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Navy: Errors led to sailors' capture by Iran

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WASHINGTON — The engine on one of the two Navy patrol craft was broken before it ever left port. The crews had failed their most recent navigation exams. The radios weren't working. None of the 10 sailors on either vessel ever had participated in a mission this long.

They were sent anyway. And when the chips were down, the crews displayed a lack of "war-fighting toughness," according to an in-depth Navy investigation of the incident released Thursday.

Those failures were only some of the many problems revealed by the Navy's investigation into the capture of two riverine command boats by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps in January. The boats were supposed to sail from Kuwait to Bahrain, but they ended up just 1.5 miles off Iran's Farsi Island instead. The U.S. sailors aboard, nine men and one woman, were detained overnight and were interrogated by their captors.

The fallout from the incident already has resulted in the removal of the commodore and the executive officer responsible for the vessels, Capt. Kyle Moses and Cmdr. Eric Rasch.

A third officer who was in charge of the detachment in Kuwait, who was not named, also was relieved of command, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson announced Thursday in a news briefing on the investigation's findings. Disciplinary proceedings are underway for six other Navy personnel involved in the incident, he said.

"Big incidents like this are always the result of an accumulation of a number of small problems," Richardson said.

The overnight detention on Jan. 12-13 became an international incident just as Iran and the United States were finalizing a deal to limit Iran's nuclear weapons program. Images of the sailors on their patrol craft, hands on their heads and surrendering their weapons after they entered Iran's territorial waters, and the subsequent footage of the most senior member of the detained crew apologizing for their actions, heightened tensions that threatened to jeopardize the nuclear deal. It took the intervention of Secretary of State John Kerry to secure their release.

On Thursday, the Navy released hundreds of pages of documents revealing some of what went wrong and led to the capture. The documents also included an explanation for a controversial apology

made by one of the captains on behalf of the crews that was broadcast worldwide via Iranian television. The investigation also found an act of bravery among one of the crew, the female sailor, who, while on her knees with a gun to her head and blindfolded, managed to hit the boat's emergency beacon to call for help.

How it happened

The two craft, Riverine Command Boats 802 and 805, left four hours late for their mission because they could not get their radios to work. The night before, boat 802 had engine failure and wasn't ready. The boat crews "worked late into the night on Jan. 11, 2016 and in the morning of Jan. 12, 2016 to prepare and repair the two [boats] for a nearly 250 nautical mile transit in the open ocean," the investigation found.

Crews are supposed to get a required number of hours of rest before a mission like this, but neither boat captain slept that night.

Several of the crew, including both captains, either recently had failed or had not taken a required navigation exam, and none of the crew had more than two hours of training on the navigational system. Boat 805's crew never bothered to log their route. Neither captain looked at a paper map before departing, though it is required.

The crews already had voiced their concerns: They weren't ready for this mission — it would be the longest mission they'd conducted, and it would require a nighttime refueling — another thing that they'd never done. Moses' response was "Navigation is navigation," the report found. They would attempt the Kuwait-to-Bahrain mission anyway.

The task force commander voiced his concern. Moses responded that the boats had done similar things in a mission in another region; this one should be no different.

When they were delayed four hours by their unresponsive radios, their concerns escalated. They worried about missing their refueling. Then they got underway.

"From the moment [river command boats] 802 and 805 got underway, [boat] 802 [altered] course from the plan of intended movement to expedite meeting with USCGC Monomoy to refuel before sunset, and did so without giving notice or getting permission," the report found. Boat 802 was the lead boat.

Their new track led them directly for Farsi Island.

Detention

About an hour before their detention, the crews saw the island and other features that they wondered about, though they did not realize they were in Iranian territorial waters.

At the critical moment when the navigational system identified Iran's Farsi Island for them, none of the 10 picked up on that information because no one zoomed in on the island that the system was displaying. They also didn't look at backup navigational charts on the boats nor call in their location to one of their maritime operations centers.

One crewmember did pick up his personal smartphone. The application on the phone that he used "displayed a long Arabic name" about the island, but no other information.

