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'HOMEGROWN EXTREMIST' As Fla. city mourns, officials say gunman may have been radicalized

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando mourned the 49 people slaughtered in the attack on a gay nightclub, as the White House and the FBI portrayed the killer Monday as an apparent "homegrown extremist" who espoused support for a jumble of often-conflicting Islamic organizations.

The last of the bodies were removed from the nightclub late Sunday and vigils and makeshift memorials to the victims of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history began to take shape as counterterrorism authorities delved into gunman Omar Mateen's background and defended their handling of their previous contacts with him.

Wielding an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and a handgun, Mateen, a 29-year-old American-born Muslim, opened fire at the crowded Pulse Orlando club early Sunday.

He was killed in a gunbattle with a SWAT team after police used explosives and a small armored vehicle to punch a hole in a wall and allowed dozens of club-goers to escape, police said.

The tragedy shocked the nation and cast a pall over Orlando, known all around the globe as the home of Walt Disney World and other theme parks. "We will not be defined by the act of a cowardly hater," Mayor Buddy Dyer vowed. FBI Director James Comey said Mateen had "strong indications of radicalization" and was probably inspired by foreign terrorist organizations. He said Mateen called 911 around the time of the attack

and not only pledged loyalty to the Islamic State group but also expressed solidarity with the Tsarnaev brothers who carried out the Boston Marathon bombing and a suicide bomber who died on behalf of the Nusra Front, an al-Qaidaaffiliated group operating in Syria that is at odds with the Islamic State militants.

In the past few years, Mateen also expressed support for both al-Qaida and its enemy, Hezbollah, Comey noted.

The FBI investigated Mateen for 10 months beginning in May 2013 after he was said to have made inflammatory remarks in support of terrorists.

Comey said investigators introduced him to confidential sources, followed him and reviewed some of his communications, but Mateen claimed he made the remarks in anger because co-workers were teasing and discriminating against him because he was Muslim. The investigation was brought to a close.

As for whether the FBI should have done anything differently, "So far, the honest answer is, 'I don't think so,'" Comey said.

At the White House, President Barack Obama said there is no clear evidence so far that Mateen was directed by the Islamic State group. He said Mateen was inspired by radical information over the internet, calling it another apparent example of "homegrown extremism." Meanwhile, a steady stream of people filed through a makeshift memorial about a mile from the nightclub. It consisted of dozens of bouquets and

ty candles.

Just after noon, about 300 employees of Red Lobster some in business suits, some in chef uniforms — paraded, walking two by two across the street to a park, each carrying a red or white carnation.

Counterterrorism experts have been warning in the past few years about the danger of so-called lone wolf attackers who act in sympathy with extremist groups like the Islamic State group but are not directed by them.

Despite the 911 call from the club, Mateen's intentions seemed to become murkier when his Afghan immigrant father suggested another motive: anti-gay hatred. The father said his son got angry a few months ago when he saw two men kissing in Miami.

Also, Mateen's ex-wife attributed the violence to mental illness, saying he was bipolar and abusive toward her.

Obama said investigators are still looking into the killer's motivations and considering all possibilities, noting that Muslim extremists like the Islamic State group have been known to target gays.

The Islamic State group's radio called Mateen "one of the soldiers of the caliphate in America." Al-Bayan Radio, a media outlet for the extremist group, hailed the attack, saying that it targeted a gathering of Christians and gays and that it was the worst attack on U.S. soil since 9/11. Monday that the massacre was "the act of a terrorist," and added: "I apologize for what my son did. I am as sad and mad as you guys are."

He wouldn't go into details about any religious or political views his son held, saying he didn't know. Asked whether he missed his son, he said: "I don't miss anything about him. What he did was against humanity."

Thirty-nine of the dead were killed at the club, and the others died at hospitals, the mayor said. Authorities were still notifying victims' families Monday.

At least 53 people were hospitalized, including five in critical condition, meaning the death toll could rise.

The previous deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history was the 2007 attack at Virginia Tech, where a student killed 32 people and took his own life.

Mateen bought at least two guns legally within the last week or so, according to Trevor Velinor, of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Mateen exchanged gunfire with 14 police officers at the club and took hostages at one point.

