

Padres 'edge' Dodgers on Hosmer's RBI single

Trout, Angels end A's 9-game win streak

LOS ANGELES, Aug 11, (AP): Eric Hosmer singled in the go-ahead run with two outs in the sixth inning, and the San Diego Padres beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 2-1 in the series opener Monday night.

Joc Pederson bobbled the ball on Hosmer's hit to left and couldn't attempt a throw as Trent Grisham scored from second after Dustin May (1-1) walked him, giving the Padres a 2-1 lead.

Austin Hedges homered with two outs in the fifth to tie it at 1. It was Hedges' third hit and first homer of the season and only the second home run given up by May.

Emilio Pagán retired Mookie Betts, Cody Bellinger and Justin Turner in order in the eighth, and the Dodgers managed just four hits. Betts, Bellinger and Turner were 1 for 4 with a strikeout each. Los Angeles was 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position.

Cal Quantrill (2-0) got the victory with three innings of relief. He allowed two hits and struck out three.

Drew Pomeranz retired the side in the ninth for his third save.

Angels 10, Athletics 9

In Anaheim, California, Mike Trout hit two home runs, including a tie-breaking shot in the eighth inning, and Los Angeles rallied from an early five-run deficit to snap Oakland's nine-game winning streak.

Trout's solo drive off Yusmeiro Petit (1-1) in the eighth helped the Angels stop a three-game skid. It was the 20th multi-homer game of Trout's career, which tied Tim Salmon and Vladimir Guerrero for the franchise record. Slumping newcomer Anthony Rendon also homered for the Angels.

Los Angeles trailed 9-4 in the fourth when Trout began the rally with a two-run drive into the Angels' bullpen in left field. Shohei Ohtani had an RBI double in the inning to bring them to 9-7 and then tied it with a two-run homer to center in the sixth.

Noe Ramirez, Keynan Middleton, Felix Peña (1-0) and Ty Buttrey held Oakland scoreless. Buttrey earned his second save.

Matt Chapman homered twice and tied a career high with six RBIs for AL West-leading Oakland.

Astros 6, Giants 4

In Houston, Lance McCullers Jr pitched no-hit ball into the seventh inning, Michael Brantley and Carlos Correa drove in two runs each and Houston snapped a five-game skid.

McCullers (2-1) bounced back from one of the worst performances of his career with a gem, allowing one hit and striking out five in seven scoreless innings. The 26-year-old tied a career high by allowing eight runs in just 3-2/3 innings of a 14-7 loss at Arizona his last time out.

His only hit allowed Monday came when Donovan Solano extended his MLB-best hitting streak to 15 games with a double in the seventh.

San Francisco rookie starter Logan Webb (1-1) allowed four hits and five runs - only two earned because of two errors - in 3-1/3 innings.



Tampa Bay Rays' Kevin Kiermaier hits a two-run double during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, on Aug 10, in Boston. (AP)

Nationals 16, Mets 4

In New York, Asdrubal Cabrera went 4 for 4 with two homers, two doubles and five RBIs, tormenting his former team again as Washington routed New York.

Juan Soto and Trea Turner homered in the third inning for the Nationals, who scored just 11 runs in their previous five games.

Cabrera, who played in 374 games for the Mets from 2016-18, became the first player to go 4 for 4 with four extra-base hits against a former team since Johnny Cooney of the Brooklyn Dodgers did it versus the Boston Bees in

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1937, according to STATS. Cabrera is batting .452 with three homers and 11 RBIs in eight games against New York since Washington signed him last August.

Soto launched a drive that landed beyond the Mets' home run apple in center field and was projected at a career-long 463 feet. He also singled and hit an RBI double that sparked a seven-run fifth.

Patrick Corbin (2-0) cruised to the win. Steven Matz (0-3) was hammered for a career-worst eight earned runs over 4-1/3 innings.

Phillies 13, Braves 8

In Philadelphia, Didi Gregorius hit a grand slam, Bryce Harper blasted a three-run shot and Philadelphia got Aaron Nola his first win in nearly a year.

Nola (1-1) allowed one run, two hits and struck out 10 in eight innings. The ace right-hander was 0-5 in nine starts since his last win at Boston on Aug 20, 2019.

Roman Quinn, Jean Segura and J.T. Realmuto added solo shots for Philadelphia, which bounced back after getting swept in Sunday's doubleheader to earn a split of the four-game series.

Braves lefty Sean Newcomb (0-2) allowed eight runs in 1-1/3 innings.

Rays 8, Red Sox 7

In Boston, Kevin Kiermaier hit a tie-breaking, two-run double in the seventh inning, Manuel Margot had four hits and Tampa Bay beat Boston.

Kiermaier's opposite-field line drive off reliever Jeffrey Springs (0-1) rolled all the way to the wall in left-center field. Yoshi Tsutsugo and Margot scored after both singled to start the inning. Kiermaier had three RBIs.

