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MLB Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2, (AP): Results and standings from the MLB games on Friday.

Toronto	6	Baltimore	4
Boston	4	Washington	2
Tampa Bay	4	NY Yankees	3
Cleveland	9	Texas	6
Chicago W. Sox	8	Detroit	1
Kansas City	11	Minnesota	6
Oakland	8	Houston	6
LA Angels	2	Seattle	1
Pittsburgh	9	Cincinnati	2
Philadelphia	5	Miami	0
NY Mets	4	Atlanta	3
St. Louis	4	Chicago Cubs	3
SF Giants	3	San Diego	0
Colorado	9	Arizona	7
LA Dodgers	8	Milwaukee	6

American League

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Tampa Bay	99	61	.619	—
New York	91	69	.569	8
Boston	90	70	.563	9
Toronto	89	71	.556	10
Baltimore	52	108	.325	47

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Chicago	92	68	.575	—
Cleveland	79	81	.494	13
Detroit	76	84	.475	16
Kansas City	74	86	.463	18
Minnesota	71	89	.444	21

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Houston	93	67	.581	—
Seattle	89	71	.556	4
Oakland	86	74	.538	7
Los Angeles	76	84	.475	17
Texas	59	101	.369	34

National League

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Atlanta	86	73	.541	—
Philadelphia	82	78	.513	4-1/2
New York	77	83	.481	9-1/2
Miami	65	95	.406	21-1/2
Washington	65	95	.406	21-1/2

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Milwaukee	95	65	.594	—
y-St. Louis	90	70	.563	5
Cincinnati	82	78	.513	13
Chicago	69	91	.431	26
Pittsburgh	60	100	.375	35

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
z-San Francisco	106	54	.663	—
z-Los Angeles	104	56	.650	2
San Diego	78	82	.488	28
Colorado	74	85	.465	31-1/2
Arizona	50	110	.313	56

Note: x-clinched division y-clinched wild card z-clinched playoff berth

# Yankees, Red Sox, Blue Jays and Mariners in tight 'wild-card' race

Giants clinch share of West, match team mark with 106th win

**NEW YORK, Oct. 2, (AP): Gary Sánchez and Rougned Odor both struck out with two runners on to blunt a ninth-inning rally and the New York Yankees' lead atop the AL wild-card standings got even tighter with a 4-3 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.**

The Yankees' edge fell to one game over Boston and two games over Toronto after those contenders each won. Seattle was two games back of New York going into the night.

The Yankees lost for the second time in 10 games.

Rookie Wander Franco gave the Rays a 4-1 lead by chopping a grounder up the middle for a two-run single in the ninth.

Rays reliever Andrew Kittredge allowed Giancarlo Stanton's one-out double and a bunt RBI single by Joey Gallo. Brett Gardner followed by singling home a run before Kittredge fanned Sánchez and Odor for his eighth save.



New York Yankees' Aaron Judge singles in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, on Oct 1, in New York. (AP)

just three regulars: second baseman Ozzie Albies, left fielder Eddie Rosario and Austin Riley, who moved from third to first base.

Megill (4-6) didn't allow a hit until Albies singled to center with one out in the fourth.

**Phillies 5, Marlins 0**

In Miami, Bryce Harper had three hits including his 35th homer, Ranger Suárez pitched seven scoreless innings, and Philadelphia beat Miami.

Putting the finishing touches on a possible MVP season, Harper had an RBI double in the third and hit an opposite-field solo homer off a 99 mph fastball from Sandy Alcantara (9-15) in the fifth.

Suárez (8-5) scattered six hits, struck out eight, walked one and hit a batter as he extended his scoreless streak to 21 innings and lowered his ERA to 1.36.

**Pirates 9, Reds 2**

In Pittsburgh, second baseman Cole Tucker made a spectacular diving catch, then hit his first career grand slam to cap an eight-run rally in the eighth inning that sent Pittsburgh over Cincinnati.

Tucker's slam off Dauri Moreta came a night after the Pirates lost their 100th game of the season. Tucker also tripled to lead off the bottom of the first inning and scored the game's first run.

Amir Garrett (0-4) began the eighth inning and retired only one of the three batters he faced. Chris Stratton (7-1) added to his team lead in wins despite allowing Max Schrock's tying RBI single in the eighth.

**Royals 11, Twins 6**

In Kansas City, Mo., Salvador Perez went hitless while every other Kansas City starter had at least one hit in a win over Minnesota.

With the loss, the Twins were assured of finishing in last place in the AL Central after winning the division the last two years.

Perez, who leads the majors with 48 home runs and 121 RBIs, went 0 for 4 and was hit by a pitch.

**Indians 9, Rangers 6**

In Arlington, Texas, Austin Hedges and Bobby Bradley homered, Jose Ramirez drove in three runs, and rookie Eli Morgan won his third straight start as Cleveland drubbed Texas.

Morgan (5-7) allowed four runs in 5 2/3 innings on seven hits, including homers by Isiah Kiner-Falefa and Nathaniel Lowe.

