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GIs on Okinawa face curfew, other curbs

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A midnight curfew and other restrictions take effect Friday for all servicemembers on Okinawa after Americans were arrested in the death of one woman and the rape of another on an island with a history of public outrage over crimes by members of the U.S. community.

In an announcement Thursday, III Marine Expeditionary Force said the restrictions will remain in effect through June 24. Others covered by the Status of Forces Agreement — including civilian workers and families of servicemembers — are being asked to abide by the restrictions, too.

The new measures follow the May 19 arrest of former Marine Kenneth Franklin Gadson, 32, who works for a military contractor at Kadena Air Base, in the death of Rina Shimabukuro, 20, an Okinawan woman whose body was found in a wooded area after Gadson provided directions to the site.

Gadson reportedly told police he attacked Shimabukuro from behind with a

stick while she was out for an evening walk before strangling her.

A Marine based at Camp Schwab in northern Okinawa, Justin Castellanos, 24, was arrested in March on suspicion of raping an intoxicated Japanese tourist whom he found passed out in a hall of the hotel where he was staying.

The killing of Shimabukuro dominated talks Wednesday between Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President Barack Obama, who is in Japan for an international economic summit.

Abe told Obama that the killing was an “unforgivable crime” that shocked “not only the Okinawa people, but also all the people of Japan.”

A III MEF statement said the intent of the tightened restrictions is “to observe a period of unity and mourning by curtailing off-installation activities” in response to the two alleged crimes by SOFA-status personnel.

The restrictions include:

- All ranks, including officers, must be on base by midnight.

- Alcohol may not be purchased or consumed off base.

- Patronizing off-base bars and clubs is prohibited.

- Parties may not be held off base.

- Personally owned vehicles entering installations between midnight and 5 a.m. are subject to sobriety checkpoints.

- No servicemember on Okinawa may stay overnight off base unless it is their residence or approved hotel; however, these restrictions do not apply to those on special liberty or on leave outside of Okinawa.

Okinawa’s previous liberty policy, originally imposed Japan-wide in late 2012 before it was eased slightly, allowed troops E-5 and below to stay out as late as 1 a.m., although all personnel, regardless of rank, were banned from drinking in public off base between midnight and 5 a.m.

“My intention is for all SOFA status personnel to consider their roles as ambassadors to Japan and good neighbors with the people of Okinawa, as reflected in their personal conduct during the period of mourning,” III MEF commander Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson, who is expected to address a news conference Saturday, was quoted as saying in the statement.

PACOM commander urges Army to expand its scope

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The admiral who heads U.S. Pacific Command urged the theater’s Army leaders Wednesday to help deal with new and improved threats beyond their traditional, land-based realm.

“I believe the time has come where our land forces project power from the land onto the other domains and operate seamlessly across shared domains,” Adm. Harry Harris said during a speech at a three-day symposium in Honolulu sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army. “I’m confident we can make this happen.”

That means “the Army’s got to be able to sink ships, neutralize satellites, shoot down missiles and deny the enemy the ability to command and control its forces,” he said.

From staff report

SEAL Kyle’s medal count questioned

The Washington Post

That Navy SEAL Chris Kyle served with distinction in combat is not in dispute. The celebrated Iraq War veteran braved enemy fire numerous times while deployed to some of that war’s most intense battlegrounds. During the 2004 fight to take back the city of Fallujah, for example, he exhibited “unparalleled bravery and skill as a sniper” and “served as an example to all,” according to a performance evaluation released to the website MuckRock last year.

But a new report Wednesday by the Intercept suggests that the number of valor awards Kyle claimed in his bestselling book “American Sniper” to have earned was erroneous. Kyle “embellished his military record” and was warned at least once before “American Sniper” was published that its description of his medal count was inflated, the story alleged, citing one current Navy officer who requested and received anonymity from the Intercept.

Kyle wrote that he received two Silver Stars, a prestigious decoration two levels below the

Medal of Honor, and five Bronze Stars with a “V” device, signifying they were earned for valor. But records released by Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn., show that Kyle received one Silver Star and three Bronze Stars with V.