In addition to the assault rifle and handgun, he had a weapon in his vehicle, police said.

The statement gave no indication of whether the group planned or knew of the attack beforehand.

Mateen's father, Seddique Mir Mateen, told reporters

Police Chief John Mina said officers held back for some time because Mateen indicated he had a bomb vest. At about 5 a.m., authorities sent in a SWAT team to rescue the remaining clubgoers, Mina said.

NATO states to up defense spending

By JOHN VANDIVER Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — NATO states will increase defense spending for a second year in a row, NATO's top official said Monday.

In 2015, NATO increased spending for the first time in years, largely as a result of member nations such as Poland investing more over concerns about Russia.

Now allies expect those trends to continue in 2016, with overall spending estimated to increase by 1.5 percent, or \$3 billion annually, with 20 allies planning for higher expenditures, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said.

NATO members are expected to dedicate 2 percent of their gross domestic product for defense spending. However, only a handful of countries in the 28-nation alliance meet that benchmark. The U.S. has long been critical of such budgetary shortfalls among other allies, including Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse.

While NATO plans modest spending gains, Russia's defense chief announced plans in March to scale back spending by 5 percent.

More details on NATO defense spending are expected to emerge when alliance heads of state gather in Warsaw in July for a major summit on the future direction of the alliance.

A top agenda item is pinning down the precise size and scope of a rotational force to be positioned in the Baltics and Poland. Allies agree that NATO will maintain four reinforced battalions in the region on a rotational basis, with Germany on board to provide one of those units, according to the alliance.

Poll: US power waning across Asia

By SETH ROBSON Stars and Stripes

People across the Asia-Pacific think U.S. power is waning and that China will dominate the region over the next decade, according to a recent survey by the University of Sydney's United States Studies Center.

However, the online poll — which surveyed 750 people each in Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan and South Korea — also shows that many see America's influence in the region as strong and positive.

"Respondents across the

Asia-Pacific tend to agree that we are either seeing, or have seen, the high-water mark of American power."

Among the countries surveyed, Australians were the most likely to report that China has the most influence in Asia today (69 percent), and they were the most likely to use the term "competitors" to describe the relationship between the U.S. and China (70 percent), according to the survey.

However, defense experts in Australia and the U.S. expressed skepticism about the survey. Ross Babbage, a former Australian assistant defense secretary, said the opinions of those polled aren't shared by Australian officials.

"The U.S. has challenges, and certainly China is rising," he said. "But there is a lot of [Australian] interest in encouraging the Americans to play a stronger role."

Babbage cited a Lowy Institute poll from last year that showed Australians had mostly positive feelings about the U.S., ranking it behind only the United Kingdom and New Zealand and well ahead of China.

Microsoft to buy LinkedIn for \$26.2B

Bloomberg

Microsoft said it will buy LinkedIn Corp. in a deal valued at \$26.2 billion, giving the world's biggest software provider access to a virtual tain its brand, culture and independence, and Jeff Weiner will remain chief executive officer of the company, Microsoft said in a statement Monday.

The offer values LinkedIn about 91 times earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. That's the highest multiple of any takeover valued at more than \$5 billion this year, the data show. The deal is the largest under the tenure of Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, who has been reshaping Microsoft since taking over in 2014 to appeal more to business customers with cloud-based services and productivity tools. LinkedIn isn't an obvious fit in the ongoing restructuring but gives Microsoft the biggest global social network for professional that's used by job seekers, recruiters and human resources teams.

4K people flee from Fallujah

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — More than 4,000 people have fled the Islamic State-held city of Fallujah in Iraq after government forces retook a key road to the Islamic State stronghold during the weekend, an aid group said Monday.

An estimated 50,000 civilians who remain trapped inside Fallujah, about 40 miles west of Baghdad, have slowed the Iraqi forces' operation to recapture the city.

Fallujah has been under Islamic State control for more than two years.

The militants have threatened anyone who attempts to flee with death and last week they reportedly shot at a group of civilians attempting to flee across the Euphrates River.

