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Suicide attack kills 41 in Istanbul

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ISTANBUL — Suicide attackers armed with guns and bombs killed 41 people and wounded hundreds at Istanbul's busy Ataturk Airport, apparently targeting Turkey's crucial tourism industry. The government blamed the attack on Islamic State extremists but there was no immediate confirmation from the group.

Scenes of chaos and panic unfolded Tuesday night as gunfire and explosions on two different floors sent crowds fleeing first in one direction, then another.

Airport surveillance video posted on social media appeared to show one explosion, a ball of fire that sent terrified passengers racing for safety. Another appeared to show an attacker, felled by a gunshot from a security officer, blowing himself up seconds later. A growing stream of travelers, some rolling suitcases behind them, fled down a corridor, looking fearfully over their shoulders.

"Four people fell in front of me. They were torn into pieces," said airport worker Hacer Peksen.

The victims included at least 13 foreigners, and several people remained unidentified

Wednesday. The toll excluded the three bombers. The Istanbul governor's office said more than 230 people were wounded.

It was not clear if any attackers were still on the loose.

The attackers arrived by taxi, officials said. The state-run Anadolu news agency said one entered the international departures area with an assault rifle, was shot by a police officer and detonated his explosives.

At the same moment, according to the Anadolu account, someone standing at the door of the international arrivals area started shouting, sending people inside scurrying in all directions while an armed man entered. Security forces fired on the attacker, and he detonated his explosives before reaching the X-Ray control. A third attacker blew himself up outside the arrivals terminal, according to the account.

"We came up from the arrivals to the departures, up the escalator when we heard these shots going off," said Paul Roos, a South African tourist who was due to fly home with his wife. "There was this guy going roaming around, he was dressed in black and he had a

handgun."

Funerals for some of the victims began Wednesday as Turkish authorities tried to piece together how the attack happened, going through surveillance footage and interviewing witnesses to establish a preliminary timeline.

As dawn broke over the destroyed terminal, workers began removing debris. The airport reopened Wednesday morning, in sharp contrast to the 12-day complete shutdown in Brussels after the deadly airport bombing there in March. An information board inside showed about one-third of scheduled flights were canceled and a host of others were delayed.

By evening, the Islamic State group had not claimed responsibility for the attack, although it claimed to have "covert units" in Turkey, among other places, according to the SITE Intelligence Group.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said it appeared that the Islamic State group, which has threatened Turkey repeatedly, was responsible.

"Even though the indications suggest Daesh, our investigations are continuing," Yildirim said, using shorthand

for the Islamic State group. He also suggested the attack could be linked to steps Ankara took Monday toward mending strained ties with Israel and Russia.

The Islamic State group, however, rarely claims any attacks in Turkey. One possible reason is a reluctance to be seen as killing fellow Muslims; another is its desire to exploit the violent rift between Turkey and Kurdish rebels, said Anthony Skinner, director of the analyst group Verisk Maplecroft.

"It very clearly meets Islamic State's strategic objectives to leave this ambiguity," Skinner said.

Turkey has suffered a series of attacks that have scared away visitors and devastated its economy, which relies heavily on tourism. The country is a key partner in the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group and a NATO member. It faces an array of security threats.

Turkey also shares long, porous borders with both Syria and Iraq, where the Islamic State controls territory and have blamed the Islamic State for several major bombings over the past year, including in the capital Ankara, as well as attacks on tourists in Istanbul.

GIs given OK to join other services in rolling up sleeves

By WILLIAM HOWARD

Stars and Stripes

Soldiers across the Army are now permitted to roll up their sleeves, just as Marines, sailors and airmen do.

The policy change, approved Tuesday by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley, followed overwhelmingly positive feedback from soldiers who took part in a 10-day trial at

Fort Hood, Texas, that ended Sunday.

A memorandum on the policy change says that commanders may immediately authorize rolled sleeves for soldiers wearing the Army Combat Uniform in the Universal Camouflage Pattern, Operational Camouflage Pattern or Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern.

Sleeves will be rolled neatly

with the camo facing out no more than 3 inches above the elbow.

Sleeves may be down and cuffed during field training exercises, according to the memorandum.

