

Spain defeat Russia to claim third place

Slovenia beat Serbia to win Eurobasket title

ISTANBUL, Sept 18, (AP)—Slovenia won its first European basketball championship on Sunday, defeating Serbia 93-85 in Istanbul behind 35 points by Goran Dragic.

Dragic, the Miami Heat guard who was voted MVP of the tournament after the game, watched the final four minutes from the bench due to a cramp. He had been visibly tiring, missing all three shots and the one free throw he took in

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the final quarter.

With Dragic out, Serbia briefly took the lead at 79-78, and again at 82-80 with 3:37 to go. But Slovenia, which had upset pre-tournament favorite Spain 92-72 in the semifinals, refused to fold. It went on a 12-0 run, during which guard Klemen Prepelic scored the go-ahead basket, 84-82, with 2:20 to go.

After a balanced first quarter, which ended with Serbia 22-20 ahead, Dragic scored 20 of Slovenia's 36 points in the second quarter to help give it a 56-47 halftime lead.

"We gave them a lot of transition points. They brought the NBA speed on the floor," Serbia coach Aleksandar Djordjevic said. "We are an uptempo team ... the importance of the game shouldn't change what we do," said Slovenia's Serb coach, Igor Kokoskov.



Slovenia's guard Goran Dragic (center), raises the trophy up after winning the FIBA Eurobasket 2017 men's final basketball match between Slovenia and Serbia at Sinan Erdem Sport Arena in Istanbul on Sept 17. (AFP)

Djordjevic responded by taking out his 2.21-meter (7-foot-3) center Boban Marjanovic of the Detroit Pistons in favor of more mobile players, who man-

aged to slow down the pace in the third quarter at the 16,000-seat Sinan Erdem arena. Dragic still managed to score nine points and Slovenia stayed ahead, 71-67,

but lost young star Luka Doncic with a sprained ankle.

Bogdan Bogdanovic, who is set to join the Sacramento Kings next season, led

Serbia with 22 points.

Kokoskov, also the assistant coach for the Utah Jazz, gave a nod to his boss — coach Quin Snyder.

"He is my dear friend, my boss. He told me 'Be prepared for the press conference and say something deep and smart.' Well, I can't say anything."

MLB Scoreboard

WASHINGTON, Sept 18, (Agencies): Results from the MLB games on Sunday.

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
San Francisco	7	1	.875	0
Texas	4	4	.500	0
San Diego	4	4	.500	0
Chicago Cubs	4	4	.500	0
Milwaukee	10	1	.909	0
Houston	7	7	.500	0
Minnesota	13	0	1.000	0
NY Mets	5	1	.833	0
Oakland	6	3	.667	0
Cincinnati	6	3	.667	0
Tampa Bay	3	3	.500	0
Detroit	12	3	.800	0
Cleveland	3	3	.500	0
Baltimore	6	7	.462	0
Washington	7	1	.875	0

MLB Standings

American League

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	25	6	.806	0
NY Yankees	83	67	.550	3
Tampa Bay	73	77	.487	12-1/2
Baltimore	73	77	.487	12-1/2
Toronto	70	80	.467	15-1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	93	57	.620	0
Minnesota	78	71	.523	14-1/2
Kansas City	73	76	.490	19-1/2
Detroit	62	87	.416	30-1/2
Chicago W Sox	60	83	.420	32-1/2

Western Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	91	58	.611	0
LA Angels	76	73	.510	15
Seattle	74	76	.493	17-1/2
Texas	73	76	.490	18
Oakland	66	83	.443	25

National League

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	90	59	.604	0
Miami	69	80	.463	21
Atlanta	67	81	.453	22-1/2
NY Mets	65	84	.436	25
Philadelphia	58	91	.389	32

Central Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	83	66	.557	0
Milwaukee	79	77	.530	4
St. Louis	77	72	.517	6
Pittsburgh	68	82	.453	15-1/2
Cincinnati	66	84	.440	17-1/2

