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## NATO recommits to Afghan mission

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WARSAW, Poland — NATO will hold troop levels steady in Afghanistan as part of a plan to extend its mission there into 2017, but unlike some U.S. troops on the ground, allies will not return to a combat role in the war-torn country, NATO's top official said on Saturday.

Allies also will take on a more formal role in the U.S.-led campaign against the Islamic State group, with NATO set to launch a training mission inside Iraq and deploy AWACS surveillance aircraft to provide direct support to coalition forces.

The moves came at the end of two days of talks in Warsaw where, after focusing on threats to NATO's east, allies turned their attention Saturday to instability on its southern doorstep.

"To the south we see failed

and failing states. And millions left homeless and hopeless by terrorist groups like ISIL," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said during a news conference. "This instability has a direct impact on our societies. It has caused the worst refugee and migrant crisis in Europe since World War II. And terrorist groups have organized attacks on our streets."

During talk among NATO's heads of state, including President Barack Obama, allies pledged to continue funding the Afghan military and police through 2020, a key priority for Washington which picks up most of the \$5 billion tab.

"Our message is clear, Afghanistan doesn't stand alone and we are committed for the long haul," Stoltenberg told reporters. "It is too early to provide exact (troop) numbers, but based on what has been committed in this meeting today,

we can say troop levels will be about the same in 2017 as it is in 2016."

NATO's long-expected decision to extend its training-and-advising campaign, known as Resolute Support, comes on the heels of a decision by Obama to maintain higher-than-planned troop levels in the country. The U.S. will retain 8,400 troops in Afghanistan next year, instead of reducing the number to 5,500 by the end of 2016, as originally planned.

The meeting went better than expected, according to senior officials in Obama's administration, who said they were concerned issues across the world — such as terrorism and migration crises — could jeopardize commitments from the 39 NATO ally and partner nations that contribute nearly 6,000 troops to the noncombat Resolute Support mission.

NATO has committed more

than 12,000 troops to continue the 18-month-old mission to train, advise and assist Afghan security forces through 2017, the administration officials said, speaking anonymously to discuss ongoing planning.

The U.S. again will provide the bulk of the force, committing roughly 6,700 of the 8,400 American troops who will remain in Afghanistan to the NATO operations, the officials said. The remainder will focus on the ongoing, unilateral, U.S. counterterrorism mission Operation Freedom's Sentinel, which targets al-Qaida and the Islamic State group. Some troops will serve both missions.

The moves are in response to concerns over the Afghan military's ability to manage security in the country, where the Taliban remains entrenched and on the march in some sectors despite 15 years of war.

## Vet used vest, military-style rifle in Dallas slayings

Associated Press

DALLAS — The black Army veteran who killed five Dallas police officers donned a protective vest and used a military-style semi-automatic rifle in the sniper slayings, officials said, an attack that layered new anxiety onto a nation already divided about guns and how police treat African-Americans.

Micah Johnson was killed by a robot-delivered bomb Thursday after the shootings, which marked the deadliest day for U.S. law enforcement since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

President Barack Obama and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott asked for the public's prayers. In a letter posted online Fri-

day, Abbott said "every life matters" and urged Texans to come together.

"In the end," he wrote, "evil always fails."

Johnson, 25, had amassed a personal arsenal at his home in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite, including bomb-making materials, rifles, ammunition and a journal of combat tactics, authorities said Friday.

He followed black militant groups on social media, including one that posted a message Wednesday encouraging violence against police.

Johnson was a private first class with a specialty in carpentry and masonry. He served in the Army Reserve for six years starting in 2009 and did one tour in Afghanistan from

November 2013 to July 2014, the military said.

When Johnson was accused of sexual harassment by a female soldier in Afghanistan, he was sent back to the U.S. with the recommendation he receive an "other than honorable" discharge, but he later got an honorable discharge, said Bradford Glendening, a military lawyer.

In addition to the five slain officers, seven officers and two civilians were wounded.

