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## Suicide bomber strikes Kabul airport

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide car bomber struck Monday near the main entrance to Kabul International Airport, killing at least five people and injuring 16 — the latest in a wave of deadly attacks that have killed more than 50 people, including an American Green Beret, and wounded hundreds since Friday.

Hours after the latest attack, President Ashraf Ghani demanded that Pakistan crack down on the Taliban, which maintain sanctuaries on Pakistani soil. “We need all those activities to be stopped,” Ghani said in a nationwide television

address.

The attacker was trying to enter the airport compound Monday with an explosives-packed vehicle when he was stopped by police, said Najeeb Daneesh, deputy spokesman for the Interior Ministry. The blast killed four police officers and one civilian bystander, he said.

Among the civilian casualties were at least one woman and one child, Health Ministry spokesman Wahidullah Mayar said on Twitter.

On Twitter, the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying they had targeted a foreign military convoy and had destroyed two armored vehicles.

No members of the NATO-led

military mission in Afghanistan were reported to be involved in the attack, a spokesman for the coalition said, and no coalition military vehicles were visible at the site. The entrance is the main one used routinely by civilian travelers rather than military convoys.

Kabul was already on high alert following attacks last Friday, which the United States said was the worst day of violence in the Afghan capital since 2009. Among those killed Friday was an American special operations soldier, Master Sgt. Peter A. McKenna Jr., of Rhode Island, assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group based at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

The recent attacks followed a

change of leadership in the Taliban after confirmation of the death of their spiritual leader, Mullah Mohammad Omar, two years ago. Mullah Akhtar Mansoor has been installed as the new Taliban leader. As a result, factional rivalry in the insurgent ranks has sharpened and, for the moment, derailed resumption of peace talks with the Afghan government.

Pakistan hosted the first official round of Kabul-Taliban negotiations last month, but a second session was postponed indefinitely after the government announced Mullah Omar's death.

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## 4 dead in Istanbul as US Consulate, police station attacked

*Associated Press*

ISTANBUL — Two women opened fire at the heavily protected U.S. Consulate in Istanbul on Monday, while assailants exploded a car bomb at a police station then fired on police inspecting the scene, in a day of heavy violence in Turkey's largest city.

In the southeast of the country a roadside bomb killed four police, and Kurdish rebels attacked a helicopter, killing a conscript. There has been a recent sharp spike in violence between Turkey's security forces and rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, as Turkey has attacked PKK targets in Iraq in tandem with airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Syria.

One of the consulate attackers was later shot and taken into custody in a nearby building and then hospitalized. The far-left Revolutionary People's

Liberation Party-Front, or DHKP-C, identified her as Hatice Asik, 51, and said she was a member of the group, though it did not directly claim responsibility for the attack. The DHKP-C and the PKK both have Marxist origins and have cooperated in the past, though there was no immediate indication of PKK involvement in this attack.

The second woman was still being hunted. There were no other casualties.

Hours earlier, an overnight bomb attack at a police station in Istanbul injured three policemen and seven civilians and caused a fire that collapsed part of the three-story building. The suspected bomber was killed during the explosion, according to the Istanbul governor's office.

Unknown assailants later fired on police inspecting the scene of the explosion, sparking another gunfight that killed

a member of the inspection team and two assailants. There was no immediate responsibility claim for that attack.

Turkey last month carried out a security sweep, detaining some 1,300 people suspected of links to banned organizations, including the PKK, the DHKP-C and the Islamic State group.

Turkey has recently started taking a more active role against Islamic State militants. Last month, it conducted aerial strikes against Islamic State positions in Syria and agreed to let the U.S.-led coalition use its bases for its fight against the group. On Sunday, the U.S. military announced that six F-16 fighter jets and some 300 personnel have arrived at Turkey's southern Incirlik Air Base.

In further violence Monday, Kurdish rebels in Sirnak province fired at a helicopter carrying conscripts, killing one and injuring another, the military said.