The crews thought they would go around the island. But boat 802's engine experienced a dangerous oil pressure drop, and cut speed. Boat 805 also dropped speed and came alongside.

"[Navigation system] data shows that both [boats 802 and 805] went dead-in-the-water at [4:12 pm local and 4:13 p.m. local] respectively, the report found.

Boat 802's engine problems could have been fixed with the boat still moving, but the crew decided to fix the issue there. Despite that they still had a visual on an unknown island and did not know their exact location, the captains did not have their gunners on watch to protect the craft while the repairs were underway.

They thought repairs would take 20 minutes. A few minutes later, they saw two small patrol craft approaching.

At 1,000 yards, the captain of boat 802 saw the incoming vessels had weapons. But he still did not tell his crews to take a defensive posture. He later said he thought the vessels might have been friendly, from Saudi Arabia.

By the time the vessels were within 100 yards, the two U.S. boats manned their guns. Then they saw the blue flag of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps. The U.S. crews started yelling, trying to communicate by pointing to their wrench and engine that they were broken down. This wasn't an incursion. By then, two additional Iranian vessels were headed toward them.

The U.S. boats did not engage in self-defense, one of the many faults found in the aftermath of the incident. The captain of boat 802, who was a young lieutenant, did order the boats to speed away. But by then it was too late; the Iranians were

able to block their vessels and had their weapons fixed on the boats. The crew's coxswain saw the Iranians' AK-47s were close enough for him to see they were pointed at his gunner. When the captain wanted another attempt to go, the coxswain said no.

The boat 802 captain, the lieutenant, was the most senior officer present and, at that point, he started negotiating with the Iranians.

"So at that point in time, if I had decided to start a firefight, I know a lot of my guys would be dead. We might have all been dead at that point in time. I didn't want to start a war with Iran, either ... my thought at the end of the day was that no one had to die for a misunderstanding. And that, I guess, was a gamble on my part. I don't want to say 'gamble' because that is not exactly the right word, but in allowing us to be captured — that was my decision and my decision alone."

The crews raised their hands and kneeled. The boats were boarded. As the crew was filmed kneeling and bound, the female gunner on the crews activated the distress signal. The Iranians discovered her actions and confiscated the device.

Aftermath

The detention and its aftermath are well known and played out on cable news for days. The crews' weapons, computers and phones were confiscated. Iran went through the boats looking for classified material. The crew spent the night in a room being filmed as the Iranians fed them, then interviewed them for propaganda purposes. Shortly after lunch the day after their capture, they were released.

The investigation found the captain of boat 802 should have had his crew in a defensive posture while the downed vessel was getting repaired. It did not rule on his decision to surrender the boats to the Iranians, noting the Defense Department's Code of Conduct does not clearly outline what actions an officer should take in regards to surrender if the situation occurs without armed conflict.

The investigation found the captain of boat 802 failed in many of the expectations that the Navy had of him. But the Navy also reported the lieutenant's relative inexperience and the extreme situation should be put in the context of the lack of oversight or mentorship his commanders had afforded him.

Pentagon OKs service by transgender troops by July 2017

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon on Thursday lifted its ban on service by transgender people in the military.

The announcement by Defense Secretary Ash Carter follows extensive study by the U.S. military and treats gender identity on par with race, religion,

color, sex or sexual orientation.

"Our mission is to defend this country, and we don't want barriers unrelated to a person's qualification to serve preventing us from recruiting or retaining the soldier, sailor, airman or Marine who can best accomplish the mission," Carter said.

The move came nearly five years after the formal end of "don't ask, don't tell,"

a 17-year-old policy that barred gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military.

The Pentagon does not have a precise count of how many transgender people are in the services now, because they face discharge if they reveal their identities.

Despite the policy change, there are many senior military leaders who believe

the Pentagon is moving too fast and has not yet resolved issues related to the plan.

In recent weeks, Carter has met with military chiefs to hear concerns and suggestions to ease the process.

Officials said the full policy must be completely implemented no later than July 1, 2017.

