

## ZOLA LOSES QATAR COACHING JOB

**DOHA:** Former Italy and Chelsea star Gianfranco Zola has been sacked as coach of Al-Arabi, a spokesman for the Qatari Stars League side said yesterday. Zola, who lasted just one season in Qatar, will be replaced by veteran Uruguayan coach, Gerardo Pelusso. "Our president has said he is going to change the coach," the spokesman for Al-Arabi told AFP. Asked if Zola, who signed a two-year contract with the Doha-based club in July 2015, had been sacked, the spokesman replied: "Yes." Despite being one of the biggest names in the Qatari league, the Italian, who celebrates his 50th birthday next week, appears to have paid the price for Al-Arabi's poor league form. The club finished eighth in the 14-team league, exactly the same position and with the same number of points, 35, as the previous season. The decision to replace Zola comes after the club installed a new president, Sheikh Khalifa bin Jabr Al-Thani. Managerial changes are common at Al-Arabi and Zola was the 12th coach at the club in just the past six years. Previous Al-Arabi coaches included Zola's former Chelsea teammate Dan Petrescu and Germany's Uli Stielike. — AFP



## FRONTE DESPERATE FOR ANOTHER CHANCE

**MARSEILLE:** Jose Fonte is on cloud nine after making his Euro 2016 bow for Portugal in their round of 16 victory over Croatia and he cannot wait to face Poland. The 32-year-old centre-back, who started in Saturday's 1-0 win over Croatia, is hoping coach Fernando Santos elects to play him in the quarter-finals against Poland on Thursday in Marseille. Poland, who beat Switzerland on penalties on Saturday, had not won a game before the clash with Croatia, registering three successive draws in the group stage. "Saturday's game was important for me as I played my first game in such a big competition," Fonte said. "If the coach considers it, I am ready to play the next game." Portugal beat a Croatia team flying high after their 2-1 come-from-behind win over holders Spain in their final group game. Fonte believes everyone in the Portugal squad feels valued. "All the players feel important," said Fonte, who made 32 Premier League appearances for Southampton last season. "That is what the coach makes us believe. I am ready to start just like the other 22 players in the group. We work daily and the coach tells us that he believes in all of us. That gives us hope and makes everyone work at their best." Portugal reached the semi-finals of the competition four years ago before losing to Spain on penalties. — Reuters

## CAPELLO IMPRESSED BY CALLOW ENGLAND

**LONDON:** Italian coach Fabio Capello is intrigued by the make-up of England's Euro 2016 squad but fears a lack of experience could prevent the national team he once managed from scaling the heights in France. England are unbeaten in the competition and take on Iceland on Monday evening in the last 16 in Nice hoping to set up a quarter-final meeting with hosts France. Roy Hodgson is overseeing the youngest England squad in a competitive tournament for 58 years, with an average age of 25 years and 10 months. "They are young, daring, very dangerous in attack and they defend very well," Capello, who led England from 2008 until 2012, told Spanish newspaper Marca. "They are a national team without experience. We shall see how far they go." England went into the tournament with five wins in their previous six games. They finished second in Group B after a victory over Wales and draws with Russia and Slovakia. Hodgson, who took over from Capello, led England to the quarter-finals of Euro 2012 where they lost to Italy on penalties. They were eliminated from the 2014 World Cup two years later at the group stage. — Reuters



# FERNANDEZ FANS 13 AND MARLINS TAKE SERIES FROM CUBS, 6-1

**MIAMI:** Jose Fernandez delivered another gem at Marlins Park, striking out 13 and allowing one run in seven innings to help Miami beat faltering Chicago. The Marlins won three of four from the injury-depleted Cubs, who went 1-6 for the week but still have the best record in the majors. Fernandez (10-3) improved his career record at home to 24-1 with a 1.48 ERA, and this year the right-hander has been pretty good everywhere - he has a 2.28 ERA and 138 strikeouts. Giancarlo Stanton doubled and scored the go-ahead run in the sixth for the Marlins, who went 7-3 on their homestand. At 41-35, they're six games above .500 for the first time since June 2012, their first season in Marlins Park. Jason Hammel (7-4) allowed two runs in six innings, and the Cubs lost his fourth start in a row even though he pitched out of several jams. Martin Prado hit a three-run double in the ninth.

