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Miller rocked in road trip finale

HALFWAY THERE

50 Victories for the Marlins at the All-Star break, tying the team (50-45) for the most victories at the break in club history. The Marlins' best record at the break was 50-36 in 1997, when they went on to win the World Series. This is only the seventh time in club history the Marlins have had a winning record at the All-Star break.

■ Pitcher Andrew Miller continued to struggle Sunday, but the Marlins remained optimistic about their chances in the second half following a 6-5 West Coast swing.

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LOS ANGELES — It ended much like it started, with Andrew Miller on the mound for the Marlins and the scoreboard registering defeat. It started that way at Coors Field in Colorado on July 3 and ended that way at Dodger Stadium on Sunday.

Despite losing 9-1 to the Dodgers, though, the Marlins didn't close out their road trip with their heads hung low. That's because the middle of their 11-game trip proved to be as delicious as the inside of an Oreo.

The Marlins went 6-5 on a trip that began with three demoralizing losses in Den-

ver but left them only 1½ games behind first-place Philadelphia heading into the All-Star break.

"I thought the trip showed incredible resilience because that Colorado thing could

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■ INSIDE, 5D: MINOR-LEAGUER IMPRESSES IN FUTURES GAME



NO HURRY: Marlins shortstop Alfredo Amezaga, right, holds up the throw as the Dodgers' Matt Kemp slides into second base Sunday.

RICK FRANCIS/AP

ZO'S SUMMER GROOVE

Passing of the torch



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A NEW DAWN: Dwyane Wade, left, and Alonzo Mourning greet a crowd of 15,654 on Sunday for Mourning's Summer Groove game.

MOURNING'S CHARITY EVENT 'INTRODUCES' ERA OF WADE, IGNITES DESIRE TO AID MIAMI CHILDREN

Big Zo embodies passion

We like to see passion in our athletes, especially if it's angry passion. Passion shown joyfully too often gets called "showboating," "unsportsmanlike" or "unprofessional," but angry passion almost always goes over well. Heat center Alonzo Mourning has been the face of angry passion in the NBA for 16 years. Mourning's scowls, foars and flexes gave the idea



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he would be having a great time out there if not for the continuous annoyance of those fools in the other uniforms having the audacity to try scoring on his hoop.

But when he got on a roll Sunday dismissing Zo's Summer Groove, a charity event that has mushroomed into a celebrity-studded, five-day, cross-cultural

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For more photos from Zo's Summer Groove, plus the latest Heat and NBA news and our Heat blog, go to MiamiHerald.com

■ INSIDE, 10D: POINT GUARD TYRONN LUE HOPES TO GET AN OFFER FROM THE HEAT IF HE PASSES A PHYSICAL EXAM

■ Dwyane Wade showed few signs of rust, flying high early and often during his first 'game' since March 8.

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On a Sunday evening in July, during a free-flowing exhibition game, Heat fans witnessed two pleasing sights: a healthy Dwyane Wade, and Wade and Michael Beasley on the floor as teammates for the first time.

Alonzo Mourning's annual charity game, which added Wade as a partner this year, carried a bit more intrigue not only because it marked the AmericanAirlines Arena playing debut of Heat rookies

Beasley and Mario Chalmers, but also the return of Wade, who hadn't played in front of a crowd since ending his season March 8 to receive treatment on his knee.

Wade emerged from the exhibition feeling healthy and pleased. No longer limited by the knee injury that bothered him last season, Wade elevated with ease, dunking authoritatively off a Chris Paul miss for the game's first points and later jumping high

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TRACK AND FIELD

Dix gets record — in cash

■ Nike signed FSU sprinter Walter Dix to the richest deal for a track athlete just coming out of college. Terms were not disclosed.

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Walter Dix doesn't consider himself any kind of changed man from what he was 17 days ago.

"Well, I feel a lot sorer," the soft-spoken sprinter offered, triggering chuckles around the Fort Lauderdale hotel conference table where he was seated.



DIX newly minted Olympian from Coral Springs.

Perhaps the first tangible evidence came Sunday, when Dix's first step into the professional realm yielded a record-breaking endorsement deal with Nike.

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BROADCASTING

CBS set to replace Packer

■ Longtime college basketball analyst Billy Packer will not return to CBS next year and will be replaced by Clark Kellogg.

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College basketball commentator Billy Packer, who has announced 34 consecutive Final Fours on network television and created a few controversies along the way, will not be returning to CBS for a 28th season, The Miami Herald has learned. CBS has decided to replace Packer, 68, with studio analyst Clark Kellogg on its lead announcing team.



PACKER

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