Soldiers haven't been allowed to roll their sleeves since the Battle Dress Uniform was replaced in 2005.

"When you can change a thing that doesn't break good

order and discipline and that soldiers like, let's do it," Sgt. Major of the Army Dan Dailey said in an interview with The Washington Post. "We're the only service that doesn't do it, and we used to."

"So it's not one of those things that if we do, we can't survive. Because we've done it before and we know it's not going to hurt anybody."

Bomb squad in pay dispute

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In January 2015, members of the Pentagon's bomb squad got some financially devastating news: They had been overpaid for years, the Defense Department informed them, and the government wanted the money back.

For some bomb technicians, that meant they had suddenly accrued debts of up to \$173,000. And going forward, defense officials also told them, their annual pay would be cut by 25 percent.

All because of what the government described as a clerical error that the Pentagon bureaucracy itself — not the bomb squad members — had made.

The decision has caused chaos in the unit, with some opting to leave and others expressing exasperation that they never would have taken the job had they known what was coming. More than a year later, the cases of none of the nine employees involved has been fully resolved as they wade through a Pentagon appeals process.

"When they tell you that they're going to stop part of your pay, that's tough," said a bomb squad member, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of fear of retaliation. "But when they tell you 'We want it back,' It's like 'What?!' I think that's what upset so many people. If I knew I was going to be in this mess ... I never would have joined."

The case began in the fall of 2014 when an anonymous complaint was filed with the DOD inspector general's office. At issue was whether the nine-man unit deserved a 25 percent hazardous-duty pay incentive that had been approved as the unit was established in 2008.

The case, first reported by Military.com, was quickly brushed aside by the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, which oversees the bomb squad, according to military documents and emails reviewed by The Washington Post.

But then a little-known DOD office got involved. Washing-

ton Headquarters Services, or WHS, which provides administrative oversight to numerous Pentagon agencies, found not only that the payments should be stopped, but also that the employees involved should be referred for collection.

Frustration has only mounted since April 23, when one of the most senior members of the squad, Axel Fernandez, committed suicide at his home near Fredericksburg, Va., according to the police report. His death ended a government career that began as an explosive ordnance disposal technician in the Marine Corps in 1987.

Colleagues of Fernandez blame his suicide at least in part on the Pentagon bureaucracy that demanded that he return part of every paycheck he had ever received since being hired away from U.S. Capitol Police in 2008. His total debt was more than \$136,000.

The decision to rescind the hazard-duty pay was made by Susan A. Yarwood, then the director of WHS human resources. In an April 2015 letter, she apologized to the bomb-squad members affected but said the WHS had requested an audit to determine their "overpayment amounts."

Yarwood, since promoted to deputy director at the WHS, said in a statement that she met with bomb-squad members and promised to make sure that the WHS would recommend that the people affected not have to repay the Pentagon. But she referred the cases to collection by the Pentagon's Defense Finance and Accounting Services, or DFAS, agency anyway, citing Pentagon policy. And there were no guarantees that an appeals process would find in favor of the unit.

Yarwood was succeeded last summer in WHS human resources by Michael L. Rhodes, who sent a memo in September acknowledging that bomb-squad members "reasonably believed they were eligible for and would receive hazardous duty pay," including when they were recruited to the job. The employ-

ees affected "did not know nor could reasonably have known that the payments were erroneous" and deserved consideration for a waiver that would wipe out the debt, he said.

Most members of the squad are still waiting for determinations on how much money they owe. The Defense Office of Hearing and Appeals, which weighs in on a variety of personnel decisions, has determined so far that two employees can keep all but a few hundred dollars in past hazardous-duty pay, but they still owe money from one paycheck issued after they were notified, defense officials said. Others, including the Fernandez family, are awaiting a decision — and the 25 percent pay cut still stands for all members.

The bomb squad, meanwhile, is now down to almost half-strength. Known formally as the hazardous devices division of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, it now has five members, with some leaving for better-paying jobs in agencies such as the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, a current member said.