The episode began Thursday evening while hundreds of people were gathered to protest the police killings of two more black men: Philando Castile, who was fatally shot near St. Paul, Minn., and Alton Sterling, who was shot in Louisiana after being pinned to the pavement

by two white officers.

After shooting at the Dallas officers, Johnson tried to take refuge in a parking garage and exchanged gunfire with officers, police Chief David Brown said.

The suspect described his motive during negotiations and said he acted alone and was not affiliated with any groups, Brown said. Police initially suspected more than one shooter.

He said he wanted to exterminate whites, "especially white officers," officials said.

In Washington, the nation's top law enforcement official, Attorney General Loretta Lynch, called for calm, saying the recent violence can't be allowed to "precipitate a new normal."

# Medal count for SEAL Chris Kyle lowered

USA Today

WASHINGTON — Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, the late, famed “American Sniper,” overstated the number of medals he was awarded for heroism, according to a Navy investigation released Friday.

The Navy personnel form that Kyle signed and initialed when he left the Navy in 2009 credited him with two Silver Star and six Bronze Star medals with “V” device for valor, according to the document. Kyle, whose best-selling book “American Sniper” was later made into a Hollywood block-

buster, wrote that he had been awarded two Silver Stars and five Bronze Stars.

He was killed in 2013 by a veteran he had mentored.

However, the Navy’s investigation of Kyle’s record, which began in 2012, determined that Kyle had commendations for one Silver Star and four Bronze Star medals with “V” devices. The service issued a revised form, known as the DD 214, on June 14. The Silver Star is the military’s third-highest award; the Medal of Honor and Service Cross are the first and second highest.

Kyle had made other, unverifiable claims, including his account of shooting dozens of rioters in New Orleans in the chaos that followed Hurricane Katrina. He also wrote that he had punched a man later identified as Jesse Ventura, the former Minnesota governor. A jury awarded Ventura \$1.8 million in a defamation lawsuit against Kyle’s estate.

“After thoroughly reviewing all available records, the Navy determined an error was made in the issuance of Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle’s form DD 214,” Ensign Marc Rockwell-

pate, a Navy spokesman, said in a statement. “Specifically, the DD 214 did not accurately reflect the decorations and awards to which Kyle was officially entitled. After notifying his family of the error, the Navy issued a corrected copy of the DD 214, which accurately reflects Kyle’s years of honorable and extraordinary Navy service.”

It is unclear who made the original error, and it appears to be a clerical mistake that was not corrected by Kyle or other Navy officials.

## Navy seeks to turn locusts into tools

The Washington Post

Locusts came to fame as agents of destruction during the eighth plague of Egypt in the Bible, but some researchers envision a new occupation for the humble insects: cyborg bomb detectors.

Yes, you read that correctly. The Office of Naval Research has given Washington University in St. Louis associate biomedical engineering professor Baranidharan Raman and his team a \$750,000, three-year grant to continue his research into turning ordinary locusts into military tools.

The idea is simple, even if the execution is not. Like most insects, locusts are equipped with an exponentially more powerful and sensitive olfac-

tory system than anything humans can artificially replicate — so why not use this pre-existing system to hunt for bombs, rather than attempt to create what will inevitably be a pale imitation?

“Why reinvent the wheel? Why not take advantage of the biological solution?” Raman said in a news release. “That is the philosophy here. Even the state-of-the-art miniaturized chemical sensing devices have a handful of sensors. On the other hand, if you look at the insect antenna, where their chemical sensors are located, there are several hundreds of thousands of sensors and of a variety of types.”

In other words, locusts are great at smelling things, even when a certain scent might

seem masked by many others.

So the first step is harnessing those antennae. And that requires the implantation of sensors that can record and decode certain neural activity.

“We can do a surgery on [the locusts] and implant these electrodes into their brain,” Raman told KMWU-FM. “Within a few hours, they can recover and they can walk and behave as if nothing had happened.”

The plan is to hook those sensors to a small “backpack,” which will contain a transmitter to send signals to a receiver hooked up to an LED. If there are explosives, it will light up red. If there aren’t any, the light will shine green.