### CLEVELAND 9, DETROIT 3

Lonnie Chisenhall had four hits, including one of Cleveland's four home runs off Justin Verlander in the fifth inning, and the streaking Indians won their ninth straight game Sunday by beating Detroit 9-3 to remain unbeaten in nine meetings with the Tigers this season. Juan Uribe, Tyler Naquin and Mike Napoli also went deep for the Indians. Chisenhall was 4 for 4 with a triple and three RBIs. Mike Tomlin (9-1) beat Verlander for the third time this year, allowing three runs and six hits in eight innings. Cleveland overcame three homers by former teammates, including two by Victor Martinez, to sweep Detroit for the third time this year. The Indians have outscored the Tigers 60-20 in nine games.

Only once before had Verlander (7-6) allowed four homers in a start - also against the Indians in 2007. According to the Elias Sports Bureau and Fox Sports Detroit, he became the first pitcher in franchise history to give up four in one inning.

### ORIOLES 12, RAYS 5

Chris Davis hit his seventh career grand slam, and Baltimore completed an unprecedented sweep of Tampa Bay that extended the Rays' losing streak to 11 games. Jonathan Schoop and Mark Trumbo also homered for the AL East leaders, whose 31-13 home record is the best in the majors. Baltimore has won five straight to climb a season-high 15 games over .500 (45-30).

Davis hit an opposite-field drive to left after the Orioles used a walk and two singles to load the bases with no outs in the first inning against Drew Smyly (2-8). That sent Baltimore to its first four-game sweep in a rivalry that began in 1998. The Orioles are 7-2 against Tampa Bay this season, 6-0 at home. Tyler Wilson (4-5) earned his first win in seven home starts this season despite allowing five runs and 10 hits over five innings. The Rays have been outscored 72-29 during their skid and yielded at least five runs in each game. The defeat completed an 0-7 swing through Cleveland and Baltimore, the third time in franchise history the team has gone winless on a road trip of at least seven games. Desmond Jennings and newcomer Oswaldo Arcia homered for the Rays, mired in their longest losing streak in seven years.

### PIRATES 4, DODGERS 3

Chad Kuhl ended Clayton Kershaw's nine-game winning streak in his major league debut, and David Freese hit a three-run double that sent Pittsburgh past Los Angeles. The 23-year-old Kuhl (1-0) allowed three runs and four hits in five innings after getting called up from Triple-A Indianapolis before the game. Kershaw (11-2) took his second loss exactly two months after he was beaten by Miami. He gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings, striking out four. Freese's big hit capped a four-run second. Pittsburgh rookie Adam Frazier drove in the first run with a single after entering in the top of the inning when shortstop Jordy Mercer was injured. The Pirates have won three in a row against the Dodgers after losing 13 of 15 overall and can sweep the four-game series Monday. Los Angeles arrived on a six-game winning streak.



**MIAMI:** Martin Prado #14 of the Miami Marlins hits a 3 RBI double during the eighth inning of the game against the Chicago Cubs at Marlins Park on Sunday in Miami, Florida. — AFP

Mark Melancon pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save in 23 opportunities, combining with Juan Nicasio and A.J. Schugel for four scoreless innings of relief. Justin Turner homered and drove in all three Dodgers runs. He had two of their four hits.

### NATIONALS 3, BREWERS 2

Tanner Roark pitched seven shutout innings in place of injured ace Stephen Strasburg, and Washington ended a seven-game losing streak by beating Milwaukee. Jose Lobaton and Clint Robinson homered for the Nationals. Lobaton hit his first homer of the season in the seventh off reliever Jacob Barnes (0-1). Robinson added a two-run shot in the eighth. Roark (7-5) held the Brewers to seven hits and struck out seven. Strasburg was placed on the 15-day disabled list before the game with an upper back strain. Shawn Kelley retired four batters for his third save.