### US asks for use of 2nd Turkish base

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has asked the Turkish government for approval to use a second air base in the country to launch air operations, a Pentagon spokesman said Monday.

The base would be used to conduct personnel recovery operations in the U.S.-led fight against the Islamic State group, said Navy Capt. Jeff Davis. The location and aircraft to be used have not been determined, he said.

Turkey last month agreed to open Incirlik Air Base to U.S. drones and fighter jets.

From staff reports

## S. Korea vows action over North's land mines

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SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean officials are vowing to retaliate against North Korea for recently planting land mines that seriously injured two South Korean soldiers last week.

"North Korea will pay a harsh price proportionate to the provocation that North Korea made," Maj. Gen. Koo Hongmo, director of operations at the South's joint chiefs of staff, said at a news briefing Monday. "As previously warned on many occasions, our military will make North Korea pay the equally pitiless penalty for their provocations."

The 1st Infantry Division soldiers were conducting a morning patrol south of the Demilitarized Zone near Paju on Aug. 4 when three land mines exploded. Their injuries were not life-threatening, but one soldier lost both legs and the other had a foot amputated, according to South Korea's Ministry of National Defense.

An unknown number of North Korean troops are believed to have crossed the border between July 24 and Aug. 3 to plant the mines, an MND spokesman said.

A special investigation team from the U.N. Command Military Armistice Commission was ordered by UNC Commander Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti to examine the incident.

North Korea had placed wooden box land mines along the known South Korean patrol route, according to UNC's investigation, conducted last Wednesday and Thursday.

"Additionally, the investigation determined that the devices were recently emplaced, and ruled out the possibility that these were legacy land mines..." said a UNC statement issued Monday.

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# New Navy rules could see more sailors put into fitness programs

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NAPLES, Italy — Petty Officer 1st Class Love Harris arrived in Naples three years ago and promptly failed his first fitness assessment, the result of a busy tour at sea and bad eating habits, he said.

Automatically enrolled in his command's fitness program, Harris hit the gym, changed his diet and passed the next assessment. He still attends program workouts and is now training to become a fitness leader within his command.

"My realization is (fitness) is a way of life instead of just, 'Hey, yeah, we got to get ready for this (test) every six months,'" he said.

That's the idea behind new Navy fitness regulations announced last week that will loosen the body fat limits that snagged Harris while encouraging sailors to participate in command fitness programs like the one he embraced. Yet a challenge will be convincing other sailors to commit to those programs, which are commonly seen as repositories for those who fail the test.

"I think the (fitness program) population is going to grow, which is not necessarily a bad thing," said Chief Petty Officer Carter Hollingsworth, a command fitness leader for the roughly 300 sailors of the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Naples.

"Obviously there's a negative connotation, where everyone thinks you're there because you failed, whereas now that mentality is going to shift a little bit."

For years, the Navy has required each of its commands to organize a fitness-enhancement program, or FEP, in which participants follow individualized workout and nutrition plans. The goal is to bring them back within standards for the twice-annual physical fitness assessment, or PFA. The classes meet three to five times per week and are run by command fitness leaders or their assistants, who monitor participants' progress.

The programs are technically open to anyone, but they are mandatory for those who fail the PFA, until they can pass the next one. Unlike failing a fitness assessment, which can have consequences for a career, participating in the fitness program has no bearing on sailor evaluations.

Yet many sailors see the class as useful only for those who fail the test, to the consternation of leaders who advocate the program's broader benefits. As Navy leaders vow to move the fitness assessment away from an emphasis on minimum standards, the ability to monitor one's health and to receive help from experts will be important, they say.

"Our leadership has the responsibility to help them iden-

tify those deficiencies and at the same time provide them the resources to help them be successful in overcoming those deficiencies," said U.S. 6th Fleet Master Chief Steve Giordano. "And I think that's what the program does."

More sailors may be forced into the program under the new rules set to take effect in January. Commander-driven fitness "spot checks," conducted throughout the year, could see more sailors placed into fitness programs.