Western Division

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
LA Dodgers	96	53	.644	0
Arizona	87	63	.580	9-1/2
Colorado	82	68	.547	14-1/2
San Diego	66	83	.443	30
San Francisco	58	93	.384	39

MLB Lineups

American League

Washington 000 002 000-2 3 2
Tampa Bay 100 011 000-3 8 0
 E. Rodriguez, Maddox (6), Price (7) and Vazquez; Odorizzi, Romo (7), Hunter (8), Colome (9) and Sucre. W-Odorizzi 9-8. L-E. Rodriguez 5-6. Sv-Colome (45), HRs-Boston, Bradley Jr. Tampa Bay, Sucre.
Chicago 002 002 000-0 1 0
Detroit 112 122 03x-12 13 0
 Covey, Beck (4), Pelfrey (6) and Brantley; Boyd and Holaday. W-Boyd 6-10. L-Covey 0-6. HRs-Detroit, Castellanos, Mahtook, Candelario.
Kansas City 000 000 020-2 7 2
Cleveland 000 200 10x-3 3 1
 Duffy, Alexander (6), Moynihan (7), Buchter (7), Soriano (8) and Gallagher, Butera; Kluber, B. Shaw (8), T. Olson (8), C. Allen (8) and F. Perez. W-Kluber 17-4. L-Duffy 8-9. Sv-C. Allen (28), HRs-Cleveland, Encarnacion.
Baltimore 011 310 000-6 9 1
New York 010 002 010-4 7 0
 Jimenez, Givens (6), Bleier (6), O'Day (7), Brach (8), Britton (8) and C. Joseph; S. Gray, Mitchell (5), Betances (8), Kahle (8) and G. Sanchez. W-Jimenez 6-10. L-S. Gray 9-11. Sv-Britton (15), HRs-Baltimore, Beckham. New York, Gregorius.
Seattle 001 000 000-1 6 1
Houston 000 040 30x-7 12 0
 Moore, Pazos (5), Altavilla (6), Pagan (7), Gonzales (8) and Zunino; Verlander, Devenski (8), Giles (9) and McCann. W-Verlander 13-8. L-Moore 1-4. HRs-Seattle, Gamel. Houston, Correa, Gonzalez, Fisher, Springer.
Toronto 410 000 200-7 6 2
Minnesota 070 060 00x-13 16 0
 Biagini, Mayza (2), Santos (2), Loup (4), Rowley (5), Dermody (6), Campos (8) and Lopez, Malle; Gibson, Slegers (7), Boshers (7), Pressly (8) and J. Castro. W-Gib-

