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US bombs Nusra Front in Syria

The Washington Post

KILIS, Turkey — The U.S.-led coalition launched airstrikes against al-Qaida's Syrian affiliate Friday after the jihadis acknowledged the abduction of members of an American-backed rebel group.

The clashes came as the al-Qaida-affiliated Nusra Front claimed the Thursday capture of Col. Nadim al-Hassan, commander of the rebel group known as Division 30, which it said had received U.S. training and was acting as "agents of America" in Syria.

Division 30 includes about 60 Syrian fighters that the United States trained in recent months in Turkey and calls the New Syrian Forces. They were sent into Syria two weeks ago to help build Syria's moderate opposition and participate

in a new U.S.-Turkey effort to drive the Islamic State group from northwest Syria.

U.S. officials have insisted that none of the newly trained fighters are among those abducted with Hassan, at a spot north of the Syrian city of Aleppo. But they acknowledged that the captures of Hassan and the others were a blow to the Obama administration's efforts.

Lt. Cmdr. Kyle Raines, spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, said "members of the New Syrian Force, along with members of the 30th Division of the Free Syrian Army," had "successfully repelled" a new attack Friday morning by an "unknown force of about 50 personnel."

"There was support from coalition airstrikes," Raines said, but no confirmation of losses on either side. Nearly all the U.S.

airstrikes on Syria that began in September have been directed against the Islamic State group in central and eastern Syria.

The fights with the Nusra Front took place in the northwestern Syrian town of Azaz, near the Turkish border at Kilis, U.S. officials and a Syrian rights group said.

Syrian activists posted images of what they said were coalition strikes on a Nusra Front command center in Azaz. In a statement posted online, the Nusra Front said the strikes "left a number of martyrs and wounded in our ranks."

The statement also claimed Hassan's capture and accused the U.S.-linked rebels of coordinating airstrikes on its positions in the area. "We warn soldiers of [Division 30] against proceeding in the American project,"

the statement said, according to Reuters.

Northwestern Syria has been a swirl of fighting groups, with other moderate, U.S.-backed forces — sometimes in alliance with the Nusra Front — battling the army of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The Islamic State group has been steadily advancing westward along the Syria-Turkey border.

The U.S. training initiative, begun several months ago in Turkey, has had difficulty recruiting Syrian opposition members for a program that is funded to train 5,000 of them.

The first contingent was sent into Syria on July 14. U.S. officials said the fighters had pledged allegiance to a goal of fighting only against the Islamic State group.

Flow of jihadis traveling to Turkey dries up

The Washington Post

KARKAMIS, Turkey — For years, Turkey's border with Syria provided a lifeline for the Islamic State, allowing the group to ferry weapons and fighters to a war zone where it was building its brutal "caliphate."

But that is now changing.

Where jihadis once streamed over this frontier, high walls and police patrols now block the illicit flow. Turkish authorities began taking the tougher measures months ago, but they have intensified in recent days, as the government has pledged to join the U.S.-backed fight against the Islamic State group.

The new agreement between the United States and Turkey would allow airstrikes on Islamic State targets from Turkey,

which shares a 500-mile-long border with Syria, the jihadis' home base. The deal also envisions the creation of a buffer zone just inside Syrian territory, with the expulsion of jihadis from their border strongholds. The "safe" area would host fighters from Syria's more moderate opposition.

If implemented, the plan would enlist Turkey, which has the second-biggest military force in NATO, in the battle to weaken the jihadis' caliphate. It was announced as Turkish security forces were also rounding up alleged sympathizers of the Islamic State group.

Turkey's new role will "change the game in Syria, Iraq and the region," Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu told

journalists in Istanbul on July 25, after his country's air force hit Islamic State positions in Syria for the first time. "There is no place (for the Islamic State group) on Turkey's borders," Davutoglu said. "This is not the Turkey of just one week ago."

Since Syria's uprising broke out in 2011, Turkey has been accused of turning a blind eye as thousands of jihadis from Turkey, the Middle East, Europe and elsewhere slipped over its border to fight the regime of Bashar Assad. Many of them eventually went on to establish the Islamic State group.