A prototype of the bomb-sniffing locust is expected within a year, KWMU reported.

## Top Democrat on House vet panel indicted

CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Following the news of her indictment on fraud charges, Florida Democrat Corrine Brown announced she is temporarily stepping down as the ranking member of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

“I am innocent of the charges announced today, and intend to vigorously defend myself in court against these politically motivated allegations,” the congresswoman said in a statement Friday.

Brown said that “due to House rules,” she is temporarily stepping down “to avoid potential distractions from the important work of this committee,” and she noted her work on homeless veterans, women’s issues and health care.

Brown and her chief of staff, Elias “Ronnie” Simmons, were indicted for their involvement in “a conspiracy and fraud scheme” that involved an education charity, the Justice Department announced Friday. They were charged with 24 counts, among them mail and wire fraud.

## North Korea test-fires sub-launched missile

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Saturday fired what appeared to be a submarine-launched ballistic missile off its eastern coast, the U.S. and South Korea said, the latest in a string of tests that are part of efforts by the North to

advance technology capable of delivering nuclear warheads.

The missile was fired from a location near the North Korean coastal town of Sinpo, where analysts previously have detected efforts by the North to develop submarine-launched ballistic missile systems, said an official from Seoul’s Defense Ministry. The official, who didn’t want

to be named because of office rules, couldn’t immediately confirm how far the missile traveled nor where it landed.

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that it presumed the missile successfully ejected from the submarine’s launch tube, but failed in its early stage of flight.

From The Associated Press

# Serena reaches milestone at Wimbledon

Associated Press

LONDON — Serena Williams insisted she was not focused on No. 22.

Said she wouldn't discuss it.

Kept coming close without quite getting it.

Now she finally has it. And so she can flaunt it.

Williams lifted both arms overhead and raised two fingers on each hand right there on Centre Court to show off the magic number after winning her record-tying 22nd Grand Slam title by beating Angelique Kerber 7-5, 6-3 in the Wimbledon final on Saturday.

"Yeah, it's been incredibly difficult not to think about it. I had a couple of tries this year," Williams said during the trophy ceremony. "But it makes the victory even sweeter to know how hard I worked for it."

She pulled even with Steffi Graf for the most major championships in the Open era, which began in 1968. Now Williams stands behind only Margaret Court's all-time mark of 24.

This was Williams' seventh singles trophy at the All England Club — only Martina Navratilova, with nine, has more — and her second in a row. Her victory at Wimbledon a year ago raised her Grand Slam count to 21, but while she almost had added to that total since, she was not able to.

There was a stunning loss to Roberta Vinci in the U.S.

Open semifinals in September, ending Williams' bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam. Then came losses in finals to Kerber at the Australian Open in January, and to Garbine Muguruza at the French Open last month.

But in the rematch against the fourth-seeded Kerber on Saturday — the first time in a decade two women met to decide multiple major titles in a single season — the No. 1-ranked Williams came through. This goes alongside her six championships at the U.S. Open, six at the Australian Open and three at the French Open.

The 34-year-old American did it, as she often does, with nearly impeccable serving. She slammed 13 aces, including at least one in each of her first eight service games. She won 38 of 43 points when she put a first serve in.

And she faced just one break point — at 3-all in the second set, it represented Kerber's only real opening — and shut the door quickly and emphatically, with a pair of aces at 117 mph and 124 mph, her fastest of the afternoon.

There was more that Williams did well, though. So much more. Facing the left-handed Kerber's reactive, counter-punching style, Williams was by far the more aggressive player during baseline exchanges, trying to make things happen. And she did, compiling a big edge in winners, 39-12.

Williams returned well, hammering second serves that floated in at 75 mph and breaking serve once in each set.

And she volleyed well, too, winning the point on 16 of 22 trips to the net, including a tap-in on the last point. Soon enough, she was wrapping Kerber in a warm embrace, then holding up those fingers to symbolize "22."

Kerber, a German who knows Graf well, defeated Williams' older sister Venus in the semifinals and hadn't dropped a set on her way to the final. But on the grass that suits Williams' game so well, Kerber simply could not quite keep up with the trophy on the line.