It could prove difficult to determine where the discrepancy originates. Kyle and a friend, Chad Littlefield, were killed at a Texas gun range three years ago, and the Navy previously has released a copy of Kyle’s discharge paperwork that showed he earned two Silver Stars and at least five Bronze Stars with a V. Those documents are typically prepared by a clerk in a servicemember’s unit, and can be corrected if an error surfaces. However, those same discharge papers also are often used as a primary source to determine whether a servicemember has been lying about his military history — a so-called case of “stolen valor.”

A Navy spokesperson, Lt. Jackie Pau, said Wednesday that the service is working to determine the origin of the disparity.

Trump clinches GOP presidential nomination

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump on Thursday reached the number of delegates needed to clinch the Republican nomination for president, completing an unlikely rise that has upended the political landscape and sets the stage for a bitter fall campaign.

Trump was put over the top in the Associated Press delegate count by a small number of the party's unbound delegates who told the AP they would support him at the convention. Among them is Oklahoma GOP Chairwoman Pam Pollard.

"I think he has touched a part of our electorate that doesn't like where our country is," Pollard said. "I have no problem supporting Mr. Trump."

It takes 1,237 delegates to win the Republican nomination for president. Trump has reached 1,238. With 303 delegates at stake in five state primaries on June 7, Trump will easily pad his total, avoiding a contested convention in Cleveland in July.

Trump, a political neophyte who for years delivered caustic commentary on the state of the nation from the sidelines but had never run for office, fought off 16 other Republican contenders in an often ugly primary race.

Poll: Trump leads Clinton among vets

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WASHINGTON — Donald Trump is ahead of presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton by 9 percentage points among military veteran voters, according to a new national poll released Thursday.

The billionaire businessman drew 47 percent and Clinton garnered 38 percent of more than 1,600 respondents who had military experience or lived with someone who served, the May polling by the group Morning Consult found. Democratic contender Bernie Sanders did better than Clinton against Trump, but still lagged behind the Republican by 4 percentage points.

The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percent.

The results show Trump's unconventional bid for the White House is more popular — though lagging behind past Republican candidates — among Americans who served in the military. His standing with veterans has been complicated by some controversies, including questions this week about his donations to veterans' causes and a disparaging comment about Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and prisoners of war.

Veterans "are frustrated just like a lot of other people," said Dan Caldwell, vice president for political and legislative action with the conservative group Concerned Veterans

for America.

The frustration has led many people to look for a major shake-up in the presidency, said Caldwell, whose group has not backed any particular candidate.

Trump and Sanders are likely polling better than Clinton because they represent a stark departure from President Barack Obama's administration, which has struggled with scandal in the Department of Veterans Affairs and a perception among some people that it has mismanaged the Defense Department, he said.

Trump, who won enough delegates Thursday to clinch the GOP nomination, was facing new questions this week about his claims of raising \$6 million, including \$1 million of his own money, for veterans' charities during a campaign event in January.

Despite his claims, Trump only donated the \$1 million of his own money on Monday after questions from the media, according to The Washington Post. Trump blamed the "dishonest and disgusting media" for ignoring how the money benefited veterans.

Caldwell said it is not likely to hurt the mogul and former reality television star.

"I don't think a lot of veterans have paid a lot of attention to that controversy," he said.

Earlier this month, Trump said he does not regret saying in July that McCain, a former Navy pilot who spent over five years as a prisoner during the Vietnam War, is not a war hero because he was captured.

Truman sailors' invention to be used on space station

BY CHRIS CHURCH
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ABOARD THE USS HARRY S. TRUMAN — Sailors in the USS Harry S. Truman's 3-D printing lab have invented a device that's already saving the Navy thousands of dollars and soon will have out-of-this-world implications.

The Truman is the first of the Navy's 10 aircraft carriers to be outfitted with a 3-D printer, although the service also has used 3-D printers aboard the amphibious assault ships USS Essex and USS Kearsarge.