Turkish authorities were happy to support the opposition to Assad, who had become an enemy. Turkish officials complained that the West wasn't

doing enough to topple the Syrian president and protect Syrian civilians from the regime's deadly airstrikes.

More than 200,000 people have died in the conflict, according to the United Nations. The war has produced over 4 million refugees — nearly half of whom have fled to Turkey.

But after suspected Islamic State fighters carried out a string of deadly operations on the border in recent weeks, Turkey was spurred into action against the jihadis, analysts say. One attack involved a suicide bombing that killed more than 30 civilian activists in the Turkish town of Suruc. In another assault, jihadis shot and killed two Turkish soldiers.

2 female soldiers advance to final phase of Ranger School

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Only the swamps of Florida stand in the way of two female soldiers seeking to become the first women ever to graduate from the Army's famously difficult Ranger School.

The women have completed the school's Mountain Phase, and will move on to the third and final phase of training, Army officials said Friday. It begins Sunday when they and 125 men who also completed the Mountain Phase parachute into the Florida Panhandle and start training at Eglin Air Force Base's Camp James E. Rudder.

A third woman who advanced to the Mountain Phase was "recycled" along with 60 men. That means they did not advance, but will be allowed to try the course again and can still graduate later. All three women began the Mountain Phase on July 11 alongside 156 male students who also

were attempting it for the first time, and 42 men who already were training in the mountains, but failed to pass there the first time.

The women are attending for the first time as part of an ongoing assessment by the military about how it should better integrate women into combat roles in the military.

Nineteen women started Ranger School on April 20. They have been whittled to three, and will be allowed to wear the Army's Ranger Tab if they graduate. They will not, however, be allowed to join the elite 75th Ranger Regiment, which performs Special Operations missions.

The Mountain Phase included 20 days of climbing, hiking, rappelling and patrolling, mostly with minimal sleep and little food.

The Florida Phase is 17 days long, and focuses on extended platoon operations in the steamy coastal swamps near Valparaiso, Fla.

Navy officer says he fired on Tenn. shooter with personal weapon

Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times Free Press

When Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez attacked the U.S. Naval and Marine Reserve Center on July 16 with a handgun and an assault rifle, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Tim White opened fire.

White used his personal weapon to try to fend off Abdulazeez, he confirmed to the Times Free Press on Thursday. Abdulazeez killed four Marines and a Navy specialist in the brazen, daytime attack.

White, who has served in the Navy for 13 years, moved to Chattanooga in April with his wife and six kids.

The July 16 attack sparked a national debate about whether military personnel should be armed in military buildings on United States soil.

In a news conference days after the shooting, FBI Special Agent Ed Reinhold said the FBI recovered two personal weapons from the scene but declined to say whether the servicemembers who had those weapons were authorized to carry them.

As cyberattacks mount, Pentagon looks for ways to retaliate against adversaries

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A barrage of cyberattacks on government agencies, blue-chip companies and critical infrastructure has prompted Pentagon officials to take a hard look at adapting the military concept that helped keep the world safe from nuclear bombings during the Cold War to the digital battlefield of the 21st century.

Mutually assured destruction, better known as MAD — the doctrine that a nuclear attack would be met with an equally devastating counterstrike — helped prevent the U.S. and the Soviet Union from using the massive arsenals they each amassed during four decades of armed standoff. Today, plans for "cyber deterrence" aim to develop an analogous ability for retaliation so overwhelming that it would prevent an adversary from attempting to breach federal computer networks.

National security officials have recently stepped up their public warnings about the need to build such a deterrent.

"If we do nothing, then one of the potential unintended consequences of this could be, does this send a signal to other nation states, other groups, other actors that this kind of behavior is OK and that you can do this without generating any kind of response?" Adm. Mike Rogers said in a recent speech.

Without an aggressive U.S. response as a deterrent, a rise in destructive cyberattacks against government and businesses appears likely, a recent intelligence assessment predicted.

"Until such time as we come up with a form of deterrence that works, we're going to have more and more of this," said Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper.

"I think the next wave, if you will, will be data deletions and data manipulation, which will also be very, very damaging," Clapper said.

Building a cyber deterrent, is more complicated in some ways than developing the capacity to retaliate

against a nuclear strike.

