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## Death toll rises in Baghdad bombing

*The Washington Post*

BAGHDAD — The death toll from a suicide bombing on a busy Baghdad shopping street rose to at least 187 on Monday as victims succumbed to their injuries and rescuers pulled out bodies from the charred remains of a mall, marking the Islamic State group's deadliest single bomb attack on civilians.

Most of those killed died in a huge fire that burned down shops and consumed several small malls after the suicide attacker detonated his explosives-laden car in the Karada area of Baghdad in the early hours of Sunday morning. The street was full of families shopping after breaking their fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, and cafes were packed with young people who had gathered to watch the semi-finals in the Euro 2016 soccer tournament.

Some 187 people were killed and more than 250 injured, said a health official who declined to

be named because he was not authorized to give the information. Mohammed al-Rubaie, deputy head of Baghdad Provincial Council's security committee, who said he had been traveling between hospitals and tallying the dead, said that more than 200 died.

The bombing follows attacks in Turkey and Bangladesh over the past week that many have been linked to the Islamic State group. But it far outstrips them in the number of people killed. As more were confirmed dead on Monday, the death toll climbed past the multipronged attack by Islamic State gunmen and suicide bombers in Paris last year, which killed 130.

It was the most deadly single bombing by the group since it formed three years ago as an offshoot of al-Qaida, and one of the worst in Iraq's long struggle with violence since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

U.S. officials have warned that the group is likely to intensify its attacks overseas as it

loses ground in Iraq and Syria, but civilians in the Middle East continue to bear the brunt of the campaign of bombings. The attack came at a time apparently chosen to cause maximum loss of life.

Security forces had cordoned off the street Sunday night, and it was only accessible by foot. A crowd of hundreds gathered to light candles for those killed, and black banners had been hung on walls with the names of the dead. Rescuers were still pulling bodies out of scorched buildings.

Relatives of the missing were also gathered.

"I looked in all the hospitals but I haven't found my son," said Fathi Kareem, 63, holding a photo of the missing 25-year-old who he said had come out to buy clothes. "I just want to find him to bury him."

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has declared three days of mourning for the victims. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility, saying

it had targeted Shiite Muslims. The militants have now lost almost half the territory they once controlled in Iraq, most recently losing their stronghold of Fallujah, 45 miles west of the capital.

The Karada shopping district has been targeted by the group multiple times. Residents said the street had been closed off by police earlier in the evening because of information about a potential attack, but it was reopened about an hour later.

Al-Abadi, who is from Karada, visited the bomb site Sunday, and his convoy was attacked by an angry crowd. In a statement, he said that he understood the "feelings of emotion and anger from some of my dear sons" and that he shared their sorrow.

But for many, his words brought little comfort. The crowd that gathered on Sunday night shouted slogans against the government. "Your corruption is killing us," they chanted.

## US airman's arrest comes at tense time on Okinawa

*Associated Press*

TOKYO — Japanese police arrested an American servicemember on suspicion of drunken driving on Okinawa on Monday morning, days after the lifting of an off-base drinking ban imposed after other alcohol offenses and the arrest of a former Marine in a high-profile murder case.

Tech Sgt. Christopher Platte, 27, stationed at Kadena Air Base, was arrested after a police officer spotted him driving erratically on the road in Chatan. Police said a breath test showed his blood-alcohol level exceeding the legal limit. Platte reportedly denied the allegation.

Japan's government protested to the U.S. Embassy over the arrest. The U.S. military had lifted the drinking ban on June 28.

"It's extremely regrettable," Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Hagiuda told a news conference. "We want the disciplinary steps carried out thoroughly."

Hagiuda also said the two nations are at final stages of talks aimed at reviewing the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement that gives immunity from Japanese prosecution to American servicemembers and civilian base contractors in some criminal cases.

The two governments are

expected to announce a plan Tuesday to narrow the scope of the "civilian component" by improving the way the agreement is used. It's a symbolic move that does not involve a fully fledged revision to the agreement and is seen as the ruling party's appeal to Okinawan voters ahead of the July 10 upper house election.

The U.S. military today usually hands its servicemembers to the Japanese side in serious crimes, but it's not compulsory under the agreement, which the Okinawan authorities for years have protested as unfair.

A military contractor and former Marine, Kenneth Shinzato, has been charged with the mur-

der and rape of a 20-year-old woman whose body was abandoned in the forest.