"I would like to say, really, congrats to Serena. I mean, you really deserve the title, your next title, and you're a great champion, a great person," said Kerber, who hadn't appeared in a major final until beating Williams in Melbourne this year.

Williams lost only one set this fortnight, the opener of her second-round match against Christina McHale of the U.S. last week. After dropping that tiebreaker, Williams sat in her sideline chair and proceeded to smack her racket repeatedly against the grass, before flinging the equipment so far behind her that it landed in the lap of a TV cameraman.

That earned Williams a \$10,000 fine, but perhaps it pointed her in the right direction. She won all 12 sets she's played since. And later Saturday, Williams had a chance to head home with a second piece of hardware: She and Venus were scheduled to play in the women's doubles final on Centre Court.

## Jedrzejczyk beats down Gadelha to keep UFC title

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Joanna Jedrzejczyk figured she had lost the first two rounds on all three judges' scorecards, and the champion knew she needed to let it rip. For the final three rounds, Jedrzejczyk swarmed all over Claudia Gadelha with flurries of kicks, waves of elbows and innumerable precise punches.

The barrage was more than enough to keep her belt.

Jedrzejczyk defended her UFC strawweight title Friday night with a unanimous-decision victory, punctuating their long-running feud by beating her archrival for the second time.

From the first takedown to the final combination, Jedrzejczyk (12-0) and Gadelha put on an impressive technical display of mixed martial arts. The world's top two 115-pound fighters thrilled the MGM Grand Garden Arena crowd.

While the Polish champion started slowly, she finished furiously. According to the UFC's statistics, Jedrzejczyk landed 153 strikes in the final three rounds to a mere 41 for Gadelha, whose six takedowns weren't enough.

"We felt she might get tired in the third, fourth and fifth round, so I was waiting for my chance," Jedrzejczyk said. "She was trying to control me, but it didn't feel like she could do anything on the ground."

Gadelha (13-2) largely controlled the first two rounds through takedowns and timely strikes, but Jedrzejczyk decisively rallied with her superior striking and remarkable conditioning. Jedrzejczyk's three-round onslaught left her Brazilian opponent bloody and open-mouthed.

Gadelha valiantly tried more takedowns, but Jedrzejczyk defended and kept throwing blows to the bell. The bout was another thriller to add to their first meeting, a debatable split-decision victory for the champion in late 2014.

"Every fighter who knows what she wants in life will get better," Gadelha said. "I think she got better, just like I got better. I think I'm better technically. If it wasn't for the conditioning, I would have beat her."

Two judges scored the bout 48-46 for Jedrzejczyk, and a third saw it 48-45. The Associated Press scored it 48-47 for Jedrzejczyk.

Jedrzejczyk and Gadelha were combative coaches on the just-completed season of "The Ultimate Fighter," the UFC's long-running reality competition show. They traded harsh words and shoves during promotional appearances for the bout, almost coming to blows at several points in their uneasy co-existence.

Will Brooks made his UFC debut with a unanimous-decision victory over veteran Ross Pearson. Strawweight Tatiana Suarez and light heavyweight Andrew Sanchez won their bouts to claim the UFC contracts awarded to winners of the reality show.

Brooks (18-1) didn't dominate the rugged Pearson, but still earned his ninth consecutive MMA victory with 29-28 verdicts on all three cards.

South Korean featherweight Doo Ho Choi and Brazil's Joaquim Silva got the main card off to a strong start with first-round knockouts.

## Rain washes away some Olympic track dreams

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — The defending Olympic pole vault champion warmed up, then cooled down, then ran through the whole process again, as the driving rain pelted the field Friday at U.S. Olympic Trials.

"The more time you have to think, the more you're like, 'Wow. This is how bad things happen,'" Jenn Suhr said.

Suhr escaped the badness. Several other big-name athletes weren't as lucky on a rain-drenched afternoon at Hayward Field.