One set of problems involves the unintended consequences of deploying a cyber weapon. Intelligence analysts have warned that if the U.S. decides to engage in tit-for-tat cyberattacks, the effect could ripple across the Internet. Even though the Internet was invented by American computer scientists, existing defenses on U.S. computer systems may not be strong enough to withstand a series of counterattacks.

Another difficulty is identifying an attacker. If a nuclear-tipped missile were launched toward the U.S., it wouldn't be difficult to identify where it came from. Determining the origin of a cyberattack is sometimes much harder.

"This is a new realm of war," said Peter W. Singer, a fellow at the nonprofit New America Foundation. "We need to get better at it. We need to develop a better deterrence model. But it's never going to protect you against 100 percent of all attacks that's sent your way."

Members of bin Laden family killed in crash

LONDON — Family members of the late al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden were killed in a private jet crash in southern England, a Saudi ambassador said, but he did not further identify the dead.

Police said four people — a pilot and three passengers — died when an executive jet crashed into a parking lot and burst into flames while trying to land at an airport in southern England Friday afternoon. The plane had been flying from Malpensa Airport in Milan.

No one on the ground was hurt. Police and the Air Accidents Investigation Branch have launched a joint investigation.

From The Associated Press

Wrigley Field changes bring new looks

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Top of the first, one out. It's a Friday in July, the start of a holiday weekend, and the Chicago Cubs are hosting the Miami Marlins.

Christian Yelich drives a 2-2 pitch from Jason Hammel to the second or third row in center field, prompting a groan from the fans inside Wrigley Field.

At the Wrigley Rooftops' building down the right-field line, just beyond the famed ballpark's ivy-covered walls and across Sheffield Avenue, none of the fans seem to realize the ball is gone until Yelich breaks into his home-run trot.

That's because most of the outfield is obscured by a large video board towering over right field.

Even so, Kevin Biederwolf of suburban Schaumburg, Ill., says: "It's a blast up here."

Big changes are happening on Chicago's North Side. The long-suffering Cubs, those "Lovable Losers" who last won a World Series championship in 1908 and haven't been to the series since 1945, are contending for a playoff spot after a top-to-bottom overhaul.

Their beloved ballpark and parts of the surrounding Wrigleyville neighborhood are getting a makeover, too.

A \$575 million transformation started in the offseason after years of meetings, hearings and legal battles with the surrounding rooftop owners who sell unique views into the stadium under an unusual revenue-sharing deal with the team that lasts until Dec. 31, 2023. There are 16 rooftops in all and the owners' anger with the stadium renovations has been a flashpoint for several years.

The video board in right is a big change, although it's hardly the biggest to date. The one in left field dwarfs it at nearly 4,000 square feet. New, expanded bleacher sections in left and right opened in May and June, and that's just the start.

To some fans, the overhaul is overdue. "It still feels like Wrigley Field," said

Steven Baker of Grand Rapids, Mich., who took in a game in early July.

To others, the changes are about as welcome as a billy goat.

Back across Sheffield on the rooftop, it's the bottom of the first, two out.

All-Star rookie Kris Bryant doubles and scores on a single by Miguel Montero. A few fans watching TV by the rooftop bar exchange high-fives, while others make their way to the stadium-style seats on the deck above.

It's not a bad way to start the weekend. The \$104.83 single ticket admission buys plenty of food and drink. Watching the game? The right-field line and infield remain unobstructed, but look toward the outfield and it's not quite the vast expanse of green Aaron Danison of Valparaiso, Ind., recalls seeing from this spot last year.

"It's still a good time," he said. "As far as the view, the game experience goes, it's different."

It's worse elsewhere. Some rooftops are completely blocked. Others might have better views. Prices vary by rooftop, and by game.

Under the Tribune Co.'s ownership, the Cubs struck a 20-year deal in 2004 in which the rooftop owners agreed to share 17 percent of their revenue. The days of lugging lawn chairs onto the roof are long gone, replaced by sleek bleachers and even skyboxes. The team promised not to block their views. But the relationship took a contentious turn after the Ricketts family purchased the Cubs in 2009 and decided they needed to update the stadium and the roster. That meant finding new revenue streams, including selling advertising on the video boards.

