

DeGrom strikes out 9 in row as Mets split with Rockies

Rays beat Yankees, drop New York to AL-worst 5-9

NEW YORK, April 18, (AP) — Manuel Margot hit a tiebreaking two-run homer, Tyler Glasnow overcame cramps and poor control to pitch five innings of one-run ball and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Yankees 6-3 and dropped New York to an AL-worst 5-9.

New York lost its seventh straight series to the Rays as last this late in the season for the first time since 1991, per Elias Sports. Fans in the Bronx again booed the Bombers, but they were more restrained a day after some hurled baseballs and other items on the field late in an 8-2 loss to the Rays.

Dodgers 2, Padres 0

In San Diego, Mookie Betts made an outstanding diving catch and Clayton Kershaw starred on the mound and at the plate for Los Angeles.

Kershaw (3-1) struck out eight while working six innings of three-hit ball. He also drew a bases-loaded walk against Yu Darvish (1-1) in the fifth, leading Los Angeles to its eighth straight win. Justin Turner hit a solo homer in the ninth.

Mets 4, Rockies 3, 1st Game**Rockies 7, Mets 2, 2nd Game**

In Denver, New York Mets pitcher Jacob deGrom struck out nine straight batters against Colorado, falling one shy of matching Tom Seaver's major league record, and finished with 14 strikeouts to win the doubleheader opener.

German Márquez pitched a two-hitter for his second career complete as the Rockies won the nightcap, stopping a seven-game losing streak and the Mets' four-game winning streak. Josh Fuentes broke open the game with a three-run homer in the fifth off Jacob Barnes.

Cubs 13, Braves 4

In Chicago, Kris Bryant and Willson Contreras each homered twice, and Chicago won on an afternoon when Atlanta returned Sean Kazmar Jr to the major leagues for the first time in 13 years.

Javier Báez and David Bote also homered for the Cubs, who stopped a three-game losing streak. Trevor Williams (2-1) allowed one run and four hits in five innings.

Astros 1, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Zack Greinke pitched eight sharp innings, rookie Taylor Jones drove in the only run and depleted Houston ended a six-game losing streak.

Greinke (2-1) allowed four hits and walked none. He struck out six, two on 67 mph curveballs. Ryan Pressly pitched the ninth for his first save.

BASEBALL

Greinke finished the game with 2,705 career strikeouts. His teammate, Justin Verlander (18th at 3,013), and the Washington Nationals' Max Scherzer (22nd at 2,808) are the only active players ahead of him on the career list.

Nationals 6, Diamondbacks 2

In Washington, Yan Gomes homered off Luke Weaver (1-1), drove in two runs and became the first major league catcher to throw out Tim Lincecum on a steal attempt after 29 consecutive swipes to start his career, and Washington strung together consecutive wins for the first time this season.

Locastro was thrown out making a dive into second base in the third inning and left the game with a dislocated left pinkie finger.

Blue Jays 5, Royals 1, 1st Game

Royals 3, Blue Jays 2, 2nd Game
In Kansas City, Mo., Steven Matz (3-0) held Kansas City without a hit into the sixth inning, and Jonathan Davis and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. homered off Mike Minor (1-1) for Toronto in the seven-inning doubleheader opener.

Matz allowed only a pair of walks before Nicky Lopez's bloop to left with one out in the sixth. Matz gave up Andrew Benintendi's two-out double later in the inning and wound up pitching six innings with five strikeouts.

Cardinals 9, Phillies 4

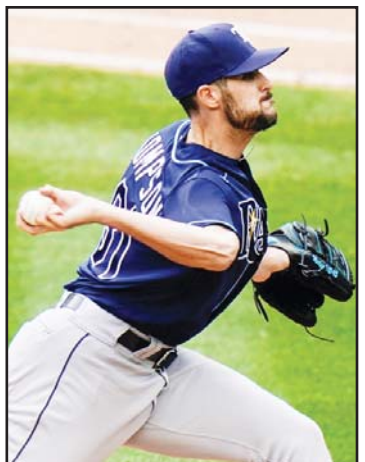
In Philadelphia, Yadier Molina hit two home runs, doubled and drove in four runs, and Nolan Arenado and Paul DeJong also homered for St. Louis.

