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Trump protest goes 'gangbusters'

Associated Press

BURLINGAME, Calif. — Hundreds of rowdy protesters broke through barricades and threw eggs at police outside a hotel where Donald Trump addressed the state's Republican convention. Several Trump supporters said they were roughed up but no serious injuries were reported.

The protest just outside San Francisco occurred Friday, a day after anti-Trump protesters took to the streets in Southern California, blocking traffic and damaging five police cars in Costa Mesa following a speech by the leader in the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

Demonstrators at both locations waved Mexican flags, an action meant to counter Trump's

hard stance on immigration and disparaging remarks about Mexico.

Because of the protest, Trump was rerouted to a back entrance. In a surreal scene, news helicopters showed the billionaire businessman and his security detail walking between two concrete freeway barriers before hopping down onto a grass verge and walking across a service road.

"That was not the easiest entrance I ever made," Trump quipped when he started speaking to the convention delegates. "It felt like I was crossing the border."

Outside, crowds of anti-Trump demonstrators broke through steel barricades and pelted riot police with eggs as the officers stood shoulder to shoulder to

keep the demonstrators from entering the hotel.

A man wearing a red hat bearing the Trump campaign slogan "Make America Great Again" was punched in the head from behind while being jostled by a group of shouting protesters. Another Trump supporter said he was punched and spit upon by demonstrators who also threw his phone to the ground.

"It went gangbusters. They attacked me," said Chris Conway, a mortgage broker from San Mateo.

Burlingame is right outside San Francisco, a liberal bastion that became the focal point of the immigration debate last year when an immigrant in the country illegally, and who had been deported multiple times, shot and killed a woman walking with her father.

US Navy commander sentenced to prison

The Washington Post

After escaping Cambodia's killing fields as a child, Michael Vannak Khem Misiewicz lived an improbably charmed life. He was adopted by an American mother, graduated from the Naval Academy and became a decorated officer who triumphantly returned to his native country as the skipper of a U.S. warship.

On Friday, however, his fairytale career came to a shattering and disgraceful end. The Navy commander was sentenced to 78 months in prison for providing classified ship schedules in exchange for the services of prostitutes, theater tickets and other gifts from a Malaysian defense contractor.

A federal judge in San Diego gave Misiewicz, 48, the longest sentence handed out so far in one of the worst bribery scandals to rock the Navy. The contractor overbilled the Navy by more than \$34 million. U.S. District Judge Janis L. Sammartino told the court this offense was "one of the most serious I've had on my time on the bench."

Misiewicz pleaded guilty to leaking a long list of military secrets in 2011 and 2012 to Glenn Defense Marine Asia, a Singapore-based company that held more than \$200 million worth of contracts to resupply Navy ships. During that period, Misiewicz served as deputy director of operations for the Navy's 7th Fleet.

In exchange, the owner of the firm, Leonard Glenn Francis, a famous figure in Navy circles known as "Fat Leonard," seduced Misiewicz with one illicit temptation after another.

State of emergency declared in Baghdad

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — A state of emergency was declared in the Iraqi capital on Saturday as protesters stormed Iraq's parliament after bursting into the Baghdad's fortified Green Zone, where other key buildings including the U.S. Embassy are located, in a dramatic escalation of the country's political crisis.

Live footage on Iraqi television showed swarms of protesters, who have been demanding government reform, inside the parliament building, waving flags, chanting and breaking chairs. Some lawmakers were berated and beaten with flags as they fled the building, while other demonstrators smashed car windows. Others remained trapped inside rooms in parliament and feared for their lives, lawmakers said.

Baghdad Operations Command said all roads into the capital had been closed. A U.S. Embassy official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that staff were not being evacuated from their compound, which is about a mile away from the parliament building. Organizers of the demonstration urged protesters not to attack embassies.

The surge of protesters into the secure area, which is off-limits to most Iraqis, was the culmination of months of street protests. Under huge political pressure, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has attempted to reshuffle his Cabinet and meet the demands of the demonstrators, who have been spurred on by the powerful Shiite cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr. But he has been hampered by a deeply divided parliament,

where sessions have descended into chaos as lawmakers have thrown water bottles and punches at one another.

The political unrest has brought a new level of instability to a country that is facing multiple crises, including the fight against the Islamic State militant group and the struggling economy.