About 15 investigated in Parris Island death

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Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps is investigating about 15 drill instructors and leaders at Parris Island in a hazing-and-abuse probe related to the death of a recruit at the South Carolina training depot, the service said late Wednesday.

The investigation dates to November, about four months before recruit Raheel Siddiqui, 20, died, and it revealed that a drill instructor under investigation for “hazing, physical abuse, (and) assault” allegations had been placed in charge of recruits improperly, according to a statement from Marine Corps Training and Education Command.

“Existing orders, policies and procedures to prevent improper assignments were not followed,” according to a statement from Marine Corps Training and Education Command. “Interim corrective actions have already been taken.”

The announcement Wednesday followed the firing in early June of two senior Parris Island officials linked to Siddiqui’s death investigation. Another ranking Parris Island leader was removed from his job in March.

Siddiqui fell 40 feet to his death in a barracks stairwell

March 18, just 11 days after arriving at Parris Island. An initial Marine Corps inquiry into his death called it an apparent suicide and noted that he had threatened to kill himself. The Naval Criminal Investigation Service, which is also looking into events around the recruit’s death, initially said foul play was not suspected.

A call and email to NCIS were not immediately returned Thursday.

Allegations of misconduct center on the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, to which Siddiqui belonged, according to the statement. Marines under investigation have been assigned to duties that do not permit them direct access to recruits.

The general officer in charge of Training and Education Command, Maj. Gen. James W. Lukeman, will determine any punishment, which could range from administrative to judicial, if allegations are substantiated.

“We take every allegation of misconduct very seriously and will review each investigation carefully,” Lukeman said in a statement. “MCRD Parris Island and MCRD San Diego are Marine Corps institutions entrusted by the American people to transform the best of our nation’s young men and women into U.S. Marines.”

DOD: Squad won’t have to repay debts

The Washington Post

The Pentagon has decided that members of its civilian bomb squad will not be obligated to pay back up to \$173,000 that it says each of them was erroneously paid since the unit was established in 2008, a defense official said.

The Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals, or DOHA, waived the debts “after completion of the normal waiver of debt process,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Eric Badger, a Pentagon spokesman.

The decision was acknowledged late Wednesday, a day after *The Washington Post* published a story that detailed how members of the bomb squad faced potential financial ruin after the Pentagon decided in 2015 that it had incorrectly paid them a 25 percent hazardous duty incentive for years.

The waivers were completed despite the expectation by some members of the bomb squad that their cases would not be heard for several more weeks. Badger said the approval of hazardous duty pay — promised in offer letters to the bomb technicians — was “an administrative error made in good faith, but with severe financial consequences for the employees.”

“The pay was incorrectly

authorized through no fault of the employees involved,” Badger said. “They could not have known it was paid in error, and we take this matter very seriously.”

The case pitted nine members of the bomb squad, formally known as the Hazardous Devices Division of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, against the DOD bureaucracy. One member of the squad, Axel Fernandez, committed suicide in April, exacerbating the frustrations of those in the unit. According to emails and memos obtained by *The Washington Post*, the Pentagon told him he owed back in excess of \$136,000.

The decision to revoke the hazardous duty pay was made in January 2015 by a little-known office in the Defense Department known as Washington Headquarters Services, which provides administrative oversight to numerous Pentagon agencies. Senior officials in WHS promised afterward to assist bomb squad members in having their unexpected debts waived, but they nonetheless were referred to collection by Defense Finance and Accounting Services and had no guarantees that the appeals process would find in their favor.

Kadena Air Base worker charged with murder

Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa — A former Marine who works as a contractor at Kadena Air Base was officially charged Thursday with murder and rape resulting in death in the slaying of a 20-year-old Okinawan woman.

Kenneth Franklin Gadson had been held since May 19 and was charged last month with illegally disposing of Rina Shimaburo’s body, which was found in a wooded area, based on information that Gadson provided. Police have said he went cruising in his car for a stranger to attack and

killed the woman during her nightly walk.

