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## Gunman kills at least 50 in Florida

### Nightclub shooting deadliest in US history, considered act of terrorism

*Associated Press*

ORLANDO, Fla. — A gunman wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub early Sunday, killing at least 50 people before dying in a gunfight with SWAT officers, police said. It was the deadliest mass shooting in American history.

Authorities were investigating the attack on the Orlando, Fla., dance hall as an act of terrorism. The gunman's father recalled that his son recently got angry when he saw two men kissing in Miami and said that might be related to the assault.

At least 53 people were hospitalized, most in critical condition, officials said. A surgeon at Orlando Regional Medical Center said the death toll was likely to climb.

Mayor Buddy Dyer said all of the dead were killed with the assault rifle. "There's blood everywhere," Dyer said.

Witnesses described a chaotic scene when the gunfire began shortly before the club, known as Pulse, was to close.

"Some guy walked in and started shooting everybody. He had an automatic rifle, so nobody stood a chance," said Jackie Smith, whose two friends standing next to her were shot. "I just tried to get out of there."

The suspect exchanged gunfire with a police officer working at the club, in which more than 300 people were gathered. The gunman then went back inside and took hostages, police Chief John Mina said. At about 5 a.m., authorities sent in a SWAT team to rescue the hostages.

Authorities were looking into whether the attack was an act

of domestic or international terrorism and whether the shooter acted alone, according to Danny Banks, an agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

"This is an incident, as I see it, that we certainly classify as a domestic terror incident," Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings said.

The previous deadliest mass shooting in the U.S. was the 2007 attack at Virginia Tech, where a student killed 32 people before killing himself.

The suspect in the Orlando attack was identified as Omar Mateen, of Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Rep. Alan Grayson named the shooter, citing law enforcement officials. A federal law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation also confirmed the name. The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Mateen's father, Mir Seddique, told NBC News about his son seeing the men kissing a couple of months ago.

"We are saying we are apologizing for the whole incident," Seddique said. "We are in shock like the whole country."

FBI agent Ron Hopper said there was no further threat to Orlando or the surrounding area.

When asked if the gunman had a connection to radical Islamic terrorism, Hopper said authorities had "suggestions that individual has leanings towards that."

Mateen's father said the attack had nothing to do with religion.

In addition to the guns, the shooter also had some sort of

"suspicious device," the police chief said. Authorities said they had secured the suspect's vehicle — a van — outside the club.

A SWAT truck and a bomb-disposal unit were on the scene of an address associated with Mateen in a residential neighborhood of Fort Pierce, about 118 miles southeast of Orlando.

Relatives and friends, many in tears, gathered outside the hospital to learn the fate of loved ones.

Smith did not know the conditions of her friends and came out of the hospital and burst into tears.

Christine Leinonen drove to Orlando at 4 a.m. after learning of the shooting from a friend of her son, Christopher Leinonen, 32, who was at Pulse and is missing. She has not heard from her son and fears the worse.

"These are nonsensical killings of our children," she said, sobbing. "They're killing our babies!"

She said her son's friend, Brandon Wolf, survived by hiding in a bathroom and running out as the bullets flew.

A woman who was outside the club early Sunday was trying to contact her son, Eddie, 30, who texted her when the shooting happened and asked her to call police. He told her he ran into a bathroom with other club patrons to hide. He then texted her: "He's coming."

"The next text said, 'He has us, and he's in here with us,'" Mina Justice said. "That was the last conversation."

Pulse posted on its own Facebook page at about 2 a.m.: "Everyone get out of Pulse and keep running." Just before 6 a.m., the club posted an update: "As soon as we have any information, we will update everyone. Please keep everyone in your

prayers as we work through this tragic event. Thank you for your thoughts and love."

President Barack Obama, speaking before the nation, called the nightclub shooting an "act of terror" and an "act of hate."

Jon Alamo said he was at the back of one of the club's rooms when a man holding a weapon came into the front of the room.

"I heard 20, 40, 50 shots," Alamo said. "The music stopped."

Clubgoer Rob Rick said the shooting started just as "everybody was drinking their last sip."

He estimated that more than 100 people were still inside when he heard shots, got on the ground and crawled toward a DJ booth.

A bouncer knocked down a partition between the club area and an area where only workers are allowed. People inside were then able to escape through the back of the club.