On a day that saw LaShawn Merritt lower his world-best mark at 200 meters to 19.74 seconds — in a semifinal heat, no less — and two high-school kids, Michael Norman and Noah Lyles, earn spots in the final, there was just as much buzz about those whose chances got washed away in the rain.

First among them was hurdler Dawn Harper-Nelson, whose run at a third Olympic medal came to a stunning halt in 100-meter semifinals, when she finished third — not good enough to make the eight-woman final.

Later, after the rain had stopped but the track was still slick, American record-holder Keni Harrison stumbled to a sixth-place finish and a spot on the couch next month. Brianna Rollins, the 2013 world's gold medalist, won in 12.34 seconds, a comfortable .16 ahead of Kristi Castlin, who was considered a bigger threat four years ago at trials.

Harrison was supposed to be the woman to beat this year.

It also happened to Shamier Little. The world's silver medalist in 400-meter hur-

dles didn't make it out of her semifinal heat.

Allyson Felix took to the track well before the rain hit, and coasted through her 200-meter qualifying heat in 22.93 seconds.

Shortly after Felix's race, the sky opened, and everybody's outlook changed. The discus and pole vault competitions were delayed.

Waiting out the rain was Tavis Bailey, who finished second in discus finals.

"When raindrops are hitting the discus in your hand, that will get to you," said Bailey, who finished behind Mason Finley.

Not so fortunate was defending national champion Jared Schuurmans, who finished fifth.

Others with decent chances who didn't make the team included high jumpers Jesse Williams, the 2011 world champion, and Randall Cunningham, who was hoping to join his sister, Vashti, on the trip to Brazil.

Other happenings on Day 7 of track trials:

**Sprint farewell:** Lost in the buzz over the high-schoolers making the 200-meter final was the fact that three longtime mainstays of the U.S. sprint team — Mike Rodgers, Wallace Spearmon and Walter Dix — all failed to advance. On the women's side, Jenna Prandini had the best 200 time, at 22.72 seconds.

**Aries advances:** Defending Olympic champion Aries Merritt, less than a year removed from a kidney transplant, made it through his qualifying heat in 110-meter hurdles. Also making it were 2008 bronze medalist David Oliver and 2012 silver medalist Jason Richardson.



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# Astros win wild one over A's

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros didn't hang their heads after a five-run ninth inning allowed the Oakland Athletics to take a two-run lead Friday night.

They were confident they could rally with the heart of their order due up in the bottom of the inning.

Luis Valbuena drove in four runs, highlighted by a three-run homer with one out in the ninth, to lift the Astros to a wild 10-9 victory over the Athletics.

Oakland took the lead with the big ninth before Jose Altuve singled with one out in the bottom of the inning. Carlos Correa struck out, but reached on a wild pitch before Valbuena connected off Ryan Madson (3-3) for his third homer in four games to give Houston the win.

"That inning, the way you draw it up is we're in the good part of our order that we feel really comfortable with," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Valbuena knew it was gone the moment he made contact.

"I was looking for a good pitch," he said. "Trying to get the pitch I wanted and I (didn't) miss the pitch. You see what happened?"

Oakland manager Bob Melvin felt confident with Madson on the mound in the ninth before things went awry.

"I feel good whenever he takes the mound and we have the lead whether it's one or two runs," Melvin said. "I didn't have negative thoughts going into that inning. I fully believed we were going to win the game."

Houston led by three runs entering the

ninth before Yonder Alonso connected off closer Will Harris with no outs to cut the lead to 7-6. Pinch-hitter Jake Smolinski singled with one out before a double by Jed Lowrie chased Harris.

He was replaced by Michael Feliz (6-1) who was greeted by the double from Davis that put the A's up 8-7.

Josh Reddick added a run with an RBI single to make it 9-7.

Houston starter Collin McHugh allowed eight hits and four runs in six innings and remains winless since May 30.

Oakland OF Coco Crisp served a one-game suspension on Friday night for intentionally throwing his bat toward home plate umpire D.J. Reyburn the night before. The bat hit Reyburn's foot after Crisp struck out to end the fifth inning of Oakland's 3-1 victory at Houston. Crisp apologized after the game.

