

Mixed weather and waves at Tokyo 2020 surfing test event

Tokyo governor says Olympics worth the cost, Paralympics key

MLB Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, July 18, (RTRS): Results and standings from the MLB games on Wednesday.

NY Mets	14	Minnesota	4
St. Louis	6	Pittsburgh	5
Brewers	5	Atlanta	4
Chic Cubs	5	Cincinnati	2
SF Giants	11	Colorado	8
Oakland	10	Seattle	2
LA Dodgers	7	Phillies	2
Baltimore	9	Nationals	2
Boston	5	Toronto	4
Cleveland	7	Detroit	2
SD Padres	3	Miami	2
Arizona	19	Texas	4
KC Royals	7	Chic. W. Sox	5
Astros	11	LA Angels	2

American League

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
NY Yankees	60	33	.645	-
Tampa Bay	56	41	.577	6
Boston	52	44	.542	9-1/2
Toronto	36	61	.371	26
Baltimore	29	68	.305	32

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	58	35	.624	-
Cleveland	54	40	.574	4-1/2
Chic. W. Sox	42	50	.457	15-1/2
Kansas City	35	62	.361	25
Detroit	29	62	.319	28

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	60	37	.619	-
Oakland	55	41	.573	4-1/2
Texas	50	46	.521	9-1/2
LA Angels	50	47	.515	10
Seattle	39	60	.394	22

National League

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	58	39	.598	-
Washington	50	44	.532	6-1/2
Philadelphia	49	47	.510	8-1/2
NY Mets	43	51	.457	13-1/2
Miami	35	58	.376	21

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chic. Cubs	52	44	.542	-
Milwaukee	50	47	.515	2-1/2
St. Louis	48	46	.511	3
Pittsburgh	45	50	.474	6-1/2
Cincinnati	43	50	.462	7-1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
LA Dodgers	64	34	.653	-
Arizona	49	47	.510	14
San Francisco	47	49	.490	16
San Diego	46	49	.484	16-1/2
Colorado	46	50	.479	17

Paddack's no-hit bid ends in 8th, Padres hold off Marlins



Los Angeles Dodgers' Justin Turner hits a two-run home run off Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Austin Davis during the eighth inning of a rain-delayed baseball game on July 18 in Philadelphia. (AP)

TOKYO, July 18, (RTRS): Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike on Thursday defended the cost of hosting the 2020 Olympic Games, saying the Paralympics in particular would build a legacy by creating better accessibility for Japan's rapidly aging society.

Koike had taken Olympics organisers to task after her election three years ago, saying the Games budget was in danger of ballooning and ordering a review of costs and facilities.

But she told a news conference on Thursday that spending was under control with a budget ceiling having been set, and voiced confidence that citizens' tax money was being put to effective use.

"I am particularly emphasizing the Paralympic Games," Koike said. "It could serve as a good springboard in bringing in designs that will ensure accessibility as well as what we call barrier-free access and facilities."

Koike said the legacy of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics was urban infrastructure like the Metropolitan Expressway and the Shinkansen bullet train.

"I'd like the 2020 Games to be something more intangible, a new way of thinking for people and society as a whole," Koike said.

"Accessibility for all is a major challenge for every city," she said, noting the proportion of Tokyo's over-65 population would reach 31 percent by 2050.

The latest budget figures show a cost of 1.35 trillion yen (\$12.6 billion), with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government shouldering 600 billion yen (\$5.6 billion). The Tokyo Olympic Games will be held July 24 to Aug. 9 next year followed by the Paralympics Aug 25 to Sept 6.

Meanwhile, surfing's unpredictability is part of its charm and Tokyo 2020



Koike

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organisers got a taste this week of what might face them next year when the sport makes its Olympics debut.

Heavy fog and small waves on Thursday meant the start of the four-day surfing test event at Shidashita Beach, some 60 kilometres north-west of Tokyo, was delayed for an hour.

Organisers also had to contend with the more unexpected challenge of a sea turtle laying her eggs overnight, just 10 metres from the judges' viewing area.

Once the fog had lifted and the first heats began, there were periods of heavy rain mixed with bright sunshine, a further indicator of the unpredictable conditions surfers are used to but present a challenge to one of the Olympics' newest sports.

"We depend on mother nature, we depend on the natural conditions as they present themselves," International Surfing Association Executive Director Robert Fasulo told reporters on the beach during a rare window of sunshine. "We are very confident and part of the reason why we are here in this period is to see how the conditions are running during the format."

"I think that, from what we have seen, and we are on schedule, that the conditions are absolutely adequate."

Organisers expected waves to average between 1-1.5 metres during the test event and that this would be acceptable, if not perfect, if replicated next year, Fasulo said.

"This is absolutely contestable conditions if you look and see there are some great waves being ridden," he added.

"Yesterday was beautiful, although of course it wasn't a competition day (and this) has shown to us that this is absolutely a good location for a high class, a world class, surfing competition."