Texas rookie starter Spencer Howard (0-5) allowed eight runs, five earned, in 3 2/3 innings.

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Louis Head (2-0) pitched 2 1/3 innings out of the Tampa bullpen. Starter Nestor Cortes Jr. (2-3) allowed two runs in 4 2/3 innings for New York.

**Red Sox 4, Nationals 2**

In Washington, Hunter Renfroe and Bobby Dalbec hit back-to-back homers during a four-run sixth inning, and Boston maintained its playoff position by beating Washington.

The Red Sox hold the second AL wild-card spot and moved within one game of the wild card-leading New York Yankees.

Eduardo Rodríguez (12-8) pitched scoreless ball into the sixth inning, allowing five hits. Hansel Robles walked Juan Soto and Josh Bell with two outs in the ninth before retiring Keibert Ruiz for his 13th save.

Josh Rogers (2-2) allowed four runs on seven hits in six innings. Soto, chasing former teammate Trea Turner for the NL batting title, went 0 for 1 with four walks.

**Blue Jays 6, Orioles 4**

In Toronto, Steven Matz pitched seven solid innings to win his fifth straight decision. Danny Jansen homered and drove in three runs, and Toronto beat Baltimore to keep its playoff hopes alive.

The Orioles put a scare into the Blue Jays with a four-run eighth, but closer Jordan Romano limited the damage as he got the final five outs for his 23rd save in 24 chances.

Toronto (89-71) remained one game behind Boston, which held onto the second AL wild-card spot by beating Baltimore.

Matz (14-7) allowed two runs and six hits, walked one and struck out five in his longest outing of the season.

Thomas Eshelman (0-3) allowed

Jansen's two-run homer in a start that lasted 2 2/3 innings.

**Angels 2, Mariners 1**

In Seattle, Jose Suarez threw five strong innings. Brandon Marsh accounted for all the offense with a two-run double, and the Los Angeles Angels landed a major blow to Seattle's postseason hopes by beating the Mariners.

Seattle dropped into a tie with Toronto, both of them one game behind Boston in the race for the second wild card in the American League. The Mariners had won 10 of their last 11 and started the day knowing a sweep of the Angels would at the very least force a tiebreaker game next Monday.

They ended the night again needing help from others to end their 20-year postseason drought.

Kyle Seager led off the Seattle ninth with a double, but Raisel Iglesias recovered to get Luis Torrens, Abraham Toro and Jarred Kelenic for his 34th save.

**Giants 3, Padres 0**

In San Francisco, the San Francisco Giants clinched at least a share of their first NL West title since 2012 by matching a franchise record with their 106th win, beating the San Diego Padres before turning their attention to the Dodgers' game against Milwaukee.

Darin Ruf hit a first-inning home run and Mike Yastrzemski added an RBI single to send San Francisco on its way, and then the Giants waited on Los Angeles' result against the NL Central champion Brewers. A Dodgers loss would ensure San Francisco the division crown outright over the eight-time defending West winners and reigning World Series champions.

**Dodgers 8, Brewers 6**

In Los Angeles, Trea Turner hit a grand slam and solo home run as the Los Angeles Dodgers extended the NL West race for at least another day, rallying past the Milwaukee Brewers after starter Clayton Kershaw got hurt.

Pinch-hitter Matt Beaty launched a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning to help the defending World Series champions maintain their increasingly slim bid for a ninth consecutive division

title with their 104th win.

The first-place San Francisco Giants beat Arizona 3-0 to clinch at least a tie for the title and reduced their magic number to one. The Giants lead Los Angeles by two games.

**Rockies 9, Diamondbacks 7**

In Phoenix, Trevor Story hit a go-ahead single in the ninth after Dom Nunez tied it with a pinch-hit solo homer and the Colorado Rockies rallied from a seven-run deficit to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Colorado trailed 7-0 after three innings and 7-6 in the ninth, but Nunez led off with a drive that just cleared the right-field wall and tied it. With one out, Brendan Rodgers doubled, Charlie Blackmon walked and Story hit a soft liner that fell into right-center field and scored Rodgers.

C.J. Cron added an RBI groundout to give the Rockies a 9-7 lead.

Lucas Gilbreath (3-2) worked out of a jam in the eighth to earn the win. Carlos Estevez pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

**Cardinals 4, Cubs 3**

In St. Louis, Paul Goldschmidt hit a walk-off RBI single in the ninth inning, and playoff-bound St. Louis beat Chicago for its 19th win in 20 games.

Tyler O'Neill homered twice and threw out the potential go-ahead run in the ninth inning for the Cardinals, who will play either the Los Angeles Dodgers or the San Francisco Giants in the NL wild-card game.

Dakota Hudson made his first start for the Cardinals in more than a year, allowing three hits in five scoreless innings.

Andrew Knizner singled with one out in the ninth off Tommy Nance (1-1), and pinch-hitter Edmundo Sosa also singled. Tommy Edman grounded out before Goldschmidt greeted Rowan Wick with a sharp single to left field that easily scored Knizner.