Christopher Hansen said he was in the VIP lounge when he heard gunshots. He continued to hear shooting even after he emerged and saw the wounded being tended across the street.

"I was thinking, 'Are you kidding me?' So I just dropped down. I just said, 'Please, please, please, I want to make it out,'" he said. "And when I did, I saw people shot. I saw blood. You hope and pray you don't get shot."

The attack follows the fatal shooting late Friday of singer Christina Grimmie, 22, who had been a YouTube sensation and former contestant on "The Voice." She was killed after a concert in Orlando by Kevin Loibl, 27, who later killed himself.

# CIA: No evidence top Saudis had 9/11 role

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — CIA Director John Brennan said there is no evidence that the Saudi government or senior Saudi officials supported the Sept. 11 attacks.

Brennan's remarks, in a weekend interview with al-Arabiya, addressed the still-secret 28 pages of a congressional inquiry into the 2001 attacks, in which 15 of the 19 hijackers were citizens of Saudi Arabia. President Barack Obama has promised to publicly release all or part of the 28 pages of the report, which could happen as early as this month. The rest of the report was released in December 2002.

Bob Graham, who was co-

chairman of that bipartisan congressional panel, and others said the 28 pages point suspicion at the Saudis. Graham said it's important for the public to know that all of the still-classified allegations were thoroughly investigated.

Brennan had said earlier that the 28 pages contained preliminary information about possible Saudi links to the attackers that had not been corroborated or vetted at the time. He said that the 9/11 Commission, which did a follow-on investigation into the attacks, ultimately found nothing that pointed to Saudi complicity.

"Subsequently, the Sept. 11 commission looked very thoroughly at these allegations of Saudi involvement, Saudi gov-

ernment involvement, and their finding, their conclusion was that there was no evidence to indicate that the Saudi government as an institution or Saudi senior officials individually had supported the Sept. 11 attacks," Brennan told al-Arabiya, the Saudi-owned broadcaster, on Saturday.

"Indeed, subsequently, the assessments that have been done have shown it was very unfortunate that these attacks took place but this was the work of al-Qaida, [al-Qaida leader Ayman] al-Zawahri, and others of that ilk," said Brennan, who called Riyadh a strong U.S. partner in fighting terrorism.

Brennan said he supports the release of the still-classified part of the congressional

inquiry.

The Saudi government says it has been "wrongfully and morbidly accused of complicity" in the attacks, is fighting extremists and working to clamp down on their funding channels.

Still, the Saudis have long said that they would welcome declassification of the 28 pages because it would "allow us to respond to any allegations in a clear and credible manner."

The pages were withheld from the 838-page report on the orders of President George W. Bush, who said the release could divulge intelligence sources and methods. Protecting U.S.-Saudi diplomatic relations also was believed to have been a factor.

## 'Man' leaving job titles as women take combat roles

Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Engineman? Yeoman? Not so fast. Now that women will be allowed to serve in all combat jobs, the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps are dropping "man" from some of their job titles to make them inclusive and gender-neutral.

Much like the term "fireman" has evolved to "firefighter" and "policeman" to "police officer," an engineman could be called an engine technician and a yeoman could be called an administrative specialist.

"This is one more step in how our force has changed," Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said in an interview Friday. "Our force has evolved; our force is different. And I believe it's stronger and better."

Some Army and Air Force titles end in "man," too, but the services aren't considering changing them. The names are historically significant, and the focus now is on bringing women into the jobs rather than on what to call them, both services said.

Defense Secretary Ash

Carter ordered the military in December to open all military jobs to women, including the Marine Corps and special operations forces like the Navy's SEALs and the Army's Green Berets.

During a visit to Newport, R.I., in late May, Carter was asked by The Associated Press whether job titles that end in "man" should change throughout the military. Carter spoke about the benefits of opening jobs to women to make "full use of the wonderful talents of half of the population of the country."

"Signifying that in all appropriate ways is, I think, exactly that, very appropriate and needed," he said.

Carter said that he didn't offhand have a good alternative for titles that were stripped of "man," but that someone smart was going to figure it out.

Mabus called in January for a review of Navy and Marine titles. There are nearly two dozen in the Navy that end in "man" and roughly a dozen in the Marines.

## Navy lifts Japan off-base ban; alcohol still forbidden

BY ERIK SLAVIN

*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Sailors in Japan are once again allowed off base, but a ban on alcoholic beverages remains following multiple high-profile arrests involving Navy personnel.

