Yankees rout Orioles for DH split

Neil Walker #14 of the New York Yankees tags out Jace Peterson #29 of the Baltimore Orioles trying to steal second base in the seventh inning during Game Two of a doubleheader baseball game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards on July 9, in Baltimore, Maryland. (AFP)

BALTIMORE, July 10, (AP): Brett Gardner had four hits, homered and drove in three runs to help the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-2 Monday night for a doubleheader split.

In the opener, Danny Valencia snapped an 0-for-25 skid with a three-run homer off C.C. Sabathia, and Baltimore ended a six-game losing streak with a 5-4 victory.

The split left the Yankees a 4-4 record against Baltimore and dropped them 2-1/2 games behind first-place Boston in the AL East.

The first game ended with Gardner grounding out as a pinch hitter with the potential tying run on third base. He returned in the nightcap to torment the Orioles at the plate and in center field, where he made several fine, running catches.

Gardner led off with a single off Jefry Ramirez (0-3) and scored on a double by Didi Gregorius. In the fourth, Gardner hit his seventh homer, a two-run drive that made it 3-0.

That was enough offense for Luis Cessa (1-1), who allowed three hits over six shutout innings.

Red Sox 5, Rangers 0

In Boston, J.D. Martinez hit his major league-leading 28th home run, Steve Pearce added a two-run shot and Eduardo Rodriguez pitched 5-2/3 innings to lead the Red Sox to a victory over the Rangers and their seventh straight win.

The Red Sox won for the 14th time in 17 games to end the day with their biggest lead over the Yankees in the AL East since April. Boston led New York, which lost the opener of a doubleheader in Baltimore, by three games pending the outcome of the nightcap.

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Rodriguez (11-3) held Texas hitless until Adrian Beltre singled with one out in the fourth. He allowed just three singles and three walks, striking out five.

Dodgers 8, Padres 2

In San Diego, Clayton Kershaw pitched six shutout innings, and Cody Bellinger and Justin Turner each had three hits as Los Angeles Dodgers beat San Diego.

Kershaw (3-4) improved his career mark to 18-6 against the Padres as the Dodgers moved a half-game behind the idle Arizona Diamondbacks for the National League West lead. Los Angeles won for the 33rd time in 48 contests.

Luis Perdomo (1-3) gave up six runs, 10 hits and three walks — one intentional — over seven innings in his second start since being recalled from Triple-A El Paso.

Giants 2, Cubs 1, 11 Innings

In San Francisco, Pablo Sandoval singled home the winning run with one out in the bottom of the 11th inning a day after driving in five runs, sending San Francisco over Chicago.

Brandon Crawford loaded the bases when he was intentionally walked by Pedro Strop to bring up Sandoval, who hit a sharp single to left against a five-man infield.

Andrew McCutchen and Brandon Belt started the rally with consecutive one-out singles off Steve Cishek (2-1), who entered with one out in the 10th and immediately gave up Hunter Pence's triple before working out of trouble.

Reds 7, Indians 5

In Cleveland, Anthony DeSclafani allowed one run in seven innings, Scott Schebler was 4 for 5 with a homer, and the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Cleveland Indians 7-5 on Monday night.

All-Star first baseman Joey Votto homered for Cincinnati, which took the opener of the team's annual battle for the Ohio Cup and sent the AL Central leaders to their third straight loss.

Cincinnati improved to 9-2 against American League teams and is 37-36 since interim manager Jim Riggleman replaced Bryan Price on April 19.

Rays 10, Tigers 9, 10 Innings

Kershaw dominates Padres in Dodgers 8-2 win

Clayton Kershaw #22 of the Los Angeles Dodgers pitches during the first inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres at PETCO Park on July 9, in San Diego, California. (AFP)

In St Petersburg, Fla: Daniel Robertson hit an RBI single in the 10th inning and the Rays won for the 12th time in their last 13 home games by beating the Tigers.

Kevin Kiermaier had a one-out triple off Blaine Hardy (3-2) in the 10th. After Matt Duffy walked, Robertson won it on his hit to center.

Matt Andriese (2-3), the eighth Tampa Bay reliever, worked a scoreless 10th.

Twins 3, Royals 1

In Minneapolis, Eduardo Escobar had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh to support Jose Berrios' strong outing as the Twins beat the Royals.

