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(Colo.)- Bellinger Hits 7th HR, Dodgers Beat Rockies 12-6 For Sweep

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DENVER (AP) - Cody Bellinger has been doing plenty of damage with his bat. He showed his defense is pretty good, too.

The 2017 NL Rookie of the Year homered again and made two big plays in right field, Max Muncy also went deep and the homer-happy Los Angeles Dodgers outsluged the Colorado Rockies 12-6 on Sunday night.

Bellinger had three hits, including his major league-leading seventh home run, and has hit safely in 11 straight games dating to last year. The Dodgers have 24 homers and have connected in all 10 games. They scored 29 runs and swept a series at Coors Field for the second consecutive season.

Bellinger has two more home runs on his own than the Dodgers had through 10 games in 2018.

"He's covering a lot of different pitches, a lot of different zones," manager Dave Roberts said. "He's playing that cat-and-mouse and picking his spots to release that barrel. The numbers speak to it - he's dangerous."

He can also play in the field. In the first inning, Bellinger made a tough catch near the stands in foul territory to end Colorado's bases-loaded threat. In the sixth, he threw out Trevor Story trying to go from first to third on a single by Nolan Arenado.

"If you can get both in one day, it's a huge confidence booster," said Bellinger, who is hitting .455 with 18 RBIs. "I think everyone wants to do that."

Joe Kelly (1-1) pitched 1 2/3 innings in relief to get the win as "Sunday Night Baseball" on ESPN made its first appearance at Coors Field since 2001 with a game that lasted 3 hours, 52 minutes.

Colorado has lost seven of eight since starting the season with two wins. Arenado had three hits and three RBIs and Charlie Blackmon added two hits for the Rockies but committed a pair of embarrassing errors in right field.

"It's rare to see that especially from Charlie because he's steady, dependable," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "So that was a rare occurrence to see that tonight, especially two plays."

Los Angeles scored two runs in the second and four in the third off Chad Bettis (0-2) and led 9-3 when Muncy hit a two-run homer in the sixth.

Bellinger capped a big weekend with a line drive to the second deck in right field. His seven home runs are more than five teams have hit this season - including the Rockies.

"I just feel really good and just trying to stay within myself in the cage and not get too ahead of myself and give in to the hype," Bellinger said.