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Iraq: Fallujah 'fully liberated' from militants

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BAGHDAD — A senior Iraqi commander said the city of Fallujah was "fully liberated" from Islamic State militants on Sunday after a more than monthlong military operation.

Iraqi troops have entered the northwestern al-Julan neighborhood, the last area of Fallujah to remain under Islamic State control, the head of the counterterrorism forces in the operation, Lt. Gen. Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, told The Associated Press.

Al-Saadi said the operation, which began in late May, "is done and the city is fully liberated." The Iraqi army was backed by U.S.-led airstrikes and paramilitary troops, mostly Shiite militias.

"From the center of al-Julan neighborhood, we congratulate the Iraqi people and the commander in chief ... and declare that the Fallujah fight is over," he told Iraqi state TV, flanked by military officers and soldiers. Some of the soldiers were shooting in the air, chanting and waving the Iraqi flag.

He added that troops will start working on removing bombs from the city's streets and buildings.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared victory in Fallujah more than a week ago after Iraqi forces advanced into the city center and took control of a government complex. He pledged that remaining pockets of Islamic State fighters would be cleared out within hours, but clashes on the city's northern and western edges persisted for days. Tens of thousands of people have fled the fighting, overwhelming camps for the displaced run by the government and aid groups.

Fallujah was the first city to fall to the Islamic State group, in January 2014.

Brexit could put future of UK's only nuclear sub base in doubt

By JOHN VANDIVER

Stars and Stripes

Britain's decision to break with the European Union could pose unintended security problems for NATO, including the alliance's nuclear posture, if pro-EU Scotland launches a new push for independence.

In 2014, Scotland narrowly rejected independence in a referendum, opting to stay in the United Kingdom. The vote had

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created uncertainty about the fate of the Faslane nuclear submarine base that Edinburgh threatened to shutter in the event of independence.

But after Thursday's referendum on continued EU membership, one in which Scottish residents — unlike their English counterparts — voted overwhelmingly to stay in the bloc, another independence referendum appears to be back on the table, and with it questions about Faslane's future.

Scotland's first minister, Nicola Sturgeon, told reporters in Edinburgh that a second independence referendum was "highly likely" in light of the vote. "It is, therefore, a statement of the obvious that a second referendum must be on the table, and it is on the table," Sturgeon said.

How events unfold in the months ahead, including any new move toward Scottish independence, could hinge on the type of exit deal Britain is able to negotiate with the EU, according to Robin Niblett, director of the London-based Chatham House think tank.

"A rapid move to a new vote on Scottish independence is unlikely," Niblett wrote in an

analysis of the possible outcomes of the referendum. "But once Scotland gauges the sort of deal Britain has struck with the EU, it can go back to the people to vote for an independent Scotland to remain in the EU."

A Scottish vote for independence would be "the beginning of the end of the United Kingdom," said Judy Dempsey, a security analyst with the Carnegie Europe think tank in Brussels. "The dynamics are much more different now because the Scots don't want to leave the EU. From a security point of view it is very damaging."

For Britain and the U.S.-led NATO alliance, that raises thorny questions about the military pact's nuclear posture, which relies on U.S. nuclear weapons and the British nuclear submarine base in Scotland that many locals want to see closed.

Scottish leaders have said that if it achieves independence, Scotland would order out Trident-class nuclear submarines based there by 2020. London currently has no other viable facility that can meet all of the security and maintenance requirements for handling and storing nuclear weapons, and experts have said it would take 10 to 20 years to build an alternate site.

While France is also a nuclear power, it does not commit any nuclear capabilities to NATO and is not on the alliance's Nuclear Planning Group, which sets NATO's nuclear-deterrence policy.

Still, for NATO such questions are down the road. In the immediate future, Britain's departure from the EU is unlikely to have any significant tactical effect on how the alli-

ance operates.

"Foreign policy and defense cooperation, which in any case has largely taken place outside EU institutions, should be strengthened if there is a reliable political counterpart in London," the German Marshall Fund said in a report released Friday, immediately after results of the British vote were announced.

Still, Britain's decision to leave the EU raises the question of whether London can focus on a range of security challenges confronting the West while at the same time adapting to its new outsider status in Europe. A complicated divorce from the EU may absorb most of the country's political energy as NATO seeks unity against Russia and the threat of Islamist terrorism.