Ryan Helsley (1-0) allowed a run in 1-2/3 innings of relief to earn the victory. St. Louis won for just the second time in its last seven games, breaking the game open with six runs in the third off Matt Moore (0-1). Moore recorded consecutive outs to start the frame before a two-out barrage.

Red Sox 7, White Sox 4

In Boston. Wearing their new blue-and-yellow uniforms, Boston beat Chicago when Marwin Gonzalez homered to key a four-run rally in the eighth inning.

The uniforms — lacking any red — honor the Boston Marathon with the colors that stretch across the finish line of the famous race. They featured yellow tops with powder-blue lettering



Tampa Bay Rays' Ryan Thompson (81) delivers a pitch during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, on April 17, in New York. (AP)

MLB Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, April 18, (AP) — Results and standings from the MLB games on Saturday.

Toronto		NY Yankees	
3	7	1	0
Tampa Bay		Detroit	
6	7	0	0
Oakland		Cleveland (10 innings)	
3	7	4	2
Cincinnati		Chic. White Sox	
7	7	4	2
Boston		Toronto (7 innings 2nd game)	
3	7	1	2
Kansas City		Texas	
6	6	2	1
Baltimore		Seattle	
1	1	0	4
Houston		Atlanta	
13	4	0	4
Chicago Cubs		Colorado (7 innings 1st game)	
4	4	3	4
NY Mets		Philadelphia	
9	9	1	1
St. Louis		Pittsburgh	
7	7	3	1
Milwaukee		San Francisco (10 innings)	
7	7	6	2
Miami		NY Mets (7 innings 2nd game)	
7	2	6	2
Colorado		San Diego	
2	2	0	0
LA Dodgers		Arizona	
6	6	2	2
Washington			

American League

East Division		GB	
Boston	10	7	714
Baltimore	7	8	467
Tampa Bay	7	8	467
Toronto	7	8	467
New York	5	9	357

Central Division

W		L		Pct		GB	
Kansas City	8	5	5	.615			
Cleveland	7	7	5	.500	1-1/2		
Chicago	6	8	4	.429	2-1/2		
Minnesota	6	8	4	.429	2-1/2		
Detroit	6	9	4	.400	3		

West Division

W		L		Pct		GB	
Los Angeles	8	5	5	.615			
Seattle	9	6	4	.600			
Oakland	8	7	5	.533	1		
Houston	7	7	5	.500	1-1/2		
Texas	6	9	4	.400	3		

National League

East Division		GB	
New York	6	4	600
Miami	7	7	500
Philadelphia	7	7	500
Washington	5	7	417
Atlanta	6	9	400

Central Division

W		L		Pct		GB	
Cincinnati	9	5	5	.643			
Milwaukee	8	6	5	.571	1		
St. Louis	7	7	5	.500	2		
Chicago	6	8	4	.429	3		
Pittsburgh	6	9	4	.400	3-1/2		

West Division

W		L		Pct		GB	
Los Angeles	13	2	2	.867			
San Francisco	8	6	5	.571	4-1/2		
San Diego	9	7	5	.563	4-1/2		
Arizona	5	10	3	.333	8		
Colorado	4	11	2	.267	9		



Nashville Predators goaltender Juuse Saros (74) and defenseman Roman Josi (59) defend against Carolina Hurricanes left wing Warren Foegele (13) during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Raleigh, N.C., on April 17. (AP)

Panthers top Lightning to move into 2nd in Central

Buchnevich scores hat trick on birthday in Rangers' 6-3 win

TAMPA, Florida, April 18, (AP) — Brandon Montour, Patric Hornqvist and Jonathan Huberdeau scored in the first period, and the Florida Panthers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-3.

