



Baltimore Orioles shortstop Richie Martin tags out Tampa Bay Rays' Tommy Pham (29) at second base on a double play during the first inning of the second baseball game of a doubleheader on Sept 3 in St Petersburg, Florida. (AP)

# Harper drives in 100th run, Phillies top Reds

Meadows, Rays relievers stop Orioles 2-0 for doubleheader split

## NFL Roundup

### Elliott ends holdout

Rams, Goff close to 4-yr extension

LOS ANGELES, Sept 4, (RTRS): Rams quarterback Jared Goff agreed to a four-year contract extension that would tie him to Los Angeles through 2024, according to multiple reports.

The deal "will be done in the coming days" and is expected to have an annual average value of \$32 million per season, NFL Network reported Tuesday night.

Goff, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 draft, guided the Rams to the NFC Championship and a Super Bowl appearance last season.



Goff

Running back Ezekiel Elliott and his agent, Rocky Arceneaux, left his holdout headquarters in Cabo San Lucas with the expectation that a contract extension with the Dallas Cowboys will be finalized before Sunday's Week 1 home game against the New York Giants.

Arceneaux told reporters at the DFW International Airport that a deal is "very close."

Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank told The Athletic that the team and six-time Pro Bowl wide receiver Julio Jones are "very, very close" to a new contract.

Jones, 30, has two years remaining on his deal, which owes him \$9.6 million in 2019 and \$11.4 million in 2020. He caught 113 passes for a league-high 1,677 yards and eight touchdowns last season.

The Los Angeles Chargers are seeking a first-round pick and a fifth-round pick in a potential trade for running back Melvin Gordon, according to ProFootballTalk.com.

Gordon is set to make \$5.6 million in 2019 on the fifth-year team option of his rookie deal. The two-time Pro Bowl selection wants more than the roughly \$10 million the Chargers have reportedly offered for this season.

Washington Redskins left tackle Trent Williams could end his holdout in time to play in Week 2.

DeAngelo Hall, a friend and longtime teammate of Williams, said on The Athletic's "Hail to the Pod" that he thinks Williams could return as soon as Week 2 at home against Dallas - or extend his absence to Week 8.

HBO Sports and NFL Films unveiled plans for the release of a documentary featuring New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick and Alabama Crimson Tide head coach Nick Saban.

Titled "Belichick & Saban: The Art of Coaching", the film will air Dec 10.

San Francisco 49ers rookie defensive end Nick Bosa plans to play Sunday in the regular-season opener against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Bosa, the No. 2 pick in the 2019 NFL Draft, has been off the field for a month dealing with an ankle injury suffered Aug 7 in practice.

The Cincinnati Bengals signed running back Giovani Bernard to a two-year extension, putting him under contract through 2021. The NFL Network reported the total value of the deal is \$10.3 million.

Bernard, 27, has gained 5,389 yards from scrimmage and scored 27 touchdowns in 83 games since the Bengals picked him in the second round of the 2013 NFL Draft.

CINCINNATI, Sept 4, (AP): Bryce Harper drove in his 100th run with a single, J.T. Realmuto had a pair of hits and a sacrifice fly, and the Philadelphia Phillies won their third in a row Tuesday night, 6-2 over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Phillies began the day 2½ games behind the Cubs for the final NL wild card.

Harper's fifth-inning single made him the first Phillie since Ryan Howard in 2011 to have 30 homers and 100 RBIs in the same season. Harper hit his 30th homer in the series opener, a 7-1 Phillies win on Monday. The last Phillies outfielder to have 30 homers and 100 RBIs in a season was Pat Burrell in 2005.

Harper's single also gave him an 11-game hitting streak.

Left-hander Amir Garrett (4-2) walked a pair of batters and gave up Cesar Hernandez's RBI single that put the Phillies ahead to stay. Scott Kingery homered in the ninth.

### Yankees 10, Rangers 1

In New York, James Paxton pitched one-hit ball for seven shutout innings, striking out 12 and winning his seventh straight start as New York beat Texas.