**Athletics 8, Astros 6**

In Houston, Matt Olson and Chad Pinder each homered and Oakland cut into Houston's edge for home-field advantage in the AL playoffs.

Houston leads the White Sox by

one game for home field in their best-of-five Division Series matchup next week. The AL West champion Astros also own the tiebreaker after going 5-2 against Chicago this season.

Sean Manaea (11-10) permitted two runs on seven hits with six strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings as the A's ended a three-game losing streak.

**White Sox 8, Tigers 1**

In Chicago, Lance Lynn pitched one-run ball over five innings. José Abreu homered and drove in four runs, and Chicago beat Detroit for its fifth straight win.

Tim Anderson had four hits for the AL Central champions as they prepare for next week's playoff series against Houston.

Lynn (11-6) earned his first win since July 25, giving up four hits and one walk while striking out four.

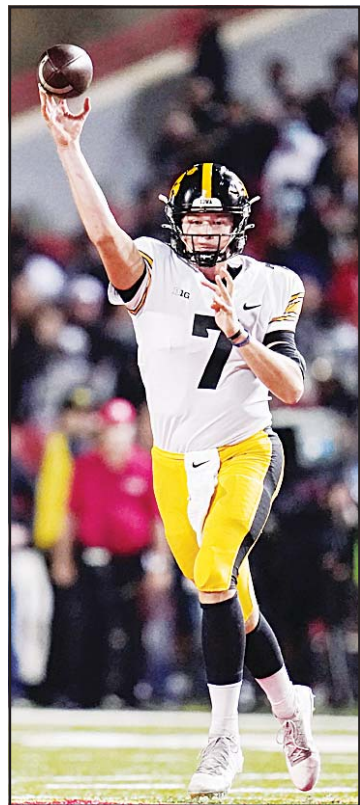
**Mets 4, Braves 3**

In Atlanta, Brandon Nimmo hit two solo home runs, Tylor Megill allowed one hit in five scoreless innings and New York ended NL East champion Atlanta's six-game winning streak.

One night after clinching their fourth straight division title, the Braves played



San Francisco Giants' Camilo Doval pitches against the San Diego Padres during the ninth inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, on Oct 1. (AP)



Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras throws a pass against Maryland during the first half of an NCAA college football game, on Oct 1, in College Park, Md. (AP)

**BYU run past Utah State 34-20**

## No. 5 Iowa takes advantage of Maryland's 7 turnovers in rout

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Oct. 2, (AP): Spencer Petras threw for three touchdowns and ran for two and No. 5 Iowa took advantage of seven Maryland turnovers in a 51-14 victory.

The Hawkeyes (5-0, 2-0 Big Ten) intercepted five of Taulia Tagovailoa's passes, and they outscored the Terrapins 31-0 in the second quarter as Maryland completely unraveled. The Terps (4-1, 1-1) never recovered after losing standout receiver Dontay Demus to an apparent leg injury on a kickoff return early in the second.

The Terrapins turned the ball over five times in the first half, four in the second quarter.

Tagovailoa had thrown only one interception all season - while leading the Big Ten in yards passing - but he was picked off on the Terrapins' second possession Friday in a sign of things to come. That turnover led to a field goal that opened the scoring, but Maryland responded sharply, driving 69 yards in eight plays and taking the lead on a 9-yard scoring pass from Tagovailoa to Chigoziem Okonkwo.

Iowa went ahead 10-7 on a 1-yard run by Petras on the first play of the second quarter.

Demus had four catches for 61 yards in the first quarter. On the kickoff after Petras' touchdown, however, he fumbled and remained on the ground injured. He eventually left on a cart, and that turnover gave Iowa the ball at the Maryland 10.

Petras threw an 8-yard TD pass to Arland Bruce IV. Then, on the first play of the Terps' next possession, Tagovailoa's deflected pass was intercepted, and the Hawkeyes took over

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at the Maryland 26. Petras made it 24-7 with a 1-yard scoring run. Then Tagovailoa's next pass was picked off at the Maryland 45. Iowa scored again on Monte Pottebaum's 2-yard run.

The final turnover of the half came on a Hail Mary by Tagovailoa on the last play. After two more interceptions in the second half - one thrown by Tagovailoa and one by his backup - Iowa has 12 on the season. In the second half, Petras threw touchdown passes of 67 yards to Tyler Goodson and 7 yards to Tyrone Tracy.

**BYU 34, Utah State 20**

In Logan, Utah, Tyler Allgeier ran for a career-high 208 yards and three touchdowns to help BYU beat Utah State.

BYU (5-0) beat Utah State (3-2) for the second straight time in the Battle for the Old Wagon Wheel rivalry series.

Baylor Romney threw for 187 yards and a touchdown on 15-of-19 passing in the first half, but was injured just before halftime and sat out the second half. He made his second consecutive start with Jaren Hall sidelined because of a rib injury.

Third-string quarterback Jacob Conover led the offense after halftime. The freshman threw for 45 yards on 5-of-9 passing in his college debut.

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