"However this plays out, the U.K. government will need to devote enormous government and diplomatic attention to the EU for the indefinite future — ironically, far more than it did when it was a member," Niblett said.

Advocates for the U.K. staying in the EU have included President Barack Obama, Defense Secretary Ash Carter and American military commanders in Europe, who voiced concerns about a break damaging a sense of collective unity in areas of security.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, who previously warned that Britain's departure from the EU would hurt the coordination of counterterrorism efforts on the Continent, said Friday that allies would remain united.

"I know that the United Kingdom's position in NATO will remain unchanged," he said.

Flotillas bound for exercise

BY WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

Four multinational flotillas have set sail toward Hawaii for the biennial Rim of the Pacific exercise.

Ten ships departed from San Diego while another 12 assembled in the Western Pacific Ocean. All are expected to arrive at Pearl Harbor this week; RIMPAC starts Thursday.

Brazil, meanwhile, has dropped plans to participate due to "unforeseen scheduling commitments," the Navy said in a statement.

That's likely not the only reason. After astounding economic growth in the early 2000s, Brazil is now roiled by political, social and economic woes as it prepares to host the Olympics this summer. Its president has been impeached, a corruption scandal has rocked the country's giant oil company Petrobras and its economy is in free

fall.

Ships that departed from San Diego on Tuesday include the USS America, leading Canadian ship the HMCS Vancouver, Chilean ship the CNS Cochrane, the USS San Diego and the USS Howard.

The USS Princeton left San Diego on Wednesday with Canadian ship the HMCS Calgary, the USCG Stratton and the USS Pinckney.

The USS Coronado departed San Diego on Thursday.

On the other side of the sea, Singaporean ship the RSS Steadfast departed the Western Pacific on June 18 with Japanese ship the JS Hyuga, Indonesian ship the KRI Diponegoro, Indian ship the INS Satpura and the USS Chung Hoon.

A second flotilla left the same day, with the USS Stockdale leading the USS William P. Lawrence and the China's People's Liberation Army Navy

Hengshui, Peace Ark, Xian, Gaoyouhu and Changdao.

The so-called "Group Sail" gives the ship crews the chance to operate together and conduct basic training, such as tactical maneuvering drills and communication system checks before the more complex RIMPAC begins.

RIMPAC, which began in 1971, is hosted by the U.S. Pacific Fleet and executed by the U.S. 3rd Fleet in the Hawaiian operating area.

Twenty-six nations, 45 ships, five submarines, 200-plus aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate this year, with Denmark, Germany and Italy participating for the first time.

Other participants include Australia, Brunei, Colombia, Denmark, France, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, South Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Tonga and the United Kingdom.

Music decides outcome of Zeppelin case

Associated Press

Music spoke louder than words of witnesses for a jury that decided Led Zeppelin did not lift a riff from an obscure 1960s instrumental for the intro to its classic 1971 rock anthem "Stairway to Heaven."

The panel had heard the faded memories of rock royalty and band members who never achieved the same fame. They were inundated with expert testimony on chord progressions and record revenues.

But before reaching a verdict Thursday that could have rewritten rock history, they only wanted to hear stripped-down passages of the two songs in question.

Within 15 minutes of seeing video clips of an acoustic guitarist playing the opening to "Stairway" and a similar passage from "Taurus," written by the late Randy Wolfe, the Los Angeles federal jurors handed Led Zeppelin a major legal victory in a debate that has divided music fans for decades.

Talks urged with N. Korea over MIAs

BY WYATT OLSON
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The three remaining Korean War veterans in Congress introduced a resolution Friday calling on the U.S. to resume talks with North Korea to account for the thousands of American servicemembers still missing from the conflict.

Reps. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y.; John Conyers Jr., D-Mich.; and Sam Johnson, R-Tex., introduced House Resolution 799 to coincide with the 66th anniversary of the start of the Korean War on June 25, 1950, which ended in armistice in July 1953.

Joint U.S.-North Korea teams have recovered and returned the remains of thousands of Americans between 1954 and 2005, according to a statement issued by the three lawmakers. But roughly 5,300 of the 8,000 Korean War MIAs are believed

to be in North Korea, the statement said.