A number of drunken driving cases have occurred in recent weeks, even during the drinking ban, aggravating Okinawans who have long complained about the heavy U.S. military presence on the island and crime linked to the Americans living there.

The U.S. military says the crime rate among its ranks in Japan is lower than among the general Japanese public. Okinawa police statistics show the U.S. military's crime rate has been lower than the public's over the past several years.

## Americans mark July Fourth with franks, festivities

*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — From fireworks soaring above the Washington Monument to hot dogs being downed in New York City's famed frank-eating contest, Americans aren't shy about celebrating their nation's birthday. Many places are rolling out long-established Independence Day traditions on Monday (even if some of those traditions aren't as long-established as they sound). Some communities are trying new things to mark the holiday, even as others are paring back.

In Philadelphia — where the founding fathers approved the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 — the national birthday party runs all day.

It kicks off at 10 a.m. with a reading of the document and an event honoring everyday heroes, with celebrity guest Leslie Odom Jr., a Philadelphia native who plays Aaron Burr in the Broadway musical "Hamilton." Then comes the holiday parade, which includes Miss America 2016 Betty Cantrell.

It's the last Fourth of July at the White House for President Barack Obama and his family, and they're having some people over: military families and two of the president's favorite performers, singer-songwriter Janelle Monae and rapper Kendrick Lamar.

In New York City, Macy's is promising its biggest Fourth of July fireworks display since the show of 2000. The show over the East River features more than 56,000 pyrotechnic shells and the New York debut of "pyro-writing" in the sky, all synchronized to patriotic tunes performed by the United States Air Force Band.

### Defending champion wins women's hot dog-eating competition

NEW YORK — Joey "Jaws" Chestnut upset Matt Stonie to regain the championship title at the annual July Fourth hot dog eating contest at Nathan's Famous in Coney Island.

Chestnut, 32, of San Jose, Calif., downed 70 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes on Monday, beating out Stonie by 17 dogs.

In the women's competition, defending champion Miki Sudo, 30, will hold onto her coveted pink championship belt. The Las Vegas woman scarfed down 38½ hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes to claim the championship title — and the \$10,000 that comes with it — for the third straight year.

From The Associated Press

## Suicide attacker hits near US Consulate in Saudi Arabia

*Associated Press*

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A suicide bomber carried out an attack early Monday near the U.S. Consulate in the western Saudi Arabian city of Jiddah, according to the Interior Ministry.

The ministry said the attacker detonated his suicide vest when security guards approached him near the parking lot of a hospital. The attacker died and two security men were lightly wounded, according to the ministry statement, which was published by the state-run Saudi Press Agency. Some cars in the parking lot were damaged.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki was quoted in the statement as saying the guards noticed the man was acting suspiciously at an intersection on the corner of the heavily fortified U.S. Consulate in Jiddah, near the Dr. Soliman Fakeeh Hospital and a mosque. Most of the

consulate's staff reportedly had moved offices to a new location.

The U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia confirmed there were no casualties or injuries among the consular staff. The embassy said it remains in contact with Saudi authorities as they investigate.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The Interior Ministry did not say whether the bomber intended to target the U.S. diplomatic compound, adding that an investigation is underway to determine his identity.

The state-run news channel al-Ekhabariya, quoting the Interior Ministry, said the bomber was not a Saudi citizen but a resident of the kingdom. It gave no further details on his nationality. There are about 9 million foreigners living in Saudi Arabia, which has a total population of 30 million.

## Damaged USS Fort Worth could be repaired in Singapore

*McClatchy Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON — Six months after an embarrassing mishap in Singapore that damaged the USS Fort Worth, the ship is scheduled to return to San Diego this summer.

Its trip across the Pacific for an estimated \$23 million in repairs and maintenance was announced in April. While the Navy is officially standing by that timetable, Rep. Kay Granger, R-Texas, the ship's sponsor, said Navy officials have suggested to her that repairs still could be made in Singapore, where it is docked, at a greatly reduced cost. That could mean a longer stay in Singapore's Changi Naval Base.

The USS Fort Worth's ailments come at a difficult time for the littoral combat ship program. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter has ordered cutbacks in the number of the small, speedy ships, from 52 to 40, saying the Navy needs ships with more firepower.

The littoral combat ship is a class of smaller, faster vessels that can get close to shore. The Fort Worth had what the Navy describes as "an engineering casualty" in January while in Singapore.