Since January, the Ricketts family or its entities have bought six of the neighboring buildings with rooftop businesses along Sheffield and Waveland avenues and a lawsuit has been filed in a bid to purchase a seventh. That has quieted things a bit, though the issue remains in

court. No rooftop owner contacted for this story would comment.

Top of the sixth, two out.

Justin Bour drives the first pitch from Hammel to the basket in right-center for a solo homer that puts Miami on top 2-1 — the final score. But just like Yelich's drive, no one on this rooftop can see where it lands with the naked eye.

Most are talking to their friends or relatives or waiting in line for a drink, although they seem to engage more in the game as it rolls along.

The seventh inning stretch arrives and they're really locked in now: Former Cub Ryan Dempster and team Chairman Tom Ricketts in the right-field bleachers lead a toast to the late Harry Caray. Then, just like old times, the famed broadcaster is waving his right arm, microphone in hand, as he leads the crowd in "Take Me Out To the Ballgame" on a video shown on the left-field video board.

On the rooftop, Biederwolf is singing and waving right along. He does not seem to mind the obstructed view.

"I think there's a lot of initial response that's negative because it's changing how Wrigley is," he said. "I think five years down the line, it will be a very positive change that a lot of people will enjoy."

Change is nothing new around here. The neighborhood has experienced ups and downs over the years, and Charles Weeghman would not recognize a ballpark he built.

Various owners have been tinkering with the place ever since his Chicago Whales of the Federal League moved into what was known as Weeghman Park in 1914, when it was nothing more than a single-story grandstand.

The famous marquee did not go up until 1934. The ivy was planted by Bill Veeck Jr. in 1937, and the same year, the Cubs replaced the ground-level bleachers with raised brick bleachers and put in the manual scoreboard in center. They were a little behind the curve when it came to

night games, with Wrigley being the last park to add lights in 1988, and in many ways, they're playing catch-up with these latest renovations.

The new video boards, designed to mimic the style of the old manual scoreboard with their green and white color scheme, burst with statistics and replays and features. Fans inside the ballpark can finally see replays on something other than their phones. The Cubs can pay tribute to Caray and Ernie Banks and others in a way they could not in the past — with video.

But to Lucy Morrison, the character around the ballpark is changing. And to her, that's "disappointing."

"I feel like you can't experience rooftops anywhere else in the country," says Morrison, who became a Cubs fan when she moved from Charlotte to Chicago four years ago. "It's what adds to the fact of Wrigley's coolness. It's just so different than what you can experience anywhere in the country. It's what makes Wrigley Wrigley."

Bottom of the ninth.

Chris Coghlan leads off with a single against A.J. Ramos, drawing loud cheers from the rooftop crowd hoping for a comeback. A force out, groundout and strikeout to end the game by the promising Addison Russell with a runner on second sends them home disappointed.

While the rest of the crowd heads out, Nunay Vega lingers by the ledge.

A White Sox fan, Vega says he started coming to Wrigley Field as a 9-year-old in 1979. He keeps returning because he loves the ballpark even though he roots for the other Chicago team.

He's just not a fan of the changes. He hates seeing gigantic video boards at Wrigley, although he's not exactly sympathetic to the rooftop owners.

"Somebody's making money," he says.

Mets make trade for Cespedes at deadline

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Mets finally landed the bat they were looking for in Yoenis Cespedes just ahead of Friday's trade deadline, and Cole Hamels confirmed he blocked a trade to Houston before Philadelphia dealt its ace to Texas.

Sixteen trades were made Friday ahead of the annual deadline for deals without waivers, but San Diego was among the buyers, not the sellers, to the surprise of some.

Hamels was the only top starting pitcher dealt following earlier trades that sent Scott Kazmir to Houston, Johnny Cueto to Kansas City and David Price to Toronto. The Blue Jays scheduled a blowout news conference at Rogers Centre to introduce Price, but instead the left-hander was sidetracked by a blowout to one of

the tires on his gray sports car

Eleven of 15 AL teams began the day within five games of a playoff berth, and seven of 15 in the NL, where the races are more defined.