So far, the Truman's printer

has proved useful for a variety of applications. It has been used to create quick fixes for hoses used by the shipboard anesthesiologist, as well as for switch covers that prevent people from bumping into important switches, such as the ones in the ship's bridge that control lighting on the flight deck.

But, it's the idea for a colorful little clasp known as the Tru Clip that has really taken off.

The idea for the Tru Clip, a tiny figure-8-shaped plastic piece, was born of necessity.

The ship's combat systems department asked the 3D printing lab if it could find a way to

alleviate a common shipboard problem — a clasp on the handheld radios used across the ship kept breaking, according to Lt. j.g. Casey Staidl, 3-D printing lab division officer.

To address the problem, the 3D printing shop, where Staidl and three other sailors work, bounced ideas back and forth until they came up with the design that is not only functional but cheap.

Each Tru Clip costs about 6 cents, a far cry from the \$615 it costs the Navy to replace a single clasp, Staidl said.

In the past three months, the ship already has saved about

\$12,000.

The Navy likely will continue to save even more money as the Tru Clip design is integrated into the fleet, Staidl said.

And the ship is sending the digital file of the design to the International Space Station, where astronauts will use it to print out the clip using their on-board 3-D printer.

The space station is hoping to print its first Tru Clip about June 17 to coincide with the White House sponsored National Week of Making, which honors inventors and innovators.

Sharks earn first trip to Cup final

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif.— Two years after their most devastating playoff loss, the San Jose Sharks held their most meaningful celebration.

The franchise notorious for falling short each postseason will finally get the chance to play for the Stanley Cup.

Captain Joe Pavelski scored an early goal, Joel Ward added two more and the Sharks advanced to their first Stanley Cup Final in franchise history by beating the St. Louis Blues 5-2 on Wednesday night in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals.

"You try to learn from experiences," Pavelski said. "You like to not have to. But that's the course we've taken. Now that we're here, again, this was a great step for us. It was another step. ... But we realize there's more out there. That's what we're going to turn our attention to."

Few outside San Jose thought this day would come so soon after the team blew the 3-0 series lead in a soul-crushing

playoff defeat to rival Los Angeles in 2014 and then missed the playoffs entirely last season.

But on the same ice surface where they watched the Kings celebrate on the way to their second championship, the Sharks posted the biggest win in their 25-year history.

"That was as low as you can get as a professional athlete, individually and team-wise," center Logan Couture said. "Then last year obviously tough time missing the playoffs and going through some stuff as a team. I really think everything we've gone through has made us a lot stronger as a group."

The players who endured those disappointments played a big role in getting past them. Joe Thornton set up Pavelski for the first goal, Patrick Marleau had two assists in the third and Couture had a goal and two assists to give him a league-best 24 points this postseason.

But unlike past years, San Jose's stars got plenty of help. Martin Jones made 24 saves, Ward posted his second straight

two-goal game and rookie Joonas Donskoi also scored as the Sharks got lots of contributions from some of the newcomers general manager Doug Wilson brought in over the past year.

"It's huge just for the people who have been here so long," Ward said. "I think this was an unbelievable accomplishment for sure."

Despite making the playoffs 16 times in 18 seasons and winning the second-most games in the NHL since the start of the 2003-04 season, the Sharks have lacked postseason success.

They won just three games in three previous trips to the conference finals, were knocked out twice in four seasons by a No. 8 seed and then had the collapse against Los Angeles in 2014.

The impact of that loss lasted for a while as San Jose missed the playoffs entirely last season. But led by first-year coach Peter DeBoer, a familiar core and added depth, the Sharks recovered this year and are now only four wins from a championship.

"It's a pretty cool feeling," Thornton said. "Obviously it's our first time. It was pretty neat to get this done at home. The fans here have waited so long, 25 years. We've waited 18 years or so. So it's a great feeling."

This was the first time in San Jose's history that the team played with a trip to the Stanley Cup Final on the line. The atmosphere in the Shark Tank reflected the high stakes, with the fans at a frenzy during pregame introductions. The "Let's Go Sharks!" chants started soon after the puck dropped, and those chants turned to "We Want The Cup! We Want The Cup!" in the third period after San Jose took a 4-0 lead.

Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final will be Monday night. The Sharks will either host Tampa Bay or visit Pittsburgh, depending on the winner of Thursday night's Game 7 in the Eastern Conference finals.

Nagbe's late score lifts Americans over Ecuador

Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Darlington Nagbe's first international goal was a lift for the United States in its next-to-last tuneup before hosting next month's Copa America.

Nagbe scored on a 90th-minute volley, and the U.S. beat Ecuador 1-0 in an exhibition Wednesday night for just its third win in 21 games against South American teams over the past nine years. The U.S. had 14 losses and four draws in that span.

Born in Liberia, Nagbe was making his fifth international appearance following his debut in November, made shortly after he became a U.S. citizen.

"It gives you a lot of confidence," Nagbe said. "To come out here and have a little bit of the ball and create some chances and get a goal and get the win, it's good."

The No. 29 Americans face Bolivia on Saturday in an exhibition at Kansas City, Kan., then open the tournament against fourth-ranked Colombia on June 3 at Santa Clara, Calif.

After a listless first half, the U.S. attack improved with the entry of Nagbe and Bobby Wood after the break and of 17-year-old Christian Pulisic in the 63rd minute.

The goal developed after Alejandro Bedoya dribbled down the right flank and cut the ball back to DeAndre Yedlin. He beat a defender and crossed into the penalty area, where Juan Carlos Paredes at the 6-yard box tried to clear with a header.

Wood outjumped Robert Arboleda not far from the penalty spot and headed a pass to Nagbe. The 25-year-old midfielder chested the ball and, while falling,

volleyed a right-footed shot from about 8 yards past Esteban Dreer, who replaced injured starter Alexander Dominguez when the second half began.

"It says that Darlington understands the moment in time," said U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann. "He knows that he has to push the envelope. He knows that he's a couple of years late for us because he couldn't play before that. So he's not a youngster anymore."

Clint Dempsey, who grew up in the East Texas town of Nacogdoches but trained in the Dallas area as a youth, didn't have many other chances on the same field where he scored twice in a CONCACAF Gold Cup-opening win over Honduras last July.

American goalkeeper Brad Guzan, starting ahead of Tim Howard, was rarely tested by Ecuador, which was missing Antonio Valencia and left back Walter Ayovi.

After Sunday's 3-1 win at Puerto Rico, the U.S. starting lineup turned over with the addition of seven players who had been with their Major League Soccer teams last weekend: central defender Steve Birnbaum, midfielders Kyle Beckerman, Jermaine Jones, Michael Bradley, and Dempsey flanked by Zusi and Zardes in the attack.

In addition, Fabian Johnson played the entire match at left back after recovering from a groin injury, his first game action since April 24 with Borussia Moenchengladbach in the Bundesliga.

Williams sisters through to third round in Paris

Associated Press

PARIS — Venus Williams is into the third round of the French Open for the first time since 2010.

The seven-time major champion, seeded ninth, overpowered 20-year-old American qualifier Louisa Chirico 6-2, 6-1 in 54 minutes Thursday at Court Suzanne Lenglen.

Williams, who turns 36 next month, was the runner-up to her younger sister Serena at the 2002 French Open. But Venus hasn't enjoyed much success at Roland Garros lately — losing in the first or second round every year from 2012-15, and missing the tournament in 2011.

Venus' victory came right after Serena won her second-round match Thursday by the same score and on the same court.

The siblings potentially could face each other in the semifinals.

Defending champion Serena Williams needed only 66 minutes to beat 81st-ranked Teliana Pereira of Brazil 6-2, 6-1, piling up a 31-6 edge in winners.

Serena Williams is trying to win her 22nd Grand Slam title, which would equal Steffi Graf's Open-era record.

On the men's side, Rafael Nadal set another milestone, posting the 200th Grand Slam match win of his career.

Nadal got off a sluggish start but once he got into his swing, he was in control. The record nine-time champion at Roland Garros ended up beating Facundo Bagnis 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 to become the eighth man in history to win 200 matches at major tournaments.