A preliminary investigation found that the crew's failure to add oil to lubricate

a key mechanism, the combining gears, caused severe damage. The combining gears regulate the ship's diesel and gas turbine engines — switching between them — to use optimum propulsion for high speeds or cruising speed. It will cost an estimated \$23 million to repair and do scheduled maintenance on the ship, though the Navy won't say how much each costs.

The damage already has cost the ship's commanding officer his job.

The Navy's Pacific Fleet public affairs office announced in a news release March 28 that "Cmdr. Michael L. Atwell was relieved due to loss of confidence."

The Fort Worth has a new commanding officer, Cmdr. Michael Brasseur, and a new crew to make the six-week, 8,872-mile journey. Because of the combining gears damage, the ship will use its gas turbine engines — its high-speed mode, which requires more frequent and expensive refueling.

"They may be able to fix it in Singapore for less money," Granger said in an interview. "That would be great. We'd get it back out."

The ship, built by Lockheed Martin's Fincantieri Marinette Marine in Wisconsin, then will undergo scheduled maintenance in San Diego for eight to 11 months.



# Durant to depart Thunder for Warriors

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant decided his best chance for “growth” means leaving his beloved Oklahoma City behind for a big move out West to join the Golden State Warriors to play alongside Splash Brothers Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.

In the most anticipated move of the NBA offseason, Durant announced his decision Monday on The Players’ Tribune. His deal can become official Thursday, when free agents can sign their new contracts.

Independence Day, indeed.

“The primary mandate I had for myself in making this decision was to have it based on the potential for my growth as a player — as that has always steered me in the right direction,” Durant said in the article. “But I am also at a point in my life where it is of equal importance to find an opportunity that encourages my evolution as a man: moving out of my comfort zone to a new city and community which offers the greatest potential for my contribution and personal growth. With this in mind, I have decided that I am going to join the Golden State Warriors.”

And the 2015 champion Warriors, who squandered a 3-1 NBA Finals lead to lose to LeBron James and the Cavaliers last month, know how tough Durant is in any lineup: They rallied from down 3-1 to beat Durant and the Thunder in a seven-game Western Conference Finals.

Golden State applied a full-court press to land Durant. On Friday in the Hamptons, the Warriors sent owner Joe Lacob, general manager Bob Myers, coach of the year Steve Kerr, Curry and Thompson to meet with the 6-foot-9 superstar.

The 2014 MVP and four-time scoring champion led the Thunder to the NBA Finals in 2012, and to the Western Conference finals in four of the past six years — and he’s only 27. He recovered from a broken bone in his right foot that cost him much of last season to post one of the best years of his career.

Durant met with the Thunder, the Warriors, the Los Angeles Clippers, the Boston Celtics, the San Antonio Spurs and the Miami Heat once teams could begin negotiating with free agents.

With the addition of Durant, the Warriors become the league’s latest team to add a superstar chasing a championship to a lineup of All-Stars. LeBron James made the move from Cleveland to Miami in 2010, joining a lineup that featured Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. They reach four NBA Finals as a group and won two championships.

“I’m from Washington, D.C., originally, but Oklahoma City truly raised me. It taught me so much about family as well as what it means to be a man,” Durant said. “There are no words to express what the organization and the community mean to me, and what they will represent in my life and in my heart forever. The memories and friendships are something that go far beyond the game. Those invaluable relationships are what made this deliberation so challenging.

“It really pains me to know that I will disappoint so many people with this choice, but I believe I am doing what I feel is the right thing at this point in my life and my playing career.”

He should be a good fit in Golden State’s varying lineups and gives All-Star Draymond Green another physical body and rebounding presence.

The Warriors topped the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls’ mark

and set the NBA regular-season wins record with 73 victories and led the league in scoring.

The Warriors have been one of the league’s deepest teams, and look to be that way again.

Durant has been a difficult opponent for the Warriors — he averaged 30 points per game against them in this year’s Western Conference finals and dropped a career-high 54 points on them in 2014.

Adding Durant will give the Warriors another chance to chase a title after the bitter feeling that was this season — a record-setting year that ended without the team’s biggest goal being reached. Durant has had to carry much of the scoring load for the Thunder over the years, but having Curry, Green and Thompson on the floor with him should open up space he hasn’t had during his tenure in Oklahoma City.

But the Warriors will have to move players to make room for Durant.

They will have to make a decision on the future of restricted free agent Harrison Barnes. Center Andrew Bogut, meanwhile, removed all references to the Warriors from his Twitter page and is expected to be traded to clear room for Durant. His Twitter page now features a photo of the 7-footer in an Australia jersey.