The Pentagon Force Protection Agency, in a written statement, said the issue is a "tremendously unfortunate situation for our employees." The agency has called for debts of bomb-squad members to be waived, but it doesn't appear to have pressed to restore hazardous-duty pay to those who expected it.

Mark Zaid, a Washington lawyer who has worked DFAS cases in the past, said the technicians probably have little recourse to appeal the pay cut other than finding another job, but there's still the question of how the DOD is treating them, he said.

"From a policy standpoint, is this the right, smart move?" Zaid asked. "You've got guys here who are risking their lives ... at a time where there is an intense threat and fear of this very type of weaponry being used against us. You need to have the best and the brightest, and sometimes that costs money."

Airmen will be 'airmen' for time being

By SLOBODAN LEKIC

Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The Navy may be scuttling "yeoman" and the Marines ditching "infantryman" in favor of "infantry Marine." For the time being, however, airmen will stay airmen, and many Air Force folks in the ranks think that's just fine.

In January, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus ordered the service to review job titles and consider eliminating the references to "man." This week the Marine Corps announced it would remove the "M-word" from 19 speciality titles in favor of gender-neutral names.

The Air Force has signed on to the Pentagon's decision to remove barriers to women in formerly male-only combat jobs. But it won't be reviewing gender-specific job titles. Airman will remain airman, regardless of the servicemember's gender.

A series of random conversations with Air Force servicemembers at Ramstein Air Base and RAF Lakenheath in Britain found little enthusiasm for changing the hallowed title of "airman."

"It should be left as it is now; it's part of our tradition," said Chief Master Sgt. Erika Schofield, 42, based at Ramstein. "Using 'man' in our titles isn't gender-specific in our career fields."

At Lakenheath, Senior Airman Julia Liggio said she didn't think being called an "airman" was a "big deal." "I've been called an airman my entire enlistment, and it's never bothered me in any way," she said.

Some Air Force members don't like tinkering with heritage.

A female airman at Ramstein had a more straightforward objection to the debate in the other services about the gender term.

"Dumb is the only way I can describe it," she said on condition she not be named. "Don't they have anything smarter to do with their time?"

New swimmers push veterans

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The United States is assembling an Olympic swimming team that Michael Phelps hardly recognizes.

Nearly halfway through the eight-day trials, the team bound for Rio de Janeiro next month has as many as 17 first-timers. Left in their wake so far are such stalwarts as Missy Franklin, Natalie Coughlin, Matt Grevers, Tyler Clary and Jessica Hardy.

Phelps, who turns 31 on Friday, and teenager Katie Ledecky appear to be the only sure things at a meet described by Phelps as more pressure-packed than the Olympics.

"It's harder here," he said.

No one is finding it tougher than Franklin.

Four years ago, she was a bubbly teenager who became a star at the London Games, winning five medals, including four golds. Now, she's a professional athlete, albeit still oozing charisma, and sponsors are betting big bucks on her to succeed again. But Franklin won't be defending her gold medal in the 100-meter backstroke after finishing a stunning seventh in the final Tuesday night.

"Right now I need to make the team in whatever way that looks like," she said. It might only be on a relay.

Franklin's next chance was Wednesday night in the 200 freestyle, where she was a longshot. Katie Ledecky, already on the team in the 400 free, looked to lock up a second event. She went into the final more than a second faster than everyone else, leaving Franklin and defending Olympic champion Allison Schmitt among

those scrapping for second.

"That's a tough one," Franklin said.

The top six finishers in the 200 free can make the team and be potential relay swimmers. Franklin and Schmitt would rather finish first or second so they could swim the individual event in Rio. But simply making the team would be enough at this point. Schmitt also won five medals in London, but has yet to impress in Omaha. She was fifth in the 400 free.

"She'll be able to work through some of the things she needs to work through," Phelps said of his longtime friend Schmitt.

Phelps was expected to make his fifth and last Olympic team Wednesday night in the 200 butterfly final. He qualified with a time that is 1.10 seconds faster than anyone else. His protege, Chase Kalisz, was trying to grab the second spot. Kalisz made his first Olympic team in the 400 individual medley.

"I see a lot of new faces. I don't even know half of them," Phelps said. "It's exciting to have new faces, where people are really pumped to come up in the sport. That's a good thing to see as I'm on my way out."