Novak Djokovic, who ended Nadal's 39-match winning streak at Roland Garros last year in the quarterfinals, joined the Spaniard in the third round. The top-

ranked Serb was far from his best, hitting 42 unforced errors against Belgian qualifier Steve Darcis, but his mistakes did not prevent him from advancing 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

"I think this year I played better than last year," said Nadal, who has been in fine form in the buildup to the French Open, winning titles in Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

"I've been able to play some really good matches against the best players in the world," Nadal said. "I'm very happy to be competitive again."

Chasing the only Grand Slam tournament missing from his trophy collection, Djokovic won his 50th match at Roland Garros by defeating Darcis. Djokovic said he struggled to cope with his opponent's speed from the baseline.

"It was difficult for me tactically to dictate points because he's very talented," Djokovic said. "It was difficult but I'm happy I was able to finish in three sets."

Djokovic, who has lost in the final on the red clay in three of the last four years, and Nadal could meet in the semifinals this year.

Also advancing were seventh-seeded Tomas Berdych, No. 13 Dominic Thiem and No. 14 Roberto Bautista Agut. No. 20 Bernard Tomic lost to 19-year-old Borna Coric 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (6).

In the women's draw, Kiki Bertens extended her winning run to nine matches to reach the third round with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Camila Giorgi.

Former French Open champion Ana Ivanovic reached the third round, too, hitting 35 winners in a 7-5, 6-1 win over Kurumi Nara.



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BoSox's Bradley extends streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jackie Bradley Jr. swears he isn't thinking about his current hitting streak. Around Fenway Park, he'd be the only one.

Bradley had two hits to extend his major league-best streak to 29 games, Xander Bogaerts homered to extend his hitting streak to 18 games and the Boston Red Sox beat the Colorado Rockies 10-3 on Wednesday night for their fourth straight win.

Travis Shaw added three RBIs and Blake Swihart had a pair of triples as Boston moved to a season-best 12 games over .500. The Red Sox have scored eight or more runs 10 times in their last 14 home games.

"I don't think about it, until I'm reminded about it," said Bradley, who tied Johnny Damon for the fourth-longest streak in club history. "If it ends tomorrow, today — it doesn't matter. I just want to continue to keep swinging the bat well and keep winning."

Steven Wright (4-4) had another solid

outing, giving up three runs, two earned. He has now given up three runs or fewer in eight of his nine starts.

Chad Bettis (4-3) held the Red Sox scoreless through three innings but was responsible for seven runs over the next two innings and was pulled.

"I just thought location got away from him in the fourth and the fifth," manager Walt Weiss said.

The Rockies have lost six of their last seven — all on the road.

After a slow start, the Red Sox got back into the recent offensive groove that has propelled them this season.

Bogaerts led off the fourth with his home run to get Boston on the board. Later, Bradley lined Bettis' first pitch of his at-bat through the left side of the infield to extend his streak.

Shaw followed with an RBI single, and Swihart kept things going later with his two-run triple to put Boston up 4-2. The Red Sox added three more in the fifth.

"Another strong performance by our guys," manager John Farrell said.

The offense helped erase what was at times a tough night for catcher Ryan Hanigan trying to corral the Wright's knuckleballs. Hanigan allowed four passed balls, and Wright had three wild pitches.

A passed ball and wild pitch in the second inning helped set up an RBI ground-out by Mark Reynolds that put the Rockies up 1-0.

Hanigan nearly tied it in the third with an apparent home run to right field, but a review ruled it foul. He exited an inning later and was replaced by Christian Vazquez due to illness.

Dustin Pedroia was replaced in the fifth by Marco Hernandez for precautionary reasons after experiencing right hamstring tightness while running to second on a double.

Pedroia said he was stretched after he left and expects to play Thursday.

"Unless I get benched," he said.

Love leads Cavs' rout of Raptors

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Back home, the Cavaliers were not hospitable. Just rude.

They roughed up the visiting Raptors again.