Shidashita Beach was chosen by organisers as it has some of the most consistent waves in Japan and should allow for the four days of Olympic competition to be completed in its eight-day window of July 26-Aug 2 next year.

Surfers competing in the event agreed the conditions were probably the best in the country, even if the waves later in the morning were disappointing.

"I often come here to practice and there are good waves," said Shino Matsuda, who won the Japan Open on Shidashita Beach in 2018. "But (the) waves were smaller than usual today."

The smaller waves mean surfers can expect a tighter, technical contest.

"The waves were a bit small and there were tides too, so waves were breaking so fast that it was difficult to surf," added Hiroto Ohhara, who added that the Chiba coastline was the best surfing Japan has to offer.

Qualification for surfing at the 2020 Olympics has already started, with 20 places available for both men and women.

NFL Roundup

Lock OK's terms

Falcons sign Jones to hefty 'extension'

ATLANTA, July 18, (RTRS): The Atlanta Falcons signed linebacker Deion Jones to a four-year extension on Wednesday, putting him under contract through 2023.

Jones' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, told multiple media outlets the extension is worth \$57 million with \$34 million guaranteed for injury. According to The MMQB, the deal includes an \$11 million signing bonus, \$13.45 million paid in 2019 and \$35.5 million over the first three years, with \$25.8 million guaranteed in full.

The annual average of \$14.25 million makes Jones the second-highest-paid off-ball linebacker in the NFL, behind only the Jets' C.J. Mosley (\$17 million). His guaranteed money also trails only Mosley (\$51 million) at the position.

Denver Broncos rookie quarterback Drew Lock will not hold out of any training camp practices after he agreed to terms on his rookie contract, multiple outlets reported.

A report Tuesday from 9News.com said negotiations between the sides had stalled, as Lock sought a "quarterback premium" - with additional guarantees or workout bonuses - to be paid more than fellow second-round rookie Dalton Risner, a guard taken by Denver one pick before Lock in April's draft.

Risner, picked 41st, signed his rookie deal later Tuesday, worth \$7.14 million over four years with a \$3.2 million signing bonus.

Running back Phillip Lindsay and wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders will practice with the Broncos when on-field work at training camp opens Thursday.

Head coach Vic Fangio said Lindsay is "ready to go" following offseason wrist surgery. General manager John Elway said Sanders will be eased into action after tearing his Achilles last season, but he will not be placed on the physically unable to perform list.

Meanwhile, the Broncos waived wide receiver Aaron Burbridge, whom ESPN reported opted to retire rather than report to training camp.

A scheduled three-day bargaining session between the NFL and the NFL Players Association ended after one day, according to multiple reports.

The sides released a joint statement, saying, "(Wednesday's) meeting was productive, constructive and beneficial for both sides, and the meetings between the NFLPA's Executive Committee and the NFL's Management Council Executive Committee will continue."

Police in North Carolina issued a felony arrest warrant for Arizona Cardinals tackle Desmond Harrison on charges of assault by strangulation and assault on a female, multiple outlets reported.

Dodgers outlast Phillies, rain for 7-2 win

Broglie, part of famously lopsided trade, dies at 83

SAN JOSE, California, July 18, (RTRS): Former pitcher Ernie Broglie, known for being part of one of the most lopsided trades in baseball history, has died. He was 83.

Broglie died of cancer on Tuesday night in San Jose, California, according to the St Louis Post-Dispatch.

The right-handed Broglie became part of baseball lore after being traded by the St Louis Cardinals to the Chicago Cubs in June of 1964. He was the key piece that the Cardinals sent in a six-player deal that netted them a young player named Lou Brock.

Brock emerged with the Cardinals and was a six-time All-Star en route to being inducted into the Hall of Fame. He had 3,023 hits and 938 stolen bases in a stellar career that ended in 1979.

Broglie was a huge disap-

pointment and went 7-19 with a 5.40 ERA in 2-1/2 seasons with the Cubs. He never pitched for another major league team.

Broglie had some success

with the Cardinals prior to the trade. He went 21-9 with a 2.74 ERA in 1960, tying for the National League lead in victories and finishing

third in NL Cy Young balloting. He also went 18-8 with a 2.99 ERA in 1963.

Overall, Broglie compiled a 77-74 record with a 3.74 ERA in 259 career appearances (184 starts).



Broglie



Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Yu Darvish, of Japan, throws against the Cincinnati Reds during the first inning of a baseball game in Chicago on July 17. (AP)

Royals 7, White Sox 5

In Kansas City, Danny Duffy continued Kansas City's recent pitching dominance as the Royals defeated visiting Chicago to win the first three games of the four-game series.

Whit Merrifield, Jorge Soler, Nicky Lopez and Alex Gordon combined to go 9-for-14 for Kansas City. Soler had three RBIs and Lopez had two.

Duffy (4-5), who entered the game with a string of 14-2/3 scoreless innings against the White Sox, didn't allow a run until Ryan Goins launched a no-out, two-run home run in the sixth. He wound up yielding two runs on six hits in six innings. Duffy struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

Orioles 9, Nationals 2

In Baltimore, Trey Mancini homered twice, and Chris Davis hit a tie-breaking single in a three-run, seventh-inning rally as Baltimore defeated visiting Washington.