The Norwegian Refugee Council, which works with refugees and internally displaced Iraqis, said the 4,000 who fled since Saturday bring the total number of residents who escaped Fallujah since the Iraqi offensive started in late May to 27,580.

Thousands more are expected to take the risky journey in the coming hours, he NRC said, adding that some refugees reported Islamic State militants were demanding 150,000 Iraqi Dinars, or about \$130, from each person to let them leave.

The aid group warned that humanitarian resources are running low and called for at least \$10 million for a six-month supply of water, food and basic necessities.

"Thousands of others remain trapped inside and the most vulnerable will need urgent assistance," said NRC Country Director in Iraq Nasr Muflahi. On Sunday, the Iraqi command announced that key areas to the west of Fallujah have been taken and that Iraqi forces pushed deeper into the city from its southern edges.

Rolodex of connected business professionals.

Microsoft will pay \$196 per share in an all-cash transaction, including LinkedIn's net cash. The deal is a 49.5 percent premium to LinkedIn's closing price Friday. LinkedIn will re-

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Penguins bring home Cup

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SAN JOSE, Calif. – Sidney Crosby let out a scream as he lifted the Stanley Cup above his head, a wide smile spread across his face.

The seven years of adversity since he last held the trophy were firmly in his past. The concussions that nearly derailed his career. The early playoff exits. The rough start to this season that led to a coach being fired.

Crosby and the Penguins are once again champions.

A kid no more and surrounded with new talent, Crosby set up Kris Letang's goahead goal midway through the second period and Pittsburgh won the fourth Stanley Cup in franchise history by beating the San Jose Sharks 3-1 in Game 6 on Sunday night. Owner Mario Lemieux thrust his hands into the air in triumph high up in an arena suite and later hugged his superstar on the ice.

This title had been a long time coming. "It wasn't easy getting here, especially the way things started out," Crosby said. "The first half wasn't easy and I think everyone just stuck together, kept going and found some momentum there in March and continued to keep it going."

Brian Dumoulin opened the scoring with a power-play goal and Patric Hornqvist added a late empty-netter. Matt Murray made 18 saves to give the Penguins a championship seven years to the day after they beat Detroit for their third title. The game ended when Crosby cleared the puck the length of the ice with San Jose on the power play, setting off a wild celebration.

All that was left was for Crosby to accept the Conn Smythe trophy as playoff MVP and then the Stanley Cup.

"He's a special player for a reason," teammate Chris Kunitz said. "He can adapt and change his game to different things. Early in his career he went out and got points and did everything but that didn't make him satisfied. He had to go out and lead through example and became a better player."

Three nights after squandering a chance

to become the first Pittsburgh team to win a title in front of the home fans in 56 years, the Penguins finished the job on the road just like they did in Minnesota (1991), Chicago (1992) and Detroit (2009) in past title runs.

The championship in Detroit was supposed to be the first of many for a team led by players like Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. But a series of concussions cost Crosby almost an entire season and a half, and there were those playoff disappointments that included twice blowing 3-1 series leads. There was no second celebration in the Crosby era — until now.

"It's so hard to win it year after year," said Lemieux, who won back-to-back titles and Conn Smythe trophies as a player for Pittsburgh. "For them to be able to come through this year and win their second Cup is big. Hopefully there's a few more for them."

This didn't seem like it would be a season to remember back in early December when the Penguins were the near the bottom of the standings in the Eastern Conference and coach Mike Johnston was fired.

But led by coach Mike Sullivan, the Penguins recovered to make the playoffs as the second-place team in the Metropolitan Division after some shrewd moves by general manager Jim Rutherford, who put together the entire "HBK line" of Carl Hagelin, Nick Bonino and Phil Kessel over the past year as well as other key acquisitions.

as other key acquisitions. Pittsburgh knocked off the New York Rangers in the first round, Presidents' Trophy-winning Washington in round two and then rallied from a 3-2 series deficit to beat Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference final.

"In the playoffs, suddenly we thought we could beat any team," Malkin said. "We tried to play the same game we played in 2009."