### TWINS 7, YANKEES 1

Tyler Duffey set down the first 17 New York

batters and wound up pitching two-hit ball for eight innings while Minnesota backed him with six home runs. Brian Dozier, Trevor Plouffe and Max Kepler hit consecutive homers in the sixth to help the Twins end a three-game skid. Danny Santana, Eduardo Nunez and Juan Centeno also connected. Duffey (3-6) pitched perfect ball until Aaron Hicks doubled with two outs in the sixth. Duffey struck out eight, walked none and stopped a team that had won three in a row. The 25-year-old righty began the day with a 6.18 ERA, was 0-3 in his last five starts and had been hit hard in seven straight outings. The Twins have won just two of their last 12 against New York. Nathan Eovaldi (6-5) lost to Minnesota for the second time in eight days. He is winless in five starts, tagged for 10 homers and 25 runs over 26 innings during that span. Mark Teixeira homered in the Yankees eighth.

### ROCKIES 9, DIAMONDBACKS 7

Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Colorado over Arizona. Carlos Gonzalez had a grand slam, and Trevor Story and Charlie Blackmon also went deep for the Rockies, who gained a split of the four-game series. Story was hit by a pitch leading off the ninth. Silvino Bracho (0-1) retired the next two batters before Reynolds connected for his eighth home run. It was Colorado's first walk-off win since Sept. 26, 2015. Carlos Estevez (2-5) was the winner. Paul Goldschmidt had two hits and four RBIs for Arizona.

### GIANTS 8, PHILLIES 7

Conor Gillaspie hit a game-ending double with one out in the ninth inning to lift San Francisco over Philadelphia, giving manager Bruce Bochy his 800th win with the Giants. Ramiro Pena doubled off Severino Gonzalez (0-1) and scored standing up when Gillaspie lined a 1-1 pitch in the same direction. Angel Pagan had a season-high four hits and two RBIs while five others had two hits apiece for San Francisco, which has won 13 of 15. The teams combined for 28 hits, with the Phillies rallying to tie the score twice in the final three innings before Gillaspie's game-winner. Odubel Herrera homered and Peter Bourjos added three hits for Philadelphia. Cory Gearrin (3-0) retired two batters for the win.

### CARDINALS 11, MARINERS 6

Matt Carpenter and Tommy Pham each homered twice as St. Louis went deep six times

against Seattle. Jedd Gyorko and Matt Holliday also homered for St. Louis. Carpenter, Holliday and Aledmys Diaz each had three hits as the Cardinals finished with 17 - including 13 for extra bases. Gyorko and Pham led off the seventh with back-to-back home runs against reliever Nick Vincent (1-7) to break a 6-all tie. Holliday extended St. Louis' lead to 9-6 with a solo shot in the eighth against Edwin Diaz. Pham and Carpenter each hit their second home runs, both solo shots, in the ninth. Kevin Siegrist (5-2) allowed one run in 1 1/3 innings to get the win. Nelson Cruz hit his 19th homer for the Mariners, and Franklin Gutierrez had a three-run shot.

### ANGELS 7, BLUE JAYS 6

Jeffrey Marte drove in Mike Trout with a game-ending sacrifice fly, and Los Angeles stopped a six-game losing streak. Trout led off the ninth with a single against Liam Hendriks (0-1). With one out and the bases loaded, Marte's fly to center field scored Trout easily from third. The Angels trailed 6-2 after six innings, but Trout hit a two-run homer in the seventh and Marte had an RBI single in a two-run eighth. Huston Street (3-1) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win. Coco Crisp hit a grand slam for Oakland in the fourth. Marcus Semien followed with his 14th homer.

### RANGERS 6, RED SOX 2

The first six Texas hitters reached safely for an early lead, and Martin Perez pitched six solid innings against Boston for his sixth straight win. Prince Fielder hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who are 11-0-1 in series since getting swept at Oakland in mid-May. Perez (7-4) was working on a shutout before Bryce Brentz hit a solo drive with two outs in the sixth for his first major league homer. Shin-Soo Choo, Ian Desmond, Nomar Mazara and Adrian Beltre opened Texas' three-run first with four straight singles. The last two drove in a run apiece, to go along with Rounold Odor's bloop to left against Clay Buchholz (3-8).