Ryan Lochte, Phelps' rival and friend, eked onto the team Tuesday night with a fourth-place finish in the 200 free. Lochte is competing hurt, having injured his groin in the 400 IM preliminaries last Sunday.

"You can never go in knowing that you're going to make the team, just because the U.S. is one of the hardest countries to make the Olympic team for because they're so strong in every event," he said. "You've just got to hope and believe that you can."

Franklin isn't the only American who won't be defending an Olympic title in Rio.

Matt Grevers, the 100 back champion four years ago, finished third in the final, beaten a half-second by first-timers Ryan Murphy and David Plummer, a 30-year-old father.

"I'm a little stunned," Grevers said. "After I let it sink in, I'll be more distraught than I currently am."

He had another shot Wednesday in the 100 free preliminaries, needing a top-six finish to be considered for a relay berth.

Like Grevers, Coughlin is aiming to make the team with a top-six finish in the women's 100 free. The 33-year-old swimmer finished eighth and last in the 100 back, an event in which she once won back-to-back Olympic titles and was the first woman to swim under 1 minute.

"My backstroke is just not there right now," she said.

Veterans Clary and Hardy are still in the hunt. Clary, the 200 backstroke champion in London, finished seventh in the 200 free final. Hardy was sixth in the 100 breaststroke.

"It's scary for us veterans," Hardy said, "but it's really wonderful to see (the newcomers). The strength is really deep in our country and we're really proud of that."

Another first-timer, Maya DiRado, went for a second event in the 200 IM final Wednesday night. She made the team in the 400 IM, and at 23, plans to retire from swimming after Rio to start a business analyst's job awaiting her this fall.

"It's sad to see those faces go in so many events," said first-timer Lilly King, "but nice to see new faces come up."

Nelson takes aim at Games

Associated Press

Much to his amazement, Adam Nelson can still heave the shot put nearly as far as ever at 40 year old.

That's why, after being retired for 3½ years, the Olympic gold medalist recently returned to his old way of life. He even dusted off his trademark big-throw routine — a scream followed by ripping off his warmup shirt as he storms into the throwing ring. His theatrics will be on display Friday when he tries to make the U.S. squad for the Rio de Janeiro Games at the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore.

Much to his chagrin, Nelson comes back to a sport that's really in no better shape than when he left. It's still drawing headlines for drug cheats.

His irritation is understandable. He once was robbed of his shining moment.

Nelson captured a silver medal at the 2004 Athens Olympics before being bumped to gold in May 2013 when Ukraine's Yuriy Bilonoh was stripped of the title following a doping violation. A month later, Nelson received his victory celebration on a stage in Des Moines, Iowa — a long way from Greece.

"I still see a lot of things, unfortunately in the sport, that are just horrible," said Nelson, the longtime president of the Track and Field Athletes Association, which supports the rights and interests of pro athletes. "The only way I can influence change is to get back involved in the system as more than just a bureaucrat, as a participant and live the life that athletes live."

"Plus, I want to inspire athletes of all ages. Just because you're not 25 doesn't mean your days of competing or challenging yourself to be stronger, faster and better than you were yesterday are over."

Nelson's return was launched last summer on a dare. He was working with a high school shot putter when the father kept baiting Nelson to throw, something he hadn't really done since missing out on an Olympic spot during the 2012 trials.

"I was like, 'I'm not going to throw. I'm too grown up to be manipulated into it by peer pressure,'" said Nelson, who officially retired in January 2013 and lives in Athens, Ga. "So about 35 minutes later, I found myself taking my first throw in about three years."

And while it was a lighter shot put, he tossed it pretty far.

"I was like, 'That's kind of interesting,'" he recounted.

All the more since he was searching for some kind of activity to quench that competitive fire.

Nelson began the paperwork for a return last summer, just in case the desire to compete at trials struck, which, of course, it did. He also re-entered the drug testing pool.

The longtime anti-doping crusader welcomes testing. The more, the better. Anything to weed out the dopers in a sport that keeps taking hits.

How long will golf remain in Olympics?