The Penguins were in control for almost the entire final. They did not trail until Game 5 at home and responded to a strong push from San Jose in the clincher to avoid a decisive seventh game. Pittsburgh held San Jose to just one shot on goal in the first 19 minutes of the third period to preserve the one-goal lead. The Penguins sealed it when Crosby blocked a shot from Marc-Edouard Vlasic that set up Hornqvist's empty-netter.

"You dream your whole life for this," said Kessel, the former Maple Leaf who led the Penguins with 22 points this postseason. "How can you ask for anything better than this? Winning the Cup is what your dream of and what you play for."

Logan Couture scored the lone goal for the Sharks, who were making their first trip to the final in their 25-year history. Martin Jones made 24 saves and was San Jose's best player for the series.

"The end is like hitting a wall," coach Peter DeBoer said. "But only one team can win."

While the season ended in disappointment, it also was a bit of a breakthrough for Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau and the rest of a franchise that had been known for playoff collapses, most notably in 2014 when the Sharks blew a 3-0 series lead in the first round to Los Angeles.

"We thought we had the team, going through the teams we did in the West," Thornton said. "It's just tough right now."

There was an electric atmosphere before the final home game of the season in San Jose with fans starting their "Let's Go Sharks!" chants well before the opening puck drop and an elaborate pregame light and video show firing up the fans. But the Penguins jumped ahead for the fifth time in six games this series after Dainius Zubrus was sent off for tripping when Crosby's line didn't allow San Jose to leave its own zone. Dumoulin took advantage when his point shot beat Jones for a rare soft goal allowed by the Sharks' netminder.

The Sharks tied it early in the period when Couture beat Murray with a big shot for his 30th point of the postseason. Pittsburgh answered 1:19 later when Crosby sent a pass from behind the net to Letang, who beat Jones from a sharp angle to the short side to make it 2-1.

Crosby wins first playoff MVP award

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Sidney Crosby has filled about the only hole left on his impressive resume.

Sid the Kid won his first Conn Smythe trophy as playoff MVP on Sunday night after leading the Pittsburgh Penguins past San Jose for their second Stanley Cup championship since he arrived 11 years ago.

"It's special," Crosby said. "It's the one you play for. There were so many great individual efforts by so many guys. ... A different guy stepped up every night."

Crosby had two assists, including the pass that set up Kris Letang's game-winner as Pittsburgh beat the Sharks 3-1 in Game 6.

The MVP trophy joins his two Olympic gold medals for Canada and two Hart Trophies, and it gives him the mythical title as best player in the world.

It's been quite a turnaround season for Crosby. After making the final in his third and fourth seasons in the NHL, winning it all in his second trip in 2009, Crosby and the Penguins have experienced mostly disappointment with the team making early playoff exits and Crosby missing almost an entire season and a half because of concussions.

Pittsburgh lost three first-round series, twice in the second round, and was swept by Boston in the 2013 conference finals before breaking through this season with a run that seemed improbable back in December after Crosby had just three goals and eight assists through 20 games. The Penguins were near the bottom of the standings before firing coach Mike Johnston.

The hiring of Mike Sullivan sparked Crosby, who was given more room for creativity, and that helped the team regain its form and make the playoffs. Crosby put up 31 goals and 36 assists in 52 games with Sullivan on the bench, moving from outside the top 50 in scoring to third at the end of the season.

Gauchos, Chanticleers head to CWS for first time

Associated Press

UC Santa Barbara and Coastal Carolina are heading to the College World Series for the first time. The Big 12 is sending all three of its teams that made the NCAA Tournament to Omaha, Neb. National No. 3 seed Miami also advanced Sunday.

No. 1 Florida staved off elimination in its best-of-three super regional, keeping the Southeastern Conference's hopes of having at least one team make it to the CWS for a 24th straight year.

For Santa Barbara, Sam Cohen's walkoff pinch grand slam off star closer Zack Burdi in the bottom of the ninth inning produced a 4-3 victory over No. 2 national seed Louisville, undoubtedly the biggest

hit and victory in the Gauchos' program history.

Cohen knew he hit the change-up pitch hard and deep to right field, and the only question was whether it was deep enough.

The ball cleared the foul pole and fence with plenty of room and ignited a huge celebration that neither he nor his UC Santa Barbara teammates expected – not on Sunday, at least.