Tampa Bay has won four of five after taking three of four against the New York Yankees at home prior to this season-high 10-game

road trip. Aaron Loup (1-0) struck out three in a scoreless inning, and Andrew Kittredge recorded the final two outs for his first career save.

Twins 4, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Eddie Rosario hit a grand slam, Randy Dobnak pitched five strong innings and Minnesota ended a four-game skid.

Dobnak (3-1) struck out three, allowed four hits, walked one and retired his last eight batters to continue his hot start to the season.

Keston Hiura homered and Orlando Arcia hit an RBI double for the Brewers. Adrian Houser (1-1) pitched five innings and gave up only those four runs on Rosario's grand slam.

Diamondbacks 12, Rockies 8

In Denver, Kole Calhoun hit a leadoff homer and a two-run double to lead Arizona's 18-hit outburst in Colorado.

David Peralta and Ketel Marte got four hits each for the Diamondbacks. Alex Young (1-0) worked two innings of relief and Archie Bradley earned his fourth save.

Rockies outfielder Charlie Blackmon had four singles to extend his hitting streak to 14 games. He has 10 multi-hit games in that stretch, including the last five to raise his batting average to .484, tops in baseball. Blackmon has 12 hits in his last 15 at-bats.

Nolan Arenado also had four hits and Trevor Story homered for Colorado.

Calhoun set the tone with a leadoff homer against Jon Gray (0-2) and added a two-run double in a three-run seventh that gave Arizona a four-run lead.

Tigers 5, White Sox 1

In Detroit, JaCoby Jones hit an inside-the-park home run and Detroit breezed past Chicago for their fourth straight victory.

Niko Goodrum homered and had four hits for the Tigers, who handed the White Sox their fifth loss in six games. It wasn't all good news for Detroit, though. First baseman C.J. Cron exited with a left knee injury.

White Sox slugger Jose Abreu came up limping after grounding out in the eighth and left the game as well.

The Tigers improved to 9-5 on the year after losing 114 games in 2019.

Michael Fulmer pitched three scoreless innings for Detroit, and Daniel Norris (1-1) worked two.

Dallas Keuchel (2-2) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings.

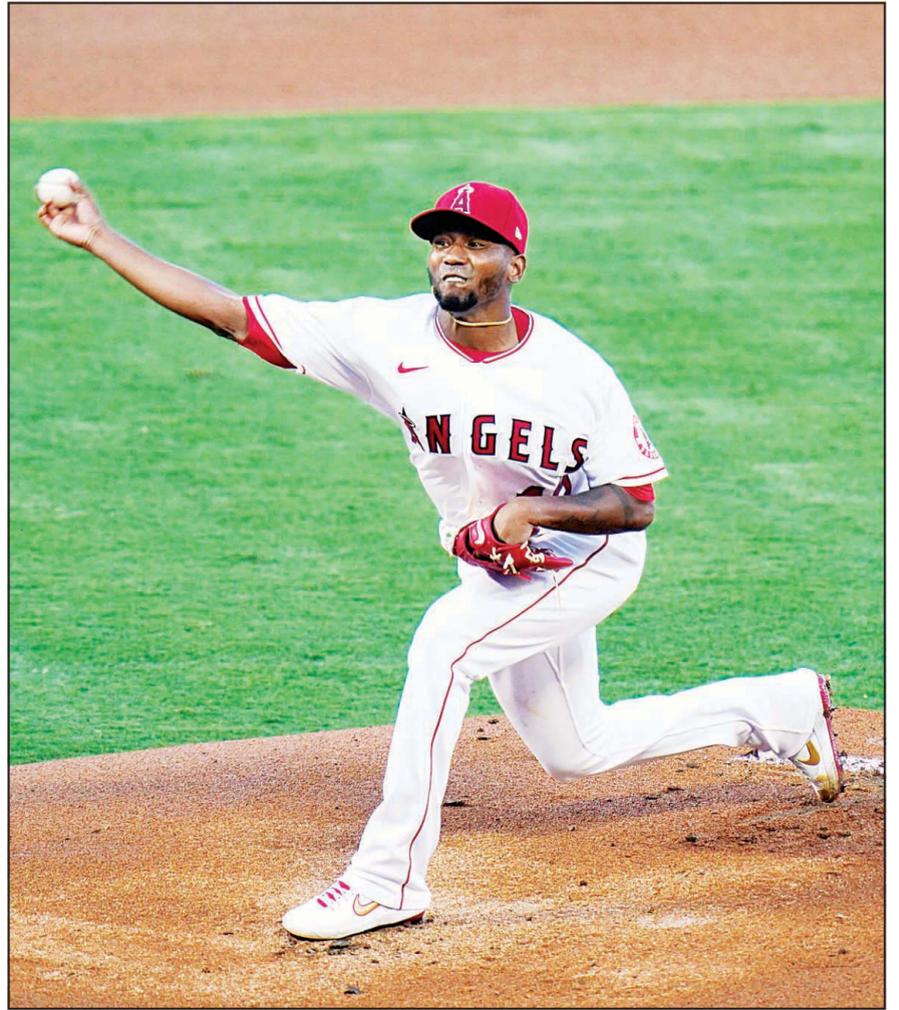
Mariners 10, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Kyle Seager hit a grand slam, Kyle Lewis and Dylan Moore also homered and Seattle won their first game at the new Texas ballpark, snapping the Rangers' three-game winning streak.

