

Sports

# Brett Gardner, Judge power Yankees past Tigers 7-1

## Host Cubs win battle of Chicago teams in Mesa

**FLORIDA:** Brett Gardner and Aaron Judge each hit two homers as host New York notched a 7-1 victory over Detroit on Sunday at Tampa, Fla. Gardner and Judge hit back-to-back homers off Tigers left-hander Daniel Norris to start the bottom of the first. Gardner hit a second solo blast off Norris in the second inning while Judge hit a two-run shot off right-hander Spencer Turnbull in the fifth. Detroit pitchers served up six homers overall as Gary Sanchez and Isiah Gilliam also went deep. The lone run for the Tigers was courtesy of Ronny Rodriguez's fifth-inning blast.

**ANGELS 4, ATHLETICS 1**  
Albert Pujols went 3-for-3 with a homer and Mike Trout hit a two-run shot as Los Angeles beat visiting Oakland at Tempe, Ariz. Luis Barrera's run-scoring double accounted for the Athletics' tally.

**CUBS 13, WHITE SOX 4**  
Kris Bryant homered and had three RBIs and right-hander Yu Darvish pitched two hitless innings as the host Cubs won the battle of Chicago teams in Mesa, Ariz. Jose Abreu, Adam Engel and Danny Mendick homered for the White Sox.

**ROCKIES 9, GIANTS 3**  
Pat Valaika homered twice and Nolan Arenado added a two-run blast as host Colorado knocked off San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz. The Giants had 12 hits but left 10 runners on base.

**REDS 11, BREWERS 5**  
Derek Dietrich homered and drove in four runs to help Cincinnati cruise to the victory over host Milwaukee at Phoenix. Reigning National League MVP Christian Yelich hit his first homer of the spring for the Brewers.

**NATIONALS 4, ASTROS 2**  
Trea Turner drove in three runs and also scored on Brian Dozier's single as host Washington defeated Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla. Astros right-hander

Gerrit Cole struck out three and walked one during two hitless innings.

**ROYALS 13, INDIANS 7**  
Chris Owings hit a grand slam to cap an eight-run sixth inning to help visiting Kansas City knock off Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz. Leonys Martin and Carlos Santana went deep for the Indians.

**RANGERS (SS) 11, PADRES 3**  
Rougned Odor slugged a two-run homer to cap an eight-run third inning as Texas routed visiting San Diego at Surprise, Ariz. Buddy Reed stole his fifth base of the spring for the Padres.

**BLUE JAYS 5, YANKEES (SS) 2**  
Billy McKinney and Rowdy Tellez each hit homers as Toronto defeated visiting New York at Dunedin, Fla. Luke Voit homered for the Yankees.

**RAYS 10, PIRATES 4**  
Avisail Garcia homered and drove in four runs to lead Tampa Bay past host Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla. Joey Wendle also went deep for the Rays while Pablo Reyes homered for the Pirates.

**BRAVES 6, MARLINS 5**  
Andres Blanco drilled a one-out homer in the bottom of the ninth inning as Atlanta edged Miami at Kissimmee, Fla. Adam Duvall hit two of the Braves' five homers while Deven Marrero had a two-run single for the Marlins.

**DODGERS 6, RANGERS (SS) 3**  
Austin Barnes drove in three runs and Alex Verdugo had a two-run double as host Los Angeles defeated Texas at Glendale, Ariz. Matt Davidson hit a two-run homer for the Rangers.

**METS 10, CARDINALS 8**  
Dominic Smith went 3-for-4 with a homer and four



CHICAGO: File photo show Detroit Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera (24) singles against the Chicago White Sox in the first inning at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago, Ill.

RBIs to help New York slide past host St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla. Matt Carpenter and Tyler O'Neill hit homers for the Cardinals.

**MARINERS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 3**  
Tim Beckham delivered a tiebreaking two-run double during a four-run sixth inning to help host Seattle down Arizona at Peoria, Ariz. Wilmer Flores had two of the Diamondbacks' eight hits.

**ORIOLES 7, TIGERS (SS) 5**  
Anthony Santander hit a three-run homer and Austin Hays smacked a solo shot as host Baltimore defeated Detroit at Sarasota, Fla. Niko Goodrum homered and

had four RBIs for the Tigers.