"That was my first walk-off. I still can't believe it," Cohen, a freshman catcher, said of the 1-2 pitch from Cardinals closer Zack Burdi (1-3). clad crowd and fueled several celebrations by the Gauchos (42-18-1), who are 5-0 in the tournament.

Coastal Carolina knocked off No. 8 LSU 4-3, also in walkoff fashion, on Michael Paez's single to score Anthony Marks from second base in the bottom of the ninth. The Chanticleers were 0-4 in super regional play before going to Baton Rouge, La., and winning two straight.

"This is one of the few times in my life that I'm at a loss for words," Coastal Carolina coach Gary Gilmore said. "I just felt like it was destiny for us."

G.K. Young had two hits, a run batted

against Tigers closer Hunter Newman, who was charged with his first loss this season.

Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and TCU also advanced, giving the Big Ten three teams in Omaha for the second time in three years.

No. 3 Miami advanced to a second straight CWS and 25th overall with a 9-4 win over Boston College in Game 3 in Coral Gables, Fla. Edgar Michelangeli hit a three-run homer and grand slam.

Florida bounced back from its Saturday loss to Florida State with a 5-0 victory that forced a decisive game on Monday.

"When I hit it, I didn't realize until I touched home plate that I hit one out." Cohen's no-doubt blast stunned a redin and run scored for the Chanticleers. Marks walked and stole second in the ninth before scoring the winning run The SEC had seven teams make the tournament, and the Gators are the only one still alive.



Logano tops record trio in Cup victory

Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. – Joey Logano plopped into a seat, getting a much-needed break, when the 26-year-old driver found out he was just a part of history. Logano pulled away from the pack to

Logano pulled away from the pack to win the FireKeepers Casino 400 and was followed by 20-year-old Chase Elliott and 23-year-old Kyle Larson, the youngest top three in NASCAR Sprint Cup history.

"That's pretty cool," he said when informed of the feat Sunday.

The trio's average age of 23 was younger than the 24.7 of the top three finishers at a race in 1951 and two races the previous year.

"The future of NASCAR is present," Logano said. "It's going to be big. It's amazing to see."

Logano, the pole-setter, moved past Elliott on lap 153 and stayed ahead for the 15th Sprint Cup series victory of his career in the 15th race of a year that has included 10 different winners.

Elliott finished a career-best second, but wasn't in the mood to celebrate because he blamed himself for poor restarts.

"I definitely messed up," he said. "Putting it in the correct gear would be a good start."

Larson fell one place short of matching his best performance.

Brad Keselowski was fourth and points leader Kevin Harvick finished fifth at Michigan International Speedway.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who finished 39th out of 40, is the only winner from 2015 that is winless this year.

NASCAR's latest aerodynamic package made its debut, part of the sport's plan to create more competitive racing.

"We hope it works," team owner Joe

Gibbs said, leaving a venue that used to be packed and now has pockets of empty seats in the 72,000-seat racetrack. "We need more people in the stands."

The new aero setup included, for the first time in more than a decade, a reduction in the downforce to 1,500 pounds and shortening of the spoiler to 2.5 inches.

"It's not a whole lot different than the other package," Earnhardt bristled from the garage after a crash knocked him out of the race. "I think we talk about packages too much."

Drivers weren't sure how their cars would handle due to the changes, which will also be implemented next month at Kentucky. That appeared to lead to an uncharacteristically accident-free start on the 2-mile oval about 70 miles west of Detroit.

The first caution didn't slow down the race until lap 47, the cleanest start at MIS since 2009.

"At the start of the race, everyone was trying to take it easy," Larson explained. Free-flowing racing didn't last long. Yellow flags became frequent before a restart with 30-plus laps left.

Logano had a huge lead with 12 laps to go when Denny Hamlin, the Daytona 500 winner, blew out his front right tire to force another restart. Logano sped away when the racing went green again and coasted to the win, seemingly taking advantage of the new aero package.

"The cars are out of control, no doubt," he said. "Crazy. It makes it a lot of fun. You're going faster in the straightaway and you have no downforce. Especially three-wide, it's a recipe for disaster."

