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ST LOUIS: Orlando Arcia #3 of the Milwaukee Brewers strikes out against the St. Louis Cardinals in the fifth inning at Busch Stadium in St Louis, Missouri. — AFP

## Cards lose no-hitter but shut out Brewers

### Kelly, Marte homer to lift D-backs past Rockies

ST LOUIS: Dakota Hudson held the visiting Milwaukee Brewers hitless for 6 2/3 innings Monday night, propelling the St. Louis Cardinals to a 3-0 victory. Hudson (12-6) exited with a no-hitter intact with two outs in the seventh inning after walking Eric Thames with his 111th pitch. Yasmani Grandal ended the combined no-hitter one inning later with a two-out double off reliever Giovanny Gallegos. Cardinals reliever Andrew Miller got the last out in the eighth inning with the bases loaded, then closed out the game in the ninth to earn his fifth save. Hudson had seven strikeouts but allowed four walks. The division-leading Cardinals won for the eighth time in 10 games. The Brewers have lost five of their past seven games. Kolten Wong (ground-out) and Dexter Fowler (single) drove in runs for St. Louis in the fifth inning, and Paul DeJong added a solo homer in the sixth.

#### Nationals 13, Pirates 0

Trea Turner hit a three-run homer, Matt Adams and Asdrubal Cabrera each hit two-run dingers, and Adam Eaton hit a solo shot as Washington cruised to victory at Pittsburgh. Washington racked up 11 runs in the first four innings after hitting eight homers Sunday in a 16-8 win over the Milwaukee Brewers. The Nationals have won seven of their past eight games and have scored 62 runs in their past five games. Nationals starter Joe Ross pitched 3 1/3 scoreless, three-hit innings before he left after getting hit in the right leg by a Josh Bell comebacker. Javy Guerra (2-1) took over and was perfect for 3 2/3 innings.

#### Rangers 8, Angels 7 (11 innings)

Isiah Kiner-Falefa's infield single scored the winning run in the 11th inning for Texas, which climbed from an early hole to beat Los Angeles in Arlington, Texas. Hunter Pence went 3-for-4 with two walks for the Rangers. Willie Calhoun and Delino DeShields had two hits each, and Scott Heineman added the first two RBIs of his career. Albert Pujols hit a three-run homer for the Angels, who left the bases loaded in the eighth and ninth innings and had the bases loaded before lining into a double play to end the 10th. Los Angeles didn't score after the second inning.

#### Diamondbacks 5, Rockies 3

Carson Kelly hit a go-ahead home run in the eighth inning, and Ketel Marte had a two-run shot as Arizona beat Colorado in Phoenix. Arizona added two more runs after Kelly's homer when David Peralta greeted reliever Jake McGee with a two-run triple into the right field corner. All three eighth-inning runs were charged to reliever Wade Davis (1-6). Kelly's blast came after the Rockies tied the game at 2 in the top of the inning when Tony Wolters singled to drive in his second run of the game. Colorado's Charlie Blackmon hit a solo homer in the ninth off Archie Bradley, who earned his fifth save. Yoan Lopez (2-5) got the final two outs of the eighth.

#### Royals 5, Orioles 4

Nicky Lopez and Nick Dini homered on back-to-back pitches starting the seventh inning, helping Kansas City win at Baltimore. The Royals ended a two-game losing

streak while the Orioles dropped their eighth consecutive game. Kansas City scored three in the sixth and was up 3-2 when Lopez homered on the first pitch of that seventh inning off Gabriel Ynoa. Dini followed with his solo shot on the next pitch. Dini's first major league home run and gave the Royals a three-run lead. Kansas City starter Jorge Lopez (2-7) gave up one run on two hits in five innings. Ian Kennedy pitched the ninth for his 22nd save despite allowing a home run to Rio Ruiz.