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — For the longest time, golf's biggest headache in preparing for a return to the Olympics was getting a new course built in Rio de Janeiro.

That seems like a nuisance compared with its next major hurdle.

Who's going to play?

Ten eligible players over the last two months have pulled out of the Olympics, six specifically citing concerns about the Zika virus. The last week alone was particularly devastating to a sport wanting to make a good impression after being gone from the games for 112 years.

Rory McIlroy, a four-time major champion with the broadest global appeal among young stars, was the most prominent player to withdraw. That was until Tuesday when Jason Day, the No. 1 player in the world, said he would not be going. Shane Lowry and Branden Grace are planning to start families and will stay home because of Zika.

That's four players from the top 25 who won't be in Rio, and dread that more might follow.

One of them might be Jordan Spieth, who described his Olympic position Tuesday as "uncertain."

"I've always been excited about the possible opportunity, but there's quite a few different factors that would turn somebody away from going. It's not just one, there's quite a few factors," Spieth said, mentioning Zika, security and reports of violence.

The International Golf Federation stopped responding to each withdrawal because it was repeating the same statement: It is disappointed, but understands that each player has to decide on his own.

"Unfortunately with what's going on with Brazil and Rio with the Zika virus, there's a small chance it could happen, and I just can't put my family through that, especially with the future children we're looking at having," Day said.

While the sport is assured a spot in 2020 in Tokyo, the International Olympic Committee will vote next year to decide if golf stays longer than that. And it doesn't help when there's an All-Star roster of players who won't be there for whatever reasons.

Because countries are limited to two players (a maximum of four if they are among the top 15), only 18 players from the top 50 will be in Rio — as of Tuesday.

IGF executive director Antony Scanlon,

who has been involved in nine Olympics, believes golf can put on a good show.

"We gave a commitment to have the best players there," Scanlon said. "The decision they're making are personal. We can't make those decisions for them. All you can do is understand the decision they're making. After the games, we'll have two worthy champions, gold medalists that history will look back on. When the IOC members come to the venue, they're going to have a great time. They'll experience a sport where you can get close to the players and see their passion and determination."

"All we can do is make sure we deliver a great event."

It wasn't supposed to turn out this way. When golf made its pitch to get back into the Olympics for the first time since St. Louis in 1904, the IGF presented video support from Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson and other top players who offered enthusiasm and unconditional support for Olympic competition.

That was in 2009, before Brazil was devastated by political corruption and an economic meltdown, before concerns over polluted water and whether Rio could provide adequate security. And that was before Zika.



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Cubs use relievers in LF in win

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Manager Joe Maddon's move was so wacky that even his own players laughed. And when it worked better than anyone could have imagined, the Cubs were celebrating again.

Kris Bryant singled home the tiebreaking run in the 15th inning, and Maddon used three pitchers in left field while Chicago beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-2 on Tuesday night in the longest game of the season for both teams.

With the Cubs out of position players, relievers Travis Wood and Spencer Patton (1-0) alternated between left field and the mound in the 14th inning, which ended with Patton getting the final out. Wood then finished it off with reliever Pedro Strop in left.

"When I went out there to do it originally, the infielders were kind of giggling," said Maddon, who had never done anything like it as a manager.

It worked perfectly as things started

falling in place for the Cubs again.

Bryant's only hit on Tuesday — a single off J.J. Hoover (1-2) — snapped the tie. Javier Baez added a grand slam in the 15th, the sixth career allowed by Hoover, which is a Reds record. Then it was just a matter of figuring out how to finish it off.

"For the left fielder to pitch to one batter and then go back — yeah, that's crazy," Baez said. "But we had fun."

Eugenio Suarez singled home the tying run with two outs in the ninth off Hector Rondon, his third blown save in 16 chances, setting the game on its meandering course.

Maddon had talked to Wood about playing left field in such a circumstance. The reliever hadn't played outfield since high school, but takes fly balls during batting practice to stay ready. None of the Reds hit the ball to left field with a Cubs reliever out there, which was a disappointment for Wood.

"It was definitely interesting, a lot of fun," he said. "I would have liked to have

recorded an out."

