

## Garrett jumped at chance to be Giants' offensive coordinator

## Chargers' Lynn reveals he had coronavirus on 'Hard Knocks'

COSTA MESA, California, Aug 12, (AP): It didn't take long for "Hard Knocks: Los Angeles" to reveal its first major surprise of the season as Los Angeles Chargers coach Anthony Lynn said he had coronavirus during the offseason.

Lynn's admission came less than five minutes into Tuesday's season premiere of the show on HBO and produced by NFL Films. He was answering questions about protocols put in place during a video conference call with his players.



Lynn

"I can't promise you you're not going to get infected. I got infected," said Lynn, who has recovered from the virus.

Lynn's experience set the tone for the hour-long show in which the theme was how the Chargers and Rams were taking steps to protect players. The episode also showed the testing procedure for players, which include nasal swab and blood antibody tests.

Players, coaches and some team staff members are tested daily for at least the first two weeks of training camps. It can be reduced to every other day after that depending on the rate of positive results. The league and NFL Players Association continue to discuss how long to continue daily tests.

Lynn — who is in his fourth season as Chargers coach — said in a conversation with team psychologist Dr Herb Martin that he had a slight cough and body aches. He didn't decide to get tested until watching a golf tournament when one of the competitors had to withdraw after testing positive. That golfer had symptoms similar to Lynn's.

"I never even would have known it and probably got other people infected," Lynn said.

Lynn later said that the emotional toll was worse than the physical effects.

"The first thing, you feel a little bit like an outcast. That was probably harder for me than the sickness," he said. "I was feeling like, 'I can't go here or I'm going to infect this person.' When you're used to fixing the problem, now I'm the problem."

The Chargers are one of the few teams to not have any player on the COVID/reserve list or have anyone opt out from playing this season.

The episode later showed Rams rookie linebacker Terrell Lewis self-quarantining and talking to teammates via video conference after testing positive.

Meanwhile, Jason Garrett wasn't interested in sitting around for a year after the Dallas Cowboys didn't renew his contract as their head coach after 10 years in charge.

So when the New York Giants and new head coach Joe Judge called to ask him about becoming the offensive coordinator, he jumped at the chance.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday for the first time since he was hired in January, Garrett refused to discuss his final days in Dallas. He thanked the Cowboys organization and players for his time there, but wanted to focus on the Giants and his return to the area.

"I love coaching football," Garrett said on a virtual conference call

Tuesday. "I was just so fortunate to have been able to play football in the National Football League for 15 years and now I have been coaching since then. I love the game. I love every part of it about the game as a player, as a coach."

Garrett said the opportunity to return to the Giants and the area was too good for him and his wife to pass up.

Garrett grew up in New Jersey, played football at Princeton and spent four seasons with the Giants, primarily as Kerry Collins' backup from 2000-2003.

The 54-year-old steered clear when asked about whether he was helping Judge in his first season as a head coach. Garrett said he was learning and contributing to the team in any way he could.

There has been speculation the Giants' offense would look very much like the one the Cowboys ran in his tenure.

## FOOTBALL

While there probably will be some similarities, Garrett said his focus is learning about his players.

"We certainly have a system of football that has been in place for a long time, but it's also a system that has evolved through the years," Garrett said. "It's evolved based on the people we have on our team. There have been times in the past we have thrown the ball a lot and times in the past we have run the ball a lot."

Garrett said the common theme in his offenses is the desire to attack defenses in different ways while executing at a high level.

The hard part is in a season restricted by COVID-19 is the lack of mini-camps, limited team time and a lot of virtual learning. That has forced Garrett to watch a ton of NFL and college videotapes to get an understanding of players.

One of the big jobs for Garrett will be developing second-year quarterback Daniel Jones, who had an excellent rookie season after being the No. 6 pick overall in the 2019 draft.

Garrett said Jones has all the tools a quarterback needs. The Duke product is a hard worker with an inquisitive mind.

"There is no question he is a football guy," Garrett said. "He loves football and he is always so prepared and always studying his stuff. He always has great questions and wants to get better. My experience is when you have that approach and attitude, if you have some ability, he will keep growing and getting better every day."