F-1: When Lewis Hamilton first decided as a young child that he wanted to drive in Formula One, he had no black role models

in the sport.

Instead, he found his inspiration elsewhere: boxer Muhammad Ali.

"I think he was just a unique, iconic individual who had a character unlike anyone else's. And everyone aspired to be like him," Hamilton said on Sunday after picking up his second victory of the Formula One season by winning the Canadian Grand Prix for the second straight year.

"I wish I could have spoken with the charisma that he would have, or the comedic side that he had, that confidence that he could carry into a fight and outwit and outsmart his opponents," Hamilton said after dedicating the victory to Ali, who died last week.

"And then there are the things that he stood for ... politically, believing in who you are and not letting anyone dictate who you have to be. As a kid, when I saw that, I think I was like: 'This is the guy I want to be like.'"

Ali was a three-time world heavyweight champion. Hamilton, the first black driver to compete full-time for the Formula One championship, could claim his fourth F1 crown if he keeps going like this.

Nico Rosberg won the first four races of the year to establish a 43-point lead in the standings. But he and Hamilton crashed out in the first lap in Barcelona, two races ago, and Rosberg came in seventh two weeks ago in Monaco; Hamilton's victory there trimmed the lead from 43 points to 24.

Now the gap is down to nine points after Hamilton and Rosberg, starting 1-2 on the grid, bumped again at the start and the German fell back to 10th before the very first turn on the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.

Vettel remained in front until Ferrari decided to use a two-stop strategy, giving it up the first time on Lap 17 and then - after Hamilton made his only stop on Lap 24 – again on the 37th lap. Vettel spent the rest of the race unsuccessfully trying to catch up.

It was the 45th career Formula One victory for Hamilton, who finished the 70 laps in 1 hour, 31 minutes, 5.296 seconds, about 5 seconds ahead of Vettel.

"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee," the 31-year-old from Britain radioed to his crew. "That was for Muhammad Ali."

Hamilton, who said he couldn't stop thinking about Ali over the last 15 laps, then climbed onto the top of his car and began shadow-boxing before jumping to the pavement for a bit of the Ali Shuffle.

"I never really dedicate wins to anyone, but it's someone that's really inspired me so much throughout my life," Hamilton said. "I was driving, and I was just thinking of him, and thinking maybe he would be watching the race, I don't know. So that's to him and his family. Rest in peace."

Williams' Valtteri Bottas was third — his best finish of the season and his sixth time collecting points in seven races. Red Bull rookie Max Verstappen was fourth.

IndyCar: After another soggy day in Texas, the IndyCar Series will wait $2\frac{1}{2}$ months before a third try to race.

Only 71 of the scheduled 248 laps were completed Sunday before rain in an approaching thunderstorm hit the track. That was 54 laps short of what was needed to make it an official race after the Firestone 600 was postponed Saturday night.

With a 50 percent chance of more rain Monday, IndyCar decided to resume the race Aug. 27, which is during what had been an open weekend for the series.

Hamels gets 2,000th strikeout in win

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Cole Hamels appreciated making a little bit of history on Sunday. He was even happier getting a big win to increase the Texas Rangers' division lead.

Hamels become the seventh active pitcher to reach 2,000 strikeouts in the Texas Rangers' 6-4 win against the Seattle Mariners on Sunday.

Hamels (6-1) picked up strikeout No. 2,000 in the third inning when he got Leonys Martin swinging. It was one of five strikeouts for Hamels, who allowed one run on four hits in seven innings. He joins C.C. Sabathia, Bartolo Colon, Felix Hernandez, Jake Peavy, John Lackey and Justin Verlander.

"I've got some pretty good company to pitch against since I've come up," Hamels said. "It's pretty fun to be able to pitch with those types of guys in this league in this generation that I've been able to come up with. It just kind of pushes us to see what we can do."

Mitch Moreland homered for the AL West-leading Rangers, who took two out of three games in the series against second-place Seattle to open a season-high fivegame division lead. The Rangers have won seven straight series and 12 of their last 15 games.

"It's a good win for us, especially to play this team and

beat Los Angeles.

