

# TIGERS MAUL MINNESOTA TWINS 6-3

**DETROIT:** Justin Verlander struck out 10 batters, including the 2,000th of his career, to help the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 6-3 on Wednesday. The Tigers have won four straight, equaling a season high, after losing 11 of 12 games. Verlander (3-4) allowed six hits and three runs over 7-1/3 innings while matching his season high in strikeouts. He joined Mickey Lolich as the two pitchers in franchise history with 2,000 career strikeouts. The Twins have lost 11 of 13, dropping to 10-29 for the worst record in the majors.

## CUBS 2, BREWERS 1, 13 INNINGS

Pitcher Travis Wood drove in the go-ahead run when he walked with the bases loaded in the 13th inning to lead Chicago over Milwaukee. With the Cubs out of position players, manager Joe Maddon had Wood hit with two outs after the Brewers intentionally walked Miguel Montero to load the bases. Wood drew the walk when Carlos Torres (0-1) missed on a 3-1 cutter, forcing Ben Zobrist home with the go-ahead run.

## NATIONALS 7, METS 1

Daniel Murphy drove in two runs against his former team to back Gio Gonzalez in his latest win at Citi Field as a patient Washington beat New York. Anthony Rendon snapped a fifth-inning tie with a two-run single for the Nationals, who held on to first place in the NL East. Gonzalez (3-1) carried a two-hitter into the seventh before three singles loaded the bases with one out. Felipe Rivero relieved and escaped the jam unscathed. Yoenis Cespedes hit his 13th home run for the Mets, who have lost five of six.

## GIANTS 2, PADRES 1

Johnny Cueto threw a four-hitter and Hunter Pence hit a two-run homer to lead San Francisco to its seventh straight win with a victory over San Diego. Cueto (6-1) struck out eight and walked two while allowing one run in his second complete game of the season - both coming against the Padres. He improved to 4-1 in his career vs San Diego, including a shutout on April 26. Buster Posey led off the fourth with a walk from Drew Pomeranz (4-4) and Pence followed with a homer that just cleared the right field wall.

## ROYALS 3, RED SOX 2, GAME 1; RED SOX 5, ROYALS 2, GAME 2

Jackie Bradley Jr and Mookie Betts homered to back a strong start by David Price as and Boston beat Kansas City to salvage a split of their day-night doubleheader. The Royals won the opener 3-2 behind a strong performance by Ian Kennedy and their bullpen. Kennedy allowed two runs on six hits and a walk over 5-2/3 innings, striking out nine, before Brian Flynn - who earned his first career win - and Luke Hochevar combined to strike out four consecutive batters. It was Price (6-1) who shined in the nightcap, allowing two runs over 7-1/3 innings. Craig Kimbrel handled a scoreless ninth for his 11th save.

## CARDINALS 2, ROCKIES 0

Adam Wainwright had his best start of the season and Matt Holliday had a two-run double as St Louis ended the Colorado Rockies' five-game winning streak. Stephen Piscotty had three hits and scored a run for the Cardinals, while Chris Rusin (1-2) allowed two runs in six innings for the Rockies. Wainwright (4-3) worked a season-



**CALIFORNIA:** Los Angeles Dodgers' Trayce Thompson can't come up with the catch on this double by the Los Angeles Angels' Rafael Ortega in the fifth inning in a baseball game at Angel Stadium on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. — AP

high 6-2/3 innings, a third of an inning longer than his previous best, and lowered his ERA 88 points to a still-unsightly 5.92.

## ANGELS 8, DODGERS 1

Mike Trout homered as the Angels broke the game open with five runs in the fifth inning to beat the Dodgers in the Freeway Series. CJ Cron's bases-loaded infield single put the Angels ahead 2-1 and opened the floodgates. Mike Bolsinger (0-1) began the inning by giving up a single to Yunel Escobar and issuing a one-out walk to Trout. Louis Coleman relieved and immediately loaded the bases by walking Albert Pujols. Cron scored on Howie Kendrick's error that made Johnny Giavotella safe at first. Rafael Ortega's double dropped in front of charging left fielder Trayce Thompson, leading to two more runs. Carlos Perez's sacrifice fly extended the lead to 6-1.