The ban on nonessential off-base activities that began June 6 is being replaced by a requirement for sailors to file off-base daily activity plans, or one activity plan covering the weekend, Navy officials said Friday.

The plans must be signed by officers in pay grade O-5 or above, meaning ship commanding officers will be reviewing the leisure activities of their most junior sailors.

In cases in which a unit's commander ranks below O-5, liberty plans will have to be approved at higher headquarters.

"It is not a small amount of paperwork ... but it would also give commanding officers more knowledge about their sailors," Naval Forces Japan spokesman

Cmdr. Ron Flanders said.

Sailors must account for all hours spent off base. However, they can write that they are going to dinner in Yokosuka, for example, without specifically naming a restaurant.

No liberty plans are required for on-base activities, Navy officials said.

The new liberty system is temporary, as is the alcohol ban announced June 6 that restricts sailors from drinking on or off base, including in their own homes.

Sailor reaction thus far to the alcohol order has been mixed, particularly at all-hands meetings conducted last week by 7th Fleet commander Vice Adm. Joseph Aucoin and Commander Naval Forces Japan Rear Adm. Matthew Carter at bases throughout the country. Multiple sailors said they understood that recent criminal incidents and bad behavior have strained U.S.-Japan relations. However, some also said they resented restrictions based on the mistakes of a very small percentage of sailors and civilians.

# US makes Copa quarterfinals

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Protecting a lead after Clint Dempsey's first-half goal, the United States' Copa America planning was suddenly upended.

DeAndre Yedlin got a pair of yellow cards 57 seconds apart just into the second half for two rash tackles, forcing the U.S. to play a man short against Paraguay for what turned out to be 49 fretful minutes.

Defenders held the back line, goalkeeper Brad Guzan made an outstanding double save in the 82nd minute and the U.S. held on for a 1-0 victory Saturday night to reach the Copa America quarterfinals.

"We stuck together," defender Geoff Cameron said. "Everybody sacrificed."

Hosting a special expanded 100th anniversary edition of South America's championship, the Americans (2-1) won Group A on goal difference over Colombia (2-1), which was upset 3-2 by already eliminated Costa Rica. By finishing first, the Americans might avoid a quarterfinal matchup with Brazil.

The U.S. plays Thursday night, likely against Ecuador or Peru. The matchup will be determined by Sunday's Group B games.

"I think that we could possibly do something special here," Dempsey said.

With the Americans playing for the third time in nine days, U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann started the same lineup for the third straight game — something

done only once before in U.S. national team history, in its three matches at the 1930 World Cup.

Dempsey scored for the second straight game, getting his 51st international goal in the 27th minute to move six behind Landon Donovan's American record.

Gyasi Zardes received a pass from Michael Bradley, ran along the left flank and slowed. Marked by Paulo Da Silva, who made his record 137th appearance for Paraguay, and Victor Ayala, Zardes spurred to the endline and crossed. Dempsey sprinted into the penalty area as the trailing runner and from 8 yards one-timed a left-footed shot past the leg of sliding defender Fabian Balbuena and under the left arm of diving goalkeeper Justo Villar.

Yedlin got his first yellow in the 47th for a slide tackle from the side into Miguel Almiron near the center circle. When play resumed, he raised a foot and charged into Miguel Samudio near the sideline. Chilean referee Julio Bascunan immediately gave a second yellow, and the 22-year-old Yedlin lifted both arms wide as if to say, why me?

"He got caught emotionally," Klinsmann said. "He just lost his head for a second."

Yedlin, the first U.S. player to receive a red card in a competitive match since Michael Bradley at the 2009 Confederations Cup, walked by reporters without stopping to answer questions.

Because of goal difference, Paraguay needed to win in order to advance.

Michael Orozco entered to replace Yedlin at right back in the 50th minute, and Dempsey came off as the U.S. prepared to survive an onslaught during the rest of the half, which included six minutes of stoppage time.

"It's huge discipline. It's huge work rate," Guzan said. "Everyone needs to be on the same page. And when you play a man down in the conditions like they were tonight, for so long, for 45 minutes, it's always going to be hard."

With Paraguay applying pressure, Klinsmann repeatedly turned to try to spur on the crowd of 51,041.

Brooks made a sliding tackle to knock the ball away from Almiron on a 3-on-1 break in the 11th minute, and Guzan parried Derlis Gonzalez's short-range, angled header in the 18th.