Frank Vatrano and Anthony Duclair also scored as Florida jumped one point ahead of Tampa Bay for second place in the Central Division. Sam Bennett had two assists and Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 28 shots.

Hurricanes 3, Predators 1

In Raleigh, N.C., Jani Hakanpaa scored his first goal with Carolina, breaking a tie in the third period and leading the Hurricanes to the victory.

Hakanpaa, a defenseman acquired Monday at the trade deadline from the Anaheim Ducks, was in his second game with Carolina. He blasted in a shot with 11:05 left for just his second goal in 49 career games in the NHL.

Wild 5, Sharks 2

In St. Paul, Minn., Mats Zuccarello had a goal and an assist, and the Wild stayed hot at home.

Joel Eriksson Ek, Zach Parise, Kirill Kaprizov and Nico Sturm also scored on a night when 12 different Wild players had at least one point. Kaapo Kahkonen made 26 saves as Minnesota won its third straight and improved to 17-4-0 at home this season.

ICE HOCKEY

Blackhawks 4, Red Wings 0

In Detroit, Malcolm Subban made 29 saves for his second shutout of the season, leading the Blackhawks to the road win.

Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist for Chicago, which was coming off a 4-1 loss to last-place Detroit on Thursday night. Alex DeBrincat, Wyatt Kalynuk and Pius Suter also scored, and Vinnie Hinostroza had three assists.

Rangers 6, Devils 3

In New York, Pavel Buchnevich scored three times on his 26th birthday, and the Rangers beat the Devils for their third win over their Hudson River rivals in five days.

It was Buchnevich's first career hat trick. Artemi Panarin added a goal and three assists as the Rangers improved to 12-4-3 in their last 19 games.

Capitals 6, Flyers 3

In Philadelphia, Alex Ovechkin scored twice to move within one goal of Marcel Dionne for fifth place on the NHL's career goals list.

Dmitry Orlov, Evgeny Kuznetsov, Conor Sheary and Anthony Mantha each added goals while John Carlson had four assists for Washington, which increased its lead in the East Division to four points over the New York Islanders.

Penguins 3, Sabres 2

In Buffalo, N.Y., Tristan Jarry stopped 27 shots as the Penguins eliminated the Sabres from playoff contention.

Bryan Rust and Evan Rodrigues scored second-period goals in helping the Penguins improve to 10-

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NY Rangers		New Jersey		Edmonton		Winnipeg	
6	6	3	3	3	3	0	0
Washington		Philadelphia		Florida		Tampa Bay	
3	3	2	2	3	3	1	1
Pittsburgh		Buffalo		Carolina		Nashville	
4	4	0	0	5	5	2	2
Ottawa		Montreal		Minnesota		San Jose	
4	4	2	2	3	3	1	1
Arizona		St. Louis		Dallas		Columbus	
3	3	2	2	5	5	1	1
Chicago		Detroit					
4	4	0	0				

East Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	45	29	12	4	62	160
Pittsburgh	44	28	13	3	59	150
NY Islanders	44	27	13	4	58	126
Boston	42	24	12	6	54	119
Arizona	44	22	16	6	50	146
NY Rangers	44	20	18	6	46	128
Philadelphia	43	14	23	6	34	106
New Jersey	44	11	26	7	29	107
Buffalo	44	11	26	7	29	107

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	43	29	10	4	62	140
Florida	45	28	12	5	61	143
Tampa Bay	44	29	13	2	60	149
Nashville	46	24	21	1	49	121
Chicago	45	21	19	5	47	127
Dallas	43	17	14	12	46	122
Columbus	46	15	22	9	39	114
Detroit	46	16	24	6	38	103

Note: Two points for a win one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.