Lewis put the Mariners up 4-2 with a three-run shot in the fifth inning off Kyle Gibson (0-2). Seager added his fifth career slam an inning later.

Justin Dunn (1-1) limited Texas to two runs over six innings for his first big league victory.

With the retractable roof opened at Globe Life Field during a game for the first time, the Mariners' three homers were only one fewer than opponents had hit overall in the first eight games there.



Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Julio Teheran throws against the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of a baseball game on Aug 10, in Anaheim, California. (AP)

Chargers' Ekeler has new role

Witten invigorated by new opportunity

MLB Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Aug 11, (AP): Results and standings from the MLB games on Monday.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	5	Chic W. Sox	1	
Minnesota	4	Milwaukee	2	
TB Rays	8	Boston	7	
Houston	6	SF Giants	4	
Seattle	10	Texas	2	
LA Angels	10	Oakland	9	
Phillies	13	Atlanta	6	
Washington	16	NY Mets	4	
Arizona	12	Colorado	8	
SD Padres	2	LA Dodgers	1	

American League

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	6	.625	-
Tampa Bay	9	8	.529	1½
Baltimore	7	7	.500	2
Toronto	5	8	.385	3½
Boston	6	10	.375	4

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	11	6	.647	-
Detroit	9	5	.643	½
Cleveland	10	7	.588	1
Chicago	8	9	.471	3
Kansas City	7	10	.412	4

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	12	5	.706	-
Houston	7	9	.438	4½
Texas	6	9	.400	5
Seattle	7	11	.389	5½
Los Angeles	6	11	.353	6

National League

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	7	3	.700	-
Atlanta	11	7	.611	-
Philadelphia	5	6	.455	2½
Washington	5	7	.417	3
New York	7	10	.412	3½

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	10	3	.769	-
St Louis	2	3	.400	4
Cincinnati	7	9	.438	4½
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	4½
Pittsburgh	3	13	.188	8½

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	11	5	.688	-
Los Angeles	11	6	.647	½
San Diego	10	7	.588	1½
Arizona	7	10	.412	4½
San Francisco	7	11	.389	5

NEY YORK, Aug 11, (AP): After following Jon Gruden into the "Monday Night Football" booth didn't work out as well as Jason Witten expected, the veteran tight end hopes playing for Gruden leads to more success.

Witten made the move to Las Vegas this offseason to join the Raiders following 16 seasons with Dallas interrupted by the one year in the ESPN booth.

"I'm invigorated by this challenge and where I'm at in my career," Witten said Monday. "It made a lot of sense from the fit, the role and the presence that I could have. I didn't really over-think it and it's just a great opportunity to go in there and compete and I'm very fortunate for that, and I'll challenge myself to play at a high level even where my age is and it's been a lot of fun for me."

The 38-year-old Witten pointed to the success Gruden had with older players in his first stint with the Raiders when players like Jerry Rice, Rich Gannon, Albert Lewis and Eric Allen all had late-career revivals.

Austin Ekeler has a new role and different training camp this year.

However, the Los Angeles Chargers running back is still trying to maintain the same approach.

Ekeler is the Chargers lead back after a breakout 2019 season and Melvin Gordon's departure to



In this Oct 10, 2019 file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Jason Witten (82) warms up before an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Arlington, Texas. (AP)

Denver. Ekeler knows there is an increased spotlight on him this year, but he thinks that will be the only major difference.

"Now I am the starting running back but that doesn't mean my game is going to change," he said on Monday. "There is more of a spotlight on my name, but the offense is a similar dynamic."

Minnesota Vikings second-year linebacker Cameron Smith will miss the 2020 season because of a heart condition that was discovered after he tested positive for COVID-19 upon reporting to training camp two weeks ago.

The Vikings made the procedural move on Monday of waiving Smith with a non-football injury designation. Upon clearing waivers, he'll revert to the reserve list for non-football injuries. Smith, who played mostly on special teams as a rookie, was a fifth-round draft pick out of USC in 2019.

Robert Woods spent his workdays during this bizarre NFL offseason sneaking over fences and through unlocked doors onto the fields and tracks of various Los Angeles-area high schools.