That was just a prelude.

Of Guzan's seven saves, the best were in the 82nd minute, a sliding body stop on Jorge Benitez's 4-yard shot followed by a kick save on Almiron's 6-yard attempt off the rebound.

"You sit there biting your nails," Dempsey said. "Certain plays, you're wanting the ball to go out of bounds. You want people to kind of take their time and be smart how they manage the game."

Klinsmann reveled in one of the team's bigger wins since he took over in 2011.

"This," he said, "is a huge statement to teams in South America or whoever watches it on TV."

# Golfers face tough test at Oakmont

Associated Press

U.S. Open courses have a way of getting into a player's head before the tournament even starts.

Chambers Bay was a mystery last year. The links-styled course built from a sand-and-gravel pit off Puget Sound had only been open for nine years, and no one knew what to expect.

Curiosity gives way to grave concern this year at Oakmont.

It is as tough as Pittsburgh steel, host of more U.S. Opens than any course, equal parts fabled and feared. It is a club deeply proud of its reputation as the hardest championship course in America.

Jim Furyk didn't need a reminder when he played Oakmont two weeks ago to prepare for the 116th U.S. Open. He watched someone hit a ball that landed in the rough just 20 feet from where he was standing. Furyk walked over to a "foot-by-foot circle" where it went in. And he couldn't find it.

When asked if he was looking forward to going back to Oakmont, Furyk stroked his chin and searched for the right answer.

"I look forward to playing probably my last major in my home state," said Furyk. "As far as looking forward to Oakmont? I don't know if anyone looks forward to Oakmont. It's penal. It's tough. The layout is as hard as I've ever seen, and then you add U.S. Open conditions to it. You can play well and shoot 76. So I look forward to going. But I'm cautiously guarded about how tough it is."

Tommy Armour is the last U.S. Open champion who failed to break 300 over 72 holes. That was at Oakmont in 1927.

The putting surfaces are so fast that it inspired Edward Stimpson, a Harvard-educated engineer who was in the gallery for the 1935 U.S. Open, to create a device to measure green speed. It's called the "Stimpometer" and is still widely used.

At the most recent U.S. Open at Oakmont in 2007, Angel Cabrera won with a score of 5-over 285.

"I really think it's the hardest golf course we've ever played," Phil Mickelson said.

Mickelson missed the cut in 2007, though that was understandable. During a scouting trip Oakmont, he injured his wrist chipping out of the rough.

That's not to suggest Oakmont is impossible. In one of the greatest rounds ever played, Johnny Miller became the first player to shoot 63 at a major, making nine birdies on the final day in 1973 to rally for his only U.S. Open title.

Even so, the best in the world are bracing for the worst when Oakmont hosts its ninth U.S. Open starting Thursday.

Jordan Spieth is the defending champion and will try to become the first back-to-back winner of the U.S. Open since Curtis Strange in 1989, four years before Spieth was born. He had just graduated the eighth grade the last time a U.S. Open was at Oakmont, so he had never seen it until a trip to Pittsburgh last month.

"You will have no crazy circumstance or bounces or this or that," Spieth said. "The person who is full control of their entire game will win this U.S. Open."

# Creator wins Belmont by a nose

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The finish was dramatic, even without a Triple Crown on the line.

Creator found an opening in the stretch and ran down Destin in the final stride to win the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes by a nose — the closest possible margin of victory. Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr., pointed to the sky in an appropriate winning salute given the horse's name.

"Today was perfect for us, by inches," said Steve Asmussen, who will be inducted into racing's Hall of Fame this summer at Saratoga. "Being the victor of the Belmont Stakes will look good on that plaque."

The 50-year-old trainer has won more than 7,300 races, including the Preakness with champions Curlin in 2007 and Rachel Alexandra in 2009. He was taken off the Hall of Fame ballot last year, though, because of allegations made by PETA about the way he treated his horses. He was later cleared by racing authorities in Kentucky and New York.

The 1½-mile "Test of the Champion" wrapped up the Triple Crown a year after American Pharoah's run to glory in becoming the first horse in 37 years to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont. A different horse won each leg this time — Nyquist took the Derby and Exaggerator won the Preakness.

This was Creator's day, a hot, sticky one at Belmont Park with temperatures in the mid-80s. The attendance announced by the New York Racing Association late Saturday night was 60,114, far below the 90,000 that showed up last year.