Escobar plated Joe Mauer with a seventh-inning single as Minnesota took advantage of Kansas City's struggling bullpen to win its fifth straight game.

Berrios (9-7), elected to his first All-Star game a day earlier, allowed one run on six hits in seven innings. He struck out eight while throwing a season-high 111 pitches.

Athletics 2, Astros 0

In Houston, Frankie Montas and two relievers combined for a five-hitter, Stephen Piscotty homered and hit an RBI single and the Athletics beat the Astros.

Houston starter Gerrit Cole struck out 11 and scattered three singles across six scoreless innings before Brad Peacock (1-4) took over for the seventh. Piscotty, who finished with three of Oakland's six hits, greeted him with his home run to left field to make it 1-0. He added an insurance run with a single in the eighth.

Pirates 6, Nationals 3

In Pittsburgh, Gregory Polanco drove in four runs in the first two innings and the Pirates went on to a victory over the Nationals.

Polanco hit a two-run double in the first as the Pirates started the game with four straight hits, then added a two-run home run in the second, his 13th of the season to extend the lead to 6-1.

Marlins 4, Brewers 3, 10 Innings

In Miami, backup catcher Bryan Holaday hit a walk-off RBI single with one out in the 10th inning and the Marlins beat the Brewers.

Holaday, who came into the game batting .165, was in the lineup because the Marlins placed All-Star catcher J.T. Realmuto on the paternity list before the game in anticipation of the birth of his first child.

Jesus Aguilar gave his All-Star candidacy a boost by hitting his NL-leading 23rd homer for Milwaukee.

Mets 4, Phillies 3, 1st Game, 10 Innings

Phillies 3, Mets 1, 2nd Game

In New York, Aaron Nola allowed one hit in seven shutout innings and lashed a three-run double that sent the Philadelphia Phillies past the New York Mets 3-1 on Monday for a split of their twinight doubleheader.

One night after being named to his first All-Star team, Nola (12-2) struck out 10 and won his sixth straight decision to become the only 12-game winner in the National League. With his teammates scuffling at the plate, he took care of the offense himself by doubling his career RBI total in the fifth.

Mets rookie starter Corey Oswalt (0-2) took the loss.

In the opener, Wilmer Flores connected for a pinch-hit homer in the bottom of the 10th off Victor Arano (1-1) to give New York a 4-3 victory. Tim Peterson (2-1) pitched out of trouble in the 10th to get the win.

Miami Marlins' Starlin Castro hits a home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers on July 9, in Miami. (AP)

MLB Scoreboard

WASHINGTON, July 10, (Agencies): Results from the MLB games on Monday:

Baltimore	5	NY Yankees	4	Miami	4	Milwaukee (10 Inns)	3
NY Mets	4	Philadelphia	3	Boston	5	Texas	0
Pittsburgh	6	Washington	3	Minnesota	3	Kansas City	1
NY Yankees	10	Baltimore	2	Oakland	2	Houston	0
Philadelphia	3	NY Mets (10 Inns)	1	LA Dodgers	8	San Diego	2
Cincinnati	7	Cleveland	5	San Francisco	2	Chic Cubs	1
Tampa Bay	10	Detroit (10 Inns)	9				

American League — National League

American League - East

	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	63	29	.685	-
NY Yankees	59	30	.663	2-1/2
Tampa Bay	46	44	.511	16
Toronto	41	48	.461	20-1/2
Baltimore	25	66	.275	37-1/2

National League - East

	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	50	39	.562	-
Philadelphia	50	39	.562	-
Washington	45	45	.500	5-1/2
Miami	38	55	.409	14
NY Mets	36	52	.409	13-1/2

American League - Central

	W	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	49	40	.551	-
Minnesota	40	48	.455	8-1/2
Detroit	40	53	.430	11
Chic W. Sox	30	60	.333	19-1/2
Kansas City	25	65	.278	24-1/2

National League - Central

	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	54	37	.593	-
Chicago Cubs	51	37	.580	1-1/2
St. Louis	46	43	.517	7
Pittsburgh	42	48	.467	11-1/2
Cincinnati	40	51	.440	14

American League - West

	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	61	32	.656	-
Seattle	57	34	.626	3
Oakland	51	40	.560	9
LA Angels	46	45	.505	14
Texas	40	52	.435	20-1/2

National League - West

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	50	41	.549	-
LA Dodgers	49	41	.544	0-1/2
San Francisco	48	45	.516	3
Colorado	46	44	.511	3-1/2
San Diego	39	54	.419	12

MLB Linescores

American League

New York 012 001 0004 9 0
Baltimore 000 203 00x5 10 0
Sabathia, Holder (6), A.Cole (7) and Higashioka; Yacabonis, Wright Jr. (6), Givens (8), Britton (9) and Joseph. W_Wright Jr. 2-0. L_Sabathia 6-4. Sv_Britton (2). HRs_New York, Stanton (22). Baltimore, Valencia (9), Trumbo (12).