"There are a lot of buyers out there," Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said. "And that probably has something to do with the second wild card, and maybe just the reality of that second wild card has sunk in, and the tightness of various races around both leagues."

Cespedes, eligible for free agency after the season, hit .293 with 18 home runs and 61 RBIs in 102 games for the Tigers. Seeking to make the playoffs for the first time since 2006, the Mets have a talented starting rotation but rank last in the majors in runs and batting average, and 29th in on-base percentage and slugging.

"He's a very dynamic player," Alderson

said. "We think he's going to impact us in a number of different ways. But I think also just his presence in the lineup and his presence on the team will raise the energy level — and I hope it raises the energy level in the dugout and in the stands. I think that this is the kind of player that could have a big impact both in terms of the game on the field and how the team is perceived."

New York already had added infielders Juan Uribe and Kelly Johnson, and reliever Tyler Clippard. The moves increased New York's payroll by about \$8.2 million within the last week.

Texas completed its deal to acquire Hamels and left-handed reliever Jake Diekmann for left-hander Matt Harrison and five prospects. The Rangers will receive \$9.5 million — \$7 million in 2016 and \$2.5 million in 2018 — to offset part of the

contract for Hamels, who is due \$22.5 million per season through 2018 with a club option for 2019.

"I'm excited to start the next chapter of my baseball life," Hamels said. "They have a lot of great players and there's always a chance in that league. I don't think they are too far away, even this year."

Hamels, 6-7 with a 3.64 ERA, figures to be part of a rotation next year with Japanese ace Yu Darvish, who had Tommy John surgery in March. Hamels, who had a limited no-trade provision, vetoed a deal to the AL West-leading Houston Astros.

"You don't want to say no to anybody and you don't want to let a city down or an organization down," Hamels said. "But you want to do what's best not just for my baseball career, but for my family."



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Patriots circle the wagons

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots say they have more to worry about during training camp than the status of their star quarterback's lawsuit against the NFL and the team's image around the league.

The defending Super Bowl champions are trying to replace Vince Wilfork on the defensive line and Darrelle Revis and Brandon Browner in the secondary. Linebackers Jerod Mayo and Dont'a Hightower are trying to come back from injuries. New additions such as cornerback/safety Robert McClain are learning the system. Some players — second-year running back James White and defensive lineman Sealver Siliga, for example — are looking for bigger roles, and others are fighting just for a roster spot.

The official Patriots line is that because of those priorities, the team spends little time contemplating the justice of the

NFL's punishment for the use of underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game.

"I know that's real important to everybody else, but it's not really very important to me and I don't think it's very important to our football team," coach Bill Belichick said Friday.

Defensive end Chandler Jones said he believes he speaks for everyone in camp when he says the team doesn't feel it needs to validate what it did last year.

"The only person we have to prove anything to is each other, ourselves and coach Belichick," he said.

Brady has not met with reporters since camp opened Wednesday, a day after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell upheld the four-game suspension for his involvement in the alleged football deflations.

The lawsuit filed by Brady and the players' union this week is being handled in New York and both sides have asked a judge to rule before Sept. 4, six days be-

fore the Patriots open the season against Pittsburgh.

But Belichick would not talk about Garoppolo's progress or address the prospect of the second-year player being ready to start for the Patriots in September.

"I'm not going to evaluate the players minute to minute, day to day," he said. "We've got a lot of training camp practices ahead of us."

Receiver Julian Edelman said Brady has been handling camp just as any other player would — trying to get better despite distractions, such as the raucous crowds that showed up this week, chanting his name, with some wearing "Free Brady" T-shirts.

On Thursday, an airplane buzzed the practice field towing a banner that said: "Cheaters Look Up!" and listing the Twitter handle of a New York Jets fan website.

3 cities contacted by USOC

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — U.S. Olympic leaders have started contacting Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington about the possibility of bidding for the 2024 Games and believe the demise of Boston's candidacy will be "ancient history" by the time the host city is selected in 2017.

In an interview Saturday with The Associated Press, U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Larry Probst said a decision will be made by the end of August on which of three cities should replace Boston as the American contender in a race that already features four European cities.