son 11-10. L-Biagini 3-11. HRs-Toronto, Donaldson 2. Minnesota, Mauer, Rosario 2. Buxton.
Texas 210 000 010-4 5 1
 Los Angeles 000 010 010-2 4 1
 M. Gonzalez, Mendez (6), Kela (7), Bush (8), Diekmann (8) and Chirinos; Richards, Wood (6), Alvarez (7), Chavez (7), Salas (8), Paredes (9) and Maldonado, Graterol. W-M. Gonzalez 8-11. L-Richards 0-2. Sv-Diekman (1), HRs-Texas, Gallo, Los Angeles, Trout.
Interleague
Oakland 000 204 000-6 6 2
Philadelphia 200 010 000-3 6 0
 Manaea, Hendriks (6), Coulombe (7), Dull (7), Hatcher (7), Treinen (9) and Phegley; Alvarez, Milner (6), E. Ramos (6), Morgan (8), Pinto (9) and Rupp. W-Manaea 11-10. L-Alvarez 0-1. Sv-Treinen (11), HRs-Oakland, Pinder, Olson, Wendle.
National League
Pittsburgh 000 000 020-2 3 0
Cincinnati 000 005 00x-5 4 0
 Cole, Hudson (6), Leathersich (7), Barbat (8) and Stewart; Stephenson, McGuire (7), Farrell (8), Lorenzen (9) and Barnhart. W-Stephenson 5-5. L-Cole 11-11. Sv-Lorenzen (2), HRs-Pittsburgh, Jaso, Cincinnati, Suarez, Gennett.
New York 200 000 003-5 7 2
Atlanta 000 000 100-1 4 1
 Gsellman, Blevins (8), A. Ramos (9) and Plawski; Teheran, S. Freeman (7), Minter (8), Ramirez (9), Brothers (9) and Freitas, K. Suzuki. W-Gsellman 7-7. L-Teheran 11-12. HRs-New York, Cabrera.
Milwaukee 000 001 010-10 1 1
Miami 000 300 000-3 8 1
 Woodruff, J. Barnes (8), T. Williams (9) and Pina; Peters, Despaigne (4), Chen (5), Guerra (7), Nicolino (8) and Realmuto. W-Woodruff 2-2. L-Peters 1-2.
St. Louis 000 003 000-3 10 0
Chicago 001 200 10x-4 11 1
 Lynn, Duke (5), Brebbia (6), Lyons (7), Bowman (7), Nicasio (8) and Molina; Quintana, Edwards (8), Strop (7), Duensing (8), W. Davis (9) and Avila. Rivera. W-Strop 5-4. L-Lyons 4-1. Sv-W. Davis (31), HRs-St. Louis, Fowler, Chicago, Schwarber.
San Diego 000 001 021-4 8 1
Colorado 000 300 000-3 8 1
 Chacin, Stammen (6), McGrath (7), Yates (8), Hand (9) and H. Sanchez, Hedges; J. Gray, Rusin (6), Neshek (7), McGee (8), Oberg (8), Holland (9) and Lucroy. W-Yates 4-5. L-Holland 3-6. Sv-Hand (18), HRs-San Diego, Solarte.
Arizona 000 002 000-2 6 0
San Francisco 000 131 20x-7 10 1
 Walker, De La Rosa (6), Hoover (6), McFarland (6), Barrett (7), Bandia (8) and Lannetta; Stratton, Gearrin (7), Okert (7), Strickland (8), Law (9) and Hundley. W-Stratton 3-3. L-Walker 9-8. HRs-Arizona, Martinez. San Francisco, Sandoval.
Los Angeles 010 000 000-1 5 0
Washington 000 003 13x-7 8 1
 Ryu, Stripling (5), Buehler (7), Ravin (8) and Grandal; Strasburg, Kintzler (7), Madison (8), Doolittle (9) and Wieters. W-Strasburg 14-4. L-Stripling 3-5. HRs-Washington, Lind, Zimmerman 2.
MLB Leaders
American League
BATTING: Altuve, Houston, .348; Garcia, Chicago, .333; Hosmer, Kansas City, .323; Reddick, Houston, .314; Ramirez, Cleveland, .313; Mauer, Minnesota, .306; Abreu, Chicago, .305; Cain, Kansas City, .302; Andrus, Texas, .300; Schoop, Baltimore, .300.
RUNS: Judge, New York, 116; Altuve, Houston, 103; Springer, Houston, 102; Ramirez, Cleveland, 98; Andrus, Texas, 96; Upton, Los Angeles, 94; Betts, Boston, 93; Abreu, Chicago, 91; Dozier, Minnesota, 91; 3 tied at 90.
RBI: Cruz, Seattle, 110; Schoop, Baltimore, 104; Upton, Los Angeles, 103; KDavis, Oakland, 102; Abreu, Chicago, 97; Judge, New York, 96; Pujols, Los Angeles, 96; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 94; Mazara, Texas, 94; Castellanos, Detroit, 92.
HITS: Altuve, Houston, 193; Hosmer, Kansas City, 181; Andrus, Texas, 178; Abreu, Chicago, 177; Schoop, Baltimore, 172; Ramirez, Cleveland, 171; Lindor, Cleveland, 169; Cabrera, Kansas City, 165; Cain, Kansas City, 164; Jones, Baltimore, 161.
DOUBLES: Ramirez, Cleveland, 50; Lowrie, Oakland, 45; Betts, Boston, 43; Andrus, Texas, 42; Upton, Los Angeles, 42; Ramirez, Cleveland, 40; Abreu, Chicago, 38; Altuve, Houston, 38; Gurrriel, Houston, 37;