Exaggerator, the 7-5 favorite in the field of 13, raced well back in the pack. He moved into contention at one point but just didn't have his usual finishing kick. He wound up 11th.

A 3-year-old gray colt, Creator came flying down the stretch as Destin tried to hang on to the lead. He almost made it, but settled for second with Japan-based Lani a closing third.

"I'm glad to see him put that number up; they came to the wire together," Asmussen said of the Creator-Destin showdown. "Irada gave him a dream trip. The horse ran super."

Creator, sent off 16-1, returned \$34.80, \$14.60 and \$9.40. Destin, trained by Todd Pletcher, returned \$9.40 and \$6.20, and Lani paid \$6.60. The winning time for the 1½ miles was 2:28.51. The first three finishers were gray colts.

Governor Malibu was fourth, followed by Stradivari, Brody's Cause, Cherry Wine, Gettysburg, Suddenbreakingnews, Trojan Nation, Exaggerator, Seeking the Soul and Forever d'Oro.

Creator was one of several closers in the field, and the race set up perfectly

for him. Gettysburg was a late addition to the field. Both are owned by WinStar Farm and trained by Asmussen, with Gettysburg a front-runner who set the stage for the thrilling finish.

After leading the field early on, Gettysburg dropped back after a mile and Destin took charge into the stretch. With Ortiz urging him on, Creator stormed into contention after running near the back of the pack and won for the third time in 10 career starts. Ortiz, one of the nation's leading riders, won his first Triple Crown race.

"He was calm and I just waited for somewhere to go," Ortiz said. "When he got clear, he started running."

Unlike Exaggerator.

Kent Desormeaux, the Hall of Fame rider aboard the colt, second-guessed his decision to ask Exaggerator to wait behind the pace. When he tried to make a move, the horse trained by his brother, Keith, just didn't have it.

"I don't know if there would have been any difference in the outcome," Kent Desormeaux said. "When I picked him up at the quarter-pole to try and win the race, there was nothing there."

Exaggerator and Lani were the only horses who ran in all three Triple Crown races. Lani improved each time, running ninth in the Derby and fifth in the Preakness.



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# Posey's walkoff homer lifts Giants

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Buster Posey struggled in his first few at-bats Saturday night, so he switched to a different bat for his final plate appearance.

The move worked for the Giants' catcher as he had the game-winning hit that gave San Francisco a little more breathing room in the NL West.

Joe Panik hit a game-tying single off Los Angeles closer Kenley Jansen with one out in the 10th inning and scored on Posey's RBI single, and the Giants beat the Dodgers 5-4 on Saturday night.

"It's a big one," Posey said of his fourth career game-ending hit. "I know my numbers aren't great but I feel like I'm still doing a decent job of making pretty consistent contact. I have to tell myself if I consistently square the ball up, that's all I can do."

Adrian Gonzalez homered leading off the 10th to put the Dodgers up 4-3 before the Giants rallied to win with four consecutive hits off Jansen (2-2).

Denard Span started the comeback with a one-out double. Panik singled in Span to tie the game and Brandon Belt followed with a bloop single to right. Posey then lined an 0-1 pitch to left center as Panik scored easily.

Chris Stratton, the ninth pitcher used by Giants manager Bruce Bochy, retired three batters for his first major league win.

"I put it near the top, if not at the top," Bochy said of the win that moved the division-leading Giants four games up on the Dodgers in the West.

Gonzalez, Justin Turner and Trayce Thompson had two hits apiece for the Dodgers, who lost for the third time in five games.

"Kenley has been great for us and you can't expect him to be perfect," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said. "It's a team we're chasing and we had a chance to gain ground."

Both teams were forced to go deep into their bullpens after starters Jeff

Samardzija of San Francisco and Scott Kazmir of Los Angeles struggled.

The Giants took a 3-2 lead in the sixth when Panik scored on Matt Duffy's fielder's choice grounder when Los Angeles second baseman Chase Utley's throw to first base was off target.

Thompson, whose older brother Klay was in attendance one day after helping the Golden State Warriors win Game 4 of the NBA Finals, tied it with a two-out, bases-loaded walk in the seventh.

Duffy and Brandon Crawford each singled in runs for San Francisco in the first.