"This is a new era in the history of Iraq," screamed one demonstrator in the main lobby of the parliament, in footage on Iraqi television. Another said, "They have been robbing us for the past 13 years."

At the heart of the protesters' demands is an end to the political quota system, which was put in place after the U.S.-led invasion in 2003 and sees positions shared among sects. Sadr has demanded a new technocratic government.

Senior chief charged with stealing IDs

The (Norfolk, Va.) Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. — A 19-year Navy veteran and Bronze Star recipient is charged with stealing the identities of at least two subordinates to secure fraudulent loans.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Clayton Pressley III, who is assigned to a Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit in Virginia Beach, waived a preliminary hearing Friday in U.S. District Court in Norfolk, Va. A federal grand jury is expected to review the matter this week.

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alyssa Nichol, a Navy

lieutenant who serves as staff judge advocate to NCIS, and Bruce Sams, Pressley's attorney, declined to comment.

According to court documents, Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents believe Pressley stole the identities of at least two sailors. The first sailor, identified in court documents only by the initials J.B., told investigators in October he received a letter of denial about two months earlier from Discover Financial Services in reference to a personal loan application he did not complete.

The sailor notified his supervisor — Pressley — of the letter and then started researching

what happened.

Court documents indicate the sailor reviewed his credit report and determined he owed money to at least three other financial institutions he didn't know about. The sailor also received loan denial letters about that time from four other banks, documents said.

The sailor contacted some of the financial institutions behind the loans. While speaking with a representative of one of the banks, the sailor was asked if he was familiar with the name "Clayton Pressley."

Court documents said the representative later provided the sailor a phone number,

which the sailor recognized as his supervisor's number.

A second sailor called NCIS in January to indicate he also was the victim of identity theft and that he believed Pressley — his former supervisor — was responsible. That sailor, identified by the initials N.H., indicated he was contacted through his chain of command about a \$10,000 loan he didn't know about.

Investigators determined some of the loan proceeds were used Aug. 7, 2015, at a Jimmy John's sub shop in Chesapeake. The food was delivered to Pressley's home, documents said.

'Moral cowardice' led to Kunduz strike

The Washington Post

Declassified military documents released Friday detail not only how the United States mistakenly struck a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Afghanistan last year but also frustrations among U.S. Special Operations troops.

The strike, which killed at least 30 people at the hospital, occurred in the city of Kunduz, which the Taliban had seized in previous days and U.S. Special Operations troops were working alongside Afghan forces to take back.

One officer, whose name, rank and unit were redacted from his witness statement, launched into a diatribe in which he blamed what happened on senior leaders. The officer wrote that he was going to provide unsolicited opinions, and that "these words may well be the greatest contribution of my career for one simple reason: the words I speak are the truth."

The officer wrote that the enemies of the Kunduz operation were "moral cowardice" and a "profound lack of strategy." Army Green Berets on the ground in the city at the time asked for guidance "no fewer than three times" during the multiday battle and heard nothing other than crickets — "though those were hard to hear over the gunfire," he alleged.

"How have we as a force, as a group of officers, become so lost from the good lessons that our mentors taught us," the officer asked. "I will tell you how. It is a decrepit state that grows out of the expansion of moral cowardice, careerism and compromise devoid of principle, exchanged for

cheap personal gain.

"We owe the man on the ground more than that, because for him, the decisions that he makes hopefully lands him somewhere between the judge's gavel and the enemy's bullet."

The officer also questioned the U.S. strategy of pulling most U.S. troops back almost entirely onto large bases that they rarely leave, rather than taking a more active approach like in years past.

"If someone must be held accountable," he concluded, "let it not be the man who was ordered to sky-dive without being given a parachute."

Another Green Beret involved in the battle said that the fight to take Kunduz was like nothing most of them had ever seen — even the experienced soldiers who had been in combat for years.

"Tens upon tens upon tens of thousands of rounds were fired against us in our effort to retake the city," the soldier said. "I don't know how to better describe the atmospherics of the situation. How no one was killed, or even wounded, is an absolute miracle."

Among the U.S. troops who were disciplined is a two-star general, suggesting some of the criticism was deemed accurate by investigating officers.

The battle came after the Afghan government and the U.S. military were caught by surprise that Kunduz could fall so quickly. Intelligence at the time suggested that the most volatile area of Afghanistan was northern Helmand province, the investigation noted.