The Pentagon began formal recovery missions in North Korea in 1996, suspending them from October 2002 to June 2003 after learning that the country had been secretly running a nuclear weapons program. It was suspended again in 2005 because of the country's work on nuclear weapons and intercontinental missiles.

The two countries began talks in 2011 to restart recovery missions, but that effort fell apart in 2012 when North Korea launched a ballistic missile, breaching a United Nations sanction.

Tensions have only grown worse during the past year between the United States and North Korea — along with many of its neighbors, particularly South Korea and Japan — as the renegade nation has conducted a nuclear test and a

bevy of missile tests.

The lawmakers are asking the United States to separate those issues from that of recovering the war dead.

"This resolution would ensure that the heroic service members of the Korean War are identified and brought back to their loved ones in the United States, where they belong," Rangel said in the statement.

"We have a responsibility to our veterans to make sure we do not forget their sacrifices made to defend the freedoms we enjoy. Their families deserve peace."

Johnson, a 29-year Air Force veteran who flew combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam wars — he spent seven years as a POW during the latter conflict — added, "We owe our fallen brothers in arms every last effort to provide a proper and dignified return to home."

China on schedule for second space station

BEIJING — China on Sunday recovered an experimental probe launched aboard a new generation rocket, marking another milestone in its space program that envisions a mission to Mars by the end of the decade.

Space program authorities said the spaceship's landing on the vast Inner Mongolian steppe keeps China on schedule to place its second space station into orbit later this year.

The launch of the spaceship aboard the newly developed Long March 7 rocket Saturday was hailed as a breakthrough in the use of safer, more environmentally friendly fuels. The launch also marked the first use of the Wenchang Satellite Launch Center on the island province of Hainan.

From The Associated Press

Colombia tops US for third

Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Not quite a victory for the United States. Just a good enough effort to leave the team feeling better about itself.

Carlos Bacca beat goalkeeper Tim Howard by sliding to poke in a headed cross in the 31st minute, and the U.S. finished fourth in the Copa America with a 1-0 defeat against Colombia on Saturday night.

After losing to Argentina 4-0 in the semifinals, the 31st-ranked U.S. was beaten by No. 3 Colombia for the second time in the 16-nation tournament. But the Americans gave a far better performance Saturday night.

"We didn't get played off the pitch tonight," U.S. defender Geoff Cameron said. "If anything, I thought we dominated the game. I thought we had a lot of chances that we just didn't put in."

The U.S. outshot Colombia 10-9 and had 49 percent possession. Bobby Wood came closest to scoring for the U.S. when he hit a post in the 62nd, one minute after Colombia's Juan Cuadrado hit the underside of the crossbar.

The U.S. matched its previous best finish in the tournament, when it lost to Colombia in the 1995 fourth-place game at Uruguay.

After the Americans lost to Jamaica in the semifinals of last year's CONCACAF Gold Cup and struggled in the semifinal round of qualifying for the 2018 World Cup, U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann was hoping his team would rebound in the Copa, when right back DeAndre Yedlin, defender John Brooks, midfielder Gyasi Zardes

and forward Bobby Wood solidified their positions as regular starters, and Brooks and Cameron became a steady pairing in central defense.

"After six weeks being on the road to pull up a performance like that in a meaningless third-place game in a certain way," Klinsmann said, "I think they deserve a huge, huge compliment."

Darlington Nagbe and 17-year-old Christian Pulisic again entered as second-half subs, two more players who could break through and replace veterans during the remaining 16 months of World Cup qualifying.

Colombia, which never has won the Copa America, finished third for the fourth time but first since 1995. Argentina was to play Chile for the title on Sunday night in East Rutherford, N.J.

Howard said the U.S. team didn't allow itself to get pushed around like it did against Argentina.

"We want to get in people's faces," he said. "One of our strengths is physicality. We weren't happy with that after the Argentina game, so there was a response tonight. I thought that was good."

Both teams finished a man short, when American defender Michael Orozco and Colombian defender Santiago Arias were ejected for a confrontation in the third minute of second-half stoppage time. Orozco, who also got a red card against Nigeria in the 2008 Olympics, is suspended the U.S.'s World Cup qualifier at St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Sept. 2.