While the service is making it easier for sailors to pass the body fat portion of the test by loosening limits — to 26 percent body fat for men and 35 percent for women — the change actually could usher more sailors into fitness programs. Under the new rules, those who meet that overall standard but fail their age-based maximum body fat rate are required to enter their command's program.

Hollingsworth, in Naples, said he believes younger sailors are likely to ease up on efforts to maintain body fat and to fall into that gap first, followed by older sailors who have kept tighter standards but suddenly see more wiggle room to pass the overall assessment.

"I've already heard it on the deckplate level," he said. "Phew, I can relax now. I was forced into 22 (percent body fat) all the way up to 40 years old."

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## Officers shoot suspect near Ferguson rally

FERGUSON, Mo. — A suspect who authorities say opened fire on officers in Ferguson on the anniversary of an unarmed black teen's death was critically wounded when the officers shot back, St. Louis County's police chief said early Monday.

It wasn't immediately clear

if the latest police-involved shooting would spur renewed unrest in Ferguson, the site of many protests — some violent — in the aftermath of Michael Brown's death on Aug. 9, 2014. Protest groups were quick to criticize the police response to protesters who gathered on Sunday night.

St. Louis County Chief Jon Belmar said at a news confer-

ence that officers had been tracking the suspect, who they believed was armed, during a protest marking the death of Brown, 18, whose killing by a white Ferguson police officer brought greater scrutiny on how police treat black communities and touched off a national "Black Lives Matter" movement.

From The Associated Press

# Rising stars highlight PGA Championship

Associated Press

Tiger Woods started the year with high hopes and a clean bill of health. Rory McIlroy was the undisputed No. 1 player in the world, the winner of back-to-back majors and the overwhelming favorite to complete the career Grand Slam at the Masters and expand his trophy case of majors.

The landscape looks so much different going into the final major.

The focus at the PGA Championship, especially at Whistling Straits, starts with the two players who have attracted the most attention in the majors this year — Jordan Spieth because he is winning them, Dustin Johnson because he is not.

They have been atop the leaderboard in 10 of the 12 rounds at the majors.

Spieth sent golf into a frenzy when two months after his wire-to-wire win at the Masters, he won the U.S. Open to become only the fourth player since 1960 to get halfway to the Grand Slam. That came at the expense of Johnson, who had a 12-foot eagle putt on the final hole at Chambers Bay only to three-putt for par and lose by one.

Johnson looked like the man to beat at St. Andrews when he took a 36-hole lead only to implode on the weekend (75-75) while Spieth made a spirited run at a third

straight major. Tied for the lead with two holes to play, he finished one shot out of a playoff.

So what to make of the 97th PGA Championship when it starts Thursday on the Pete Dye on the Wisconsin shores of Lake Michigan?

Even with his blockbuster year, the 22-year-old Spieth still feels as though he has something to prove.

"I've got a little bit of revenge that I need to get out from having control of The Open Championship with two holes to go and not closing it out," Spieth said. "...It was a tough feeling on the flight home."

Even so, a return to Whistling Straits makes it impossible to ignore Johnson.

Beyond his sheer athleticism and the way he crushes the golf ball, the indelible image from the 2010 PGA Championship was Johnson in the scoring trailer, flipping around the pencil to erase the 5 he made on the final hole to presumably get into a playoff and changing it to a 7 because of a two-stroke penalty.

Whistling Straits has more bunkers than can be counted, and they cover so much of the links-styled course that spectators are allowed to stand and walk — and even build sand castles — in portions of them. Johnson was on the 18th hole and unaware that he was in one of those bunkers when he set his

4-iron on the stand before the shot. He was docked two shots for grounding his club, and suffered yet another close call.

Johnson is all about looking forward.

"I won't be grounding my club anywhere if I miss the fairway, that's for sure. I just missed the memo where all sand is deemed a bunker. ... People were standing in it," he said. "Generally on a golf course, people are not standing in a bunker."

