

Braves win in extras over Marlins Chipper's homer in 13th gives Atlanta first win of season

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MIAMI -- Chipper Jones made sure the first of possibly many tightly contested showdowns against the Marlins ended in a positive manner on Wednesday night at Dolphins Stadium.

Jones' 418-foot solo homer off Nate Bump cleared the center-field wall and allowed the Braves to gain a 2-1, 13-inning victory over the Marlins. Closer Dan Kolb ended the contest for his first save of the season.

Braves starter Mike Hampton limited the Marlins to just one earned run on seven hits in six innings. The lone run he surrendered came after he had walked two of the first three batters he faced in the second inning. He then got Alex Gonzalez to ground into a double play, but Mike Lowell scored on the play.

Marlins starter Al Leiter was equally as strong, allowing just one earned run and five hits in 5 2/3 innings. A Chipper Jones third-inning RBI single produced the lone run against the 39-year-old southpaw, who has allowed just three earned runs in his past 37 innings against the Braves.

After the two starters exited, the two bullpens locked horns and continued the pitching duel. Damion Easley began the 10th inning with a double against Tom Martin, but he was retired when Juan Pierre's popped bunt resulted in the Braves' sixth double play of the evening.

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