## ASTROS 5, WHITE SOX 3

Jose Altuve had three hits and two runs batted in while Colby Rasmus and Jason Castro each had a solo home run and Houston beat Chicago despite the White Sox turning their second triple play of the season. Altuve went 3 for 4 with a walk and Castro went 2 for 3 with a walk. Jose Abreu went 2 for 4 with two RBIs for Chicago, which has dropped a season-high four straight and six of seven overall. Doug Fister (4-3) allowed three runs on nine hits in 6 1/3 innings to get the win. Luke Gregerson, who had blown three of his last four save chances, got the final three outs for his ninth save.

## INDIANS 8, REDS 7, 12 INNINGS

Rajai Davis hit a tying, two-run homer in the ninth inning then Francisco Lindor led off the 12th with another homer to power Cleveland to victory. Lindor connected off Keyvius Sampson (0-1) while Cody Allen (1-

3) pitched two hitless innings. Dan Otero gave up a single and a walk in the 12th but retired Brandon Phillips on a routine fly to right, earning his first save since 2014. Jay Bruce hit two solo homers and Eugenio Suarez had a three-run shot that allowed the Reds to take a 7-5 lead into the ninth.

## YANKEES 4, DIAMONDBACKS 2

Nathan Eovaldi retired the 18 batters he faced after allowing a freak leadoff base hit as New York salvaged the final game of a three-game series in Arizona. Jean Segura's ground ball to start the first inning bounced off the bag at second and dribbled into the outfield for a double. After that, only two balls even reached the outfield off the Yankees right-hander, who hit 100 mph on the Chase Field radar gun while improving to 4-0 in his last five starts. Brett Gardner hit a two-run homer and Jacoby Ellsbury went 3 for 3 with an RBI single for New York. Aroldis Chapman threw a perfect ninth for his fourth save since being reinstated on May 9.

## BRAVES 3, PIRATES 1

Julio Teheran allowed five hits in 7 2/3 innings as Atlanta gave Brian Snitker his first victory as interim manager. Teheran (1-4) struck out three without a walk to end six weeks of frustration. Tyler Flowers hit a home run to the bushes in center field and finished with three hits for the Braves, who won for just the third time in their last 13 games. Aroldys Vizcaino gave up a ninth-inning home run to Jung Ho Kang but got the final four outs for his fourth save.

## ORIOLES 5, MARINERS 2

Chris Tillman won his fifth straight start with another solid performance against his former team as Baltimore beat Seattle. Mark Trumbo and Matt Wieters hit back-to-back homers for the Orioles, whose 17-7 record at

Camden Yards is the best home mark in the major leagues. Tillman (6-1) allowed two runs on four hits with six strikeouts over 6 1/3 innings. Closer Zach Britton relieved Brach Brach and worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth. Britton got his 11th save by recording five outs.

## RAYS 6, BLUE JAYS 3

Kevin Kiermaier hit a two-run homer while Logan Morrison and Desmond Jennings each had solo shots as Tampa Bay beat Toronto to complete a three-game sweep. Morrison had three hits and scored twice for the Rays, who outscored the Blue Jays 31-7 over the series. Edwin Encarnacion, Jimmy Paredes and Michael Saunders hit solo homers for Toronto. All three Tampa Bay homers came off R.A. Dickey (2-5), who allowed five runs and eight hits in six innings.

## ATHLETICS 8, RANGERS 1

Khris Davis hit his fourth home run in two games and Danny Valencia drove in two as Oakland completed a three-game sweep of Texas. Rich Hill (6-3) won for the first time at home after giving up a run on three hits over his six innings. He walked one and struck out six. Davis hit a solo home run in the sixth, a day after hitting three homers, including a walk-off grand slam. He leads the majors with nine home runs and 20 RBIs in May.

## PHILLIES 4, MARLINS 2

Tyler Goeddel hit his first career homer and Jeremy Hellickson pitched six sharp innings as Philadelphia beat Miami. Hellickson (4-2) allowed two runs and five hits, striking out four. He retired 11 in a row at one point and pitched well after a shaky start. Jeanmar Gomez tossed a perfect ninth for his 16th save in 17 tries. — AP