

# Red Sox beat Marlins for 5th straight win



Miami Marlins' Jorge Alfaro (38) is forced out at second base as Boston Red Sox's Christian Arroyo, (top), turns a double play against Jon Berti during the fourth inning of a baseball game, on June 7, in Boston. (AP)

## Padres power past Cubs 9-4

**BOSTON, June 8, (AP):** Christian Arroyo hit a two-run single during Boston's three-run fourth inning, and the Red Sox beat the Miami Marlins 5-3 for their fifth straight victory.

Alex Verdugo added an RBI double and two hits for the Red Sox, who were coming off their first three-game sweep at Yankee Stadium since June 2011.

Starling Marte hit a solo homer and two singles for Miami, which stranded 14 runners during its ninth loss in 10 games.

The Red Sox are a season-high 14 games over .500 at 37-23.

Hirokazu Sawamura (2-0) got four outs for the win, and Adam Ottavino worked 1 1/3 innings for his third save.

Making his major league debut, Zach Thompson (0-1) gave up two runs in three innings.

### Padres 9, Cubs 4

In San Diego, Manny Machado and Brian O'Grady each homered and had three RBIs to lead San Diego over Chicago in the opener of a three-game series between National League contenders.

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Machado hit a solo home run and two sacrifice flies. O'Grady had a two-run homer and an RBI single.

Ryan Weathers (3-2) lasted five innings for the win, giving up three runs and five hits while striking out four.

Cubs starter Adbert Alzolay (4-5) left in the fourth with a blister on his right middle finger after walking lead-off batter Tommy Pham, who reached base four times. Alzolay threw 82 pitches in three-plus innings, giving up four runs, five hits and five walks. Ian Happ homered for Chicago.

### Angels 8, Royals 3

In Anaheim, California, Max Stassi homered and drove in three runs, and the Angels turned Jackson Kowar's major league debut into a nightmare as Los Angeles defeated Kansas City.

Stassi had an RBI single off Kowar (0-1) during a four-run first inning and hit a two-run shot to right-center in the fifth. The Angels catcher, who finished with three hits, has a .318 batting average in 16 games this season. He is 7 for 15 with two home runs and five RBIs since returning last Tuesday from a concussion.

Dylan Bundy (1-6) snapped a 10-game winless streak. He allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Kowar, the 33rd pick in the 2018 amateur draft, was 5-0 with an 0.85 ERA and 41 strikeouts in 31 2/3 innings at Triple-A Omaha. But the touted prospect faced only seven batters in his big league debut and threw three wild pitches.

## NFL Roundup

### Ravens sign Gus

### Ex-Giants coach Jim Fassel 'dies'

LOS ANGELES, June 8, (AP): Jim Fassel, a former coach of the New York Giants who was named NFL coach of the year in 1997 and led the team to the 2001 Super Bowl, has died. He was 71.

Fassel's son, John, confirmed the death to the Los Angeles Times.

Fassel coached the Giants from 1997-2003, leading the team to the Super Bowl after the 2000 season. The Giants lost to the Baltimore Ravens 34-7.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Fassel was taken to a hospital in Las Vegas



Fassel

with chest pains and died of a heart attack.

Fassel played college football before a brief career in the NFL and Canadian football. He was also part of the coaching staffs at Denver, Oakland, Arizona and Baltimore, as well as head coach at the University of Utah.

The Baltimore Ravens have signed running back Gus Edwards to a two-year contract extension.

The team announced the deal, which goes through the 2023 season. Edwards ran for 723 yards last season, helping the Ravens rank first in the NFL in rushing for a second consecutive year.

Retired Washington quarterback Alex Smith has won the George Halas Award, presented by the Pro Football Writers of America for overcoming adversity.

Smith, who came back from a life-threatening leg injury and ended a nearly two-year absence by playing in eight games for Washington last season, is the second consecutive Halas winner to retire before being honored.

## USF's run keeps going

# 4 more SEC teams win NCAA super regionals

WASHINGTON, June 8, (AP): Four more Southeastern Conference teams earned spots in the NCAA baseball tournament super regionals, while Stanford, Dallas Baptist and the upstart South Florida Bulls also continued their seasons.

No. 1 overall seed Arkansas broke open its game against Nebraska late, got another superb pitching performance from Kevin Kopps and won 6-2 in Fayetteville for its third straight regional title.

The SEC champion Razorbacks, who haven't lost a three-game series since May 2019, won two of three against the Big Ten champion Cornhuskers in the regional.

### BASEBALL

"It's unbelievable, honestly," Arkansas coach Dave Van Horn said of his team's run, "and I told the team they were amazing. They just keep finding a way and they keep fighting and we get to hang out at least another week."

