

Astros force seventh game against Yankees  
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The Houston Astros defeated the New York Yankees 7-1 on Friday night, with Justin Verlander pitching seven shutout innings and Jose Altuve hitting a homerun, extending the American League Championship Series to a seventh game.

Game 6 remained 0-0 until the bottom of the fifth, when the Astros got three runs. Luis Severino issued three walks and Brian McCann's double and Jose Altuve's single made it a 3-0 game at that point. Severino was then replaced with Chad Green, but damage had already been done.

At the top of the seventh inning, George Springer helped Verlander throw another scoreless inning by catching Todd Frazier's deep fly, which looked like it would be a homerun.

Brad Peacock replaced Verlander in the eighth inning, where Aaron Judge hit a homerun for the Yankees. David Robertson started pitching for the Yankees during the bottom of the eighth inning, but was later replaced with Dellin Betances. The Astros were able to bring in four runs in the eighth inning, starting with a homerun by Altuve.

Ken Giles pitched for the Astros during the top of the ninth inning, where the Yankees were unable to recover.

The Houston Astros defeated the Yankees, forcing Game 7 to break the tie. The two teams will play again on Saturday in Houston with the winner heading to face the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series.