Losing Durant to a top rival will sting for the Thunder.

“Kevin’s contributions to our organization during his nine years were profound, on and off the court,” Thunder Chairman Clayton I. Bennett said in a statement. “He helped the Thunder grow and succeed in immeasurable ways and impacted the community just the same.

“We thank him for his leadership, his play, and how he represented Oklahoma City and the entire state of Oklahoma.”

## Gatlin, Felix earn spots for Rio team

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — The numbers were as telling as the names. America’s Olympic mainstays, Allyson Felix, LaShawn Merritt and Justin Gatlin, are all on their way to Rio de Janeiro. With the best times in the world this year to boot.

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Fists pumping high down the stretch, Merritt burst down the last 50 meters of the straightaway to finish in 43.97 — a .76-second romp over Gil Roberts. It was a clinic, reminiscent of Merritt’s .99-second blowout over rival Jeremy Wariner in the 2008 Olympics.

Yet another world-best mark came from Chaunte Lowe in the high jump. Her jump of 6 feet, 7 inches beat Vashti Cunningham, daughter of former NFL quarterback Randall Cunningham, by 1 1/2 inches.

## Federer, Williams sisters advance to quarterfinals

Associated Press

LONDON — Cruising into the quarterfinals without the loss of a set, Roger Federer is making it look easy as he chases a record eighth Wimbledon title. Serena Williams, meanwhile, is picking up momentum as she goes for a seventh championship at the All England Club.

Federer swept to a 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 win over 29th-ranked American Steve Johnson on Centre Court on Monday, equaling Jimmy Connors’ Open-era record by reaching his 14th quarterfinal at the All England Club.

Looking fresh and sharp after two days off, Federer broke Johnson five times and was in control throughout a match that lasted just over 90 minutes — one of 16 men’s and women’s fourth-round matches on the schedule.

“I didn’t think it was as easy as it maybe looked,” the third-seeded Federer said.

Federer hadn’t played since Friday and was able to rest over the weekend while the tournament cleared up a backlog of matches caused by a rainy first week.

For Williams, the match swung in her favor once the roof was shut over Centre Court, as she reeled off the last nine games to beat No. 13 Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-5, 6-0 and reach the quarterfinals for the 12th time.

The No. 1-seeded American slipped during a point while she was getting broken to fall behind 5-4 in the opening set. Both players complained that the grass was slippery, but play continued.

With Kuznetsova serving for the set, Williams broke back to make it 5-all. Play was then delayed for nearly 30 minutes while the retractable roof was closed.

After the match resumed, Kuznetsova did not take a game. Williams won 24 of 29 points in the second set, and finished with a 43-8 advantage in winners.

“It was really tricky out there,” Williams said. “Even though it wasn’t raining hard, it was dewy on the grass. You can fall really easily.”

Williams’ next opponent will be No. 21 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia, who reached her first quarterfinal at Wimbledon by beating 27th-seeded CoCo Vandeweghe 6-3, 6-3.

Serena Williams’ sister, five-time champion Venus Williams, moved into the quarterfinals here for the first time since 2010, beating No. 12 Carla Suarez Navarro 7-6 (3), 6-4. Playing in her 19th Wimbledon and the oldest women’s player in the draw, the 34-year-old Venus last won the title in 2008. She’ll next face Yaroslava Shvedova.

Federer’s victory was his 306th match win in a Grand Slam and put him into his 48th quarterfinal at a major, three wins away from becoming the first man to win eight Wimbledon titles. He’s tied with Pete Sampras and William Renshaw with seven.

Next up for Federer will be No. 9 Marin Cilic, who advanced when No. 5 Kei Nishikori retired with a rib injury while trailing 6-1, 5-1. The 6-foot-6 Croat beat Federer in the semifinals of the 2009 U.S. Open, which he won for his only Grand Slam title.

“He brushed me off the court like I was nothing at the U.S. Open in the semis a few years back,” Federer said, “so I hope to get him back this time.”

Advancing to a Grand Slam quarterfinal for the first time was Sam Querrey, who stopped No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the third round. The American served 23 aces and beat Nicolas Mahut 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-4.



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# Marlins win Fort Bragg game

Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Alex Burnett felt a familiar thrill of getting to see the Atlanta Braves he had rooted for since he was a kid on the field. It meant even more with the Braves playing the Miami Marlins in an historic game at Fort Bragg — where the Sgt. 1st Class Burnett is stationed with the 82nd Airborne Division.