"We've got to reconnect with the three cities that were part of the group of finalists," Probst said on the sidelines of the IOC general assembly in Kuala Lumpur. "We've got to determine what their level of interest is in pursuing a bid and take that feedback and gather our board together and discuss that feedback with our board and make a decision."

"That will all happen in the month of August," he added. "We will have resolved this by the end of the month."

Probst gave his most extensive public comments since the USOC cut ties with Boston on Monday, pulling the plug on a bid plagued by a lack of public support.

The USOC now faces a Sept. 15 IOC deadline to enter a bid that would replace Boston, which had been chosen ahead of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington.

Los Angeles, which hosted the 1932 and 1984 Olympics, is widely viewed as the likely choice.

"We'll talk to them just like we'll talk to San Francisco and Washington," Probst said.

Probst said the USOC has begun the process of sounding out the three cities about stepping in, but declined to say what kind of response the committee has received so far.

"We're going to share that feedback with our board first," he said.

The feedback from International Olympic members, meanwhile, has been loud and clear: "Surprisingly strong encouragement to bid," Probst said.

Many IOC members have told the AP they would welcome a Los Angeles bid.

"They've heard the speculation, they've read the speculation and of course they assume it's going to happen," Probst said. "They want to see a bid from the United States. We would love to host the games in 2024 and hope to have a strong bid."

Probst said numerous IOC members have spoken to him here about Boston's withdrawal.

"Everybody thinks it's unfortunate," he said. "When we chose Boston, we thought that it was going to be a strong bid. ... But at the end of the day we couldn't get the support of the local community. If you can't get the public to support a bid, you're not going to win. So we had to do what we thought was in the best interests of the USOC."

Probst poured cold water on the possibility of a joint bid between Los Angeles and San Francisco, though he didn't rule it out completely.

"I think that would be complicated — not impossible, but complicated," he said.

Paris and Rome are among the declared candidates for 2024, along with Hamburg, Germany, and Budapest, Hungary. Toronto and Baku, Azerbaijan, are also weighing possible bids.

Flores' HR in 12th lifts Mets over Nats

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New fan favorite Wilmer Flores hit a leadoff homer in the 12th inning to give the New York Mets a 2-1 victory over the Washington Nationals on Friday night in the opener of a pivotal series between the top teams in the NL East.

Two nights after endearing himself to Mets rooters when they saw him wiping tears away at shortstop after he thought he'd been traded, Flores received four standing ovations.

Just a few minutes before the 4 p.m. trade deadline, the Mets gave their meager offense a major boost by obtaining slugger Yoenis Cespedes from Detroit for two minor league pitchers. Hours later, Flores drove in both Mets runs and made a spectacular defensive play at second base to back Matt Harvey.

The 23-year-old infielder drove a 1-1 pitch from Felipe Rivero (1-1) to left-center for his 11th home run and first in 147 at-bats since June 12 against Atlanta.

Blue Jays 7, Royals 6 (11): Josh Donaldson singled home Troy Tulowitzki in the 11th inning and host Toronto rallied to win as Johnny Cueto failed to get a decision in his Kansas City debut.

After acquiring Tulowitzki and reliever LaTroy Hawkins from Colorado and starter David Price from Detroit, the Blue Jays obtained right-hander Mark Lowe from Seattle and outfielder Ben Revere from Philadelphia ahead of Friday's trade deadline.

Yankees 13, White Sox 6: Mark Teixeira homered from both sides of the plate for the record 14th time, hitting his 10th grand slam and a two-run homer that led visiting New York past Chicago.

Teixeira had his second straight two-homer game and leads the Yankees with 28 homers and 73 RBIs.

Cardinals 7, Rockies 0: Matt Carpenter homered for the third time in two games, Michael Wacha (12-4) pitched seven crisp innings and host St. Louis beat Colorado.

Carpenter, who hit two homers and drove in four runs in a 9-8 win over Colorado on Thursday, also had a double and reached three times.

Rangers 6, Giants 3: Elvis Andrus and Adrian Beltre homered and host Texas prevailed in San Francisco's first visit since winning the 2010 World Series.