Notes: Garrett, defensive coordinator Pat Graham and special teams coach Tom McLaughly all expressed their sympathy to co-owner Steve Tisch, whose 36-year-old daughter Hillary died on Monday. ... McLaughly, who recently battled cancer, said he never hesitated returning to coaching this season because of the coronavirus pandemic. ... Graham said his defenses will be tough, have team-first personnel, will hard hard, be efficient and stress fundamentals. The Giants are scheduled to have their first practice on Monday.



In this Dec 15, 2019, file photo, then-Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett takes part in a news conference following an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in Arlington, Texas. (AP)

## MLB Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Aug 12, (AP): Results and standings from the MLB games on Tuesday.

Toronto	5	Miami	4	Milwaukee	6	Twins	4
Chic W. Sox	8	Detroit	4	Texas	4	Seattle	2
Reds	6	KC Chiefs	5	LA Angels	6	Oakland	0
NY Yankees	9	Atlanta	6	SF Giants	7	Texans	6
Chic Cubs	7	Cleveland	1	Washington	2	NY Mets	1
TB Rays	8	Boston	2	Colorado	8	Arizona	7
Orioles	10	Phillies	9	SD Padres	6	LA Dodgers	2

American League				National League				
East Division				East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	11	6	.647	—	Miami	7	4	.636
Tampa Bay	10	8	.556	1-1/2	Atlanta	11	8	.579
Baltimore	8	7	.533	2-1/2	Washington	6	7	.462
Toronto	6	8	.429	3-1/2	Philadelphia	5	7	.417
Boston	6	11	.353	5	New York	7	11	.389
Central Division				Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	11	7	.611	—	Chicago	11	3	.786
Detroit	9	6	.600	1/2	Cincinnati	8	9	.471
Cleveland	10	8	.556	1	Milwaukee	7	8	.467
Chicago	9	9	.500	2	St. Louis	2	3	.400
Kansas City	7	11	.389	4	Pittsburgh	3	13	.188
West Division				West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	12	6	.667	—	Colorado	12	5	.706
Texas	7	9	.438	4	Los Angeles	11	7	.611
Houston	7	10	.412	4-1/2	San Diego	11	7	.611
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	5	San Francisco	8	11	.421
Seattle	7	12	.368	5-1/2	Arizona	7	11	.389

## Blue Jays pip Marlins in MLB's return to Buffalo

Crawford's RBI in 10th lifts Giants over Astros 7-6

BUFFALO, New York, Aug 12, (AP): In the first major league game in Buffalo since 1915, Travis Shaw hit an RBI single in the 10th inning and the Toronto Blue Jays settled into their new nest with a 5-4 win over the Miami Marlins on Tuesday night.

Barred from playing in Toronto by the Canadian government over concerns about the coronavirus, the Blue Jays spent nearly three weeks on the road before moving into the ballpark of their Triple-A affiliate as their temporary home this year.

Francisco Cervelli's three-run homer with two outs in the Miami ninth made it 4-4. Logan Forsythe then nearly put the Marlins ahead with a long drive in the 10th that originally was ruled a two-run homer, then reversed to a foul ball on review — the replay cameras were among the upgrades made at the park to get it up to big league standards.

The Blue Jays loaded the bases with one out in the 10th and Shaw singled to right field for his first RBI in 25 at-bats with Toronto.

## BASEBALL

Bo Bichette hit a three-run homer in the sixth and Cavan Biggio added an RBI single in the seventh for Toronto.

A.J. Cole (1-0) got the win. Stephen Tarpley (2-1) gave up Shaw's game-ending hit.

Toronto starter Hyun Jin Ryu allowed two hits in six innings and struck out seven.

Brian Anderson also homered for Miami. Starter Elieser Hernandez struck out five over 5-1/3 innings.

## Angels 6, Athletics 0

In Anaheim, California, Dylan Bundy threw seven scoreless innings of four-hit ball, Jason Castro hit a three-run homer and Los Angeles defeated Oakland and won back-to-back games for the first time this season.

Anthony Rendon, Castro and Brian Goodwin homered in the fourth off Mike Fiers (1-1), and David Fletcher homered in the sixth inning to give the Angels back-to-back home games with at least four homers for the first time in franchise history.