Police say Gadson, armed with a stick and a knife, struck the victim “with murderous intent” on the head from behind just before midnight on April 29, pulled her into bushes, then strangled and stabbed her while attempting to rape her. She died before he could finish the sexual assault.

Kenryo Tomari, chief of the police Crime Investigations department, called the attack “premeditated.”

Police earlier said they brought in Gadson for questioning after spotting his red

SUV on surveillance video from the area where Shimaburo vanished.

Defense attorney Toshimitsu Takaesu has said Gadson, who goes by his wife’s family name, Shinzato, admitted he strangled the woman but made the statement to police while still dazed from a suicide attempt with sleeping pills.

The incident sent off a cascade of apologies from U.S. officials and restrictions on U.S. servicemembers. It also tainted President Barack Obama’s visit to Japan for the G7 summit in May.

Big trades before NHL free agency starts

Associated Press

P.K. Subban is taking his talents to Smashville as part of a major trade of two of the NHL's top defensemen two days before the start of free agency.

The Nashville Predators acquired Subban from the Montreal Canadiens in exchange for Shea Weber while the New Jersey Devils acquired Taylor Hall from the Edmonton Oilers in a straight-up deal for defenseman Adam Larsson.

In Subban, the Predators got one of the most dynamic players in hockey, an offensive-minded superstar with a larger-than-life personality. And the Predators also hope he can help them get over the hump and win the Stanley Cup.

"I just feel good knowing that a team has moved someone to bring me in because they want me," Subban said on a conference call.

"I'm just happy to be in a situation where I can excel and feel good coming to the rink every day about myself, about the team, about my position. More importantly I just look forward to trying to win a Stanley Cup. That's your ultimate goal and I feel that I got a whole lot closer to doing that today."

Subban and Weber are All-Stars and were teammates on Canada's 2014 Olympic gold medal team. They are both defensemen, but Subban and Weber play different styles. The 27-year-old Subban is risk and reward, with 63 goals and 215 assists in his 434 games, while Weber is the big, strong dependable defender with one of the heaviest shots around.

Marc Bergevin said trading Subban was "one of the most difficult decisions" he has had to make as Canadiens general manager. Subban was not always the favorite of coach Michel Therrien and others in the organization despite his

playmaking ability, but Bergevin said friction with teammates and the staff had nothing to do with the deal.

"What we got back is an elite defenseman," Bergevin said, adding that fans "will soon learn to appreciate Shea Weber. He's a different type of player, but he's a very good player."

Bergevin applauded Subban for his contributions in the Montreal community, which included a \$10 million donation to Montreal Children's Hospital last year. Subban said he always felt wanted in the Montreal community after he was drafted in the second round in 2007, but stopped short of saying he felt unwanted by the Canadiens.

Weber, who turns 31 on Aug. 14, had been with Nashville since the start of his NHL career in 2005. He signed a \$110 million, 14-year offer sheet with Philadelphia as a restricted free agent in 2012, but Nashville matched it to keep him.

In 763 games, Weber has 166 goals and 277 assists for 443 points. He's signed at a cap hit of \$7.86 million for 10 more seasons.

Subban said he was not surprised by the trade because there had been so many rumors since he signed a \$72 million, eight-year contract in the summer of 2014. Subban's no-movement clause that would've allowed him to block any trade was set to kick in on Friday.

"With a lot of the chatter that kind of happened over the little while, I'm a firm believer that usually where there's smoke there's fire," Subban said while on vacation in Paris. "Obviously it's a little bit surreal, but it happened."

Meanwhile, the move by the Oilers and Devils gives goal-starved New Jersey an exciting young left wing who was the No. 1 pick overall in 2010, while the Oilers get a solid defenseman who was the No. 4

overall selection in 2011.

An emotional Hall admitted the move caught him off guard after dealing with six losing seasons in Edmonton.

"It's tough," the 24-year-old Hall said on a conference call. "I have a pretty deep connection to the city of Edmonton. I felt I did everything I could there so it's pretty hard not to feel slighted, not to feel a little disappointed with the way everything shook out. That's hockey."