Texas 000 000 0000 5 0
Boston 200 000 03x5 9 1
Minor, Gearrin (6), Chavez (8) and Chirinos; Rodriguez, Hembree (6), Workman (7), J.Kelly (8), Brasier (9) and Leon. W_Rodriguez 11-3. L_Minor 6-5. HRs_Boston, Pearce (1), Martinez (28).

New York 100 210 04210 17 0
Baltimore 000 000 0202 5 1
Cessa, Gallegos (7) and Romine; Y.Ramirez, Meisinger (5), Brach (8), Scott (8), Fry (9) and Sisco. W_Cessa 1-1. L_Y.Ramirez 0-3. Sv_Gallegos (1). HRs_New York, Gardner (7), Romine (5). Baltimore, Beckham (2).

Detroit 003 000 420 09 13 0
Tampa Bay 502 000 200 110 17 2
(10 innings)
Liriano, VerHagen (3), Farmer (6), Coleman (7), A.Wilson (7), Hardy (9) and McCann; Archer, Wood (4), Schultz (7), Kolarek (7), Castillo (7), Stanek (8), Alvarado (8), Romo (8), Andriese (10) and W.Ramos. W_Andriese 2-3. L_Hardy 3-2. HRs_Tampa Bay, Ramos (13).

Oakland 000 000 1102 6 0
Houston 000 000 0000 5 0
Montas, Trivino (7), Treinen (9) and Lucroy; G.Cole, Peacock (7), Harris (7), J.Smith (8) and Federowicz. W_Montas 5-2. L_Peacock 1-4. Sv_Treinen (23). HRs_Oakland, Piscotty (10).

Kansas City001 000 0001 7 0
Minnesota 000 000 21x3 11 0
D.Duffy, Hill (7), McCarthy (7), Maurer (8) and S.Perez; Berrios, Hildenberger (8), Rodney (9) and B. Wilson, Garver. W_Berrios 9-7. L_Hill 1-3. Sv_Rodney (20).

Interleague

Cincinnati 010 210 1027 12 0
Cleveland 000 100 0045 10 2
DeSclafani, Garrett (8), Rainey (9), R.Iglesias (9) and Barnhart; Clevinger, Rzepczynski (7), Otero (8), Tomlin (9) and Gomes. W_DeSclafani 4-1. L_Clevinger 7-4. Sv_R.Iglesias (18). HRs_Cincinnati, Schebler (12), Votto (9). Cleveland, Kipnis (8), Alonso (13).

National League

Philadelphia 110 100 000 03 10 1
New York 102 000 000 14 7 0
(10 innings)
Eflin, E.Ramos (6), Neshek (7), Dominguez (8), Victor Arano (10) and Knapp; Wheeler, Lugo (5), Gsellman (8), Familia (9), T.Peterson (10) and Devin Mesoraco. W_T.Peterson 2-1. L_Victor Arano 1-1. HRs_Philadelphia, Franco (11). New York, Flores (8), Cabrera (16).

Washington010 011 0003 10 0
Pittsburgh 330 000 00x6 8 0
J.Rodriguez, Grace (6), Kelley (7), J.Miller (8) and Wieters; Nova, Ri. Rodriguez (6), E.Santana (8), Vazquez (9) and Cervelli. W_Nova 5-6. L_J. Rodriguez 0-1. Sv_Vazquez (19). HRs_Washington, Soto (9), Harper (22). Pittsburgh, Polanco (13).

Milwaukee 001 100 010 03 11 1
Miami 000 100 200 14 13 0
(10 innings)
C.Anderson, Jeffress (5), Hader (7), T.Williams (8), Knebel (10) and Nottingham; Urena, Guerra (6), Steckenrider (8), Barraclough (9), Ziegler (10) and Holaday. W_Ziegler 1-5. L_Knebel 2-1. HRs_Milwaukee, Aguilar (23). Miami, Castro (7), Anderson (7).