That particular section of the bunker is now out of play. A viewing area has been placed on top of it.

"There are over 1,000 bunkers on the golf course," said Kerry Haigh, the championship director for the PGA of America. "I have never counted them. I'm told that is the number, and we are planning on playing them exactly the same as the last two times. We will try to notify everyone on multiple occasions."

What also doesn't change is the quality of the field, the strongest among majors. It has 98 of the top 100 players in the world — and that appears to include McIlroy.

The world No. 1 has not played since the U.S. Open because of an injury to his left ankle. McIlroy sent another tweet Friday showing him on a private jet with emoticons of the American flag and a golf course. He even retweeted his tee time Thursday with Spieth and British Open champion Zach

Johnson. He still hasn't said officially that he will play, perhaps waiting to test his ankle over the weekend.

The bigger question is how he will play. McIlroy has gone nearly two months without competition.

That goes for Woods, too. He was No. 1 in the world in 13 of the 18 times he has played the PGA Championship and was out of the top 10 only once — No. 30 in 2011 in a season marred by injuries. Now he will be at best No. 271 as he tries to find his game. It's been an intriguing search. Woods has missed the cut in the last two majors, and it wasn't even close.

He is coming off a tie for 18th in the Quicken Loans National, where he went into the weekend just three shots out of the lead before fading.

Spieth, meanwhile, still has a tiny piece of history to chase.

The Grand Slam ended at the home of golf. Still in play is the "American Slam" — no one has ever won the three U.S. majors in the same season. The PGA Championship is a reminder that these chances don't come along very often.

## Logano edges Harvick at The Glen

Associated Press

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Joey Logano kept his foot on the gas pedal a little bit longer than usual after taking the checkered flag at Watkins Glen International, a huge cloud of smoke wafting toward victory lane.

This time he had more than enough left in the tank of his No. 22 Ford.

"It makes up a lot for last week," Logano said Sunday after notching his first Sprint Cup victory on a road course and second of the season. He also won the season-opening Daytona 500.

"It's nice it played out this time. We may not have had the fastest race car, but the execution of the day is what won us this race. What goes around comes around, I guess."

A week after running out of gas while leading at Pocono with three laps to go, Logano passed Kevin Harvick on the final turn of the 90-lap race as Harvick ran dry.

Logano completed the first NASCAR weekend sweep at the track after winning the Xfinity race Saturday. He also gave Roger Penske his first Cup victory at The Glen.

"It means an awful lot to Team Penske," team vice chairman Walt Czarnnecki said. "I believe this is our winningest track in the whole history of our company going back to the Trans-Am and Can-Am, so this is particularly meaningful for us."

Kyle Busch, who ran out of fuel on the last lap at Pocono while leading, finished

second and moved to 30th in points, the cutoff to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup title as he continued his remarkable surge.

"I had a chance. I could've raced the 22," said Busch, six points ahead of Cole Whitt and just one behind Justin Allgaier. "I felt like I was better than he was, but my crew chief (Adam Stevens) called in scared on the fuel situation from last week and I don't blame him. We didn't want to do the same thing."

Harvick coasted home third, Matt Kenseth was fourth, and Kurt Busch fifth. Clint Bowyer, Brad Keselowski, Carl Edwards, Sam Hornish Jr. and Jimmie Johnson rounded out the top 10.

Tony Stewart, who qualified third, was competing at Watkins Glen for the first time after missing the previous two Cup races at the track. He was nursing a broken right leg two years ago and sat out last year's race after the sprint car he was driving in a race at nearby Canandaigua struck and killed 20-year-old driver Kevin Ward Jr. the night before Stewart was scheduled to race at Watkins Glen.

On Friday, Stewart again had to revisit that tragedy. Attorneys representing the Ward family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Stewart, another hurdle in what has been a season without much hope until recently, and Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of Ward's death.

In the last road race of his NASCAR career, Jeff Gordon had brake problems and finished 41st to take another big hit in

points.