What seemed to bother Hall most was that he felt that the trade focused the blame on him for the team's losing seasons.

Hall said he expressed his disappointment to Oilers general manager Peter Chiarelli after being informed of the trade.

"I don't want to sound like I am not excited to join New Jersey," Hall said. "That's not the case. I'm a proud person and I take this as an indictment of me as a hockey player. I don't think there is any other way to treat it. I think it's safe to say I am a very motivated player right now."

At a news conference in Edmonton, Chiarelli said the Oilers have been looking for a top-notch defenseman for months and getting the 23-year-old Larsson required paying a price.

"He moves the puck, he defends well, he can log a lot of minutes — he can play 25, 27, 28 minutes," Chiarelli said. "He can match up against all of the other top forwards, he has more skill to show also."

"It's unfortunate in these deals, this is what you have to do, but I felt it was a player that I've watched very closely this year and I can see his game trending up and it was time to act on it."

The trade also gives the Oilers salary-cap space to possibly sign free agent Milan Lucic. Hall was making an average of \$6 million annually.

The Devils, who have missed the playoffs the past four seasons, have not had a top-notch goal scorer since Zach Parise was lost to free agency in 2012 and Ilya Kovalchuk retired and returned to Russia the following season.

Hall spent his entire six-year career with the Oilers, getting 132 goals and 196 assists in 381 games.

He has led Edmonton in scoring for three of the past four seasons, and has finished in the top three on the squad in each of his six seasons. This past season, he had 26 goals and 39 assists. He represented the Oilers at the All-Star Game.

"I'm an offensive-minded player," Hall said. "There is no doubt. I love having the puck on my stick and having the puck in the offensive zone."

Hall believes his best years are ahead of him, and that playing with a team that demands responsibility on both ends of the ice will help his game.

"He plays the game fast," Devils general manager Ray Shero said. "He adds a lot to our group. He really changes the dynamic of our team and how we are going to play."

Larsson had three goals and 15 assists, playing in all 82 games on the Devils' top defensive pairing. The Swede has nine goals and 60 assists in 274 games.

Shero said that trading Larsson leaves a hole in the Devils defense. Vojtech Mozik, Seth Helgeson and Steven Santini are among the young defensemen in the organization that might have a chance at making the NHL roster next season.

Shero expects the Devils to sign defenseman Jon Merrill and forwards Beau Bennett and Devante Smith-Pelley, who did not get qualifying offers earlier this week.

Phelps qualifies for record-setting fifth Olympics

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Michael Phelps surged to the wall, and then whipped around to spot his time.

That number wasn't really important.

The only thing that mattered was No. 5. Phelps became the first male swimmer to qualify for five Olympics with a victory in the 200-meter butterfly at the U.S. swimming trials Wednesday night, another huge milestone in the water but even more significant given what's happened away from the pool.

A second drunken-driving arrest. A re-evaluation of his life. An impending marriage. And his first child.

With 7-week-old Boomer in the arms of his mother at the CenturyLink Center, Phelps cruised to a victory that meant as much personally as all those triumphs that came before.

The most decorated athlete in Olympic history is Rio bound.

"With everything that's happened and being able to come back, that was probably harder than any swim I've had in my

life," Phelps said. "Just being able to finish how I want to is so important to me. Getting on this team is what I wanted to do."

He wasn't the only one feeling a bit of redemption.

Missy Franklin turned in one of the gutsiest performances of her career to earn a spot for Rio in the 200 freestyle. One night after she struggled to seventh in the 100 backstroke — an event she won four years ago in London — there was plenty of speculation that she'd be hard-pressed to qualify for any individual events at these Games.

Franklin herself sounded as though she'd be happy just getting on the team as a relay swimmer.

Turns out, she'll be busier than that in Brazil.

While Katie Ledecky romped to victory in the 200 free, earning a second individual event at the Olympics, Franklin rallied over the second half of the race to claim the runner-up spot.

