



CHICAGO: Addison Russell #27 of the Chicago Cubs hits a home run against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim during the eighth inning at Wrigley Field on Wednesday in Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago Cubs won 3-1. — AFP

HAMMEL DOMINATES AS CUBS WIN 9TH STRAIGHT

Jason Hammel extended his winning streak to five and the Chicago Cubs completed a four-game season sweep of the Los Angeles Angels with a 3-1 victory on Wednesday. Hammel (12-5) allowed four hits, struck out six and walked two through a seven-inning outing. He also had a fifth-inning hit and scored a run. The victory was the eighth straight for Chicago (71-41) and second in a row over Los Angeles (49-64) in the abbreviated Wrigley Field series.

PHILLIES 6, DODGERS 2

Freddy Galvis hit a three-run homer and Ryan Howard added a three-run double to lift Philadelphia over Los Angeles. Elvis Araujo, who was recalled from Triple-A Lehigh Valley on Tuesday, got the win in relief. Araujo (2-1) allowed one hit and hit one batter in his lone inning, the sixth. Araujo replaced starter Jeremy Hellickson, who left the game after five innings with back tightness.

NATIONALS 7, INDIANS 4

Jayson Werth had a three-run homer and a double and scored three times, and Anthony Rendon added two doubles to help the Nationals earn a split of the series between division leaders. The Nationals pounded out 11 hits despite playing their third straight game without right fielder Bryce Harper, who remains sidelined with a stiff neck. Washington broke a 4-4 tie with a three-run fifth. Daniel Murphy had an RBI double in the inning, and Rendon added a two-run double.

A'S 1, ORIOLES 0

Ross Detwiler pitched eight shutout innings in his return to the major leagues and Oakland defeated Baltimore. Detwiler (1-0) was called up from Triple-A Nashville earlier on Wednesday and made his A's debut and first major-league start since May 14, 2015, with Texas. He gave up six hits, struck out two and walked none.

ROYALS 3, WHITE SOX 2 (14 INNINGS)

Lorenzo Cain delivered a two-out, RBI single in the 14th inning for his fifth career walk-off hit as Kansas City edged Chicago. Cain's shot to center scored Christian Colon, who started the inning with a single. Paulo Orlando's sacrifice bunt moved Colon to second.

RANGERS 5, ROCKIES 4

Adrian Beltre singled with the tying run on third base and winning run on second in the eighth inning to lead Texas past Colorado for its fifth straight win. The RBIs were numbers 1,536 and 1,537 for the 37-year-old Beltre, who tied Joe DiMaggio for 47th all time.

BLUE JAYS 7, RAYS 0

Troy Tulowitzki homered and had five RBIs, J.A. Happ struck out seven in six scoreless innings for his 10th straight win and Toronto beat Tampa Bay. Justin Smoak also homered and Melvin Upton Jr stole three bases for the Blue Jays (65-50) in the rubber match of the three-game series.

CARDINALS 3, REDS 2

Jaime Garcia delivered another long, efficient outing when St. Louis needed it. After going eight shutout innings on Friday, he pitched eight more against Cincinnati. Garcia (9-8) allowed six hits and two runs, walking one and fanning four before leaving after Joey Votto doubled and Adam Duvall singled to start the ninth.

PADRES 4, PIRATES 0

Edwin Jackson limited Pittsburgh to two singles in seven dominating innings and an alert Travis Jankowski pulled off a rare steal of home for San Diego. Jackson and relievers Ryan Buchter and Brandon Maurer did not allow a Pirates runner past second base during the combined two-hitter.

YANKEES 9, RED SOX 4

Starlin Castro's two-run double capped a five-run seventh inning for New York against Boston at Fenway Park. Didi Gregorius and Gary Sanchez each slugged solo home runs, and Austin Romine, Jacoby Ellsbury and Chase Headley each added RBIs for the Yankees (57-56), who avoided falling below .500 for the first time since July 17.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, METS 2 (12 INNINGS)

Oscar Hernandez hit his first Major League home run leading off the 12th inning and Arizona edged New York at Citi Field for its third straight win. The Mets (57-56) have lost four of five and are 10-18 since July 8 but remain just 2 1/2 games behind the Miami Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals in the race for the second National League wild card.

BREWERS 4, BRAVES 3

Chris Carter hit a three-run homer as Milwaukee snapped Atlanta's four-game winning streak. Atlanta's Freddie Freeman went 3-for-3 with two homers and a walk. He hit solo shots in the fourth and eighth innings, each time drawing the Braves within a run of Milwaukee, which scored all of its runs in the fourth behind Carter's team-leading 26th home run of the season.

GIANTS 1, MARLINS 0

Giants starter Jeff Samardzija beat David Phelps in a pitching duel between former Notre Dame team mates, helping San Francisco win two games in the three-game series. Brandon Crawford provided the big blow by going deep in the fourth inning for his 11th homer of the season. Astros v Twins (postponed, rain) Houston received a reprieve from the weather. The Astros trailed the Twins 5-0 in the third inning before the game was delayed by rain. After a lengthy delay, the unofficial game was rained out and will be made up in its entirety as part of a day-night doubleheader on Thursday. — Reuters

MLB results/standings

San Francisco 1, Miami 0; Philadelphia 6, LA Dodgers 2; Washington 7, Cleveland 4; San Diego 4, Pittsburgh 0; Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 0; Arizona 3, NY Mets 2 (12 innings); NY Yankees 9, Boston 4; St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 2; Texas 5, Colorado 4; Chicago Cubs 3, LA Angels 1; Milwaukee 4, Atlanta 3; Oakland 1, Baltimore 0.

American League Eastern Division

| | W | L | PCT | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Toronto | 65 | 50 | .565 | - |
| Baltimore | 63 | 50 | .558 | 1 |
| Boston | 61 | 51 | .545 | 2.5 |
| NY Yankees | 57 | 56 | .504 | 7 |
| Tampa Bay | 46 | 67 | .407 | 18 |

Central Division

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| Cleveland | 63 | 48 | .568 | - |
| Detroit | 61 | 53 | .535 | 3.5 |
| Chicago White Sox | 54 | 59 | .478 | 10 |
| Kansas City | 54 | 59 | .478 | 10 |
| Minnesota | 46 | 67 | .407 | 18 |

Western Division

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|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| Texas | 68 | 47 | .591 | - |
| Seattle | 60 | 53 | .531 | 7 |
| Houston | 58 | 55 | .513 | 9 |
| Oakland | 51 | 63 | .447 | 16.5 |
| LA Angels | 49 | 64 | .434 | 18 |

National League Eastern Division

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|--------------|----|----|------|------|
| Washington | 67 | 46 | .593 | - |
| Miami | 60 | 54 | .526 | 7.5 |
| NY Mets | 57 | 56 | .504 | 10 |
| Philadelphia | 53 | 63 | .457 | 15.5 |
| Atlanta | 43 | 71 | .377 | 24.5 |

Central Division

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|--------------|----|----|------|------|
| Chicago Cubs | 71 | 41 | .634 | - |
| St. Louis | 60 | 54 | .526 | 12 |
| Pittsburgh | 56 | 55 | .505 | 14.5 |
| Milwaukee | 50 | 62 | .446 | 21 |
| Cincinnati | 46 | 67 | .407 | 25.5 |

Western Division

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|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| San Francisco | 65 | 49 | .570 | - |
| LA Dodgers | 64 | 50 | .561 | 1 |
| Colorado | 55 | 59 | .482 | 10 |
| San Diego | 49 | 64 | .434 | 15.5 |
| Arizona | 47 | 66 | .416 | 17.5 |