The race turned on strategy. Martin Truex Jr., who started second, pitted after a red flag just past the midpoint of the race as the top drivers stayed out.

Harvick, who pitted two laps before Truex, then gained the lead on a restart on Lap 61, passing Kenseth and pulling out to a lead of over a half-second with Truex third.

Harvick's crew told him he was two laps short on fuel as the race wound down, but he did enough conserving to salvage a podium finish.

"I thought I'd done a pretty good job of saving fuel under the caution," Harvick said. "Really, I was just running as fast as I needed to. Once the 22 got there, I had to pick up the pace."

Truex's chances disappeared when he suffered a flat left front tire and was forced to pit with 22 laps left around the 2.45-mile natural terrain course. He finished 25th.

Busch had to pit from the lead with just over 30 laps left and dropped deep in the field. He then steadily mounted an aggressive charge back and got past Harvick for second after the final turn.

"I ran hard that whole run," said Busch, who has won four races since coming back from a broken leg and foot suffered in an Xfinity race at Daytona in February that forced him to miss the first 11 races of the Cup season. "I never quite got close enough to him. I couldn't afford to run out of gas."

## NASCAR's 'Gentle Giant' dies at 74

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Buddy Baker, who won the 1980 Daytona 500 and at 6-foot-6 was NASCAR's "Gentle Giant," died Monday. He was 74.

Baker died after a brief battle with lung cancer, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio said. Baker left his job as co-host of "The Late Shift" for the station last month when he announced he had a "huge" inoperable lung tumor.

"Do not shed a tear. Give a smile when you say my name. I'm not saying goodbye. Just talk to you later," Baker said in his final radio appearance.

Baker rode for more than 30 years and was honored as one of NASCAR's 50 greatest drivers in 1998. He was the first driver to exceed 200 mph on a closed course. The milestone came in 1970 at Talladega Superspeedway, where he won four times.

Born Elzie Wylie Baker Jr., Baker was the son of two-time champion and NASCAR Hall of Famer Buck Baker. He made his Cup Series debut in 1959 and ran his final race in 1992.

Baker won 19 races, highlighted by the 1980 victory at Daytona. He also won the 1970 Southern 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 in 1968, 1972 and 1973. He ranks 14th in NASCAR with 38 poles from 700 starts from 1959-1992. He had 202 top-five finishes and 311 top 10s.



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# Ex-Giant Gifford dies at 84

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An NFL championship with the New York Giants. An Emmy award as television's "outstanding sports personality." Induction in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Frank Gifford, as well known for being a buffer for fellow announcers Don Meredith and Howard Cosell on "Monday Night Football" as for his versatility as a player, died Sunday. He was 84.

In a statement released by NBC News, his family said Gifford died suddenly at his Connecticut home of natural causes. His wife, Kathie Lee Gifford, is a host for NBC's "Today."

"We rejoice in the extraordinary life he was privileged to live, and we feel grateful and blessed to have been loved by such an amazing human being," his family said in the statement. "We ask that our

privacy be respected at this difficult time and we thank you for your prayers."

A running back, defensive back, wide receiver and special teams player in his career, Gifford was the NFL's MVP in 1956, when the Giants won the title. He went to the Pro Bowl at three positions and was the centerpiece of a Giants offense that went to five NFL title games in the 1950s and '60s.

Beginning in 1971, he worked for ABC's "Monday Night Football," at first as a play-by-play announcer and then an analyst, winning his Emmy in 1976-77.

"Frank's talent and charisma on the field and on the air were important elements in the growth and popularity of the modern NFL," Commissioner Roger Goodell said.

Later in life, Gifford stayed in the spotlight through his marriage to Kathie Lee Gifford, who famously called him a "human love machine" and "lamb-chop"

to her millions of viewers.

"He was a great friend to everyone in the league, a special adviser to NFL commissioners, and served NFL fans with enormous distinction for so many decades," Goodell added.