The Orioles broke the game open with five runs in the eighth. Mancini had a two-run homer in that frame, and he finished with three RBIs. Anthony Santander got a sacrifice fly while Stevie Wilkerson had an RBI double and then scored on a Rio Ruiz single.

The game was delayed 1 hour, 32 minutes by rain at the start.

Diamondbacks 19, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Texas, Arizona scored 12 runs in the first two innings and tied its team record with 21 hits as it belted five home runs. The 12 runs were the most the Diamondbacks had ever scored through the first two innings of a game.

Eduardo Escobar drove in five runs and homered from both sides of the plate, including a two-run blast from the left side in a seven-run first inning that Arizona chased Texas starter Jesse Chavez (3-5). Escobar connected from the right side in the sixth, a three-run shot that was good for a 17-3 lead.

Christian Walker reached base six times in seven at-bats - two hits, three walks and a hit by pitch.

Athletics 10, Mariners 2

In Oakland, Mark Canha and Jurickson Profar each hit two home runs, and Homer Bailey pitched six solid innings in his A's debut as host Oakland defeated Seattle.

Chad Pinder and Ramon Laureano also homered for the A's, who scored all of their runs via the long ball. Oakland swept the two-game series and has won six in a row overall, outscoring its opponents 47-13.

Bailey (8-6), a veteran right-hander, was acquired Sunday in a trade with Kansas City. He allowed two runs on seven hits with no walks and six strikeouts.

Cubs 5, Reds 2

In Chicago, Kris Bryant and Addison Russell hit solo home runs, and Yu Darvish snapped his drought at Wrigley Field with six scoreless innings in Chicago's win over visiting Cincinnati.

Darvish (3-4) turned in his second straight outing of two-hit ball over six scoreless innings. He struck out seven and got his first career win at Wrigley after 13 starts without one as a member of the Cubs. He had never before pitched in a win at Wrigley, including a loss with the Texas Rangers in 2016.

Darvish also earned his first win this season since April 27 after 12 no-decisions and a loss.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 5

In St. Louis, Paul Goldschmidt hit a go-ahead, three-run home run in the seventh inning as hosts St. Louis beat Pittsburgh. The Cardinals took two of three from the Pirates.

The Pirates carried a 4-3 lead into the seventh, and Francisco Liriano (4-2) re-

tired the first batter he faced before giving up a single to Tommy Edman and issuing a walk to Jose Martinez. Goldschmidt then greeted Michael Feliz by homering to left-center field on a 2-2 pitch.

The rally made a winner out of John Brebbia (3-3), who threw two perfect innings of relief. Andrew Miller tossed a 1-2-3 eighth before Carlos Martinez earned his sixth save despite allowing a run in the ninth.

Giants 11, Rockies 8

In Denver, Donovan Solano led off the sixth inning with a go-ahead home run as San Francisco completed its first four-game sweep of Colorado in Denver since 2011.

The win was the Giants' fifth straight and sixth in seven games on a just-completed road trip that began at Milwaukee. San Francisco passed the Rockies in the standings, having won eight of nine and 12 of 14 overall.

Brewers 5, Braves 4

In Milwaukee, Christian Yelich homered for the third time in four days, one of two struck by Milwaukee hitters, to help the Brewers defeat visiting Atlanta. The win gave the Brewers their first series win over a team other than Pittsburgh since mid-May.

Yelich hit a solo homer in the sixth inning against Dallas Keuchel (3-3) to ignite a three-run outburst that allowed Milwaukee to put the game away and ensure a series victory. It was the 34th homer for Yelich, two shy of his career high total from 2018, when he was the NL Most Valuable Player.

Chase Anderson (5-2) pitched 5-2/3 scoreless innings and allowed one hit and three walks, striking out three. It was Anderson's fifth straight start in which he has allowed two or fewer runs. He improved to 3-0 with a 3.37 ERA in six career starts against Atlanta.

Mets 14, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, pinch-hitter Dominic Smith belted a three-run homer, Amed Rosario had four hits, and New York routed Minnesota.

With the Mets down 3-2 in the seventh, Smith swatted an 0-2 curve-ball for his ninth homer. He finished 2-for-3 off the bench, adding a run-scoring single in the eighth to give him a career-high four RBIs.

Rosario went 4-for-4 with a homer, triple, four runs and three RBIs. Adeiny Hechavarria had three hits, including two doubles, and scored twice.

Rays vs Yankees, ppp

The game between Tampa Bay and New York was postponed due to the forecast of severe weather in the vicinity of Yankee Stadium. The contest will be made up Thursday as part of a regular doubleheader beginning at 3 pm ET.



Kansas City Royals' Whit Merrifield slides into third base during the first inning of the team's baseball game against the Chicago White Sox at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri on July 17. (AP)