# Kyle Busch dominant in victory

Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — Being good all night long at Kentucky Speedway helped Kyle Busch get the luck he needed for another impressive finish.

Busch led 185 laps and caught a huge break before surviving a final restart to win Friday's 300-mile NASCAR Xfinity Series race for his first victory on the 1.5 mile tri-oval since 2004.

"It feels good to score that victory," said Busch, who entered with five top-fives and 200 laps led here. "Been a long time since I got a win."

The defending Sprint Cup Series champion needed overtime to get the win in his No. 18 Toyota, with the race going one circuit past its scheduled 200 laps after a late caution. Busch then outdueled Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Daniel Suarez and Austin Dillon in a three-wide restart and went on to win by .455 seconds.

Busch benefited from a late mistake by Erik Jones. He passed Busch for the lead after a lap 174 restart just before the fourth yellow, but inadvertently shut off his car and fell to third as a penalty for failing to keep up with the pace car.

Dillon was second in a Chevy, with Suarez third in a Toyota and Jones fourth in a Toyota.

"I wasn't trying to save fuel, I was doing something else and trying to get the best restart I could and unfortunately I hit the wrong button," Jones said.

One night after his Camping World Truck Series team became that series' winningest outfit, the Xfinity career wins leader earned his fifth victory and ninth top-10 this season. For a while the question was whether anybody would get close to Busch.

After claiming the pole with a speed of 187.318 mph, Busch set his own groove and pace on the resurfaced, reconfigured track and had all the grip he needed after a full day of Cup practice. He led six times after starting on the pole.

Only on that one restart did Busch show vulnerability as Jones made a gutsy pass on the outside. Jones never got the chance to put room between him and Busch as Ray Black Jr. quickly spun out to draw the yellow flag.

Jones' No. 20 car then appeared to stall during the caution, creating the penalty and a turn of events that handed the lead to Busch for good.

"I didn't think the outside would carry the speed as much as the inside and Erik Jones proved me wrong," Busch said.

# Strasburg, Nationals top Mets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's been more than a century since a National League starting pitcher was as perfect as Stephen Strasburg so far.

Strasburg stayed undefeated, winning a marquee matchup against an ailing Noah Syndergaard by tossing seven innings of two-hit ball Friday night that sent the Washington Nationals to a 3-1 victory over the banged-up New York Mets.

Clint Robinson hit a two-run homer for the Nationals, going deep for the second consecutive night, and Daniel Murphy added an RBI double against his former team. Strasburg (12-0) struck out nine and became the first NL starter in 104 years to win his first 12 decisions in a season. He has won a franchise-record 15 straight since September.

Oliver Perez and Blake Treinen combined to escape an eighth-inning jam, and Washington extended its NL East lead to four games over the Mets after dropping the opener of the four-game set Thursday night.

Syndergaard (9-4) and slugger Yoenis Cespedes left early with injuries, hours after New York announced that struggling pitcher Matt Harvey will have season-ending surgery for thoracic outlet syndrome.

Cespedes was pulled after three innings with a strained right quadriceps and said he hopes to return after the All-Star break. The slugger got hurt chasing Murphy's double to deep center field in the third and was replaced by Juan Lagares in the fourth.

With his velocity dipping, Syndergaard exited in the fifth with arm fatigue that was not elbow-related, the Mets said. The big right-hander has been pitching with a bone spur in his right elbow that he called "pretty insignificant."

**Red Sox 6, Rays 5:** David Ortiz hit his

21st homer, powering host Boston to its fourth win in five games.

Ortiz's homer — the 524th of his career — tied him with Jimmie Foxx for seventh-most in American League history. Robbie Ross, Jr. (1-1) got the victory, and Koji Uehara picked up his third save.

Evan Longoria had four hits and a home run for the Rays, who have lost four straight and 20 of 23.

**Angels 9, Orioles 5:** Daniel Nava had two RBIs and made a spectacular catch to help visiting Los Angeles earn its fourth straight victory.