### ROYALS 6, ASTROS 1

Ian Kennedy struck out 11 over seven innings and Kansas City snapped Houston's seven-game winning streak. After Royals starters Edinson Volquez and Chris Young were roughed up in blowout losses in the first two games of the series, Kennedy (6-6) allowed one run and three hits with one walk. Kendrys Morales hit a pair of solo homers for Kansas City, and Cheslor

Cuthbert connected for a two-run shot. Lorenzo Cain had three of the Royals' 13 hits. Doug Fister (8-4) lost for the first time since April 25. He gave up four runs and eight hits in 6 2/3 innings, including three homers. Evan Gattis hit a leadoff homer in the sixth for Houston.

### BRAVES 5, METS 2

Freddie Freeman and Adonis Garcia homered, and Bud Norris threw seven scoreless innings to send Atlanta past New York. Freeman had three hits and a walk, helping the Braves salvage a split of the four-game series.

Brandon Nimmo, one of New York's top prospects, made his major league debut and went 0 for 4 with a game-ending strikeout. The outfielder was recalled from Triple-A Las Vegas on Saturday. Norris (3-7) allowed four hits, struck out eight and walked none. Arody Vizcaino got one out for his 10th save. Bartolo Colon (6-4) yielded one run and six hits in seven innings.

### WHITE SOX 5, BLUE JAYS 2

Chris Sale pitched eight innings of two-run ball to become the first 13-game winner in the majors, leading Chicago over Toronto. Tim Anderson and J.B. Shuck homered to help the White Sox take two of three from the

slumping Blue Jays, who have dropped five of seven. Chicago (38-38) returned to .500 with its fifth win in seven games. Sale (13-2) allowed five hits, struck out seven and walked two in his fourth straight victory. David Robertson pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save in 22 chances. Troy Tulowitzki and Junior Lake homered for Toronto in the eighth. Marcus Stroman (6-4) allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings.

### REDS 3, PADRES 0

Anthony DeSclafani pitched eight innings and singled with the bases loaded, carrying Cincinnati past San Diego in the finale of the Reds' weekend dedicated to Pete Rose. Until Sunday, the only thing missing from the hits king gala was a win. The Reds' top starter took care of that in front of Cincinnati's third straight sellout crowd. DeSclafani (2-0) gave up five singles, struck out five and didn't allow a runner to reach second base. He also hit an RBI single in the sixth off Luis Perdomo (2-3). Jay Bruce hit his 17th homer, and Tucker Barnhart doubled home a run as the Reds avoided a four-game sweep. Tony Cingrani earned his ninth save, completing Cincinnati's first shutout of the season. — AP

## MLB results/standings

Minnesota 7, NY Yankees 1; Cleveland 9, Detroit 3; Miami 6, Chicago Cubs 1; Cincinnati 3, San Diego 0; Atlanta 5, NY Mets 2; Baltimore 12, Tampa Bay 5; Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 2; Washington 3, Milwaukee 2; Kansas City 6, Houston 1; Texas 6, Boston 2; LA Angels 7, Oakland 6; San Francisco 8, Philadelphia 7; Colorado 9, Arizona 7; St. Louis 11, Seattle 6; Pittsburgh 4, LA Dodgers 3.

American League Eastern Division				National League Eastern Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	
Baltimore	45	30	.600	-	Washington	44	32	.579
Boston	41	34	.547	4	NY Mets	40	34	.541
Toronto	41	36	.532	5	Miami	41	35	.539
NY Yankees	37	37	.500	7.5	Philadelphia	32	45	.416
Tampa Bay	31	43	.419	13.5	Atlanta	26	49	.347
Central Division				Central Division				
Cleveland	44	30	.595	-	Chicago Cubs	48	26	.649
Kansas City	39	35	.527	5	St. Louis	39	35	.527
Chicago WSox	38	38	.500	7	Pittsburgh	37	39	.487
Detroit	38	38	.500	7	Milwaukee	34	41	.453
Minnesota	24	51	.320	20.5	Cincinnati	29	47	.382
Western Division				Western Division				
Texas	49	27	.645	-	San Francisco	49	28	.636
Houston	39	37	.513	10	LA Dodgers	41	36	.532
Seattle	38	38	.500	11	Colorado	36	39	.480
Oakland	32	43	.427	16.5	Arizona	36	42	.462
LA Angels	32	44	.421	17	San Diego	33	44	.429