Gifford hosted "Wide World of Sports," covered several Olympics — his call of Franz Klammer's downhill gold medal run in 1976 is considered a broadcasting masterpiece — and announced 588 consecutive NFL games for ABC, not even taking time off after the death of his mother shortly before a broadcast in 1986.

"Frank Gifford was an exceptional man who will be missed by everyone who had the joy of seeing his talent on the field, the pleasure of watching his broadcasts, or the honor of knowing him," said Bob Iger, chairman and CEO of The Walt Disney Company, which owns ABC.

# Phelps looks set for medal haul in Rio

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Having established himself as the shadow world champion in three events, Michael Phelps pondered the last time he felt this good.

He quickly pointed to the year leading up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where he broke one of the greatest records in sports. It looks as if he's headed for another massive medal haul in Rio.

Phelps made it 3-for-3 at the U.S. national championships Sunday night, winning the 200-meter individual medley with yet another time that would have been good enough for a world title if he had been allowed to compete at the biggest meet outside the Olympics.

On the heels of brilliant performances in the 100 and 200 butterfly, Phelps set himself up as the favorite in all three races looking toward Rio.

"I'm very happy where I am right now," he said. "This is a great foundation. This is a place we really haven't been in a long time leading up to an Olympics."

Phelps was under world-record pace through the first three laps of the medley — fly, backstroke, breaststroke — but he struggled a bit on the freestyle leg to touch in 1 minute, 54.75 seconds — 0.75 off the mark set in 2011 by American rival Ryan Lochte.

Still, it was more than second faster than Lochte's winning time of 1:55.81 at the world championships, held in Kazan, Russia, over the past two weeks.

Phelps, of course, wasn't allowed to compete at worlds this year.

He was kicked off the U.S. team after his second drunken-driving arrest last September, leading Phelps to swear off alcohol and take a good, hard look at himself during six weeks of inpatient therapy in Arizona.

# Vikings win Hall of Fame game

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Teddy Bridgewater didn't want to talk about the completions. Last the Minnesota quarterback checked, getting the ball where it needs to go is the main part of his job.

It's that one miss, however, that will stick with the reigning Rookie of the Year. Bridgewater's only series in a 14-3 victory over Pittsburgh in the Hall of Fame game Sunday ended up with the Vikings getting stuffed on fourth down after Bridgewater failed to complete a simple flip to Mike Wallace on third down that would have given Minnesota a first-and-goal.

"It's one of those deals where it's good to stay within the system," Bridgewater said. "If I hit Mike, we avoid fourth down."

Maybe Bridgewater is being picky after going 5 of 6 for 44 yards during his cameo, but with an extra preseason game this summer, the Vikings and their emerging leader have plenty of time to work on it.

Backup quarterback Mike Kafka threw a touchdown pass and running back Joe Banyard ran for another score long after Bridgewater exited as the Vikings improved to 5-0 in exhibitions under second-year coach Mike Zimmer.

"Wish I was 5-0 in the regular season," he said, laughing.

Both teams have a month before things start to count for real, giving the annual exhibition opener an even more pedestrian feel.

Hall of Famer Jerome Bettis waved a "Terrible Towel" during pregame introductions, with the decidedly pro-Pittsburgh crowd roaring its approval,

the only moment of true star power on a night the bold-faced names still in uniform didn't break a sweat if they even bothered to suit up at all.

Minnesota running back Adrian Peterson's return from a lengthy suspension will have to wait at least one more week, if not decidedly longer. He hung out on the sideline while the backups did the heavy lifting.

SteelersquarterbackBenRoethlisberger stuck to attire more appropriate for the gym.

All-Pro running back Le'Veon Bell and All-Pro wide receiver Antonio Brown put together a full dress rehearsal, even going through warm-ups then spent four quarters as spectators, the only exercise the notoriously hard-working Brown enjoyed coming while he absentmindedly worked the exercise bike.