Ben Zobrist led off the game with a homer off left-hander John Lamb. Left-hander Jon Lester singled home another run and allowed only one hit until the eighth inning, when Billy Hamilton homered. The Cubs' closer couldn't hold on.

A lot of the focus Tuesday was on Bryant, who was coming off a historic performance.

Bryant became the first major league player to hit three homers and two doubles in a game on Monday night. He set a Cubs record with 16 total bases and became the youngest Cubs player to hit three homers in a game since Ernie Banks did it in 1955, also at the age of 24.

Bryant broke his three-homer bat the first time up on Tuesday. The bat boy retrieved it and took it to the Major League Baseball authenticator, who labeled the bat and safely stored it. Bryant flied out, walked twice, fouled out for the final out in the 10th, and struck out in the 13th before driving in the go-ahead run.

Djokovic, Federer advance at Wimbledon

Associated Press

LONDON — Chalk up another Grand Slam milestone for Novak Djokovic.

The defending Wimbledon champion won his 30th straight match at a major tournament Wednesday, sweeping into the third round with a clinical 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (5) victory over Adrian Panarino under the roof on Centre Court.

The win gave Djokovic sole ownership of third place on the all-time list for most consecutive victories in Grand Slam play. Only Rod Laver with 31 and Don Budge with 37 have won more in a row.

For two sets and most of the third, Djokovic had little trouble against the 55th-ranked Panarino, a French lefthander playing on his 28th birthday.

But the match came to life with Djokovic serving for the match at 5-4. He served two double-faults, his seventh and eighth of the match, and was broken for the first time.

Then, in the tiebreaker, Djokovic moved out to a 5-2 lead after a pair of cross-court winners. Two points later, Panarino played a soft drop shot. Djokovic raced forward and slipped and fell onto his back, his racket flying, as he knocked the ball into the net.

Djokovic was unhurt, and unfazed, and he closed out the match three points later.

The match was played in its entirety under the retractable roof, which was closed after steady rain lashed the grounds and forced delays on all other courts.

Earlier, third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska, who reached the women's final here in 2012, overwhelmed Katerina Kozlova 6-2, 6-1 in just over an hour to move into the second round at the All England Club.

Seven-time champion Roger Federer had a second-round win against Marcus Willis, a 772nd-ranked British qualifier who had never won a tour-level match until Monday. Federer won 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.

Willis was the lowest-ranked qualifier to reach the second round of a Grand Slam since 1988.

Indians extend win streak to 11

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Corey Kluber insists no one in the Cleveland clubhouse is talking about the Indians' longest winning streak in 34 years.

Outside those walls, however, the Indians are big news as the hottest team in the majors.

Carlos Santana hit a tie-breaking single in Cleveland's three-run ninth inning, Kluber allowed only three hits in eight innings and the Indians beat the Atlanta Braves 5-3 on Tuesday night for their 11th straight win.

The winning streak is Cleveland's longest since 11 straight from May 23-June 4, 1982, and also the longest in the majors this season.

The unflappable Kluber didn't sound impressed.

"No one is really talking about the winning streak," Kluber said. "We realize we are playing well right now. We're just trying to keep that going. Ultimately an 11-game game winning streak doesn't mean much if you don't continue to build the momentum that you have."

The Indians won 12 straight in 1922. The longest streaks in franchise history were 13 games in 1942 and 1951.

Kluber (8-7) didn't allow a hit through five innings. The right-hander allowed two runs on three hits and one walk with

seven strikeouts.

Nationals 5, Mets 0: Lucas Giolito threw four scoreless innings in his rain-shortened major league debut to help host Washington.

Baseball's top pitching prospect allowed just one hit. The 21-year-old struck out one and walked two before a lengthy rain delay ended his outing.

Athletics 13, Giants 11: Pinch-hitter Jake Smolinski hit a go-ahead, three-run homer during visiting Oakland's five-run eighth inning.

Phillies 4, Diamondbacks 3: Arizona ace Zack Greinke left after two innings with tightness in his oblique muscle and visiting Philadelphia rallied with two runs in the ninth inning.

Astros 7, Angels 1: Carlos Correa hit a three-run homer in the first inning off Tim Lincecum, sending visiting Houston toward its ninth win in 10 games.