Franklin's coach, Todd Schmitz, pumped his fists and charged down the steps of

the arena to congratulate his bubbly swimmer, one of the biggest stars of the London Games.

She finally had reason to smile.

"Last night was really tough and coming back from that, I was telling myself, 'I'm not done fighting. I'm not done with believing in myself,'" Franklin said. "That's probably the most proud race I've ever swam in my entire career, coming back from such a loss last night and telling myself that I still have it in me to do whatever I believe I can do."

Phelps held off a stiff challenge from Tom Shields to win the 200 fly — the first event Phelps ever swam at the Olympics, 16 years ago in Sydney.

One day before his 31st birthday, Phelps came full circle in the race he's always considered his baby.

Phelps touched in 1:54.84 — far off the world record of 1:51.51 he set at the 2009 world championships while wearing one of the high-tech suits that have since been banned.

There's time to work on his speed between now and Rio.

For now, Phelps sounds like an Olympic rookie talking about the thrill of going back to the Olympics, where he'll get a chance to add to the already staggering amount of hardware he's accumulated at the last four Summer Games: 18 golds and 22 medals overall.

He also joined a pretty exclusive group with Dara Torres, who made five Olympics on the female side.

"I just said, 'Welcome to the club,'" the now-retired Torres said. "Just to see his emotions and how excited he was and relieved, it was really nice to see."

Ledecky added the 200 free to her rapidly growing Olympic schedule, winning comfortably with a time of 1:54.88. She already won the 400 free and still has two more events to go in Omaha.

But all eyes were on Franklin, who touched in 1:56.18 to edge out Leah Smith by just under a half-second. Allison Schmitt, the defending gold medalist, settled for fourth but that will at least be good enough to get another London star on the team as a relay swimmer.



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No. 2 Muguruza ousted at Wimbledon

Associated Press

LONDON — Garbine Muguruza's first major tournament as a reigning Grand Slam champion didn't last long.

Less than a month after winning the French Open, the second-seeded Spaniard was beaten in the second round of Wimbledon on Thursday by a Slovakian qualifier ranked No. 124.

In the biggest upset of the tournament so far, Jana Cepelova beat a listless Muguruza 6-3, 6-2 on Court 1 in less than an hour to reach the third round at the All England Club.

Muguruza looked like a shadow of the player that reached the final last year, where she lost to Serena Williams, and beat Williams in the final at Roland Garros this month for her first major championship.

"My energy was missing a little today," Muguruza said.

"From yesterday I felt a little bit tired. During the match and after the match, I'm like, 'Tough day today, empty today.'"

Muguruza sprayed ugly shots all over the court Thursday and finished with 22 unforced errors, compared to just nine winners. Cepelova had a first-serve percentage of just over 40 percent, but still outplayed Muguruza with 14 winners and 12 errors.

"She played great, no fear, trying a lot of stuff that was working," Muguruza said. "But my energy wasn't there. I was trying but it didn't work at all."

Cepelova, Slovakia's No. 5 female player, had to win three matches in qualifying to make it into the main draw. It's not the first time she's knocked off a top player: Cepelova ousted Simona Halep in the first round at Wimbledon last year on the same court, and beat Serena Williams at a tournament in Charleston in 2014.

Earlier, five-time champion Venus Williams led a group of Americans picking up victories as the tournament scrambled to get back on schedule after two days of bad weather.

With play starting earlier on the outside courts and the rain holding off, Williams was among nine American players winning first- or second-round matches.

U.S. men's winners included John Isner, Sam Querrey, Donald Young, Jack Sock and Steve Johnson. Joining Williams among the women's winners were Sloane Stephens, Madison Keys and Julia Boserup.

The 36-year-old Williams, the oldest player in the women's draw, needed nearly 2½ hours to get past 20-year-old Greek qualifier Maria Sakkari 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Keys, seeded No. 9 after breaking into the top 10 for the first time this month, also reached the third round with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 win over Kirsten Flipkens.

Orioles hit 55th home run in win

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Mark Trumbo's magnificent two-run home run into the second deck in left field was the 55th of the month for the Baltimore Orioles, tying the big league record for long balls in June.