#### White Sox 6, Twins 4

Jose Abreu hit a three-run homer, and Yolmer Sanchez drove in a run with a suicide squeeze to lead Chicago to a victory over Minnesota in Minneapolis. Ryan Goins went 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs for Chicago, which snapped a seven-game losing streak at Target Field. Jorge Polanco homered and drove in two runs for Minnesota, which had its four-game winning streak snapped. Chicago's Ivan Nova (9-9) overcame a rocky start to improve to 5-0 in his past six starts, allowing two runs on 10 hits over 5 1/3 innings. Alex Colome, despite giving up three hits and a run in the ninth, picked up his 24th save.

#### Astros 5, Tigers 4

Yuli Gurriel had a two-run double as part of a four-run first inning, and Houston then used some gritty bullpen work to fend off visiting Detroit. Gurriel drove home Alex Bregman and Yordan Alvarez with his double to straight-away center field and later scored on a fielding error by Tigers left fielder Brandon Dixon to cap the Astros' early

four-run outburst. Houston extended its lead to 5-2 before holding tight down the stretch, with relievers Hector Rondon, Will Harris and Roberto Osuna (28th save) putting together the final 10 outs. Ronny Rodriguez and Travis Demeritte homered for the Tigers.

#### Padres 3, Reds 2

Francisco Mejia hit a go-ahead home run in the fourth inning, and Kirby Yates worked out of a ninth-inning jam as San Diego won at Cincinnati. Josh VanMeter had an RBI single off Yates in the ninth to make it 3-2, but the closer induced a fielder's choice to retire the potential tying run in a rundown between third and home for the second out. After plunking Jose Iglesias to load the bases, Yates fanned Eugenio Suarez for his 36th save and third in three days. Greg Garcia was 2-for-4 with two runs, and Manny Machado had an RBI single for the Padres, who have won four of their past five games.

#### Mariners 9, Rays 3

Tom Murphy hit two home runs and drove in four runs as Seattle defeated Tampa Bay in St. Petersburg, Fla. Austin Nola also homered for the Mariners, who improved to 5-2 on their nine-game trip. Tommy Pham and Austin Meadows went deep for the Rays, who had a two-game winning streak snapped. The Rays' lead over the idle Oakland A's for the American League's second and final wild card was trimmed to one game.

Mariners starter Marco Gonzales (13-10) pitched five innings, allowing three runs on five hits. He walked two and struck out five. — Reuters

## Players should boycott social media to combat racist abuse: Neville

LONDON: England women's coach Phil Neville has urged the football community to boycott social media for six months and "send a powerful message" in response to a significant rise in online

racist abuse of players.

Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba became the latest high-profile player to be a target of online abuse after he missed a penalty in Monday's 1-1 draw at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

"I've lost total faith in whoever runs these social media departments, so I just wonder whether now as a football community, in terms of really sending a powerful message, is: come off social media," Neville told reporters yesterday.

"Six months - let's come off social media. Let's see the effect that it has on these social media companies, whether they're really going to do something about it." Last week, Chelsea boss Frank Lampard urged social media companies to take stricter action after 21-year-old striker Tammy Abraham was the target of racist

abuse after his missed penalty in the UEFA Super Cup loss to Liverpool.

A study released by equality and inclusion organisation Kick It Out said it received 159 reports of discrimination via social media in the English professional game last season. Yesterday, Pogba's United team mate Harry Maguire urged social media companies to verify user accounts to prevent supporters from abusing players anonymously.

It is a view which was echoed by Neville. "It's a problem not just in football - it's a problem in society, but football now is at the forefront of everybody's minds in terms of, we've got the power to do something about it," Neville added.

"Maguire said this morning about being verified, giving passport details and addresses to be held

accountable for posting such disgusting things. You can be an egg on Twitter and no one knows who you are."

Neville was speaking after announcing his 24-player squad for England women's upcoming friendlies against Belgium and Norway, handing call-ups to four debutants. Chelsea's Bethany England and Manchester City's Aoife Mannion will join the senior team for the first time, alongside two members of the bronze medal-winning Under-20 World Cup squad, 21-year-old Sandy MacIver and 20-year-old Anna Patten.

Neville has included 19 players who featured in the recent women's World Cup in France, where the team finished fourth. England face Belgium in Leuven on Aug. 29, before travelling to Berben to take on Norway on Sept. 3. —Reuters