2 tied at 36.
TRIPLES: Castellanos, Detroit, 10; Sanchez, Chicago, 8; Abreu, Chicago, 6; Bogaerts, Boston, 6; Buxton, Minnesota, 6; Mahtook, Detroit, 6; Merrifield, Kansas City, 6; Ramirez, Cleveland, 6; 4 tied at 5.
HOME RUNS: Judge, New York, 43; KDavis, Oakland, 39; Gallo, Texas, 38; Smoak, Toronto, 38; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 36; Morrison, Tampa Bay, 36; Moustakas, Kansas City, 36; Cruz, Seattle, 33; 3 tied at 32.
STOLEN BASES: Altuve, Houston, 31; Maybin, Houston, 31; Merrifield, Kansas City, 30; RDavis, Boston, 28; DeShields, Texas, 28; Dyson, Seattle, 28; Buxton, Minnesota, 26; Andrus, Texas, 24; Betts, Boston, 24; Cain, Kansas City, 24.
PITCHING: Kluber, Cleveland, 17-4; Bauer, Cleveland, 16-9; Carrasco, Cleveland, 16-6; Pomeranz, Boston, 16-5; Sale, Boston, 16-7; Vargas, Kansas City, 16-10; Santana, Minnesota, 15-7; 4 tied at 13.
ERA: Kluber, Cleveland, 2.35; Sale, Boston, 2.86; Severino, New York, 2.93; Stroman, Toronto, 3.08; Pomeranz, Boston, 3.28; Santana, Minnesota, 3.35; Gray, New York, 3.38; Cashner, Texas, 3.40; Carrasco, Cleveland, 3.48; Verlander, Houston, 3.50.
STRIKEOUTS: Sale, Boston, 287; Kluber, Cleveland, 252; Archer, Tampa Bay, 235; Severino, New York, 218; Carrasco, Cleveland, 206; Verlander, Houston, 202; Bauer, Cleveland, 183; Tanaka, New York, 173; Estrada, Toronto, 170; Porcello, Boston, 170.
National League
BATTING: Blackmon, Colorado, .331; Harper, Washington, .325; JTurner, Los Angeles, .323; Freeman, Atlanta, .318; Votto, Cincinnati, .317; Murphy, Washington, .316; LeMahieu, Colorado, .315; Poysey, San Francisco, .313; Arenado, Colorado, .308; Goldschmidt, Arizona, .307.
RUNS: Blackmon, Colorado, 131; Stanton, Miami, 112; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 109; Bryant, Chicago, 104; Gordon, Miami, 101; Votto, Cincinnati, 99; Rizzo, Chicago, 97; Arenado, Colorado, 93; LeMahieu, Colorado, 93; Harper, Washington, 92.
RBI: Arenado, Colorado, 125; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 115; Stanton, Miami, 113; Ozuena, Miami, 111; Rizzo, Chicago, 106; Lamb, Arizona, 101; Duval, Cincinnati, 96; Shaw, Milwaukee, 95; Votto, Cincinnati, 95; Zimmerman, Washington, 95.
HITS: Blackmon, Colorado, 199; Inciarte, Atlanta, 190; Gordon, Miami, 181; LeMahieu, Colorado, 178; Arenado, Colorado, 175; Ozuena, Miami, 171; Votto, Cincinnati, 154; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 160; Yelich, Miami, 159; Murphy, Washington, 157.
DOUBLES: Arenado, Colorado, 42; Murphy, Washington, 40; Herrera, Philadelphia, 39; Rendon, Washington, 37; Bryant, Chicago, 36; Markakis, Atlanta, 36; Drury, Arizona, 35; Yelich, Miami, 35; Duval, Cincinnati, 34; 3 tied at 33.
TRIPLES: Blackmon, Colorado, 14; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 9; Fowler, St. Louis, 8; Arenado, Colorado, 7; Cozart, Cincinnati, 7; Gordon, Miami, 7; Reyes, New York, 7; 6 tied at 6.
HOME RUNS: Stanton, Miami, 54; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 38; Blackmon, Colorado, 35; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 35; Votto, Cincinnati, 35; Arenado, Colorado, 34; Ozuena, Miami, 33; Rizzo, Chicago, 32; 3 tied at 31.
STOLEN BASES: Hamilton, Cincinnati, 58; Gordon, Miami, 54; Turner, Washington, 40; Villar, Milwaukee, 23; Inciarte, Atlanta, 22; Peraza, Cincinnati, 22; Pham, St. Louis, 21; Reyes, New York, 21; Myers, San Diego, 20; 2 tied at 19.
PITCHING: Davies, Milwaukee, 17-9; Greinke, Arizona, 17-6; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 17-3; Wood, Los Angeles, 15-3; deGrom, New York, 15-9; Arrieta, Chicago, 14-9; Corbin, Arizona, 14-12; Gonzalez, Washington, 14-7; Ray, Arizona, 14-5; Scherzer, Washington, 14-6.
ERA: Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.12; Scherzer, Washington, 2.59; Strasburg, Washington, 2.64; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.68; Ray, Arizona, 2.74; Greinke, Arizona, 2.87; Lynn, St. Louis, 3.09; Arrieta, Chicago, 3.48; Nelson, Milwaukee, 3.49; deGrom, New York, 3.55.
STRIKEOUTS: Scherzer, Washington, 248; deGrom, New York, 228; Greinke, Arizona, 208; Ray, Arizona, 206; Martinez, St. Louis, 205; Nelson, Milwaukee, 199; Samardzija, San Francisco, 197; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 188; Cole, Pittsburgh, 184; Strasburg, Washington, 182.