Kazmir pitched into the sixth and allowed three runs for the Dodgers. Samardzija allowed two runs and seven hits in a season-low 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

Posey nearly lost his bat in the first inning when it flew out of his hands and stuck in the protective netting behind home plate. The Giants catcher eventually got the bat back and used it three more times before switching to a different model for his final at-bat after lining out in the eighth.

"After the lineup (in the eighth) that one had to take a timeout," Posey said.

**Rangers 2, Mariners 1 (11):** Rougned Odor hit a solo homer off reliever Mike Montgomery in the 11th inning to lift visiting Texas over Seattle.

Prince Fielder tied the game with a two-out homer in the top of the ninth, forcing extra innings and setting up Odor's winner.

Rangers manager Jeff Banister was eager to discuss the rally rather than the status of Darvish, who will skip his scheduled start Monday at Oakland after experiencing neck and shoulder tightness.

"There was so much good that went on in that ball game. I think that's where we need to go," Banister said. "How about Rougned Odor with a game-winning home run?"

Sam Dyson pitched the 11th for his ninth save. Matt Bush (2-0) picked up the victory in relief.

**Royals 4, White Sox 1:** Cheslor Cuthbert hit a pair of solo home runs, Danny Duffy pitched six shutout innings

and Kansas City ended an eight-game losing streak by beating host Chicago.

Kendrys Morales also homered as the World Series champion Royals stopped their longest slide since an eight-game skid in May 2013.

**Angels 4, Indians 3:** Yunel Escobar lined a game-ending RBI single in the ninth inning after closer Huston Street blew Matt Shoemaker's gem, and host Los Angeles ended a five-game losing streak.

Shoemaker struck out 11 over eight scoreless innings, but Street blew a three-run lead in the top of the ninth.

**Diamondbacks 5, Marlins 3:** Michael Bourn homered to start a four-run sixth inning and host Arizona ended Jose Fernandez's streak of eight consecutive victories by beating Miami.

Fernandez (9-3) retired the first 17 batters he faced before giving up five straight hits and lost for the first time since April 23.

**Cubs 8, Braves 2:** Jake Arrieta allowed only four hits in seven strong innings and, backed by four homers, made an impressive return to winning form for visiting Chicago.

Arrieta (10-1) allowed two runs in his answer to his first loss of the season. He also had two hits.

**Red Sox 15, Twins 4:** Xander Bogaerts tacked four more hits onto his majors-most total, including a two-run homer as visiting Boston broke away late.

The highest-scoring team in the majors managed to post a season high in runs, with five apiece in the eighth and ninth against league-worst Minnesota.

Bogaerts also doubled, scored four runs and drove in three.

**Tigers 6, Yankees 1:** Ian Kinsler homered and drove in a career-high five runs, and Justin Verlander finally won in the new Yankee Stadium.

**Cardinals 5, Pirates 1:** Carlos Martinez pitched into the ninth inning for his third consecutive win and Matt Holliday had a three-run homer among his three hits for visiting St. Louis.

Trevor Rosenthal got two outs for his

12th save in 14 opportunities.

Holliday's 10th home run capped a four-run fifth inning against Francisco Liriano (4-6).

**Blue Jays 11, Orioles 6:** Edwin Encarnacion hit two more homers and drove in five runs for host Toronto.

Encarnacion snapped an 0-for-19 slump by ending Friday's game with a leadoff homer in the 10th.

**Astros 4, Rays 3:** Carlos Gomez and Luis Valbuena hit solo home runs to back the pitching of Mike Fiers and lead visiting Houston.

Fiers (4-3) wound up with the win when the Astros held on in the ninth. Down by two runs, Tampa Bay loaded the bases with no outs, but scored just once. Will Harris got his second save.

**Nationals 8, Phillies 0:** Tanner Roark pitched seven sharp innings and made a rare contribution with his bat to help surging host Washington.

Stephen Drew and Anthony Rendon had two RBIs apiece for the first-place Nationals, who have won nine of 12.

**Reds 2, Athletics 1:** Jay Bruce hit a two-run homer off Daniel Mengden, who made his major league debut after a speedy rise through the minors, and host Cincinnati sent Oakland to its seventh straight loss.

**Brewers 7, Mets 4:** Ryan Braun hit two home runs, starting pitcher Willy Peralta had another and host Milwaukee used five homers to beat New York.

