

### ENRIQUE BEMOANS LONG HAUL

**LOS ANGELES:** Barcelona coach Luis Enrique would rather the team did not have to fly off on long-distance tours before the regular season but understands they are important for the club's marketing strategy. Luis Enrique and his squad, missing resting Copa America participants like forwards Lionel Messi and Neymar, arrived in Los Angeles on Sunday and play their opening International Champions Cup game against MLS side Los Angeles Galaxy in Pasadena on Tuesday.

"Honestly I prefer not to go on tours," Luis Enrique told a news conference at the team's hotel. "It's nice to come but there are aspects that are uncomfortable, for example the jet lag," the former Barca and Spain midfielder added. "But the club has commitments and the competition is interesting. You could do the same in Europe but we have to accept it."



After taking on the LA Galaxy, the Spanish and European champions meet English Premier League sides Manchester United in Santa Clara on Saturday and Chelsea in Landover on July 28. They then return to Europe to play Serie A club Fiorentina in Florence on Aug. 2. Luis Enrique, who led Barca to a treble of Champions League and Spanish league and Cup titles in his debut season, defended Barca's decision to allow the likes of Messi and Neymar to miss the tour, despite pressure from sponsors. "The players need holidays and we are not going to change that for commitments like a tour," he said. "Everyone wants to see the top players but they need to rest, which is vital."—Reuters

### TWO SPANISH RIDERS KILLED IN LAGUNA CRASH

**LAGUNA:** Two Spanish motorcycle racers have died after crashing in a support race for the world superbike championship at California's Laguna Seca circuit.

Bernat Martinez, 35, and Daniel Rivas Fernandez, 27, succumbed to their injuries in hospital after a multi-bike accident in the second MotoAmerica Superbike/Superstock 1000 race at Mazda Raceway on Sunday. "I really don't have any words to describe what we all feel," said Wayne Rainey, a former triple 500cc motorcycle world champion and president of MotoAmerica, in a statement issued on Sunday night. "First and foremost, is the loss to the families and loved ones. Our sincere condolences goes out to each and every one of them as well as the MotoAmerica family."—Reuters

### SUN BACK IN SHAPE

**BEIJING:** China's world and Olympic swimming champion Sun Yang is almost back in shape ahead of this month's world championships, state media quoted his coach as saying.

"Sun is almost back to his peak. Judging from his training, he is about 90 or 95 percent of his peak form," said coach Zhang Yadong, according to the official Xinhua news agency.

Sun, who is expected to compete in the 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres freestyle events, said he was aware of the challenge ahead. "When I was little, I watched Michael Phelps compete in five or six events at a worlds, so I want to try it as well," he said.

While Sun and fellow Olympic champion Ye Shiwen will be spearheading the team at the championships in Kazan, Russia, London Games 200m butterfly champion, Jiao Liuyang, and world champion Liu Zige, would miss the trip, Xinhua said.

Liu failed to make the cut while Jiao has been suffering from a stomach problem, the report added. The swimming competition at the championships begins on Aug. 2. — Reuters



# DODGERS BLANK NATIONALS, METS WIN

**WASHINGTON:** Zack Greinke extended his scoreless streak to 43 2/3 innings, striking out a season-high 11 through the eighth and leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Washington Nationals 5-0 on Sunday. Greinke's string is the longest in the majors since Orel Hershiser set the major league record of 59 shutout innings in 1988 with the Dodgers. Greinke (9-2) leads the big leagues with a 1.30 ERA. He scattered three singles, walked one and threw 119 pitches in eight innings.

This was his sixth straight scoreless start, all of them lasting at least six innings. Last Tuesday night, Greinke started the All-Star Game and gave up a leadoff homer to Mike Trout, but that run doesn't count in the regular-season statistics. Max Scherzer (10-8) gave up one run in six innings.

#### METS 3, CARDINALS 1

Ruben Tejada hit a sacrifice fly in the 18th inning as the New York Mets outlasted the St. Louis Cardinals despite stranding 25 baserunners.

The Mets went 1 for 26 with runners in scoring position, yet still won the majors' second-longest game this season. Boston beat the Yankees in 19 innings in April. It took 5 hours, 55 minutes for the Mets to top the NL Central-leading Cardinals and avoid a three-game sweep. Tejada hit a bases-loaded fly for the lead and Eric Campbell drove in another run with a squeeze bunt. The game was scoreless until before both teams got a run in the 13th. Carlos Torres (3-4), the seventh Mets pitcher, was the winner. Carlos Martinez (10-4) was pressed into relief and was the Cardinals' eighth pitcher.



**WASHINGTON:** Los Angeles Dodgers' Andre Ethier (16) scores as Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer (31) covers the plate after a wild pitch during the fourth inning of a baseball game—AP

#### ASTROS 10, RANGERS 0

Astros ace Dallas Keuchel struck out a career-high 13 in seven scoreless innings, leading Houston over the Texas Rangers.

Keuchel (12-4), the starting pitcher for the American League in the All Star Game last Tuesday night, retired 18 straight batters during one stretch. The Rangers piled up a total of 29 hits in the first two games of the series, but couldn't do anything against Keuchel. He leads the AL with a 2.12 ERA.

Luis Valbuena had four hits and four RBIs, and Colby Rasmus and Preston Tucker had two-run homers.

Yovani Gallardo (7-9) yielded seven hits and tied a season-high with five runs in four-plus innings for his third straight loss.