"I've been watching the Atlanta Braves play since I was 12 years old back when they were playing at Fulton-County Stadium in Atlanta, and just to see this team come out here and do this for us, it's just overwhelming," the Atlanta native said Sunday. "We can't be thankful enough."

One of 162 regular-season games for both teams, it had much more significance as the first regular-season game of a major professional sport played on an active military installation. The Marlins won 5-2.

Adam Conley pitched six strong innings for the Marlins.

"I know, for me, this has been my favorite place to ever pitch in my life," Conley said. "This is the most memorable place I've ever pitched. ... An absolute honor that it falls on my day and that I get to start here."

J.T. Realmuto homered and drove in two runs and Christian Yelich also finished with two RBIs. He and Realmuto had run-scoring singles during a two-run fifth.

Martin Prado added an RBI single in the seventh to help the wild card-contending Marlins earn a split of the four-game series and win the first regular-season game — in any sport — held at an active military installation.

"It was just an unbelievable experience," Braves interim manager Brian Snitker said. "We're going to take nothing

but really good memories away from the night."

The game capped a busy day for players and Major League Baseball officials long before the Braves and Marlins began play on a field that didn't even exist roughly four months earlier, when MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred promised "a unique event" in honor of the military for the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Earlier in the day, players from both teams took part in several military activities, including a parachute-packing exercise and some special operations that The Braves' A.J. Pierzynski was asked about.

His response: "We're not allowed to tell you. We'll have to kill you."

By Sunday evening, it looked the part, with soldiers mingling with players around the edge of the field during batting practice. While Marlins star Giancarlo Stanton autographed a couple of baseballs, Marlins hitting coach Barry Bonds stood a few feet away near the dugout shaking hands and posing for photos with soldiers.

As the first pitch drew near, soldiers unfurled a giant American flag in the outfield for the singing of the national anthem. That was punctuated by four Army helicopters staging a low diamond-formation flyover from beyond the center-field wall to the newly constructed press box to roars from the crowd filling the temporary bleachers around the field.

"They brought baseball to these soldiers," said Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend, the commander of the sprawling U.S. Army post in the sandhills of North Carolina.

Bragg and MLB officials had worked since March to build the stadium on the site of an abandoned former golf course. The \$5 million project was financed by

MLB and the players' association to create a ballpark with temporary seating holding 12,500, with a reported attendance Sunday night of 12,582.

Workers laid Bermuda grass sod, followed by the field, in May. The project also included a drainage system that will remove 8 to 10 inches of water per hour. It looked like it would get a workout with rain forecast into the evening, but conditions remained dry all night.

The final product was a field that players' association executive director Tony Clark said "looks like it's been here forever." Afterward, the bleachers will be removed and the field will be converted into use for recreational play.

"When I got here and saw it for the first time in person, I have to say I was just blown away by the quality of the field itself," Manfred said. "The playing surface, the quality of the scoreboard, just the overall feel of the facility was really beyond what I expected."

Players and MLB officials also made several stops around the Army post. Players visited a parachute packing facility. Manfred, Clark and MLB chief baseball officer Joe Torre went to the Fisher House, which provides military families with housing close to loved ones during hospitalizations.

During that stop, Manfred, Torre and Clark met people whose family members had used the facility. When one woman told them she didn't follow baseball all that closely and thought at least one game she attended was quite long, Torre was quick with a quip.

"If you have a complaint," the Hall of Famer said, pointing to Manfred, "here's the commissioner of baseball."

# Felix, Gatlin, Merritt on track for Rio

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Her quest at Olympics No. 4 is to become the first woman to win gold in both the 200 and 400 meters. That mission landed on shaky ground when she hurt her right ankle this spring while working out. It's been a brutal comeback, she said, though the performance Sunday hardly showed it.

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# Strasburg pulled despite no-hit bid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No-hit bid or not, Washington manager Dusty Baker was taking out Stephen Strasburg in the seventh inning.

"He threw an outstanding game," Baker said. "It's tough taking a guy out of a no-hitter, but we have to think about the future and where he had come from off the DL. You just think, 'We're going to need him.'"

Strasburg left after 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings and 109 pitches, and Ramon Cabrera singled against Matt Belisle leading off the eighth for Cincinnati's first hit in the Washington Nationals' 12-1 rout of the Reds on Sunday.

Strasburg has won a franchise-record 14 straight decisions and is the first NL starter to begin a season 11-0 since San Diego's Andy Hawkins in 1985. He did not disagree with Baker's decision to remove him.