That was more than enough offense for Bundy (3-1), who struck out 10 with one walk.

## Padres 6, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Manny Machado slugged a grand slam after two consecutive errors by the Dodgers in the third inning, Garrett Richards won for the first time in two years, and San Diego defeated Los Angeles.

The Padres have taken the first two games of the series after dropping two of three to the Dodgers last week in San Diego, and have won a season-best three in a row overall.

Richards (1-1) won his first game since July 4, 2018. The right-hander allowed one run and six hits in six innings. He struck out three and walked two.

## Giants 7, Astros 6, 10 Innings

In Houston, Brandon Crawford's RBI single in the 10th inning lifted the Giants to a win over the Astros.

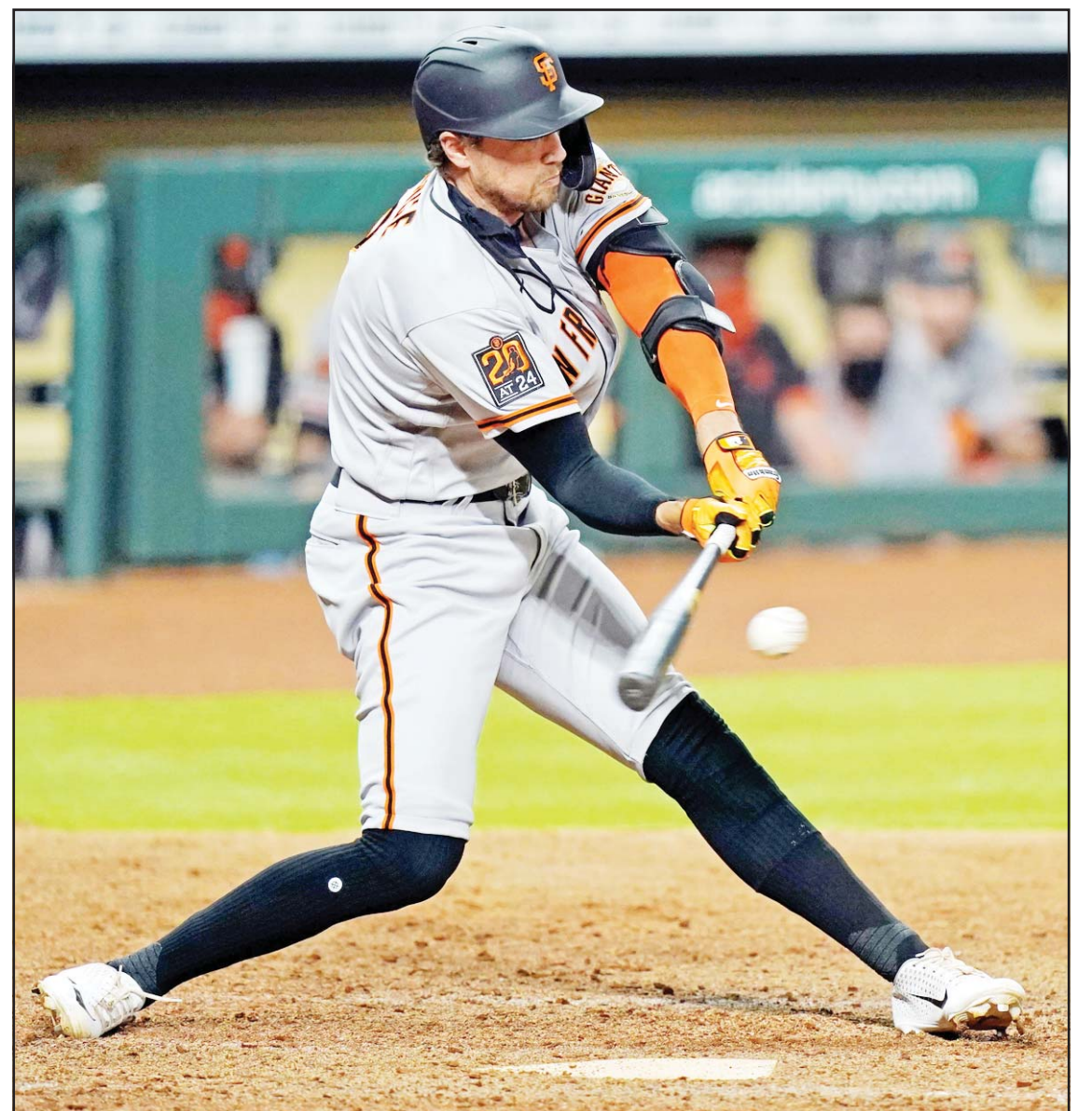
Austin Slater singled off Cy Sneed (0-3) to start the 10th and send Wilmer Flores to third after he started on second under the new extra-innings rules. Crawford then followed with his grounder to center field to score Flores.