Verlander 'shines' as Astros clinch AL West

Gallo blast helps Rangers to win over Angels

HOUSTON, Sept 18, (AP): Justin Verlander struck out 10 batters over seven innings in his first home start for Houston while Derek Fisher and Marwin Gonzalez homered in a big fifth inning as the Astros clinched the American League West with a 7-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Sunday for their first division title since 2001.

George Springer and Carlos Correa also homered for the Astros, who won their first division title since 2001 and seventh overall. The Astros become the first team in Major League Baseball history to win titles in three divisions after previously winning the NL West and NL Central.

Verlander (13-8) retired his first seven batters before Ben Gamel homered into the right-center bullpen in the third. He allowed just two singles after that to improve to 3-0 since he was acquired from Detroit on Aug. 31.

Andrew Moore (1-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Tigers 12, White Sox 0

In Detroit, Matthew Boyd's no-hit bid ended when Tim Anderson doubled with two outs in the ninth inning, and the Detroit left-hander closed out a one-hit performance for the first shutout of his professional career.

Boyd (6-10) allowed only two runners a walk to Rob Brantly in the third and Anderson's double to the gap in right-center field with two outs in the ninth. He struck out five and threw 121 pitches his big league high.

Dylan Covey (0-6) allowed five runs, seven hits and four walks in 3 2/3 innings.

Nick Castellanos, Mikie Mahtook and Jeimer Candelario homered.

Rays 3, Red Sox 2

In St Petersburg, Florida, David Price pitched two hitless innings in his first big league game since July 22 after being sidelined by left elbow inflammation. The 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner made his first relief appearance since 2010.

Jake Odorizzi (9-8) gave up one hit in six innings, a Jackie Bradley Jr. home run. Jesus Sucre hit a tiebreaking solo home run off Eduardo Rodriguez (5-6) in the sixth. Alex Colome pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 45th save. Tampa Bay remained 5 1/2 games behind the Twins.