Gary Sánchez hit two home runs, Edwin Encarnación added a two-run drive

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in his return from the injured list, and Didi Gregorius and Brett Gardner also connected. Paxton (12-6) pitched quickly and began with 4-2/3 hitless innings. He gave up one hit and walked one.

### Braves 7, Blue Jays 2

In Atlanta, Josh Donaldson doubled and drove in three runs, Mike Foltynewicz pitched five scoreless innings, and streaking Atlanta won its sixth straight game.

Ozzie Albies added an early RBI for the Braves, who are 14-2 since Aug 16 and 32 games over .500 for the first time since the 2003 team finished 101-61.

Tyler Flowers' three-run double in the eighth finished off the Blue Jays, who have lost 12 of 15 to fall a season-worst 30 games under .500. Foltynewicz (5-5) allowed a baserunner in each of his innings, but none in scoring position. He walked three and struck out two.

### White Sox 6, Indians 5

In Cleveland, Carlos Carrasco received a standing ovation in his first appearance at Progressive Field since being diagnosed with leukemia, but gave up home runs to James McCann and Eloy Jiménez in the eighth inning that lifted Chicago over Cleveland.

Carrasco entered the game with a 5-2 lead, but gave up a three-run homer to McCann, which was followed by Jiménez's second homer of the game.

Cleveland missed a chance to move into a virtual tie with Tampa Bay for the AL wild-card lead. The White Sox ended a season-high seven-game losing streak.

Carrasco (4-7) entered the game after Roberto Pérez's three-homer in the seventh gave Cleveland a 5-2 lead.

### Marlins 5, Pirates 4, 10 Innings

In Pittsburgh, Miguel Rojas hit a tying home run with two outs in the ninth and Garrett Cooper connected in the 10th as Miami rallied past Pittsburgh, ending their franchise-record 15-game road losing streak.

The Marlins were down to their final



Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher R.J. Alaniz (right), throws as Philadelphia Phillies' Bryce Harper (left), takes off to second base on a hit-and-run during the fifth inning of a baseball game on Sept 3 in Cincinnati. (AP)



Los Angeles Dodgers' Russell Martin hits a three-run home run in front of Colorado Rockies catcher Tony Wolters and home plate umpire Dan Bellino during the seventh inning of a baseball game on Sept 3 in Los Angeles. (AP)

## Red Wings D Kronwall retires after 15 seasons

DETROIT, Sept 4, (RTRS): Defenseman Niklas Kronwall retired Tuesday after 15 seasons with the Detroit Red Wings.

The 38-year-old will remain with the organization as an advisor to general manager Steve Yzerman.

Detroit's first-round draft pick in 2000, Kronwall made his Red Wings debut in 2003 and appeared in 953 regular-season games and 109 playoff games.

Kronwall finished his career with 83 goals, 432 points

and 564 penalty minutes. He also became a part of the NHL vernacular, with his punishing hits referred to as getting "Kronwallled".

He was an unrestricted free agent this offseason after tallying three goals and 24 assists in 79 games in 2018-19. Kronwall is a member of the exclusive Triple Gold Club, having won a Stanley Cup with Detroit in 2008 and gold medals with Sweden at the 2006 Olympics and the 2006 World Hockey Championship.

out when Rojas homered to center field off Felipe Vazquez, who had just his third blown save in 27 opportunities.

Cooper's home run, a 444-foot shot to left-center, came with one out off Parker Markel (0-1).

Adam Conley (2-7) got the last out of the ninth when Pablo Reyes was thrown out at home while trying to score from second base on Adam Frazier's infield single.

### Brewers 4, Astros 2

In Milwaukee, Zack Greinke lost his first game since joining Houston, giving up a three-run homer to Eric Thames as Milwaukee earned a split of the inter-league series.

Greinke (4-1) stumbled for the first time in six starts since being traded from Arizona on July 31st. He allowed four runs on eight hits over six innings. He came in 4-0 in his five previous starts.