Trevor Gott (1-0) walked one in a scoreless ninth for the win and Tyler Rogers struck out two in a perfect 10th for his first save.

An RBI single by Darin Ruf off Ryan Pressly with one out in the ninth tied it at 6-6.

## White Sox 8, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Eloy Jimenez hit a three-



San Francisco Giants' Hunter Pence hits a single against the Houston Astros during the ninth inning of a baseball game, on Aug 11, in Houston. (AP)

run homer in the first inning, and Chicago snapped Detroit's four-game winning streak.

Edwin Encarnacion also went deep for the White Sox, who won for only the second time in seven games. Austin Romine hit a two-run shot for Detroit.

Jose Abreu had three hits, including a pair of RBI doubles.

Gio Gonzalez was pulled one out shy of the win. He allowed two runs and six hits in 4-2/3 innings. Matt Foster (2-0) was credited with the win after striking out four in two perfect innings.

## Cubs 7, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Jon Lester looked comfortable on a mound where he helped make history and Jason Heyward hit a three-run homer, leading Chicago to a win over Cleveland, which welcomed back manager Terry Francona after a couple bumpy days.

Lester (2-0) allowed three hits in six innings as the Cubs moved to 11-3 for the first time since 2016.

For the first time this year the Indians gave up more than four runs, ending the second-longest run (18 games) to open a season.

## Nationals 2, Mets 1

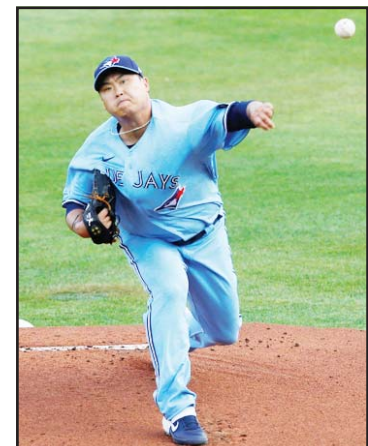
In New York, Max Scherzer showed no effects of hamstring trouble, navigating heavy traffic early for his first win this season, and Trea Turner hit a record-breaking leadoff homer to help Washington beat New York.

Howie Kendrick had three hits and Victor Robles blooped an RBI single for the Nationals, who have taken the first two in a four-game series between NL East rivals. New York (7-11) dropped to 3-7 at home this season.

Rick Porcello (1-2) threw six solid innings but was outpitched by Scherzer (1-1).

## Yankees 9, Braves 6

In New York, Aaron Judge dented an advertisement with a scorching home run before making an unusual early exit, Jordan Montgomery pitched efficiently against a lineup missing its brightest young star and New York beat Atlanta.



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Hyun Jin Ryu (99) throws a pitch to the Miami Marlins during the first inning of a baseball game on Aug 11, in Buffalo, New York. (AP)

Atlanta scratched Ronald Acuña Jr about 90 minutes before first pitch with a sore left wrist.

Judge smashed his homer off a sign above the home bullpen in right-center field, leaving his mark on a shot leading off the fifth. Then his night came to a bizarre end. Yankees manager Aaron Boone sent Mike Tauchman to pinch-hit for Judge in the third inning with New York leading 8-3.

## Reds 6, Royals 5, 10 Innings

In Cincinnati, Joey Votto doubled home the winning run in the 10th and Cincinnati blew another late lead before rallying past Kansas City.

