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(Col.)-Oswalt strikes out 11 in losing effort



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Jordan Zimmermann pitched eight innings to win his 10th game, Adam LaRoche had three hits including a two-run triple and the Nationals spoiled Roy Oswalt's return to the majors with a 5-1 win over the Colorado Rockies on Thursday night.

Ian Desmond homered for the second straight game, and Denard Span and Steve Lombardozzi added a double and a single apiece for Washington.

Zimmermann (10-3) allowed an unearned run on six hits. He retired 16 straight in one stretch, throwing 112 pitches — 85 for strikes — while

fanning nine and walking one.

Oswalt (0-1) went five innings in his Colorado debut, allowing four runs on nine hits. He struck out 11 and didn't walk a batter.

The Rockies have lost four straight and fell to .500 for the first time since April 2.