Philadelphia 000 030 0003 2 0
New York 000 000 0011 2 0
Nola, Hunter (8), Victor Arano (9) and Alfaro; Oswalt, Sewald (7), Rhame (8), Blevins (8) and Plawecki. W_Nola 12-2. L_Oswalt 0-2. Sv_Victor Arano (3).

Los Angeles000 500 1208 14 2
San Diego 000 000 0022 5 1
Kershaw, Goeddel (7), Ferguson (8) and Grandal; Perdomo, Lockett (8) and Ellis. W_Kershaw 3-4. L_Perdomo 1-3. HRs_San Diego, Myers (7).

Chicago 001 000 000 001 4 2
San Francisco 000 010 000 012 9 0
(11 innings)
Hendricks, R.Rosario (9), Cishek (10), Strop (11) and Contreras; Suarez, Watson (7), Melancon (8), W.Smith (9), Moronta (10), Blach (11) and Posey. W_Blach 6-5. L_Cishek 2-1.

Cavaliers hold off Pacers 93-88

Ayton outshines Bamba, leads Suns 3-0 Summer League mark

LAS VEGAS, July 10, (AP): Deandre Ayton is having no problem with the competition or the schedule at the NBA level.

Ayton outplayed a fellow top rookie big man for the second time, keeping the Phoenix Suns undefeated in preliminary play in Las Vegas.

Another full day of basketball Monday, highlighted by Ayton against Orlando's Mo Bamba in a matchup of unbeaten teams, was the third game in four days for the 20 teams in action at the NBA Summer League. The games are shorter than a regular NBA game — 40 minutes instead of 48 — and there's no travel, but it's still a lot of action in a short amount of time.

Some teams even gave players a rest day during the stretch of games, knowing there will be more ahead. Every team is guaranteed five games, with the possibility of playing as many as eight games in 12 days.

Ayton didn't look like he needed a break after scoring 17 points and grabbing 13 rebounds in the Suns' 71-53 victory over the Magic. The No. 1 pick said it was his first victory over

Deandre Ayton #22 of the Phoenix Suns is guarded by Mohamed Bamba #5 of the Orlando Magic during the 2018 NBA Summer League at the Thomas & Mack Center on July 9, in Las Vegas, Nevada. (AFP)

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Bamba, the No. 6 pick, after he beat fellow high school teammate and No. 2 selection Marvin Bagley III on Saturday.

"With all the excitement and all the fans coming out here, it just really made me a lot more comfortable," Ayton said in an interview on NBA TV. "And I just want to put on a show for them to be honest and just win as many games as I play."

There won't be any more for Bagley, as the Sacramento Kings announced that an MRI revealed a pelvic bone bruise. The Kings said Bagley would rest for a week or two.

Monday was the last of the 10-game slates on the campus of UNLV. There are only five games Tuesday before teams are seeded for tournament play that begins Wednesday.

Monday's summaries:

Suns 71, Magic 53

Dragan Bender and Shaquille Harrison each scored 11 points for the Suns (3-0). Davon Reed and Jack Cooley had 10 apiece, while Josh Jackson managed nine after shooting 3 for 13.

Bamba had five rebounds and five blocks, but took just four shots and scored four points. Jonathan Issac led the Magic (2-1) with 10 points.

Cavaliers 93, Pacers 88

Cedi Osman scored 25 points and No. 8 pick Collin Sexton added 21 for the Cavaliers (2-1). Billy Preston finished with 12 points on a day Ante Zizic rested.

T.J. Leaf scored 20 points for the Pacers (1-2). Alize Johnson added 16, Edmond Sumner had 14 and rookie Aaron Holiday had 12 points and eight assists but also eight turnovers.

Houston Rockets' De'Anthony Melton (0) shoots over Los Angeles Clippers' Tyler Harris (28) during the second half of an NBA Summer League basketball game on July 9, in Las Vegas. (AP)

Thunder 92, Raptors 82

Rashawn Thomas and P.J. Dozier scored 17 points apiece for the Thunder (2-1), who have won two straight games after losing their first 11 games in the Summer League, dating to when the franchise was based in Seattle. Thomas also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Kevin Hervey added 12 points and Dakari Johnson finished with 10 while also getting into an exchange with Toronto's O.G. Anunoby in which both received technical fouls.