**RED SOX 9, TWINS (SS) 7**  
Tony Renda hit a three-run homer during Boston's seven-run sixth inning as the Red Sox beat visiting Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla. Andrew Rosales and Brian Navarreto went deep for the Twins.

**PHILLIES 3, TWINS (SS) 3**  
Right-hander Jake Arrieta struck out four during three perfect innings as Philadelphia and host Minnesota tied at Fort Myers, Fla. Andrew Romine hit a two-run homer for the Phillies and Jonathan Schoop hit a two-run blast for the Twins. —Reuters



## Owings hit a grand slam

## Muir secures golden double at European indoors

**GLASGOW:** Laura Muir claimed her second gold medal of the European Indoor Championships by winning the women's 1500 metres final on Sunday to back up her success in the 3000m. Shelayna Oskan-Clarke also took gold in the 800m as Britain's women made it a clean sweep in the middle-distance events on the final night in Glasgow.

However, those golds were not enough for the hosts to top the medal table despite picking up 12 medals in all as Poland led the way with five golds to Britain's four. Muir followed up her 3000m gold on Friday by recording an emphatic victory in the 1500m by coming home in four mins 5.92 secs—more than three seconds ahead of Poland's Sofia Ennaoui with Ireland's Ciara Mageean in third.

The crowd at the Emirates Arena came to see the Glasgow University graduate shine and Muir powered away

in the penultimate lap. "I set myself a big test this weekend," said Muir. "There was a lot of pressure of me but I'm so pleased to have done the job and win the double gold."

"It's so special for me to do this on my home track. It was such a big opportunity for me so I'm so glad I could deliver." Oskan-Clarke delivered a dominant performance to come home nearly half a second clear of the 800m field in 2:02.58. "I know I'm strong, but it is just about making the right moves at the right times," she said. "It's hard indoors because if you don't do that, it's too late. I wanted to be out there early and hold on for home. I knew I'd have no regrets then." The British men also had success in the 800m as Jamie Webb took silver. There were also silvers for Holly Bradshaw in the pole vault, Tim Duckworth in the heptathlon and the women's 4x400m relay team.

Poland's Marcin Lewandowski denied Norwegian teenager Jakob Ingebrigtsen a middle-distance double in the men's 1500m final. And the Polish women ensured their country topped the medal table with victory in the 4x400m relay.

Earlier, Ethiopian Yomif Kejelcha broke the world indoor mile record when he clocked three minutes 47.01 seconds



GLASGOW: Britain's Laura Muir celebrates gold in the women's 1500m final at the 2019 European Athletics Indoor Championships in Glasgow yesterday. — AFP

during an invitational meet in Boston on Sunday. The 21-year-old smashed the 22-year-old record of 3:48.45 set by Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj in 1997.

Kejelcha had come within one hundredth of a second of the record when he clocked 3:48.46 at the Millrose Games in New York last month. The twice world

indoor 3,000 metres champion was also targeting the indoor 1,500m record but narrowly missed it with a 3:31.25.

That made Kejelcha, who is coached by Alberto Salazar, the third-fastest in the event behind compatriot Samuel Tefera's February world record of 3:31.04 and El Guerrouj's 3:31.18. — Reuters

## Australia's Patu suspended for biting opponent

**ADELAIDE:** Australia's national women's captain Liz Patu has been suspended for six weeks after pleading guilty to biting an opponent during a Super W game in Australia, Queensland Rugby Union (QRU) said.

Patu faced a Rugby Australia disciplinary hearing yesterday after being accused of biting her Wallaroos team mate Rebecca Clough in a Super W match at the weekend. "Following the hearing at QRU headquarters at Ballymore, Judicial Officer Chris Newton issued Patu with a suspension of six weeks after she had entered a plea of guilty to the offence," QRU said in a statement <http://www.redsrugby.com.au/News/NewsArticles/tabid/581/ArticleID/18489/Queensland-Rugby-Union-statement-regarding-Liz-Patu-judicial-hearing.aspx>.

Under World Rugby's regulations, the maximum penalty for biting is a four-year ban but Patu was allowed a 50 percent reduction on the minimum sanction of 12 weeks due to mitigating factors, her previous good character and her clean disciplinary record.

The incident occurred during a ruck in the 70th minute when Rugby WA lock Clough remonstrated with Queensland prop Patu before approaching the referee to show her a bite mark on her left forearm.