The victory came at a cost. First baseman C.J. Cron — who has 11 homers and 50 RBIs — fractured a bone in his left hand when hit by a pitch from Mike Wright in the sixth inning. He will see a specialist Monday, the team said.

**Pirates 8, Cubs 4:** Andrew McCutchen had three hits, including an RBI single during host Pittsburgh's four-run seventh inning, and the Pirates rallied for a rare victory over Jake Arrieta and Chicago.

John Jaso's RBI single tied it at 4 and chased Arrieta (12-4), who had beaten the Pirates in all three previous starts this season and entered with a 9-1 career record against them. The Cubs had won eight of the first nine meetings with Pittsburgh this year.

**Braves 11, White Sox 8:** Freddie Freeman, Tyler Flowers and Nick Markakis homered against All-Star Chris Sale, leading Atlanta to the road win.

Chicago turned its third triple play this season in the third — the only inning the Braves didn't score against Sale (14-3) in his five innings. The White Sox ace, bidding to become the majors' first 15-game winner, allowed 10 hits — including a career-worst seven for extra bases — and a

season-high eight runs.

**Indians 10, Yankees 2:** Mike Napoli hit one of host Cleveland's five home runs, a 462-foot drive that nearly hit the scoreboard in left field.

**Blue Jays 6, Tigers 0:** J.A. Happ and two relievers combined on a seven-hitter, Edwin Encarnacion hit a three-run homer and host Toronto extended its season-high winning streak to seven.

**Rangers 6, Twins 5:** Rougned Odor and Elvis Andrus had RBI triples, and host Texas overcame a lackluster performance for All-Star left-hander Cole Hamels.

**Marlins 3, Reds 1:** Jose Fernandez pitched seven sharp innings to help host Miami to the win.

**Brewers 4, Cardinals 3:** Jonathan Villar hit a game-ending RBI single with two out in the ninth to give host Milwaukee the win.

**Mariners 3, Royals 2:** Hisashi Iwakuma pitched into the seventh inning, and visiting Seattle scored the go-ahead runs on Yordano Ventura's wild pitch.

**Phillies 5, Rockies 3:** Pinch hitter Tommy Joseph connected for a three-run homer in the seventh inning, leading visiting Philadelphia to the road win.

**Dodgers 10, Padres 6:** Yasmani Grandal homered three times to drive in six runs, Justin Turner and Howie Kendrick added solo shots and host Los Angeles snapped a three-game skid.

**Giants 6, Diamondbacks 2:** Brandon Crawford drove in three runs and came within a triple of hitting for the cycle and Jeff Samardzija overcame a shaky first inning to get the win for host San Francisco.

# US Open's Dustin Johnson withdraws from Rio

Associated Press

DALLAS — U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson withdrew from the Rio Games on Friday because of concerns over the Zika virus, costing golf three of the world's top four players for its return to the Olympics after a 112-year absence.

Jordan Spieth is the only player from the top four who has not said if he is going to Brazil. A decision could come as early as

this weekend ahead of the British Open. Rickie Fowler also is undecided.

Johnson, No. 2 in the world after his U.S. Open title and another World Golf Championship victory last week, is the 13th player to pull out of the Rio Games. Eight of them, including world No. 1 Jason Day and world No. 4 Rory McIlroy, specifically have cited Zika as the reason.

Patrick Reed, who said earlier this week at the Scottish Open he wants to play in the Olympics, would replace Johnson.

The United States is allowed four players, the most of any country in golf, because they are in the top 15 in the world.

"This was not an easy decision for me," Johnson said in a statement released by his management company. "But my concerns about the Zika virus cannot be ignored."

Johnson said he and his fiancée, Paulina Gretzky, plan to have more children. They have an 18-month-old son, Tatum.

"I feel it would be irresponsible to put

myself, her or our family at risk," Johnson said. "I believe I am making the right decision for me and most importantly, my family. While I am sure some will be critical of my decision, my hope is that most will understand and support it."

Of the top four Americans, only two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson said he is going.

Golf was last an Olympic sport in 1904 in St. Louis.