available.

Bardstown hosts region



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Nelson County's Logan Vowels sends a free kick into the 18-yard box Wednesday.



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Bethlehem's Wyatt Bagby heads the ball in Thursday's match at Thomas Nelson.

rival John Hardin at 6 p.m. Monday.

LKY HOMESCHOOL 2, NELSON COUNTY 1

The visiting Cardinals (2-4) lost their second

straight, falling to LKY Homeschool Tuesday night. No statistics were available.

Nelson County hosts district rival Thomas Nelson at 6 p.m. Monday.



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Nelson County's Daniel Stark (middle) defends a Christian Academy of Louisville player Wednesday.



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Thomas Nelson goalie Jonathan Talbert knocks the ball away from the goal in Thursday's match against Bethlehem.



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Nelson County's Ethan Reinle (left) tries to take the ball from a Christian Academy player Wednesday.

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Interested parties may request a copy of the bid documents by contacting the City of Bardstown Engineering Department at 502-348-5947. Bids shall be marked "Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Phase 5 Water Materials".

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J. Richard Heaton
Mayor



**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE B2026-11 PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING AS AMENDED AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN.
THE CITY COUNCIL OF BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN** that amendments be made to the Pay and Classification Plan of CHAPTER 35: EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, in the Municipal Code of Ordinances by amending all salary ranges and amending the titles, pay grades and number of authorized positions as follows:

# of Positions	Exempt	Title	Grade
[4]		<u>Engineering</u>	
		[Administrative Engineer P/T]	[14]
1		<u>IT</u>	
		IT Support Specialist [P/T]	3
		<u>Recreation</u>	
1		<u>Sports Coordinator</u>	6
1		<u>Outdoor/Special Events Coordinator</u>	5
1		<u>Aquatics Supervisor</u>	6
2		<u>Lifeguard</u>	4
19		<u>Lifeguard P/T</u>	1
[3] 4		Maintenance Worker	4
[4] 21		Recreation Assistant P/T	1
		<u>Sewer</u>	
[5] 6		Wastewater Plant Operator I	4
		Wastewater Plant Operator II	5
		Wastewater Plant Operator III	6
		Wastewater Plant Operator IV	7
		Wastewater Plant Operator Trainee	3

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

This summary was certified by Audrey Haydon-Blackmon, City Attorney. A copy of the complete ordinance is available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk, 220 N. 5th Street, Bardstown, KY 40004 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This advertisement was paid for by the City of Bardstown using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$234.01.

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