LeBron James scored 23 points then sat the fourth quarter, Kevin Love scored 25, and Cleveland unleashed tenacious defense on Toronto to regain control of the Eastern Conference finals with a 116-78 rout of the Raptors in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

On their court in front of 20,000-plus screaming, towel-waving fans following two straight losses in Canada, the Cavs opened a 34-point lead in the first half, pushed it to 43 in the second half and took a 3-2 series lead.

They can clinch their second straight conference title and trip to the NBA Finals with a win in Game 6 on Friday night in Toronto.

"We gotta come out from the beginning and that starts with the Big 3," James said, referring to himself, Love and Kyrie Irving, who added 23 points. "We'll be much better."

It's hard to imagine the Cavs being more in sync. They clicked at both ends in Game 5, handing the Raptors a beating that could linger into the offseason. After coming in with momentum and confidence, Toronto's players left Quicken Loans Arena shaken and one loss from having their deepest playoff run stopped.

"They kicked our butts, bottom line," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said. "That's been all three ballgames."

James had eight assists and six rebounds in 31 minutes before checking out late in the third quarter with the Cavs up 37. He spent the fourth quarter resting on the bench while Cleveland's reserves finished the romp.

At halftime, James, Irving and Love had outscored the Raptors 43-34. Cleveland has won its three games in the series by a combined 88 points, and won its last four over Toronto at home by 110.

"They are a different team here," Casey said. "We came in here with a chance to do something special and we didn't get it done. They pushed us around and took what they wanted."

DeMar DeRozan scored 14 and Kyle Lowry 13 for the Raptors, who were overwhelmed from the start. Bismack Biyombo had just four rebounds after getting 40 the past two games. The only positive for Toronto was center Jonas Valanciunas, who returned after missing eight straight games with a sprained right ankle. He scored nine points in 18 minutes.

Playing defense as if every possession was the game's last, Cleveland held Toronto to 34 points in the opening half while building a 31-point halftime lead — the largest in conference finals history. Since their expansion arrival in 1993, the Raptors had never been down by 30 before in any game — regular or postseason — at halftime but they have rarely seen a defense like this either.

The Cavs were all over the court, swarming and stifling DeRozan and Lowry, who combined for 67 points in Game 4.

Love found his shooting touch after it went missing during the lost weekend in Toronto, where he went just 5 of 23 and was benched for the fourth quarter of Game 4. He finished 8 of 10 from the field, a confidence-boosting performance that should temporarily quiet his critics.

Arrieta at 9-0 after Cubs' win

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jake Arrieta got some help from the Cubs' offense to stay perfect.

Arrieta remained unbeaten on the season despite allowing as many as four runs for the first time in nearly a year and the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-8 on Wednesday.

"I picked a good day to be [bad]," Arrieta said.

"I was aggressive but they had a good game plan coming in and it was a good thing our offense was able to be extremely productive today."

Arrieta (9-0) joined the White Sox's Chris Sale as the only nine-game winners in the majors.

Arrieta allowed four runs in a regular-season game for the first time since June 16, 2015.

"We grind whoever it is," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "We acknowledge the fact that he's a good pitcher and has had a good start, but I think for us to give him too much credit and go up defeated it a bad route."

Arrieta became the first Cub to win his first nine decisions since Kenny Holtzman in 1967 and it is the best start to a season for the franchise since Jim McCormick went 16-0 in 1886.

The Cubs have won Arrieta's past 23 starts, a franchise record.

"There was not any good flow to his pitching today," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "You look at the gun everything's normal. The guy competes."

Kris Bryant hit a three-run homer and Jason Heyward and Ben Zobrist each drove in two runs for the Cubs.

Bryant drove a 3-2 pitch from Seung Hwan Oh about 411 feet in the sixth inning, giving the Cubs a 9-4 lead. Bryant has homered in three of his past six games.

Blue Jays 8, Yankees 4: Russell Martin hit his first two home runs of the season, Michael Saunders also went deep and Toronto finally broke out its big bats, halting host New York's six-game winning streak.