Belt struck out in his first two plate appearances against the 19-year-old Urias (0-2) before homering into the right-center stands. Joe Panik singled ahead of Belt's home run.

Blue Jays 10, Orioles 9: Russell Martin hit a threerun homer, Kevin Pillar had a solo shot and host Toronto used a five-run first inning to beat Baltimore.

Edwin Encarnacion scored three runs and extended his streak of reaching base safely to nine plate appearances before grounding into a fielder's choice in the sixth as the Blue Jays took three of four from the AL East leaders.

Adam Jones hit two of Baltimore's five home runs, four of which came off Aaron Sanchez (6-1), but the Orioles lost their third straight.

Tigers 4, Yankees 1: Detroit rookie Michael Fulmer dominated on Old-Timers' Day at Yankee Stadium, winning his fifth straight start while extending his scoreless streak to $28^{1}/3$ innings to lead the Tigers over New York. With Whitey Ford, Reggie Jackson and several more Hall of Famers and World Series MVPs on hand for the pregame festivities, the 23-year-old Fulmer by far was the biggest star of the afternoon.

Fulmer (7-1) blanked the Yankees on two hits for six in-

Cubs 13, Braves 2: Jon Lester earned his fourth straight victory after allowing no earned runs in seven innings as Chicago beat the Atlanta to win its final series at Turner Field.

Brewers 5, Mets 3: Zach Davies tossed six-plus strong innings of three-hit ball before host Milwaukee held on against mistake-prone New York, who played without ill manager Terry Collins.

Royals 3, White Sox 1: Yordano Ventura pitched seven sharp innings for visiting Kansas City in his first start since he brawled with Manny Machado in Baltimore, and the Royals got their second straight win following an eight-game losing streak.

Twins 7, Red Sox 4 (10): Max Kepler's first major league homer was a three-run shot in the bottom of the 10th inning that gave host Minnesota a victory.

Diamondbacks 6, Marlins 0: Robbie Ray threw sevenplus scoreless innings and Peter O'Brien homered to help host Arizona beat Miami.

Rockies 2, Padres 1: Tyler Anderson pitched into the seventh inning in his impressive major league debut, Mark Reynolds homered for host Colorado.

how close we're probably going to be throughout the year in this division," Hamels said. "I have a pretty good feeling that when we come back here again and when we play them again, it's going to be pretty tight and they're going to be really important games."

The Rangers took a 6-1 lead after six innings. Elvis Andrus had a run scoring double in the fourth, followed by Moreland's two-run home run. It was Moreland's ninth homer and third of the series; he hit two against the Mariners on Friday. In the sixth, Andrus drove in another run with a single and Ian Desmond singled with the bases loaded to score two more.

Giants 2, Dodgers 1: Brandon Belt hit a two-run homer off rookie Julio Urias in the sixth inning to help Jake Peavy earn his 150th win when host San Francisco

nings and left with a 2.52 ERA.

Nationals 5, Phillies 4: Jayson Werth hit a twoout, two-run single in the ninth inning, helping host Washington rally for a three-game sweep.

The Nationals (39-24) improved to a season-best 15 games over .500. The Phillies (29-34) fell to a season-high five games under .500 and have lost 17 of their last 22.

Rays 5, Astros 0: Reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Dallas Keuchel became the first major league pitcher to lose nine games this season when Matt Moore pitched two-hit ball over seven innings to lead host Tampa Bay.

Athletics 6, Reds 1: Marcus Semien and Jake Smolinski each hit a two-run homer in visiting Oakland's four-run second inning, and the Athletics snapped their seven-game losing streak.

Cardinals 8, Pirates 3: Matt Holliday and Randal Grichuk homered, and the surging St. Louis completed a three-game sweep of host Pittsburgh.

Indians 8, Angels 3: Francisco Lindor homered and drove in three runs in the first two innings, and the Cleveland Indians pounded another David Huff in a victory over host Los Angeles.

Carlos Santana hit two homers and drove in three more runs for the AL Central leaders, who took two of three at the Big A.

Mike Trout left the game in the eighth inning with a bruised right thumb after getting hit by a pitch from Cleveland reliever Tommy Hunter. X-rays showed no broken bones for the 2014 AL MVP.