Klinsmann inserted the 37-year-old Howard into his lineup in place of Brad Guzan, who had started the previous nine games.

"I thought we played well," Howard said. "We certainly could have won the game. So a positive performance, and certainly the last four or five weeks have been a step in the right direction."

Matt Besler was in central defense instead of Brooks, who was bothered by knee inflammation, and Orozco was at left back because Fabian Johnson has a sore groin.

Midfielders Jermaine Jones and Alejandro Bedoya returned to the lineup along with Wood after the three served one-game suspensions.

Colombia scored after Cuadrado, from along a flank, cut the ball back to James Rodriguez, just outside the penalty area. Arias made a run to get by Bedoya, and Rodriguez lofted a pass to Arias, who jumped at the edge of the 6-yard box and headed the ball on a bounce across Howard's goal to Bacca. The forward slid ahead of Yedlin to nudge the ball in for his 13th international goal, his second of the tournament.

Clint Dempsey, who led the U.S. with three goals in the tournament, nearly scored on a free kick in the 51st minute. Colombia goalkeeper David Ospina dived left and lifted his right arm to tip Dempsey's effort wide.

"It was just one of those days," Yedlin said. "We got into the box, just nothing was falling for us. So you take the positives from this game and there were certainly a lot of them. I thought for how aggressive we were being offensively we actually defended pretty well. I thought we pressed pretty well and I thought overall it was a good team performance."

Mikulak, Brooks headline men's gymnastics team

ST. LOUIS — Jonathan Horton texted Chris Brooks and Alex Naddour a picture before both rounds of the U.S. men's gymnastics Olympic Trials this week. The image was from London four years ago. In it, Brooks and Naddour were cheering from the stands in the O2 Arena as alternates while their teammates stumbled to a fifth-place finish.

Horton attached a short note too, giving Naddour and Brooks a reminder of what was at stake.

"He was like, 'Make this not happen,'" Brooks said with a laugh.

It didn't. Finally.

Surging at a time when he so often stumbled, the 29-year-old Brooks secured a long-awaited Olympic berth on Saturday night. His second-place finish in the all-around behind four-time national champion Sam Mikulak was good enough to erase any lingering doubt about his maturity and his ability to perform in the clutch.

"Old guys still got it," Brooks said.

There will be plenty of them in Rio de Janeiro in August. Each of the five members giddily celebrating in a sea of balloons — Brooks, Naddour, Mikulak, Jake Dalton and John Orozco — have either competed in the Olympics or multiple world championships (or both). Each have their own individual strengths.

And perhaps most importantly for a program that's in some ways been eclipsed on the international stage by upstart Great Britain behind longtime powers China and Japan, each seized their spot by not shying away from the moment.

"There was no, hardly any hiccups along the way," said national team coordinator Kevin Mazeika. "It was great to see."

Dumais comes up short of record fifth diving team

INDIANAPOLIS — With one long hug and a few brief words, Troy Dumais asked Kristian Ipsen to carry on the legacy of American diving.

Ipsen smiled, Dumais choked back tears and now the two longtime synchro partners are heading in drastically different directions.

On Saturday, Ipsen and Michael Hixon took the two Olympic spots in men's 3-meter, while Dumais' bid to become the first U.S. man to dive in five Olympic Games came to an end.

"It was cool because he just said, 'You're going to kill it,'" Ipsen said after winning with the event with a score of 1,452.75 points. "It's pretty awesome. He's been to four Olympics now, so for him to say that was like passing on the torch. It was a really cool moment."

Jessica Parratto and Katrina Young enjoyed their day, too, making the U.S. team in women's 10-meter. Young moved up two places on her final three dives to qualify.

"It feels great, it hasn't sunk in yet," said Young, who had never finished higher than fourth at the NCAA championships. "Honestly, I felt like I really could do this for a long time."

Parratto led going into the finals and maintained her lead all night. She finished with a score of 1,030.05 to qualify for her second event this week. Parratto and Amy Cozad also will represent the U.S. in synchro 10-meter.

From The Associated Press

Phelps wants do-over for Olympic farewell

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — For anyone else, six medals would've been a marvelous way to exit the Olympic stage.