US aircraft buzzed by Russian fighter

USA Today

A Russian fighter plane flew dangerously close to an American reconnaissance aircraft operating over international waters in the Baltic Sea on Friday morning, the Pentagon said.

It was the latest in a series of incidents where Russian aircraft have buzzed American planes or ships operating in the region, raising concerns the maneuvers could lead to mishaps.

"This unsafe and unprofessional air intercept has the potential to cause serious harm and injury to all aircrews involved," the Pentagon said in a statement. "More importantly, the unsafe and unprofessional actions of a single pilot have the potential to unnecessarily escalate tensions between countries."

The statement cited "repeated incidents over the last year" where Russian planes have come dangerously close to American aircraft in the region.

The statement did not detail the type of maneuver the Russian pilot performed, but a senior defense official said the Russian aircraft flew along the U.S. aircraft and then did a "barrel roll" over the top of the aircraft, closing within 100 feet of the American RC-135. The official was not authorized to discuss the issue publicly.

The United States has expressed concerns that the dangerous maneuvers could lead to mishaps and escalate tensions between the two countries.

Stock of injured LBs tumbles

Associated Press

CHICAGO — It was a long wait and a soft landing for Myles Jack and Jaylon Smith. Now, about those knees.

The pair of athletic linebackers with health questions went early in the second round of the NFL Draft on Friday, with Jacksonville trading up to grab Jack two spots after Dallas selected Smith with the No. 34 overall pick.

Jack and Smith were two of the biggest names still on the board at the beginning of the day, and Alabama running back Derrick Henry went to Tennessee at No. 45. Henry powered the Crimson Tide to the national championship last season and won the Heisman Trophy.

Jack was considered a potential top-five pick at one point, but concerns about his right knee sent him tumbling down the board. He played both ways as a freshman at UCLA and was the Pac-12 offensive and defensive newcomer of the year. But a knee injury limited him to three games last season.

"Bottom line is, man, I'm ready to go," Jack said. "I'll be there rookie minicamp. I'm a 100 percent healthy. I'm cleared. The knee shouldn't be a concern anymore. I definitely proved that with my play. There's nothing else to talk about. I'm ready to play ball."

General manager Dave Caldwell said Jack had a great workout for the team.

"You'd never know there was anything wrong with him," Jaguars general manager Dave Caldwell said. "As far as we're concerned, there's not right now. There's no plan for surgeries. There's no plan for any additional treatment. I think we're good to go."

Smith also was expected to be a first-

round pick before he tore two ligaments in his left knee during Notre Dame's loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl. Following the advice of doctors at Notre Dame and agent Eugene Parker, who passed away from cancer on March 31, Smith had Cowboys team doctor Dan Cooper perform the surgery.

"I'm going to be fine. I'll be able to play again," Smith said. "It's just timing. Timing is everything and for Dallas to draft me, they're going to get a great player. I'm looking forward to playing for a great team."

Mississippi State defensive tackle Chris Jones, one of the last players at the downtown Chicago theater, went to Kansas City at No. 37 and got a big ovation when he walked onstage. He gave Commissioner Roger Goodell a big hug as the crowd roared.

Jones said he has never been to Kansas City.

"I heard they got the best steak, the best barbecue ... I can't wait to get there and eat," Jones said.

Linebacker Reggie Ragland (No. 41 to Buffalo), defensive tackles A'Shawn Robinson (No. 46 for Detroit) and Jarran Reed (No. 49 to Seattle) and cornerback Cyrus Jones (No. 60 to New England) made it five players for Alabama in the second round. Kenyan Drake, Henry's backup with the Crimson Tide, went to Miami in the third round.

Center Ryan Kelly was the only one from Nick Saban's program to go on the first day.

"Not getting picked last night was a little stressful," Ragland said. "But my family kept me calm, and I kept my dad calm, which was important. ... It was a humbling feeling. You think you're going somewhere, but God has a plan."

Also worth noting: defensive end Noah Spence from Eastern Kentucky to Tampa Bay at No. 39, and wide receiver Michael Thomas of Ohio State to New Orleans at No. 47. Spence began his collegiate career with the Buckeyes, but was banned from the Big Ten after two failed drug tests. Thomas is the nephew of 1996 top overall draft pick Keyshawn Johnson.