Madison Bumgarner (11-6) gave up both

homers and helped ignite a benches-clearing fracas when he shouted something toward the Rangers bench at the end of the fourth inning. There were no ejections, punches thrown or contact made between players, who were kept separated by the umpires.

Dodgers 5, Angels 3: Zack Greinke (10-2) won his fifth straight decision, Howie Kendrick homered in his first game against his former team, and the Dodgers beat the visiting Angels in the opening game of the Freeway Series.

Rookie Alex Guerrero hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the fourth inning in support of Greinke, who allowed two runs and five hits in eight innings. The 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner, who leads the majors with a 1.41 ERA, had his consecutive scoreless inning streak snapped at a career-best 45 2/3 innings last Sunday in a no-decision against the Mets at New York.

Orioles 8, Tigers 7: Adam Jones and Manny Machado homered and host Baltimore overcame a six-run deficit to beat trade-ravaged Detroit.

Down 6-0 in the fourth inning, the Orioles teed off against the pitching-poor Tigers and went ahead 7-6 in the sixth when Machado hit a two-run drive off rookie Jose Valdez (0-1), making his big league debut.

Pirates 5, Reds 4: Andrew McCutchen hit another homer at Great American Ball Park, and Pittsburgh's rebuilt bullpen was shaky but delivered in a victory over host Cincinnati.

The Pirates got their first win of the season in Cincinnati — they'd been 0-4 — and finished July with a 17-9 record, the best in the National League.

Diamondbacks 6, Astros 4 (10): Wellington Castillo and Jake Lamb homered to open the 10th inning and visiting Arizona beat the Houston for its season-high sixth straight victory.

Castillo had three hits and finished a triple shy of the cycle. He hit the first pitch of the inning from Pat Neshek (3-2) just inside the left-field foul pole for his 11th home run of the year.

Red Sox 7, Rays 5: Boston held onto Mike Napoli at the trading deadline, and he responded a few hours later with a two-run homer off the top of the Green Monster in a victory over visiting Tampa Bay.

The Red Sox had already blown two

leads when David Ortiz drew a two-out walk in the seventh inning and Napoli turned a one-run deficit into a 6-5 lead with a drive that landed on the ledge atop the 37-foot-high wall.

Padres 8, Marlins 3 (11): A.J. Ramos (0-3) forced home the tiebreaking run with a bases-loaded, four-pitch walk in the 11th inning, Jedd Gyorko added a two-run single and visiting San Diego beat Miami.

After the Padres decided not to deal any of their major players at the trade deadline, San Diego won for the sixth time in seven games and the 11th time in its last 15.

Phillies 9, Braves 3: Domonic Brown hit a two-run homer and Ryan Howard drove in four runs, helping David Buchanan (2-5) and host Philadelphia beat Atlanta.

The resurgent and rebuilding Phillies won for the 11th time in 13 games since the All-Star break on a day they finalized a trade that sent 2008 World Series MVP Cole Hamels to Texas. Despite their recent turnaround, the Phillies (40-64) still have the worst record in the majors.

Mariners 6, Twins 1: Taijuan Walker (8-7) pitched a one-hitter for his first career complete game in 29 major league starts, and Nelson Cruz and Jesus Montero homered to lift visiting Seattle past Minnesota.

Walker, who gave up a home run to rookie Miguel Sano, tied a career high with 11 strikeouts to help Seattle end a four-game losing streak.

Indians 2, Athletics 1: Danny Salazar (9-6) pitched eight innings of one-hit ball, Michael Bourn doubled in the tiebreaking run in the eighth, and visiting Cleveland beat Oakland for its third straight victory.

Lonnie Chisenhall had three hits, stole a base and scored the go-ahead run for the Indians. They lost eight of 11 before the streak.

Cubs 4, Brewers 1: Jason Hammel (6-5) beat host Milwaukee for the seventh consecutive decision with his first win in almost two months and Anthony Rizzo homered to lead Chicago.

Hammel improved to 7-0 in nine starts against Milwaukee and picked up his first victory since June 6. He allowed a run on six hits over 5 2/3 innings to beat the Brewers for the second time this season. His only mistake was a pitch Ryan Braun hit in the first for his 19th home run.