Not so for Michael Phelps.

When he looks back on the London Olympics, they sound like a total failure.

"I wasn't happy doing what I was doing," Phelps said Saturday. "I sure as hell wasn't training. We all saw that. I tried to fake it pretty much."

Phelps is all in this time, for what is essentially a do-over of his farewell to competitive swimming. The Rio Olympics are the ultimate goal, but first he must get by a meet that might be even more nerve-racking.

The U.S. Olympic trials, which begin Sunday for what will be eight sold-out days of swimming at a temporary pool constructed inside the CenturyLink Center in downtown Omaha, determine the roster of the American team. Only the top two finishers in each event are assured of a spot in Brazil.

"For us being as strong of a swimming country as we are, I think there's probably more pressure at trials than the games," said Phelps, who with 18 golds and 22 medals overall is the most decorated ath-

lete in Olympic history. "We have almost 2,000 people here, and a maximum of 52 will make the team, so it's a pretty small chance."

No one expects Phelps to miss out, especially given the way he's turned his life around since a second drunken-driving arrest in 2014. He underwent weeks of inpatient therapy, committed himself to sobriety, reconnected with his longestranged father, got engaged and — just seven weeks ago — became a father.

His infant son, Boomer, will be in the stands with his mother and the rest of Phelps' family, too young to understand that his dad will be trying to qualify for his fifth Olympics but serving as a huge inspiration nonetheless.

"Fatherhood has been awesome," Phelps said, beaming. "Just being able to have my son, my first child, be able to watch me at some of my last competitions is pretty special. I'm sure he is not going to remember it, but just to be able to document that is something that will be pretty cool and be pretty fun to share with him years down the road."

Phelps has entered five events at the trials. He won't get started until Monday with the preliminaries of the 200-meter freestyle and the 200 butterfly. He's also

set to compete in the 100 fly, 100 free and 200 individual medley.

Based on his program at last year's U.S. national championships, Phelps will be looking to compete in three individual races in Rio: the 100 fly, 200 fly and 200 IM. The freestyle events are probably nothing more than a means to ensure he has a spot on all three Olympic relays.

With his 31st birthday less than a week away, Phelps is likely to cut back on the program he swam at the last three Olympics. He competed in eight events at both Athens in 2004 and Beijing in 2008, famously breaking Mark Spitz's record with eight gold medals in the Great Haul of China.

Four years ago, Phelps raced in seven events at London, taking four golds and two silvers, to go along with a disappointing fourth-place finish in the 400 IM. He retired after those Olympics, insisting he had no desire to swim into his 30s.

That decision stood for less than two years. Phelps returned to competition in 2014, feeling he still had something to prove after London.

More importantly, he rediscovered his love and passion for the sport.



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Jays survive ChiSox's 7 HRs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey called it “bizarro world.” Manager John Gibbons broke into a hearty laugh.

No one in the Blue Jays clubhouse could easily explain how they became just the third team in major league history to give up seven home runs in a game and win.

Chicago tied a team record with those seven long balls, but it wasn't enough as Edwin Encarnacion drove in four runs, Devon Travis homered and Toronto held on to beat the White Sox 10-8 Saturday.

“I don't think I've ever been a part of a game like that,” Gibbons said.

Chicago joined Detroit as the only teams to lose after hitting at least seven homers. The Tigers did it against the White Sox on May 28, 1995, and versus Boston on Aug. 8, 2004.

All seven homers were solo shots. Brett Lawrie became the first White Sox player since Ron Santo in 1974 to hit inside-the-park and over-the-wall homers

in the same game, and Chicago hit three straight home runs in the second inning.

“I felt like I was pitching in bizarro world there for a minute,” said Dickey, who equaled a career high by allowing four homers. “An outing where you strike out the side and give up three home runs, I don't know if that's ever been done.”

Dioner Navarro, J.B. Shuck, Tim Anderson, Alex Avila and Adam Eaton all went deep for the White Sox, who matched the club record for homers set at the Kansas City Athletics on April 23, 1955.

“Yeah, seven homers and you think you'd win the ballgame,” Eaton said. “That's how baseball goes. Baseball is a weird game.”

Dickey (5-8) gave up five runs — four earned — and seven hits in 5¹/₃ innings in Toronto's first win over Chicago in five meetings this season.