The Royals tied it 5-5 in the eighth on Ryan McBroom's pinch-hit, two-run homer off Amir Garrett, but they couldn't keep their four-game winning streak going.

With a designated runner on second base in the 10th, Josh Staumont (0-1) walked Nick Castellanos and Votto doubled off the wall in center.

## Orioles 10, Phillies 9, 10 Innings

In Philadelphia, Austin Hays hit a two-run, inside-the-park homer in the 10th inning to lift Baltimore over Philadelphia.

Bryce Harper hit a tying, two-run homer in the eighth and Jean Segura gave the Phillies a 6-5 lead with a solo shot two outs later. But closer Hector Neris couldn't hold it.

After Orioles closer Cole Sulser (1-1) allowed a two-run single to Didi Gregorius with two outs in the ninth to tie it at 8, Hays put Baltimore ahead to stay.

With a runner on second to start the extra inning, Hays ripped a sinking liner to center off Deolis Guerra (1-2). Roman Quinn dove headfirst and the ball skipped to the warning track. Quinn fell picking it up and Hays circled the bases.

## Rays 8, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Mike Brouseau led off the game with a home run, Yandy Diaz and Hunter Renfroe each had two RBIs and Tampa Bay beat Boston.

Brouseau, Diaz and Manuel Margot had multi-hit games as Tampa Bay won their fourth straight game.

Tampa Bay starter Andrew Kittredge exited with right elbow soreness after throwing only five pitches. John Curtiss (1-0) pitched 2-2/3 innings of one-run ball in relief of Kittredge.

Michael Chavis and Alex Verdugo each hit RBI singles for the Red Sox. Martin Pérez (2-2) allowed two runs on three hits and struck out five in 5-2/3 innings after tossing five scoreless innings in a 5-0 win at Tampa Bay last Wednesday.

## Brewers 6, Twins 4

In Milwaukee, Jedd Gyorko blasted a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning as Milwaukee came from behind to beat Minnesota.

The Brewers started their winning rally when Christian Yelich beat the Twins' shift with a one-out double.

Gyorko followed with a shot to center off Taylor Rogers (1-2).

Eddie Rosario of the Twins and Manny Pina of the Brewers each hit two home runs. Minnesota's Jorge Polanco and Milwaukee's Avisail Garcia also homered.

## Rangers 4, Mariners 2

In Arlington, Texas, Nick Solak singled three times and drove in three runs, leading Texas to a victory over Seattle.

Solak had a two-run single in the first and an RBI hit in third, when Willie Calhoun added another run-scoring single. Calhoun's hit scored slugger Joey Gallo, who was hit by a pitch twice and walked his other two times up.

Left-hander Mike Minor allowed an infield single and three walks with four strikeouts in four scoreless innings but was pulled after 76 pitches.

Edinson Volquez (2-1) was awarded the win by the official scorer after replacing Nick Goody, who came on after Minor and allowed both Seattle runs, one of them unearned. Rafael Montero pitched a perfect ninth for his third save.

Seattle starter Marco Gonzales (2-2) gave up seven hits and four runs in five innings.

## Rockies 8, Diamondbacks 7

In Denver, Charlie Blackmon raised his batting average to .500 with three hits, including a key double during a six-run burst in the eighth inning that led Colorado over Arizona.

After starting out the year 0 for 9, Blackmon has hit in 15 straight games. He's 34 for 68 through 17 games in the coronavirus-shortened 60-game season.

Blackmon doubled off Kevin Ginkel (0-1) during the Rockies' big inning that made it 8-2.

The Diamondbacks rallied for five runs in the ninth and had runners on first and third with two outs. Daniel Bard fanned pinch hitter Stephen Vogt to end it and earn his first save since 2011 while with the Boston Red Sox. It was his sixth career save overall.

Nolan Arenado hit a two-run homer and Raimel Tapia added three hits, including a two-run double in the eighth for Colorado.

Carlos Estevez (1-0) worked a scoreless eighth for the victory.



Oakland Athletics' Marcus Semien, back, steals second base ahead of a tag by Los Angeles Angels second baseman Tommy La Stella during the first inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, California, on Aug 11. (AP)