Orioles 11, Padres 7: Adam Jones hit a leadoff homer against his hometown team and Hyun Soo Kim and Chris Davis also homered for visiting Baltimore in its sixth straight victory.

Mariners 5, Pirates 2: Nelson Cruz hit his 20th home run of the season and Robinson Cano had three hits for host Seattle.

Rangers 7, Yankees 1: Cole Hamels breezed through seven shutout innings to

win his fourth consecutive start, Adrian Beltre homered and drove in three runs, and visiting Texas kept rolling.

Dodgers 6, Brewers 5: Lefty Julio Urias, 19, posted his first big league win as Los Angeles held off host Milwaukee.

Red Sox 8, Rays 2: Travis Shaw homered, doubled, singled and drove in five runs as visiting Boston ended a three-game losing streak.

Cardinals 8, Royals 4: Matt Carpenter homered and St. Louis finished with a two-game split in Kansas City. The intrastate series now shifts to Busch Stadium for two games.

Twins 4, White Sox 0: Brian Dozier homered twice and drove in four runs to lead visiting Minnesota.

Tigers 7, Marlins 5: Miguel Cabrera's three-run homer highlighted a seven-run fifth inning that boosted host Detroit.

Jose Iglesias and Nick Castellanos also homered during the big inning, which came after Adam Conley (4-5) had been dominant through four.

Blue Jays 14, Rockies 9: Troy Tulowitzki homered to ignite a go-ahead, six-run fourth inning and the former Rockies star helped Toronto win in Denver for the first time. The began with a lengthy delay because of severe weather.

Chants top Wildcats, force decisive Game 3

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Coastal Carolina's incredible postseason run isn't over yet.

Connor Owings' bloop RBI single sparked a three-run eighth inning, and the Chanticleers beat Arizona 5-4 on Tuesday night to send the College World Series finals to a deciding Game 3.

Mike Morrison was sensational in his first start of the season, helping the Chanticleers rebound from a 3-0 loss to the Wildcats in the opener. The teams were slated to meet Wednesday night for the national championship.

"That was a whole lot of emotion going on out there, and it's hard to describe it, having not been in that position before in my life," said Coastal Carolina coach Gary

Gilmore, whose program is in the CWS for the first time. "Our guys kept breathing pretty good, and we got through it."

The Chanticleers staved off elimination for the fourth time in the CWS and fifth time in the NCAA Tournament, but not before some nervous moments in the eighth inning, when their three-run lead was cut to one.

"One thing we always talk about is the team that deserves to win usually will," Wildcats coach Jay Johnson said. "In this case, it was Coastal. They were a little bit better with runners on base tonight and wiggled out of some jams. So we'll dust off and get ready for tomorrow."

The Chanticleers from Conway, S.C., were playing the winner-take-all game for their school's first national champion-

ship in any sport.

Arizona was going for its fifth national title in baseball, and second since 2012, in a season when it was picked to be one of the bottom teams in the Pac-12 in Johnson's first year.

Owings was batting .125 (3-for-24) in the CWS when he stepped to the plate against Cameron Ming in the eighth. The Big South player of the year fought off a high inside pitch, sending it into short left field to drive in Anthony Marks from second base with the go-ahead run.

After Zach Remillard chased Ming (3-3) with a double, G.K. Young followed with a two-run single off Alfonso Rivas to give the Chanticleers a three-run lead.

Arizona (49-23) made it a one-run game in the bottom half after Bobby Holmes (7-

2) walked two straight to load the bases with none out.

One run came home on Justin Behnke's groundout, and another scored when shortstop Michael Paez bobbled Louis Boyd's routine grounder.

Holmes pitched a perfect ninth, and Coastal Carolina improved to 50-1 when leading after eight innings.

With Coastal Carolina (54-18) running low on pitching, Gilmore turned to Morrison, his senior closer, to start a game for the third time in his career. Morrison responded with career highs of 6²/₃ innings, 103 pitches and 10 strikeouts. He allowed six hits and two runs and left to a loud ovation from the teal-clad Chanticleers fans.