Roberto Osuna gave up Eaton's homer in the ninth before earning his 15th save in 17 chances, closing just the second win

for the Blue Jays in their last six games.

Miguel Gonzalez (1-3) gave up eight runs and 10 hits in 5¹/₃ innings.

Encarnacion, Michael Saunders and Troy Tulowitzki had consecutive RBI doubles in a three-run first, and Travis hit a two-run drive in the second off Gonzalez.

With Chicago trailing 5-0 in the second inning on a hot, windy day, Lawrie drove a Dickey fastball to left and second base umpire Ted Barrett signaled home run as the ball bounced back onto the field. Saunders, the left fielder, didn't chase the ball, but Lawrie continued to run hard around the bases.

The umpires conferred, ruled the ball didn't clear the fence, and awarded Lawrie his first career inside-the-park homer despite objections from Gibbons.

Navarro and Shuck then pulled knuckleballs to right, marking the ninth time Chicago has hit three straight homers in a game.

Chanticleers headed to CWS finals

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — It's 1,300 miles from Conway, S.C., to Omaha, and it might as well have been a million miles between the two when Gary Gilmore took over the Coastal Carolina baseball program in 1996.

Now, he and the Chanticleers are getting ready to play Arizona in a best-of-three series for the national championship starting Monday night — in their first trip to the College World Series.

Coastal Carolina earned its spot in the finals with a 7-5 victory over TCU on Saturday night.

Tyler Chadwick homered and doubled, Alex Cunningham pitched 6¹/₃ solid innings, and the surprising Chanticleers (53-17) of the Big South Conference beat the Big 12's Horned Frogs for the second night in a row to win Bracket 2.

“Their resiliency, toughness and talent have shown through in this tournament,” TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle said. “By no means are they a Cinderella. You don't win 53 games as a Cinderella... The teams left this time of year are hot, talented or both. They're both.”

Chadwick's blast over the right-center wall opened the scoring, and the Chanticleers added two runs in the third and four in the fourth. TCU pulled within two runs with one out in the ninth. But Michael Landestoy hit into his third double play of the game to end it.

The Chanticleers have been playing baseball since 1975, and Gilmore took over a losing program with little returning talent in 1996. Fourteen of the school's 15 all-time NCAA Tournament appearances, and all three of their super regionals, have come under Gilmore since 2001.

Arizona 5, Oklahoma State 1: Bobby Dalbec pitched seven innings of four-hit ball, Zach Gibbons drove in three runs and Arizona beat Oklahoma State to advance to the finals.

The Wildcats, who forced a second Bracket 1 final by beating the Cowboys 9-3 on Friday, returned to the best-of-three finals in their first CWS appearance since winning the 2012 national championship. They are 6-0 in NCAA Tournament elimination games.

Dalbec (11-5), a fourth-round draft pick of the Boston Red Sox, allowed only two baserunners over his last four innings. He struck out six and is leading the NCAA Tournament with 33 in his five appearances.

Yankees pull out win against Twins

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Starlin Castro drove home the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning with a sharp one-hopper scored an error on shortstop Eduardo Escobar, and the New York Yankees edged the Minnesota Twins 2-1 Saturday with more dominant pitching from the back end of their bullpen.

Dellin Betances, Andrew Miller (5-0) and Aroldis Chapman combined to throw three scoreless innings for the third straight game.

They had teamed up to set down 26 consecutive batters during that stretch before Joe Mauer singled on a 99 mph fastball from Chapman with two outs in the ninth.

The left-hander then struck out Brian Dozier, who homered earlier off a very effective Michael Pineda, for his 15th save in 16 tries. The 100 mph fastball that ended it was the only pitch Chapman threw that reached triple digits — after his first 10 on Friday night were all 100 mph or more on the scoreboard.

Mets 1, Braves 0 (11): Pinch-hitter Kelly Johnson lined a leadoff home run in the 11th inning and New York outlasted host Atlanta.

Padres 3, Reds 0: Drew Pomeranz

drove in a pair of runs and pitched seven innings, leading visiting San Diego in a game delayed a few minutes by the Cincinnati Reds' tribute to Pete Rose.