Jordan Lyles (10-8) made his first career start against the club that made him the 38th pick of the 2008 major league draft. The right-hander allowed two runs on six hits and struck out two over 6-1/3 innings for his fifth win in seven starts since being acquired on July 29th from Pittsburgh for right-hander Cody Ponce.

### Cardinals 1, Giants 0

In St. Louis, Jack Flaherty pitched one-hit ball over eight innings, Marcell Ozuna homered and St. Louis - with a fluky foul ball-turned-base hit - beat San Francisco.

Flaherty (9-7) carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning and dominated with eight

strikeouts and a walk.

Mike Yastrzemski had San Francisco's only two hits.

St. Louis only had five hits, including one by Paul DeJong that looked like a trick pool shot. DeJong hit a ball that rolled about 10 feet foul of the first base line before spinning all the way back into fair territory roughly 3/4 of the way to the bag. DeJong raced to first to load the bases with two outs in the first.

### Nationals 11, Mets 10

In Washington, Kurt Suzuki capped the largest ninth-inning comeback in Nationals history with a game-ending, three-run homer, helping Washington score seven runs in its final at-bat to beat New York.

Mets relievers Paul Sewald, Luis Avilan and Edwin Díaz pitched through the meltdown, retiring just one Nationals batter while Washington rallied for its 20th win in 26 games.

New York led 10-4 after scoring five runs in the top of the ninth. Wilson Ramos extended his hitting streak to 26 games and Pete Alonso crushed his 44th homer to put the Mets in position for a win over the current leaders in the NL wild-card hunt.

### Orioles 4, Rays 2, Game 1

In St Petersburg, Fla, Austin Meadows homered, seven relievers combined on a five-hitter and playoff-contending Tampa Bay blanked Baltimore to split a doubleheader.

The Rays, who began the day with a slight lead atop the AL wild-card race, had their five-game winning streak stopped with a loss in the opener.

Diego Castillo (3-8), the third pitcher in a bullpen day, allowed one hit over two scoreless innings.

Meadows hit his 26th homer, a solo shot in the fourth. The Rays went up 2-0 in the seventh when Ji-Man Choi's hit to right bounced over Anthony Santander's head for a triple.

Avisail Garcia added an RBI single off Gabriel Ynoa (1-8), who gave up two runs and six hits in 6-1/3 innings.

In the opener, Rio Ruiz and Anthony Santander homered and Mark Trumbo drove in a run with a pinch-hit double.

### Twins 6, Red Sox 5

In Boston, Nelson Cruz and Miguel Sanó connected in the fifth inning to pad Minnesota's record home run total in a victory over Boston.

Jake Cave added a two-run triple for the Twins, who won for the ninth time in 10 games. Minnesota extended its major league record to 271 homers with nearly

four weeks left in the season.

Rafael Devers and Andrew Benintendi homered for the Red Sox, who struggled against a parade of relievers and couldn't rally all the way back after falling behind 6-0.

Six Twins pitchers combined on a six-hitter, with only four hits allowed before Benintendi's two-out homer in the eighth off Taylor Rogers.

### Cubs 6, Mariners 1

In Chicago, Nicholas Castellanos homered and drove in four runs, and Chicago celebrated the return of Willson Contreras and Ben Zobrist by topping Seattle. Jon Lester (12-9) escaped three bases-loaded jams while working six innings in his second straight win, helping Chicago stay three games back of NL Central-leading St. Louis.

Daniel Vogelbach's pinch-hit RBI single in the eighth accounted for Seattle's only run in its fourth loss in five games.

Félix Hernández (1-5) lasted just three innings in his third start since coming off the injured list after being sidelined for more than three months with right shoulder stiffness.

### Royals 6, Tigers 5

In Kansas City, Mo, Jorge Soler broke the Kansas City home run record with his 39th of the season and Ryan O'Hearn hit a game-ending home run to beat Detroit.

O'Hearn sent the first pitch he saw from Zac Reininger (0-1) in the ninth inning over the fence in right field after a seesaw final three innings.