"I understand where he's coming from," Strasburg said. "There's more important things, hopefully, down the road for this team."

Activated from the disabled list before the game after missing two starts due to an upper back strain, Strasburg (11-0) was just five pitches shy of his highest pitch count this season. He left to a standing ovation from the crowd of 37,328 at Nationals Park and was replaced by Blake Treinen, who got Billy Hamilton to ground out.

**Yankees 6, Padres 3:** Having hit his 400th career home run in an inning earlier, Mark Teixeira couldn't resist a little bat flip after he hit No. 401.

Teixeira became the fifth switch-hitter with at least 400 home runs, Didi Gregorius also connected and Chad Green got his first big league victory as New York beat host San Diego to avoid a three-game sweep.

**Mets 14, Cubs 3:** Wilmer Flores went 6-for-6 with two of New York's five home runs, and the hosts romped to a four-game sweep.

**Blue Jays 17, Indians 1:** Troy Tulowitzki had three hits on his bobblehead day, including a three-run homer, and Russell Martin homered and drove in five runs.

Host Toronto scored its most runs since beating Tampa Bay 17-11 on Aug. 7, 2010, and the Blue Jays matched their season high with 18 hits.

**Red Sox 10, Angels 5:** Hanley Ramirez and Sandy Leon hit two-run doubles as host Boston scored seven runs with two outs in the fifth.

**Tigers 5, Rays 1:** Justin Upton snapped an eighth-inning tie with a two-run double, Ian Kinsler added his 200th homer and visiting Detroit won its sixth straight.

**Phillies 7, Royals 2:** Cameron Rupp hit a three-run homer, Vince Velasquez (7-2) allowed two runs and five hits innings for host Philadelphia.

Cody Asche and Maikel Franco also went deep to help the Phillies win two of three against the defending World Series champions.

**Twins 5, Rangers 4:** Cole Hamels (9-2) was knocked out in the fifth inning of his shortest start this season and lost for the first time since May 27 as last-place host

Minnesota beat first-place Texas for the second consecutive day.

Hamels allowed five runs and 10 hits while walking three, leaving after walking his first two batters in the fifth.

**White Sox 4, Astros 1:** Jose Quintana (6-8) allowed one run and two hits — including George Springer's homer — in seven innings for his first win since May 8. He had been 0-7 with a 4.58 ERA in his last nine starts for visiting Chicago.

**Cardinals 9, Brewers 8:** Stephen Piscotty's second grand slam of the season propelled host St. Louis to a rain-interrupted weekend sweep.

**Mariners 9, Orioles 4:** Seth Smith hit his first career grand slam, homering for the fourth straight game as host Seattle completed a four-game sweep of the AL East leaders in which the Mariners had 31 runs and 47 hits, including 23 for extra bases.

**Dodgers 4, Rockies 1:** Back from Tommy John surgery, Brandon McCarthy (1-0) allowed a pair of singles over five scoreless innings and struck out eight in his first start in 14 months for host Los Angeles.

**Pirates 6, Athletics 3:** Adam Frazier tripled in the tying run against Daniel Mengden (1-4) in the sixth, then scored on Erik Kratz's infield single for visiting Pittsburgh.

**Giants 5, Diamondbacks 4:** Pinch-hitter Ramiro Pena hit a tiebreaking double off Enrique Burgos (0-1) in the 11th after Jarrett Parker's leadoff walk for visiting San Francisco.

## Jaeger, Weitzel win final 2 trials races

OMAHA, Neb. — Connor Jaeger had to swim nearly a mile to earn another race at the Olympics.

Abbey Weitzel claimed her second individual event in Rio with a frantic dash from one end of the pool to the other.

The final night of the U.S. Olympic swimming trials came down to the long and short of it, a pair of races that couldn't provide more of a contrast.

Jaeger used a powerful finishing kick to pull away from Jordan Wilimovsky in the 1,500-meter freestyle Sunday night, while Weitzel claimed victory in the 50 free just ahead of Simone Manuel.

Jaeger and Wilimovsky had already locked up their berths in Rio before they dove in the pool. Jaeger also won the 400 free, while Wilimovsky will compete for the U.S. in the open-water event at Rio.

Now, he'll become the first U.S. swimmer to compete in both the pool and the ocean at the same Olympics.

Weitzel won in 24.28 seconds and Manuel was next at 24.33 — the same 1-2 finish they had in the two-lap race.

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