Ohio State had five players go in the top 20 of the first round and five more were selected on Saturday, a record for the first three rounds in the modern era of the draft since 1967, according to STATS. Braxton Miller, a converted quarterback who played wide receiver last season, went to Houston at No. 85.

The Browns kicked off the second round with Oklahoma State defensive end Emmanuel Ogbah, and the Titans selected Clemson defensive end Kevin Dodd with the No. 33 overall pick. Dodd had three sacks in the Tigers' loss to Alabama in the national championship game.

Three quarterbacks were selected on the second day: Penn State's Christian Hackenberg to the New York Jets at No. 51; North Carolina State's Jacoby Brissett to New England at 91; and Southern California's Cody Kessler at No. 93 to Cleveland. But Michigan State QB Connor Cook was among the top players still on the board heading into Saturday.

Roberto Aguayo of Florida State went to Tampa Bay at No. 59, becoming the first kicker to go in the second round since Mike Nugent was selected by the New York Jets with the 47th pick in 2005.

"I have a lot of confidence in him. I like the way he's wired," Buccaneers general manager Jason Licht said. "I like the body of work he's put out there, obviously. ... We needed to be bold there, and we were."

Cowboys letting Hardy go

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Greg Hardy won't return for a second season with the Dallas Cowboys.

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones said Friday night he has ruled out re-signing the polarizing defensive end after one tumultuous year.

Jones, speaking to reporters after the second night of the NFL Draft, acknowledged what appeared to be the case for weeks. The Cowboys didn't want to bring back Hardy after several disruptions in 2015, some related to his domestic violence case in North Carolina.

After Hardy had a physical confrontation with special teams coach Rich Bisaccia late in a loss to the New York Giants, Jones called the player a leader on his weekly radio show. The owner even said he was interested in signing Hardy to a long-term contract.

But Hardy's production dropped significantly as the losses mounted in a 4-12 season. He had a strong start to the season after serving a four-game suspension related to his domestic violence case. The NFL's original ban of 10 games was reduced on appeal.

Before his run-in with Bisaccia, Hardy twice had to answer to coach Jason Garrett, starting with an inappropriate tweet about the Sept. 11 attacks during last year's draft.

Next was a headline-grabbing comment about Tom Brady's wife the first time he talked to Cowboys reporters, the week of his Dallas debut against New England following the suspension.

Photos of his bruised ex-girlfriend from the domestic case were released online in early November.

Less than a week later, the former Carolina Panthers star changed his Twitter bio with what amounted to a declaration of innocence and a claim of discrimination in the case. After yet another talk with Garrett, the bio changed.

Earlier this offseason, Garrett had quick and cryptic replies each time he was asked about Hardy. The club was mostly silent on the topic until Jones' one-word "no" when asked if Hardy was still a consideration with the Cowboys needing pass-rushing help and not taking a defensive end with their first three picks.

The Cowboys signed Hardy to an incentive-laded, one-year contract worth \$13.1 million, thinking he would be a key addition to a team with Super Bowl aspirations after winning the NFC East. But the season went south quickly when Dallas lost all six games after Tony Romo broke his left collarbone in Week 2, and 2014 All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant missed five games after breaking his foot in the opener.

Notes: The Cowboys finally addressed their pass rush early in the fourth round of the NFL draft, taking Oklahoma defensive end Charles Tapper with the 101st overall pick Saturday.

Tapper started 38 of 39 games over his final three seasons with the Sooners.

Dallas holds off St. Louis in series opener

Associated Press

DALLAS — The kid is all right for the Dallas Stars.

Radek Faksa, the rookie center who split his season between the AHL and the NHL, scored the winning goal off a rebound with 4:44 to play and had an assist on the Stars' other goal in a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Friday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference second-round series.

"He brings enthusiasm, a big smile on his face, the willingness to do whatever it takes to win right now," coach Lindy Ruff said about the 22-year-old Faksa. "He's having a great time. He's a kid that... He's enjoying every minute he plays, and you can see it in his game. His play has been infectious for our team."

Like Antoine Roussel did on his second-period goal when Faksa had an assist, Faksa started the rush that led to his tie-breaking goal.