# Streaking Jays win 8th straight, close in on lead

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Josh Donaldson and Jose Bautista each hit a long home run as the Toronto Blue Jays earned their eighth straight victory by beating the New York Yankees 2-0 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep that tightened the AL East race.

Marco Estrada (10-6) tossed three-hit ball into the seventh inning against the suddenly slumping Yankees, outpitching Masahiro Tanaka (8-5) during Toronto's second consecutive shutout.

In a series that featured the top two offenses in the majors, New York mustered only one run and went scoreless in the final 26 innings. Not since 1999 had the Yankees been blanked in two straight games.

With their 11th win in 12 games, the streaking Blue Jays pulled within 1½ games of the first-place Yankees. It was the first time since May 2003 that Toronto swept New York in a series of at least three games.

Roberto Osuna worked a perfect ninth for his 10th save.

**Pirates 13, Dodgers 6:** Kang Jung-

ho's three-run homer capped a nine-run seventh inning, and Andrew McCutchen homered and drove in four runs for host Pittsburgh, which swept the three-game series.

**Cubs 2, Giants 0:** Jake Arrieta pitched four-hit ball into the eighth inning as Chicago beat visiting San Francisco for a four-game sweep of the defending world champions.

**Angels 5, Orioles 4 (11):** David Murphy's bases-loaded single in the 11th inning lifted Los Angeles past visiting Baltimore.

Los Angeles moved within a half-game of AL West-leading Houston, which lost 5-4 at Oakland.

**Athletics 5, Astros 4:** Danny Valencia homered in the fourth inning for host Oakland, and singled in the winning run in the ninth.

**Indians 8, Twins 1:** Corey Kluber pitched a three-hitter for his third complete game of the season, leading host Cleveland to the victory.

Kluber (7-12) didn't allow a hit until Joe Mauer's two-out single in the seventh.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner struck out 10 and walked one in his sixth career complete game — all coming in the

last two years.

**Rays 4, Mets 3:** Rookie Richie Shaffer hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning as host Tampa Bay once again rallied from an early three-run deficit.

**Rockies 6, Nationals 4:** DJ LeMahieu hit a tiebreaking two-run single off Drew Storen with two out in the eighth inning, sending Colorado to the road win.

**Red Sox 7, Tigers 2:** Jackie Bradley Jr. homered and drove in a career-high five runs, leading Boston to the road win.

**Royals 5, White Sox 4:** Alex Rios beat the tag at the plate on a grounder in the eighth inning, helping host Kansas City finish off a three-game series sweep.

**Brewers 5, Cardinals 4:** Khris Davis hit two home runs, including a two-run shot in the eighth inning off former teammate Jonathan Broxton as host Milwaukee ended St. Louis' four-game winning streak.

**Mariners 4, Rangers 2:** Streaking Nelson Cruz hit his 33rd home run for host Seattle, and Felix Hernandez earned his 14th win.

**Diamondbacks 4, Reds 3 (10):** Arizona waited for the umpires to sort out a wild ending after baserunning follies on the final play, and left with a win over vis-

iting Cincinnati.

Arizona loaded the bases with one out in the 10th and Chris Owings lined a ball over center fielder Billy Hamilton's head.

As the Diamondbacks celebrated in the middle of the diamond, the Reds retrieved the ball — a stadium worker tossed it back — and began tagging the bases. The Reds claimed Arizona runners didn't properly advance to touch the bags before leaving the field, and should be called out on force plays.

The umpires discussed the Reds' belated try for a double play for a couple of minutes before ruling the game was over.

Ryan Mattheus (1-3) got the loss, and Josh Collmenter (4-6) pitched a perfect 10th inning for the win.

**Phillies 5, Padres 3:** At San Diego, Jerome Williams pitched seven crisp innings as surging Philadelphia completed a three-game series sweep.

The Phillies have won 16 of 21 for the majors' best record since the All-Star break.

**Marlins 4, Braves 1:** Brad Hand threw seven strong innings and drove in two runs with sacrifice bunts, as visiting Miami stopped a six-game losing streak.