Orioles 5, 8; Rays 0, 6: Matt Wieters hit two homers, and host Baltimore rallied from four runs down in the second game to complete a doubleheader sweep and extend Tampa Bay's losing streak to 10 games.

The first game of the day-night doubleheader was dominated by Kevin Gausman (1-5), who earned his first win in 13 starts since last September.

Indians 6, Tigers 0: Francisco Lindor homered twice and Carlos Carrasco pitched a four-hitter to lead visiting Cleveland to its eighth consecutive win.

Marlins 9, Cubs 6: Justin Bour and Giancarlo Stanton each drove in three runs, Paul Clemens got his first big league win in more than three years and host Miami erased an early deficit to beat Chicago.

Brewers 6, Nationals 5: Chris Carter hit a three-run homer, Matt Garza pitched six innings for this first win of the season, and host Milwaukee beat Washington.

Phillies 3, Giants 2: Cameron Rupp chased Madison Bumgarner with a two-run homer in Philadelphia's three-run seventh inning, helping the Phillies beat

host San Francisco.

Rockies 11, Diamondbacks 6: Tony Wolters hit his first major league home run and drove in four runs, helping host Colorado beat Arizona.

Pirates 6, Dodgers 1: Andrew McCutchen homered twice, Jeff Locke took a perfect game into the sixth inning, and Pittsburgh beat visiting Los Angeles for the second straight night.

Astros 13, Royals 5: Jose Altuve went 4-for-5, including a home run and two doubles, and visiting Houston won its seventh straight.

Rangers 10, Red Sox 3: Elvis Andrus had a bases-loaded triple and Ian Desmond homered again to lead host Texas.

Athletics 7, Angels 3: Coco Crisp hit a two-run single and scored four times, Danny Valencia homered and drove in three runs, and Dillon Overton pitched into the sixth inning to get the win in his major league debut as Oakland beat host Los Angeles.

Mariners 5, Cardinals 4: Dae-Ho Lee drove in two runs and Leonys Martin had three hits to help Nathan Karns get his first win in almost a month as host Seattle beat St. Louis.

Thurman outpoints Porter to defend WBA belt

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Keith Thurman defended his WBA welterweight title Saturday night with a 12-round unanimous decision over Shawn Porter in a fierce bout.

The fight was chock full of action from the outset as both fighters landed precise combinations and also missed wildly. Each was coming off lengthy layoffs, and their eagerness to show their skills made for an entertaining bout that was the first in prime time on CBS since 1978.

Thurman won on all three cards 115-113. The AP also scored the fight 115-113 for Thurman.

Many in the crowd of 12,718 at Brooklyn's

Barclays Center booed the decision, and the fight was close throughout. But Thurman (27-0, 22 knockouts) landed the more effective punches.

In all, Thurman, 27, of Clearwater, Fla., landed 43.6 percent of his punches to 35.6 for Porter, 28, of Akron, Ohio.

Both exhausted men had welts by their eyes at the end, and they each held up their arms in triumph at the final bell. But Porter (26-2-1) came up just short.

“I think I won the fight,” Porter said, “but I'm satisfied because the competitor came out tonight.”

The ebb and flow throughout the Premier Boxing Champions feature had the crowd cheering throughout. Porter had several big rounds when he was able

to trap Thurman against the ropes, particularly the second and ninth.

But Thurman had more ring command much of the night, and that proved decisive.

In the main undercard bout, unbeaten Jarrett Hurd punished 2012 Mexican Olympian Oscar Molina before stopping him with 58 seconds remaining in the 10-round super welterweight match.

In other boxing news:

■Anthony Joshua defended his IBF heavyweight title by knocking out Dominic Breazeale in the seventh round Saturday, ending his American challenger's unbeaten record.

It was only the second time in the 26-year-old Joshua's career than he has re-

quired more than three rounds to see off an opponent.

A devastating left-right combination, similar to those that stopped many of the Briton's 16 previous opponents, sent Breazeale to the canvas so heavily it appeared the fight was over early in the seventh round.

Breazeale returned to his feet, clinging to the last seconds of his undefeated professional record, before a further barrage dropped him again.

It left the referee with little choice but to wave the action over, one minute and one second into the seventh round at London's O2 Arena.