Tigers' starter Daniel Norris grooved Soler a 2-2 fastball in the third inning and the Royals' slugger didn't miss. The three-run shot broke a tie with Mike Moustakas, who set the previous record with 38 home runs in 2017. The home run also gave Soler 100 RBIs on the season, becoming the first Royal to cross the century mark since Eric Hosmer in 2016.

### Diamondbacks 2, Padres 1

In Phoenix, Merrill Kelly pitched three-hit ball over seven scoreless innings, closer Archie Bradley stranded the bases loaded in the ninth and Arizona beat San Diego.

Arizona is five games over .500 (72-67) for the first time since being 25-20 on May 17. The club is 3-1/2 games behind the Cubs for the second NL wild card.

Kelley (10-13) is the fifth Diamondbacks rookie to win 10 games. He struck out nine and walked two. Bradley struck out Nick Martini to wrap his 11th save.

### Dodgers 5, Rockies 3

In Los Angeles, Russell Martin hit a go-ahead, three-run homer with two outs and pinch-hitter David Freese followed

## MLB Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Sept 4, (RTRS): Results and standings from the MLB games on Tuesday.

Baltimore	4	TB Rays	2
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NY Yankees	10	Texas	1
Phillies	6	Cincinnati	2
Nationals	11	NY Mets	10
Miami	5	Pittsburgh (10 Ins)	4
Chic W. Sox	6	Cleveland	5
Twins	6	Boston	5
Atlanta	7	Toronto	2
Brewers	4	Astros	2
St. Louis	1	SF Giants	0
Chic Cubs	6	Seattle	1
KC Royals	6	Detroit	5
Arizona	2	SD Padres	1
Oakland	7	LA Angels	5
LA Dodgers	5	Colorado	3

### American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Yankees	91	49	.650	-
Tampa Bay	82	59	.582	9-1/2
Boston	74	64	.536	16
Toronto	55	85	.393	36
Baltimore	46	93	.331	44-1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	86	52	.623	-
Cleveland	80	59	.576	6-1/2
Chic W. Sox	61	77	.442	25
Kansas City	50	89	.360	36-1/2
Detroit	40	96	.294	45

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	90	50	.643	-
Oakland	79	58	.577	9-1/2
Texas	68	72	.486	22
LA Angels	65	74	.468	24-1/2
Seattle	58	82	.414	32

### National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	86	54	.614	-
Washington	78	59	.569	6-1/2
Philadelphia	72	65	.526	12-1/2
NY Mets	70	68	.507	15
Miami	49	88	.358	35-1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	78	60	.565	-
Chic Cubs	75	63	.543	3
Milwaukee	71	67	.514	7
Cincinnati	64	75	.460	14-1/2
Pittsburgh	60	78	.435	18

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Dodgers	91	50	.645	-
Arizona	72	67	.518	18
SF Giants	66	72	.478	23-1/2
San Diego	64	74	.464	25-1/2
Colorado	59	81	.421	31-1/2



A ball hit for a three-run double by Atlanta Braves catcher Tyler Flowers gets past Toronto Blue Jays center fielder Teoscar Hernandez during the eighth inning of a baseball game on Sept 3 in Atlanta. (AP)

with a solo shot in the seventh inning, lifting Los Angeles over Colorado.

The Rockies lost their eighth in a row overall, tying a season-long skid, and dropped their 12th in 13 games.

The Dodgers slugged seven homers - one off their season high - in beating the Rockies 16-9 Monday. They tacked on three more in the middle game of the series to give them 248 this season.

Caleb Ferguson (1-1) got the victory with two strikeouts in one inning of relief.

Colorado led 2-0 on solo homers by Daniel Murphy in the second and Nolan Arenado in the fourth.

### Athletics 7, Angels 5

In Oakland, Calif, Seth Brown hit his second RBI triple of the game to break a sixth-inning tie, Matt Chapman hit a three-run homer, and Oakland beat Los Angeles.

Brown followed Mark Canha's single in the sixth with the go-ahead hit off loser Noe Ramirez (4-3).

Albert Pujols hit his 654th career home run leading off the fourth, moving the 39-year-old slugger within six of Hall of Famer Willie Mays (660) for fifth on the all-time list.