Nationals 7, Dodgers 1

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg ended his club-record scoreless streak



Justin Verlander #35 of the Houston Astros pitches in the first inning against the Seattle Mariners at Minute Maid Park on Sept 17, in Houston, Texas. (AFP)

at 35 innings, but two home runs from Ryan Zimmerman helped the All-Star win his fourth consecutive start as the Washington Nationals beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Strasburg (14-4) allowed a run in the second inning on Logan Forsythe's double, the first against the right-hander since Aug. 19. He struck out eight and combined with three relievers to toss a five-hitter.

The Nationals avoided a three-game sweep against the NL frontrunners. Washington's slumbering offense came alive on Zimmerman's three-run shot in the sixth off reliever Ross Stripling (3-5). Zimmerman and pinch-hitter Adam Lind homered in the eighth.

Los Angeles lost 11 in a row and 16 of 17 before ripping off four consecutive wins, including the first two games this series. The Dodgers magic number to clinch the NL West dropped to four when second-place Arizona lost at San Francisco.

Padres 4, Rockies 3

In Denver, Rockies closer Greg Holland dropped the ball trying to tag Matt Szczerz at home on Austin Hedge's

squeeze bunt in the ninth inning, allowing San Diego to finish its rally and beat Colorado.

Hedges bunted back to Holland (3-6) with runners at the corners and one out, but after making a nice play to scoop up the ball, Holland lost control trying to tag a sliding Szczerz.

Colorado's bullpen blew its first save in three weeks and let the Rockies' lead for the second NL wild card shrink to 2-1/2 games over Milwaukee. The Brewers beat Miami on Sunday, and St. Louis, which lost to the Chicago Cubs, stayed 4-1/2 back.

Kirby Yates (4-5) pitched the eighth, and Brad Hand got the last three outs for his 18th save.

Orioles 6, Yankees 4

In New York, Ubaldo Jimenez (6-1) struck out 10 in just five innings, and Tim Beckham hit a three-run homer off Sonny Gray (9-11), who allowed five runs in four innings during his shortest start this season.

Didi Gregorius homered for the third straight day as New York's four-game winning streak ended. The Yankees remained three games behind AL East-leading Boston and four games ahead of Minnesota for the top AL wild card. Baltimore, which had lost nine of 10, is 5-1/2 games behind the Twins.

With two outs and a runner on third in the ninth, Zach Britton intentionally walked Aaron Judge, then struck out Gary Sanchez for his 15th save.

Twins 13, Blue Jays 7

In Minneapolis, Eddie Rosario homered twice, Joe Mauer hit his first grand slam at home and Minnesota overcame a 5-0 deficit with seven runs in the second inning and six in the fifth.

Minnesota reopened a two-game lead over the Los Angeles Angels for the sec-

ond AL wild card.

Kyle Gibson (11-10) allowed five runs, three hits and five walks in six innings. Joe Biagini (3-11) gave up six runs for earned and five hits in 1 1/3 innings.

Josh Donaldson homered twice in the first two innings.

Rangers 4, Angels 2

In Anaheim, California, Joey Gallo hit a home run off Garrett Richards (0-2) that landed near the top of the grass hill in center field in the second inning, a drive that would have traveled 490 feet unimpeded, according to MLB Statcast.

Adrian Beltre hit a two-run double to center field in the first.

Miguel Gonzalez (8-11) allowed one run and two hits in five innings, and Jake Diekmann got five outs for his first save this season.

Indians 3, Royals 2

In Cleveland, a day after Cleveland clinched the AL Central, Corey Kluber (17-4) allowed three singles in seven innings. He has not given up a run in 22 innings and has lost once since July 4.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Danny Duffy (8-9) as the Indians improved to 33-5 since Aug. 11 despite getting only three hits. Cody Allen worked out of a two-on jam in the ninth for his 28th save. Kansas City dropped five games behind the Twins.

Cubs 4, Cardinals 3

In Chicago, Jason Heyward hit a tie-breaking RBI single off Matt Bowman with two outs in the seventh as Chicago overcame a 3-0 deficit to win its sixth straight game. The Cubs remained four games ahead of second-place Milwaukee as Ben Zobrist drove in two runs and Kyle Schwarber hit his 27th homer.