Patu, who will miss the rest of the Super W season as a result of the suspension, apologised in a statement. "I apologise to Rebecca Clough, the Rugby WA Women's team, my own team mates and the wider rugby public. My actions the other night were unacceptable and will not be repeated," Patu said.



Australia's women's rugby captain is facing the possibility of a long stint on the sidelines after allegedly biting the arm of one of her national teammates during a Super W match on Sunday.

Queensland Women's XV assistant coach Tyrell Barker said they supported the punishment. "Behaviour like this is unacceptable in our game... Her actions on the weekend were out of character," Barker said.

"We will work with Liz to ensure that when she returns to play, she will demonstrate the spirit of rugby and abide by the laws of the game." Queensland Women are top of the standings with 10 points after winning their first two matches. — Reuters

## All Blacks captain to delay comeback

**WELLINGTON:** All Blacks captain Kieran Read is not expected to make his first appearance in Super Rugby for the Canterbury Crusaders for another three weeks, the team said yesterday. Read and fellow All Blacks forward Sam Whitelock had already been granted an extended break which will keep them out of the first four weeks of the competition with an eye to keeping them fresh for the Rugby World Cup in Japan later this year.

All Blacks hooker Codie Taylor had also been kept in cotton wool for the first three weeks of Super Rugby, although none have really been required with the Crusaders unbeaten after the first three weeks. "Read is two or three, probably, weeks away," Crusaders assistant coach Jason Ryan told reporters in Christchurch on Monday. "We are not 100 percent sure yet."

"We will just see how he goes. He is back into his training, and so forth. We are pretty confident." Ryan admitted that the decision to keep Read sidelined was a mix from both the Crusaders and All Blacks.

"A bit of both," he said when asked who had the final decision. "We can't sort of say much more than that." "He is looking good, training today and jumping in the lineouts and he had a good week last week."

Read also had a late start to Super Rugby last year after undergoing spinal surgery at the end of 2017, but returned for the playoffs and the All Blacks' Rugby Championship tests and end-of-year tour. The Crusaders face the winless Waikato Chiefs in Christchurch on Saturday, with Taylor likely to be considered for that match, Ryan added. Whitelock may come into contention for their clash with the Otago Highlanders in Dunedin on March 16, with Read possibly travelling to Wellington to face the Hurricanes on March 29. The Crusaders also received some welcome news on Monday with Super Rugby's ruling body SANZAAR acknowledging that match officials had made an error in reducing the nine-times champions to 14 men for the final six minutes of their 22-12 victory over the Queensland Reds.

Referee Marius van der Westhuizen told Richie Mo'unga he had to leave the field because flyhalf Mitchell Hunt had not undergone a Head Injury Assessment (HIA) and therefore could not be replaced.

SANZAAR, however, confirmed the decision had been incorrect and acknowledged that as Hunt had suffered a "concussive" event, he was not required to have an HIA. "SANZAAR has today confirmed that sideline match officials made an incorrect ruling towards the end of the Reds versus Crusaders match," the governing body said in a statement. "Unfortunately a sideline official determined that as no HIA had been carried out Hunt was simply injured and therefore not allowed to be replaced. "This led to Mo'unga incorrectly being taken from the field." —Reuters

## Nicolas Hamilton back on track and doing it his way

**DUNSFOLD AERODROME:** Nicolas Hamilton, half-brother of five-times Formula One world champion Lewis, is back on the racetrack and keen to set the record straight. The 26-year-old, who has overcome cerebral palsy to establish himself as a disabled racer, is set for a full season in the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) and feels he deserves some credit. "I made my announcement and people were saying 'Oh, he's only there because of his brother and it's all money talking,'" he told Reuters.

"Lewis hasn't given me a penny towards my motorsport so I want to start telling that story because people need to know. It's so hard, people assume so much. "It's just not how we are. I'm not a person who uses people. Lewis has achieved what he's achieved due to his own abilities, with my dad being behind him. The last thing I want to do is knock him up for a couple of million quid and say come and support me racing." Speaking at the recent launch of a Team BRIT racing academy for disabled drivers, Hamilton said he would never put Lewis, Britain's highest-earning sportsman, on the spot. "I'm here standing today on my own, I've done so well to get here in the first place and the last thing I need is help," he added.

The Briton, who did a few races in the BTCC in 2015, suspected Lewis and father Anthony, who did help earlier in his career with funding, would rather he did something else. —Reuters