"You might see a gate open, so you hop on the track and get your work in," Woods said. "The next day you may see somebody watching you on the track and they'll say, 'Hey, what are you doing out here?' and then find ways to get you off the track. Next thing you know, you're shooting texts around trying to find another available track."

Woods did some of that sneaky work with Cooper Kupp, his fellow 1,000-yard receiver with the Los Angeles Rams.

In some ways, the chemistry between Tom Brady and Julian Edelman was as key to the Patriots' success in recent years as the X's and O's.

Brady's departure this offseason certainly created a void, but not one that Edelman wants to dwell on.

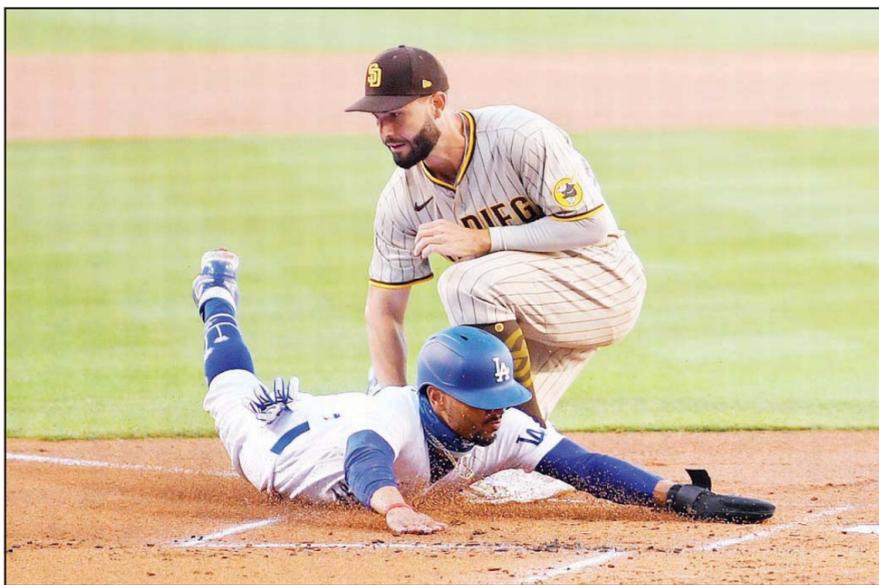
"We played a lot of ball together. I love him to death, but the train keeps moving," Edelman said Monday. "As it will when I'm not playing here someday. It just always keeps going. So we've got to worry about the people that we have here and try to prepare ourselves the best we can with the situation we're in with everything we're dealing with."

One of the people that could help ease the transition away from Brady is the arrival of Cam Newton, whom Edelman was able to get a sneak peek at recently when the two got together for an impromptu throwing session shortly before reporting to training camp.

After years of playing in a dysfunctional organization in Washington, the difference in the vibe of a winning franchise hit Trent Williams as soon as he walked into the building for the San Francisco 49ers this training camp.

Williams saw a culture instilled from management to the coaching staff to the players and an energy he wasn't used to the past decade in Washington even before the defending NFC champions Niners have held their first real practice.

"Coming where I came from, a walk-through was a walkthrough," Williams said. "Our walkthrough here was pretty intense. A lot of focus, a lot of attention to detail and guys flying around. You could tell this is a hungry group of guys and I feel like I fit right in."



Los Angeles Dodgers' Mookie Betts (right), is tagged out by San Diego Padres' Eric Hosmer after getting caught in a rundown as home plate umpire John Libka watches during the first inning of a baseball game on Aug 10, in Los Angeles. (AP)

Camel Racing Club announces start of new season on Sept 11

KUWAIT CITY, Aug 11: The Camel Racing Club has announced that its new season will start on September 11 and continue until April 2020, reports Al-Anba daily.

In a press release, the Secretary of the club Rabih Al-Ajmi explained that the activities in the club will resume following a forced

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hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The club will implement all of the health precautions and requirements approved by the tripartite committee concerned with the return of sporting activity in the country. This committee was formed by the Ministry of Health, the Public Authority for Sports and the Olympic Committee of Kuwait.

In light of the observance of social distancing, the club is pre-

paring for the start of the races that will be held on Saturday every week in coordination with the committee. The races will be held in the mornings in order to reduce the gathering of those who are fans of this sport of their ancestors.

Al-Ajmi affirmed that the club allowed owners to train their hybrids at the club from early August based on a schedule prepared by the club to ensure there is no crowding during training.

He revealed that the club will allocate races for camels that are young in age on a separate day from their older counterparts, provided they alternate between them on a weekly basis with the aim of reducing the number of breeders and competitors in the club.

Al-Ajmi concluded by assuring that the competitors' contact with each other in the races remains minimal due to the use of automatic rider devices for many years.