After Faksa pushed the puck up the ice, Alex Goligoski made a pass to Ales Hemsky for the initial shot stopped but not secured by Brian Elliott. Faksa, who

lives with the family of fellow Czech and 10-year older Hemsky, was there to score his second goal of the playoffs.

"I'm very excited after every goal, maybe too excited," said Faksa, who dropped to a knee and put his hand to his ear after scoring. "Just a big excitement for me. It just feels great."

The Blues had gotten even at 1 when defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk scored on a shot from the top of the left circle after Dallas failed to clear the puck out of the zone with 8:28 left in the game.

St. Louis was coming off a seven-game opening series against defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago, and maybe there was some hangover from that series that ended Monday.

"Well, I think what you're hoping for, is that is it," Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said. "But we can't have that excuse in Game 2. We need to take a game in this building."

Game 2 is Sunday in the best-of-seven series matching the Western Conference's top two teams from the regular season.

Sharks 5, Predators 2: Joel Ward scored the tiebreaking goal against his

former team with 8:11 remaining in regulation to help host San Jose rally past Nashville in Game 1 of their second-round series.

Ward also set up Tomas Hertl's power-play goal that tied the game earlier in the period before scoring one of his own to help San Jose win its first playoff game when trailing after two periods since 2011.

Logan Couture added a power-play goal and an empty-netter for insurance, before Tommy Wingels sealed it with another empty-net goal as the Sharks showed few signs of rust after having six days off since beating Los Angeles in a five-game series in the first round. Martin Jones made 29 saves.

Mike Fisher and Ryan Johansen scored for the Predators, who allowed five goals in the third period after having only one day off since winning Game 7 of a first-round series in Anaheim. Pekka Rinne made 33 saves.

Ward has long played his best hockey in the postseason, most notably when he scored seven goals in 12 games in 2011 to help lead Nashville to its first appearance ever in the second round.



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Blazers advance past Clippers

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Even as they huddled after the victory that sent them through to the next round, the Portland Trail Blazers were drawing inspiration from the doubters.

The confetti fell on them from the ceiling and Damian Lillard told his gathered teammates he was proud of them for shutting out the “outside noise,” like those who never thought the Blazers would make it to the playoffs — let alone the second round.

Now they’ll have to shut out those who think they have no chance against the defending NBA champion Golden State Warriors.

“We’re just going to go out there and we’re going to compete and we’re going to put our best foot forward,” Lillard said.

Lillard scored 28 points and the Blazers advanced to the Western Conference semifinals by beating the resilient Los Angeles Clippers 106-103 on Friday night to claim the first-round playoff series 4-2.

CJ McCollum added 20 points for the Blazers, who became the first team to overcome a 2-0 deficit since Memphis

came back against the Clippers in the first round in 2013. It is the second time in three seasons that Portland has advanced out of the first round.

Jamal Crawford had 32 points and Austin Rivers added 21 points and eight assists despite having 11 stitches above his left eye from a collision in the first quarter. But the Clippers could not recover from injuries to Chris Paul and Blake Griffin in Game 4 of the series.

Still, Los Angeles didn’t surrender easily in the final game, never allowing Portland a double-digit lead.

“We didn’t panic when they put up a fight,” Lillard said. “We did the things necessary to win the game.”

Pacers 101, Raptors 83: Paul George scored 21 points, Myles Turner added 15 and Indiana beat visiting Toronto to force a Game 7 of their series.

That will be played Sunday in Toronto, and the winner will advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Indiana scored 18 straight points in the second half to pull away from the second-seeded Raptors, who haven’t won a postseason series since the first round in 2001.

DeMarre Carroll and Cory Joseph each

had 15 points for the Raptors.

Kyle Lowry (4-for-14) and DeMar DeRozan (3-for-13) struggled again, and now the Raptors will head home and hear again about their troubled playoff problems: a Game 7 loss at home to Brooklyn in 2014, Washington’s four-game sweep last season and no series wins in a seven-game series.

Heat 97, Hornets 90: Dwyane Wade scored 10 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, and Miami forced its first-round series against host Charlotte to a seventh game.

Luol Deng was 9-for-14 from the field and finished with 21 points, while Goran Dragic added 14 points and seven rebounds for the Heat, who will host Game 7 on Sunday.

The Heat overcame a playoff career-high 37 points from Kemba Walker to hand the Hornets only their 11th loss of the season at home. Al Jefferson had 18 points and nine rebounds, and Cody Zeller had 12 points off the bench for Charlotte.