"Some guys are aware of it, some aren't," Trumbo said after the Orioles routed the San Diego Padres for the second straight game, 12-6 on Wednesday. "It's a special thing but it's not something anyone's going to gloat about or spend too much time thinking about. It just goes to show we're on a nice little run."

Are they ever. Trumbo hit his major league-leading 23rd homer and drove in four runs for the AL East-leading Orioles, who won their seventh straight.

With one game left in the month, Baltimore tied the 1996 Oakland A's for the most homers in June. Overall, the Orioles lead the majors with 124.

The Orioles hit four home runs in sweeping the two-game series, including three in Tuesday night's 11-7 win.

"When you're winning, everything is that much better," Trumbo said. "This in particular is a product of a couple guys getting real hot real quick and some of the other guys sustaining what we're doing."

Trumbo said this is "easily" the best lineup he's been on.

"We're getting contributions from everyone," he added. "I think there's full confidence in one through nine throughout this lineup. There's really no holes. You can choose to go at someone or pitch around someone, but the guys behind them generally have been pretty good about picking up the slack. Anytime you're that deep it can make for a tough time for some of the opposing teams."

Trumbo hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning and a two-run double in the ninth. Manny Machado had two hits and three RBIs, and pitcher Yovani Gallardo singled twice and scored a run.

After San Diego lefty Christian Friedrich (4-3) retired his first nine batters, he walked Adam Jones and allowed Jonathan Schoop's RBI double. Machado hit an RBI single and, with one out, Trumbo homered into the second deck in left field to make it 4-0.

The Orioles scored two runs in the fifth on a throwing error by Friedrich with two outs and the bases loaded. Friedrich fielded Chris Davis' nubber down the line and made an errant throw to Wil Myers at first. Padres manager Andy Green was ejected for arguing with umpire Bill Miller,

apparently about whether Davis ran outside the lane.

"It's a tough call," Green said. "I didn't have the expectation it was a very easy call to make, because they're watching the ball roll down the line. Foul or fair, that's the first thing they're looking at. All I can watch is the baserunner, so I'm starting at Chris Davis. As soon as he passes where the ball is, he veered into fair territory."

Phillies 9, Diamondbacks 8: Pinch-hitter Tyler Goeddel hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, helping Philadelphia complete its first sweep at Chase Field in 10 years.

The Diamondbacks went up 7-4 in the seventh inning on Paul Goldschmidt's two-run double, but the Phillies rallied with four runs in the eighth to go up 8-7.

Yankees 9, Rangers 7: — Brian McCann hit a tying, three-run homer off Sam Dyson and Didi Gregorius capped a six-run ninth inning with his two-run shot as the New York Yankees rallied past Texas.

Down 7-2 and in danger of falling 10 games behind AL East-leading Baltimore, the Yankees began their comeback when McCann homered off Cesar Ramos in the eighth.

Rob Refsnyder singled off Matt Bush leading off the ninth, Jacoby Ellsbury singled and Dyson (1-2) relieved.

Cubs 9, Reds 2: Anthony Rizzo legged out his first inside-the-park homer — another unusual moment in a series full of oddities — helping visiting Chicago finish a three-game sweep to get back on solid footing after a rough week.

The Cubs went 1-6 last week, hurt by an injury-depleted lineup and a balky bullpen.

Rizzo drove in three runs in the first inning off left-hander Cody Reed (0-2) with the Cubs' first inside-the-park homer since 2011, when Tony Campana circled the bases against Cincinnati.

Astros 10, Angels 4: Jose Altuve went 4-for-5 and scored four runs to help visiting Houston complete a three-game sweep.

It was the second time Houston has swept Los Angeles in the last two weeks. The Astros finished the six games with 37 runs.

Nationals 4, Mets 2: Daniel Murphy homered twice, tormenting his former team yet again, and host Washington completed a three-game sweep.

Max Scherzer (9-5) cruised against New York's sputtering offense, allowing two hits with 10 strikeouts over 7¹/₃ innings.