Pistons 105, Pelicans 97

Henry Ellenson had 13 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists as Detroit (1-2) avoided going winless in preliminary play. The former lottery pick also had two steals but committed six turnovers.

Bruce Brown and Khyri Thomas each added 12 points for the Pistons.

Cheick Diallo scored 25 points in the Pelicans' first loss in Las Vegas. Walter Lemmon Jr and Shavon Shields each finished with 14 points for New Orleans (2-1).

Wizards 87, 76ers 75

Troy Brown Jr scored 23 points and Devin Robinson had 22 to help the Wizards (1-2) win the game matching teams that entered play winless.

Thomas Bryant finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Furkan Korkmaz, who had a 40-point game earlier this week, was 0 for 9 from the field and finished with one point for the 76ers (0-3). Rookie Zhaire Smith was 1 for 9 for two points.

Celtics 100, Hornets 80

Jabari Bird and Jarrod Uthoff each scored 16 points for the Celtics (2-1). Guerschon Yabusele had 14 points and eight rebounds, and Semi Ojeleye chipped in 13 points and seven boards.

Rookie Robert Williams III sat out with a bruised left knee.

Rookie Miles Bridges scored 20 points for the Hornets (2-1).

Mavericks 91, Warriors 71

Phil Greene scored 16 points in the Mavericks' easy victory. Mitchell Creek added 13 points.

Dennis Smith Jr. sat out for the Mavericks (2-1) on the day No. 3 pick Luka Doncic signed his contract.

Josh Magette and Kendrick Nunn were the only players in double figures with 10 points for the Warriors (1-2), who rested Jordan Bell.

Nuggets 90, Bucks 83

Monte Morris led the unbeaten Nuggets (3-0) with 20 points and eight assists.

Sterling Brown scored 27 points, going 11 of 18 from the field, for the Bucks (1-2).

Rockets 104, Clippers 90

De'Anthony Melton scored 26 points, making five 3-pointers, to keep the Rockets (3-0) unbeaten.

Melton added 10 rebounds and five assists, while Vincent Edwards added 20 points and eight boards. Zhou Qi finished with 12 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots.

Jokic and Barton sign big deals

Lakers, LeBron make marriage official

NEW YORK, July 10, (RTRS): Los Angeles can collectively exhale. LeBron James is officially a Laker.

The club announced late Monday afternoon that James has put pen to paper on the reported four-year, $154 million deal, just as James' representation, Klutch Sports Group, confirmed the news with a tweet of its own.

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"Today is a great day for the Lakers organization and Lakers fans all over the world to welcome LeBron James, a three-time NBA Champion and four-time NBA MVP," Lakers president of basketball operations Magic Johnson said in a statement. "LeBron is special. He is the best player in the world. He loves to compete and is an awesome leader who is about winning and making sure that his teammates are successful. The Lakers players are excited to have a teammate who has been to nine NBA Finals. It's a huge step closer to returning the Lakers to the playoffs and to the NBA Finals."

James, 33, has averaged 27.2 points, 7.4 rebounds and 7.2 assists per game in 1,143 career contests. He also has been named NBA Finals MVP three times. Last season was his first in which he played in all 82 regular-season games, and the eighth in a row in which his team advanced to the Eastern Conference finals (four in Miami before each of the last four seasons in Cleveland).

James

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The **Denver Nuggets** officially signed center **Nikola Jokic** and guard Will Barton to new deals, the team announced.

According to previous reports, Jokic's max-level extension is worth $147.7 million over five years, while Barton's is a four-year deal worth $54 million, with a player option in the fourth year.

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The **Clippers** officially announced the re-signing of guard Avery Bradley, whose deal was reported last week as a two-year, $25 million pact.

Bradley, 27, appeared in six games with the Clippers after arriving in the Blake Griffin trade last season, averaging 9.2 points before having season-ending surgery to repair a sports hernia.

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The **New Orleans Pelicans** officially announced the additions of forward **Julius Randle** and guard **Elfrid Payton**, along with the re-signing of guard **Ian Clark**.

Randle's deal was previously reported as a two-year, $18 million pact, while Payton and Clark signed one-year deals for $2.7 million and $1.76 million, respectively.