Braun ended an 0-for-15 skid with his long ball in the third inning. Scooter Gennett and Chris Carter also connected to help the Brewers end a six-game losing streak to the Mets.

**Rockies 5, Padres 3:** Charlie Blackmon hit a tiebreaking solo homer off the foul pole in the fifth and Tyler Chatwood effectively threw into the seventh for host Colorado.

Carlos Gonzalez had a three-run homer in the first and an RBI single in the fifth for the Rockies.

# Arizona advances with sweep of Miss. State

Associated Press

Arizona is headed to the College World Series after sweeping its super regional at No. 6 Mississippi State on Saturday night, and all six of the remaining national seeds were on the brink of elimination.

Cesar Salazar's bases-loaded single in the bottom of the 11th inning gave the Wildcats a 6-5 win that sends them to the CWS in Omaha, Neb., where they won the national title in their last appearance in 2012.

The Wildcats trailed 5-1 going into the eighth inning, but Ryan Aguilar's three-run homer jolted the team's offense awake and sparked a comeback.

The rest of the field for the eight-team CWS, which starts Saturday, was still to be determined Sunday or Monday at the completion of the other best-of-three super regionals.

Drew Carlton pitched a two-hitter and retired the last 19 Florida batters to help Florida State beat the No. 1 Gators 3-0 in a super regional opener in Gainesville.

Austin Bush hit his fourth homer of the postseason and UC Santa Barbara made its super regional debut with a 4-2 victory over No. 2 Louisville, the Cardinals' sec-

ond loss in 38 home games this season.

Boston College rode a four-run fourth inning to a 5-3 victory that squared its series with No. 3 national seed Miami at a game apiece in Coral Gables, Fla.

No. 4 Texas A&M and No. 5 Texas Tech forced Game 3s in their series. J.B. Moss hit the first of his team's four home runs on the second pitch of the game and Kyle Simonds pitched 7<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> strong innings in the Aggies' 7-1 win over TCU. Tech's Eric Gutierrez hit a tiebreaking bases-loaded single in the top of the 13th inning to key a 3-1 victory over East Carolina in Lubbock, Texas.

Coastal Carolina defeated No. 8 LSU 11-8 in Baton Rouge, erasing a 4-2 deficit with a four-run sixth inning and adding three in the seventh on back-to-back homers by Connor Owings and Zach Remillard. The Chanticleers finished with three homers to take the national lead with 94.

In a matchup of unseeded teams, Oklahoma State got another strong performance from Big 12 pitcher of the year Thomas Hatch in a 5-1 win over South Carolina in Game 1 in Columbia. The Cowboys have outscored their four NCAA Tournament opponents 32-5.

LSU's loss, the last of the upsets

Saturday, means that for the first time since the tournament went to its current format in 1999, no host team will sweep a super regional.

A look around the country:

## Big bats

■ Ryan Aguilar's three-run homer in the eighth inning pulled Arizona to 5-4 against Mississippi State.

■ Texas Tech's Gutierrez, the Big 12 player of the year, was 2-for-24 with no RBIs in the NCAA Tournament before he delivered his game-winning hit.

■ LSU's Greg Deichmann hit his fourth home run of the tournament and went 2-for-3.

■ Louisville's Blake Tiberi went 2-for-4 with a two-run homer.

■ Miami's Brandon Lopez was 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

■ Collin Theroux, batting No. 9 with a .161 average for Oklahoma State, hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning.

## Marvelous on the mound

■ Florida State's Carlton allowed only

singles to Buddy Reed and Danny Reyes, walked none and struck out five. Of his 115 pitches, 84 were strikes.

■ Oklahoma State's Hatch allowed four hits over shutout innings against a South Carolina team that scored 47 runs in its previous four games.

■ UC Santa Barbara's Shane Bieber allowed two runs and struck out seven in seven innings.

■ Texas A&M's Simonds allowed one run on four hits and three walks and struck out six.

■ Texas Tech's Robert Dugger pitched five innings of two-hit shutout relief.

■ East Carolina reliever Matt Bridges has struck out eight of 15 batters faced in 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings over two games.

## Prospect watch

■ Louisville OF Corey Ray, fifth overall pick by Brewers, was 0-for-4 with a strikeout.

■ Miami C Zack Collins, 10th overall by White Sox, was 2-for-4 with a home run.

■ Louisville C Will Smith, 32nd overall by Dodgers, went 2-for-3.