No. 7 Mississippi State finished a 3-0 run through its regional in Starkville with a 6-5 win over Campbell, and No. 12 Ole Miss bounced back from a Sunday loss to Southern Mississippi to beat the Golden Eagles 12-9 in Oxford.

LSU, a No. 3 regional seed, pushed back coach Paul Mainieri's retirement by at least another week, staving off elimination a fourth time with a 9-8 victory over No. 14 Oregon in Eugene.

Arkansas, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and LSU joined Vanderbilt and Tennessee in the super regionals.

Stanford also advanced with an 11-8 win over UC Irvine. Virginia's game against No. 11 Old Dominion was postponed until Tuesday because of rain.



Vanderbilt pitcher Patrick Reilly (88) delivers against Georgia Tech in the first inning of an NCAA Division I Baseball Regional at Hawkins Field, on June 6, in Nashville, Tenn. (AP)

Dallas Baptist and South Florida were the feel-good stories of the day.

The Patriots, the No. 3 regional seed in Fort Worth, Texas, lost two starters to injuries over the weekend and were beaten by Oregon State on a walk-off homer Sunday.

They were down five runs midway through Monday's rematch before Andrew Benefield hit a go-ahead grand slam and the Patriots went on to win 8-5 and advance to its second super regional, and first since 2011. The Patriots (40-16) play Virginia or Old Dominion in the next round.

South Florida beat South Alabama 6-4 in Gainesville, Florida, to become the first No. 4 regional seed to make the super regionals since Davidson in 2017.

The Bulls have won nine of their last 11 games and now have a regional title for the first time in 14 NCAA appear-

ances. After first baseman Riley Hogan fielded a groundball and stepped on the bag for the last out, he pumped his fist and darted to the mound to jump on the doppile. A gaggle of fans behind the dugout chanted "U-S-F, U-S-F" and coach Billy Mohl doffed his cap to them.

Orion Kerker, who allowed two hits and one run in 4 1/3 innings of relief, picked up the water cooler, sneaked up behind Mohl as he was doing an on-field TV interview and gave his coach a ceremonial soaking.

"This is a special group of guys that will forever be known as the first team to get to a super regional," Mohl said. "But as they'll tell you, they're not done yet. They want to be the first program to get to Omaha. And we got the leadership in the clubhouse who truly believes that."

The Bulls (31-28) will play at No. 2 national seed Texas (45-15) in the best-of-three super regionals.

Stanford (36-15) jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning against UC Irvine. Tim Tawa hit a two-run homer to start the scoring, and the Cardinal went on to secure a trip to No. 8 Texas Tech.

Arkansas, which lost 5-3 to Nebraska on Sunday, loaded the bases on three walks with two outs in the eighth and scored the go-ahead run on Jake Bunz's wild pitch. Then pinch-hitter Charlie Welch hit a three-run homer to make it a four-run game.

The Razorbacks (49-11) will host North Carolina State (33-17) this weekend.

Mississippi State (43-15) is in its fifth straight super regional, the longest active streak, and will host No. 10 Notre Dame (33-11).

"The message all week to our guys was: 'This is where you belong. This is where Mississippi State is supposed to be,'" coach Chris Lemonis said.

## MLB Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, June 8, (AP): Results and standings from the MLB games on Monday.

Boston 5 Miami 3  
LA Angels 8 Kansas City 3  
San Diego 9 Chicago Cubs 4

### American League

#### East Division

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Tampa Bay 38 23 .623

Boston 37 23 .617 -1/2

Toronto 30 27 .526 6

New York 31 29 .517 6-1/2

Baltimore 21 38 .356 16

#### Central Division

W L Pct GB

Chicago 36 23 .610

Cleveland 31 26 .544 4

Kansas City 29 29 .500 6-1/2

Detroit 24 35 .407 12

Minnesota 24 35 .407 12

#### West Division

W L Pct GB

Oakland 35 26 .574

Houston 33 26 .559 1

Seattle 30 31 .492 5

Los Angeles 28 32 .467 6-1/2

Texas 23 38 .377 12

### National League

#### East Division

W L Pct GB

New York 29 23 .558

Atlanta 28 29 .491 3-1/2

Philadelphia 28 30 .483 4

Washington 24 32 .429 7

Miami 25 34 .424 7-1/2

#### Central Division

W L Pct GB

Milwaukee 33 26 .559

Chicago 33 27 .550 -1/2

St. Louis 31 29 .517 2-1/2

Cincinnati 28 29 .491 4

Pittsburgh 23 35 .397 9-1/2

#### West Division

W L Pct GB

San Francisco 37 22 .627

San Diego 37 25 .597 1-1/2

Los Angeles 34 25 .576 3

Colorado 24 36 .400 13-1/2

Arizona 20 41 .328 18



San Diego Padres' Brian O'Grady watches his two-run home run hit during the third inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs, on June 7, in San Diego. (AP)

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