Rays 4, Red Sox 0: Matt Moore pitched seven spotless innings and Brandon Guyer homered and drove in two runs in his return from a three-week stint on the disabled list to lead host Tampa Bay.

Royals 3, Cardinals 2 (12): Alcides Escobar hit a go-ahead RBI double just inside the right-field line in the 12th inning and Kansas City outlasted host St. Louis.

Escobar drove in the first run of the game with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the eighth. His fly to shallow right off Seth Maness (0-2) fell just in front of Stephen Piscotty, whose homer leading off the 10th tied it at 2.

Blue Jays 5, Rockies 3: Aaron Sanchez allowed one run in eight innings and Josh Donaldson homered to lead visiting Toronto.

Tigers 10, Marlins 3: Miguel Cabrera hit one of his team's three homers to lead host Detroit.

Cabrera hit his 18th homer of the season in the fourth inning, tying Billy Williams at No. 48 on baseball's career list with 426.

Steven Moya and Jarrod Saltalamacchia cleared the fence in consecutive at-bats in the fifth, giving Detroit an 8-2 lead.

Marlins reliever Dustin McGowan gave up all three homers, matching a career high.

Indians 3, Braves 0: Danny Salazar threw seven innings, Lonnie Chisenhall hit his second homer of the series and visiting Cleveland won its 12th straight.

Cleveland swept its fourth straight series to extend the majors' longest winning streak this season.

Brewers 7, Dodgers 0: Junior Guerra allowed two hits over eight innings, Ryan Braun hit a two-run homer and a two-run double and Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit a two-run shot to help host Milwaukee spoil Brock Stewart's major league debut.

Braun's two-run homer off Chris Hatcher in the seventh inning gave Guerra some extra cushion, but the 31-year-old rookie right-hander didn't need it.

White Sox 9, Twins 6: James Shields broke out of a slump with 6²/₃ innings against one of baseball's worst lineups, helping host Chicago beat Minnesota.

Athletics 7, Giants 1: Jed Lowrie and Yonder Alonso each hit two-run homers and host Oakland took advantage of San Francisco's sloppy play to win its third straight game in the Bay Bridge series.

Pirates 8, Mariners 1: Sean Rodriguez doubled in consecutive at-bats and drove in four runs, David Freese hit a solo home run and Pittsburgh beat host Seattle.

Manziel suspended for 4 games

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DALLAS — Johnny Manziel has been suspended for the first four games of next season for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy, and the free agent quarterback could face further discipline over his domestic violence case if he signs with another team.

The suspension announced Thursday is not related to the league's domestic violence policy, but Manziel would be subject to standards that were toughened two years ago if he signs with another team. The 23-year-old Manziel, released by Cleveland in March, faces a misdemeanor assault charge in Dallas involving former girlfriend Colleen Crowley.

The 2012 Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback from Texas A&M was suspended the same week he posted pictures on Instagram from Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

The post included a reference to his father, Paul Manziel, who called his son a "druggie" following a report from The Associated Press of one of his attorneys mistakenly sending a text that indicated doubts whether Manziel could stay clean.

A spokeswoman for Manziel declined to comment on the NFL's suspension.

As Manziel's domestic case has played out, he has been photographed partying from Hollywood to Las Vegas to New York in recent months. His own family has expressed concern about his well-being after he was cut by the Browns following two underwhelming seasons.

Manziel spent more than two months in rehab after a difficult first season with the Browns, and the player dubbed "Johnny Football" for his exploits on the field with the Aggies vowed to be more committed to football when he got out.

After showing promise in a couple of starts in his second season, Manziel was demoted to third team after a video surfaced of him partying during the team's bye week. Manziel returned to the starting lineup when Josh McCown broke his collarbone and led the Browns to a win over San Francisco.

Manziel sustained a concussion Dec. 27 at Kansas City and wasn't required to be at Cleveland's finale. But he skipped a required medical checkup and the team wasn't sure of his whereabouts amid reports he was in Las Vegas, hitting the clubs while wearing a disguise.