With Miami leading by two, Wade hit his first three-pointer of 2016 with 46 seconds left and added an 18-foot turnaround jump shot over Courtney Lee to help seal the win.

Lakers tap Walton as head coach

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Luke Walton is coming home to rebuild the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Lakers reached an agreement Friday night with the Golden State assistant to become their head coach, dramatically choosing a young leader for their new era after Kobe Bryant.

The Lakers grabbed Walton just five days after they fired Byron Scott, who led the 16-time NBA champions to the two worst seasons in franchise history.

Walton spent nine seasons as a forward for the Lakers, winning two championship rings as a smart, steady contributor. Three years after his retirement as a player, the 36-year-old Southern California native is back to become the 26th head coach in franchise history.

“We’re excited to bring Luke back to Los Angeles, where we feel he’s going to start an outstanding coaching career,” said Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak, who drafted Walton 13 years ago. “He’s one of the brightest young coaching minds in the game.”

Walton seemed to be the ideal candidate for the Lakers from the start, given his equal fluency in the Lakers’ history and the Warriors’ cutting-edge brand of beautiful basketball. He’ll have the chance to mold the Lakers’ on-court approach in any way he chooses, with the franchise ripe for reinvention after the 20-year career of Bryant.

“We are thrilled for Luke,” Warriors general manager Bob Myers said. “This is a tremendous opportunity for him to return home and serve as head coach for one of the most storied franchises in sports. Luke has done an incredible job during his two-year stint with our team and has played a significant role in our success.”

Walton, who got a multiyear contract, will join the Lakers after the Warriors’ playoff run. That could take several weeks, because Golden State is headed for the second round with designs on a second straight championship.

The 6-foot-8 Walton, the son of Hall of Fame center Bill Walton, became a top candidate for coaching jobs earlier this season when he led Golden State to a 39-4 record as the interim head coach while Steve Kerr was sidelined by a back injury.

“I’m incredibly happy for Luke,” Kerr said. “As we witnessed earlier this season, he has all of the intangibles necessary to be an outstanding head coach in this league, including a terrific understanding of the game, the ability to communicate with a wide range of people.”

Walton even finished eighth in the voting for NBA’s Coach of the Year award, which went to Kerr.

Walton stepped in and coached the Warriors to an NBA-record 24-0 start before eventually ceding the job back to Kerr, earning universal accolades for his cool and maturity in a potentially uncomfortable situation. He was expected to be a candidate for head coaching jobs in Sacramento and New York, where he could have been reunited with former Lakers coach Phil Jackson.

“I kept waiting for you to change with your success,” Myers told Walton directly during Kerr’s news conference. “I’ve seen so many people change with success. I kept waiting for you to become someone else, because you were getting adulation. You were obviously making your own mark. But I never saw ... you waver from your character and who you are and your support of Steve, and knowing that you were just holding down the fort. I just think that’s tremendous. That is such a rare quality ... and I appreciate it.”

Marlins lefty Conley lifted during no-no

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Marlins lefty Adam Conley threw no-hit ball for 72/3 innings before being pulled by manager Don Mattingly after 116 pitches, and Miami’s bullpen wound up holding off the Milwaukee Brewers 6-3 on Friday night.

Jonathan Lucroy blooped a single with one out in the ninth off reliever Jose Urena to break up the combo no-hit bid. The ball landed in right field just beyond the reach of diving second baseman Derek Dietrich.

Dietrich was playing in place of speedy Gold Glove winner Dee Gordon, who was suspended by Major League Baseball on Thursday night after a positive drug test.

The 25-year-old Conley (1-1) struck out seven and walked four. Urena replaced him.

The Brewers scored three times on four hits in the ninth. They loaded the bases before A.J. Ramos struck out Jonathan Villar for his seventh save.

Earlier this month, Ross Stripling of the Dodgers threw no-hit ball for 71/3 innings against San Francisco in his major league debut and was taken out after 100 pitches.

Milwaukee starter Zach Davies (0-3) struggled for the third consecutive start despite the Brewers defense turning a triple play behind him in the fifth inning. He allowed four runs on six hits and three walks while striking out five, and has an 8.78 ERA since being recalled from Colorado Springs on April 17.