Marco Estrada (2-2) took a two-hitter into the seventh inning and the last-place Blue Jays won for the fourth time in six games following an 0-5 slide.

Astros 4, Orioles 3: Evan Gattis hit a two-run homer and Luis Valbuena had a tiebreaking solo shot in the sixth inning that gave host Houston a win.

Baltimore tied the score 3-3 with a two-run sixth, and Valbuena homered for the second straight day with an opposite-field drive, two-out to left-center field off Tyler Wilson (2-3).

Mets 2, Nationals 0: Steven Matz pitched a career-high eight innings to win his seventh consecutive start for visiting New York.

Matz (7-1) has a 1.13 ERA over his winning streak, not allowing a run in four of those starts.

Dodgers 3, Reds 1: Joc Pederson hit a go-ahead, two-run single with two outs in the fourth inning and Scott Kazmir struck out 12, lifting host Los Angeles over Cincinnati to complete a three-game sweep.

The Dodgers have won four in a row overall and nine straight against the Reds, who extended their season-high skid to 10 games.

Pirates 5, Diamondbacks 4: David Freese hit a long two-run home run to cap a four-run fifth inning, Sean Rodriguez also homered and host Pittsburgh rallied.

Freese hit a 451-foot blast into the Pirates' bullpen in center field off Rubby De La Rosa (4-5) to put the Pirates ahead 5-4. They trailed 4-1 coming into the fifth but then Gregory Polanco hit an RBI double and Starling Marte drove in a run with a groundout.

Mariners 13, Athletics 3: Adam Lind hit home runs in his first two at-bats and had a season-best six RBIs while host Seattle scored a season-high in runs in a rout.

Marlins 4, Rays 3: Cole Gillespie had a late tiebreaking RBI single, Marcell Ozuna drove in two runs and visiting Miami beat Tampa Bay.

Indians 4, White Sox 3: Corey Kluber allowed two runs over 7 1/3 innings and visiting Cleveland roughed up a top White Sox pitcher for the second straight day.

After sending Chris Sale to his first loss after a 9-0 start, the Indians got three runs and five hits in six innings against Joel Quintana (5-4). Quintana's ERA, an AL-best 1.98 at the start of the day, rose to 2.22.

Rangers 15, Angels 9: Rangers rookie Nomar Mazara hit the longest home run in the major leagues this season, Rougned Odor drove in three in likely his last game before a suspension and host Texas beat Los Angeles.

Mazara led off the second with a drive into the second deck of the right-seat seats that would have traveled 491 feet had it landed unimpeded, according to Major League Baseball's Statcast program.

Twins 7, Royals 5: Miguel Sano hit the go-ahead two-run home run in the fifth inning after gist Minnesota lost an early lead, and the Twins staved off another series sweep.

Eduardo Nunez and Brian Dozier each homered, too, the first two batters to face Royals starter Dillon Gee (1-2) and just the fifth pair in Twins history to go deep in their first two plate appearances of the game.

Giants 4, Padres 3 (10): Brandon Crawford singled in Matt Duffy with two outs in the 10th inning, and surging host San Francisco got its 13th win in 14 games.

San Francisco completed a three-game sweep, extended its winning streak to five and improved to 9-0 against the Padres this season.

Phillies 8, Tigers 5: Odubel Herrera and Peter Bourjos homered off Anibal Sanchez, and visiting Philadelphia salvaged the finale of a three-game series.

Detroit had won eight of nine, including the first two games of this set, but Herrera's three-run drive put Philadelphia up 5-1 in the fourth. Aaron Nola (4-3) and the Phillies were able to hold on from there. Jeanmar Gomez pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 17th save in 18 chances.

Brewers 3, Braves 2 (13): Jonathan Villar's run-scoring single in the 13th inning for Milwaukee sent Atlanta to another home loss.

Villar lined an 0-2 pitch into left field off Casey Kelly (0-2), who had been scheduled to start for the Braves on Saturday. Instead, he wound up going four innings after the Braves used up their entire bullpen by the end of the ninth.