Florida Panthers left wing Anthony Duclair (91) is held up by Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Erik Cernak (81) during the third period of an NHL hockey game, on April 17, in Tampa, Florida. (AP)

2-2 in their past 14. Jared McCann also scored for Pittsburgh, which earned its 59th point to move one ahead of the idle New York Islanders, and remain three behind the Washington Capitals.

Oilers 3, Jets 0

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, Mike Smith stopped 26 shots in his third shutout of the season, sending Edmonton to the victory.

Tyson Barrie, Jesse Puljujarvi and Alex Chiasson scored for the Oilers, who had not played since a 5-0

loss at Calgary last Saturday. Captain Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl each had two assists.

Edmonton (26-12-2) pulled within three points of Winnipeg for second place in the North Division.

The Jets (27-15-3) were playing their fourth game in six nights. Connor Hellebuyck stopped 22 shots in the loss.

Coyotes 3, Blues 2

In Glendale, Arizona, Darcy Kuemper stopped 20 shots in his return to the lineup, and the Coyotes rallied for the win.

Arizona got off to a sluggish start in its first home game in three weeks, falling into a 2-0 hole in the first period.

Stars 5, Blue Jackets 1

In Dallas, Joe Pavelski had a goal and an assist, and Dallas scored four times in 6½ minutes in the second period.

Denis Gurianov, Jamie Benn, John Klingberg and Esa Lindell also had a goal and an assist for the Stars, who are on a season-high six-game point streak (3-0-3). Rookie goalie Jake Oettinger made 20 saves in improving to 5-0-1 this season against Columbus.

Vladislav Gavrikov scored for the Blue Jackets, who are 0-4-1 in their last five games and 2-10-2 in their last 14. Joonas Korpisalo was pulled after allowing four goals on 16 shots.

Senators 4, Canadiens 0

In Montreal, Drake Batherson had two goals and an assist for last-place Ottawa, which had dropped five of six.

Artem Zub and Nikita Zaitsev also scored for the Senators and Brady Tkachuk and Josh Norris each had two assists.

Matt Murray made 23 saves in his first shutout of the season and No. 11 for his career.

Nemechek wins NASCAR truck race at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va., April 18, (AP) — John Hunter Nemechek passed team-mate Chandler Smith with 17 laps to go and outran team owner Kyle Busch to win the NASCAR Truck Series race at Richmond Raceway.

Nemechek, already the series points leader, gave Kyle Busch Motorsports its fourth consecutive victory in the series but deprived Busch of a victory at the only track where he hasn't won in the Truck Series. Busch also was trying to become the only driver to win in all three of NASCAR's top series on the 0.75-mile, D-shaped oval.

Tyler Ankrum passed Smith to take third, with Johnny Sauter fifth.

Nemechek, who was second behind Grant Enfinger in the first stage and won the second, led a race-high 114 laps and became the first

repeat winner in the series this year. He's also won six of the 12 stages in the first six races of the season.

"Coming from 18th to second in the first stage was pretty good," Nemechek said, adding that seeing Busch right behind him for the last several laps was unnerving.

"He definitely tried in turn three. He got to my bumper and got me loose, but I knew he wasn't going to wreck me," Nemechek said.

Nemechek won at Las Vegas, Busch won at Atlanta and Martin Truex Jr won in a Busch-owned truck on the dirt at Bristol

Motor Speedway.

Todd Gilliland was sixth, followed by Ben Rhodes, Enfinger, Sam Mayer and Austin Hill.

Ankrum, who was 28th in the point standings entering the race but finished ninth overall last season, hoped the finish was a beginning of a better stretch.

"For me, I've never lost faith in my team" he said. "Every race we've gone to, we've had top-10 or top-five speed."

Sauter said he was frustrated despite his good finish.

"This is probably my absolute favorite track that we go to and I love this type of racing," he said. "I never drove so hard to finish fifth in my whole life. I was just hanging on. It just would not turn. Got some work to do."



Nemechek