Justin Bour provided most of the offense for the Marlins, with a pair of home runs and five RBIs. He hit a three-run home run in the first inning, an RBI double in the third and a solo homer to lead off the sixth against reliever Blaine Boyer.

Red Sox 4, Yankees 2: David Ortiz hit a tiebreaking two-run homer off Dellin Betances in the eighth inning, and host Boston beat New York in the first of 19 meetings between the longtime rivals. Jackie Bradley Jr. had a two-run double to help Boston win for the fifth time in six games.

Alex Rodriguez moved into 20th place on the career hits list with a solo homer

for the Yankees. They lost for the 11th time in 15 games.

On a chilly night with a game time temperature of 47 degrees, Ortiz sent a first-pitch curveball from Betances (0-2) into the first row of Green Monster seats. Koji Uehara (1-1) pitched a scoreless inning and Craig Kimbrel got the final three outs for his seventh save.

Phillies 4, Indians 3 (11): Ryan Howard led off the 11th inning with a home run to lift host Philadelphia past Cleveland for the Phillies’ seventh victory in eight games.

Howard’s homer off Cody Allen (0-3) was his fifth of the season and sixth career game-ending shot.

David Hernandez (1-1) struck out four in two innings of relief for the win. Five Phillies pitchers combined for 18 strikeouts. Philadelphia’s bullpen pitched six scoreless innings and struck out 11.

Jason Kipnis hit a two-run homer for the Indians.

Mets 13, Giants 1: Yoenis Cespedes and host New York broke loose for a team-record 12 runs in the third inning, rolling past San Francisco for their seventh straight victory.

Cespedes set a club mark with six RBIs in the inning, connecting for a two-run single off starter Jake Peavy (1-2) and a grand slam off reliever Mike Broadway that capped the outburst.

Cubs 6, Braves 1: Matt Szczur hit his first career grand slam during a five-run eighth inning and host Chicago broke away to beat Atlanta.

Jon Lester struck out 10 over seven innings to help the Cubs improve to 17-5, their top 22-game start since the 1907 team was 18-4. In a matchup of the clubs with the best and worst records in the majors, the Braves fell to 5-18.

Orioles 6, White Sox 3: Nolan Reimold hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the seventh inning, leading host Baltimore past Chicago.

The White Sox entered the series with a six-game winning streak, but have lost back-to-back games to the Orioles, whose 9-1 mark at Camden Yards is the best home mark in the major leagues.

Nationals 5, Cardinals 4: Stephen Strasburg (4-0) struck out nine, including seven of eight in one stretch, and visiting Washington got home runs from Michael Taylor and Danny Espinosa in a victory over St. Louis.

Strasburg gave up two runs on eight hits in seven innings with one walk. He has 29 strikeouts in 221/3 innings in his last three outings. Jonathan Papelbon earned his eighth save in nine chances for Washington, which is 5-0 in Strasburg’s starts.

Pirates 4, Reds 1: Juan Nicasio (3-2) struck out eight in seven scoreless innings, Josh Harrison hit his first home run in nearly a year and Matt Joyce connected as a pinch-hitter to help Pittsburgh extend its winning streak to five games with victory over visiting Cincinnati.

Blue Jays 6, Rays 1: Michael Saunders hit two home runs and Aaron Sanchez (2-1) pitched seven shutout innings in visiting Toronto’s victory over Tampa Bay.

Rangers 4, Angels 2: Ian Desmond continued his batting surge with two hits, including the go-ahead double in a three-run sixth inning, and host Texas beat Los Angeles.

Tigers 9, Twins 2: Michael Fulmer (1-0) allowed two earned runs in five innings to win his major league debut and visiting Detroit beat Minnesota.

Rockies 9, Diamondbacks 0: Trevor Story tied a rookie record with his 10th homer in April, a two-run shot, and visiting Colorado hit four home runs in the victory over Arizona.

Mariners 1, Royals 0: Felix Hernandez (2-2) tied Jamie Moyer’s franchise record for career victories at 145 as host Seattle handed Kansas City its fourth straight loss.

Padres 5, Dodgers 1: Matt Kemp hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning against his former team, and visiting San Diego snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Los Angeles.

Athletics 7, Astros 4: Yonder Alonso hit a game-winning three-run homer for host Oakland in its victory over Houston.