#### YANKEES 2, MARINERS 1

Mark Teixeira homered with two outs in the eighth inning as the New York Yankees rallied for a victory over the Seattle Mariners for a series win.

On a steamy day with a game-time temperature of 92 degrees - a thermometer in the photographers' well down the first-base line read over 100 - both Cy Young Award winning starters, CC Sabathia and Felix Hernandez, were done after six impressive innings with the score tied 1-1.

Teixeira connected on a 1-2 pitch from former closer Fernando Rodney (2-4), who had a new copper-colored beard and hairdo. Dellin Betances (6-2) walked two in the eighth, but got Mark Trumbo to pop out to end the threat. Andrew Miller finished for his 20th save in 20 chances.

#### ORIOLES 9, TIGERS 3

Jonathan Schoop hit a three-run homer - part of

Baltimore's six-run fourth inning against Justin Verlander - as the Orioles routed the Detroit Tigers.

Adam Jones also homered for the Orioles, and JJ Hardy added a two run double. Verlander (0-3) allowed seven runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings, another ugly start for a Detroit rotation that has suddenly become a weak link. Both teams finished with 14 hits. Miguel Gonzalez (8-6) allowed two runs and six hits in five innings. The Tigers (45-46) fell below .500 for the first time since they were 1-2 early in the 2013 season.

#### ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 1

Danny Duffy took a shutout into the ninth inning in the longest outing of his career as the surging Kansas City Royals beat Chris Sale and the Chicago White Sox.

Lorenzo Cain and Paulo Orlando homered as Kansas City (55-35) moved a season-high 20 games above .500. The AL Central leaders took three of four in the weekend series and have won 11 of 14 overall.

Duffy (4-4) gave up rookie Tyler Saladino's leadoff drive in the ninth for his first career homer. Joe Blanton then came in and got the last three outs for his first career save in his 278th major league game. Sale (8-5) was tagged for a season-high 11 hits in 6 1/3 innings. The All-Star lefty gave up four runs, struck out six and walked one.

#### ATHLETICS 14, TWINS 1

Jake Smolinski homered twice for four RBIs and Josh Reddick hit a grand slam as the Oakland Athletics slugged past the Minnesota Twins.

Billy Butler and Josh Phegley hit two-run homers for the A's, who cleared the fences a season-high five times to

boost their 2015 total to 80.

Jesse Chavez (5-9) struck out nine in six innings for his second highest total of the year. Smolinski followed Butler's third-inning home run with a solo drive off Tommy Milone (5-2) for his first clout with the A's. Reddick hit his third career grand slam in the fifth against J.R. Graham.

#### BLUE JAYS 4, RAYS 0

Marco Estrada pitched eight shutout innings to outduel Chris Archer, and Chris Colabello and Jose Bautista each hit two-run homers as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Blue Jays snapped a streak of four straight series losses. Estrada (7-5) allowed just two hits through the first seven innings, with both runners erased trying to steal. Archer (9-7), who is winless in four starts, allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings.

#### INDIANS 5, REDS 3

Yan Gomes drew a bases-loaded walk to drive in the tiebreaking run in the 11th inning as the Cleveland Indians beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Jason Kipnis added a sacrifice fly in the 11th for Cleveland, which scored its first four runs on walks.

Pedro Villareal (1-3) gave up singles to Mike Aviles, Michael Bourn and Brandon Moss to open the 11th and load the bases. He then walked Gomes for force in the Indians' go-ahead run and Kipnis followed with his sacrifice fly.

Marc Rzepczynski (2-3) pitched two-thirds of an inning to get the win, and Zach McAllister got the last two outs for his first career save.

#### PHILLIES 8, MARLINS 7

Jeff Francoeur's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted the Philadelphia Phillies over the Miami Marlins. Ryan Howard and Freddy Galvis also homered for the Phillies. Philadelphia ace Cole Hamels was roughed up for the second straight outing, giving up five runs and eight hits in three innings. The left-hander, considered to be a top candidate to be dealt at the trading deadline, gave up a career-worst nine runs in 3 1/3 innings in his last outing.

AJ Ramos (0-2) walked Carlos Ruiz to lead off the ninth and Francoeur homered to give the Phillies just their second sweep of the season. Hector Neris (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth to earn the win.

#### BREWERS 6, PIRATES 1

Rookie Taylor Jungmann pitched seven strong innings and Khris Davis hit a two-run double as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates for a sweep.

Jungmann (5-1), added to the Brewers' roster in early June, won his third straight decision. He gave up one run and five hits. Pittsburgh had won 13 of 16 going into the All-Star break before losing three straight at Miller Park. Jeff Locke (5-6) allowed three runs in 7 1/3 innings.

Pirates shortstop Jordy Mercer was carted off the field after colliding with Carlos Gomez while trying to make a tag in the second inning. Mercer couldn't put pressure on his leg and was helped onto the cart.

#### GIANTS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Madison Bumgarner and four relievers scattered nine hits and Justin Maxwell homered, helping the San Francisco Giants beat the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Bumgarner (10-5) pitched five innings for the win, allowing a run and four hits with three strikeouts and a walk in his first start since July 10. The Giants won their sixth straight game and swept their second straight three-game series. Patrick Corbin (1-2) took the loss on his 26th birthday, and the Diamondbacks have dropped six straight.

#### CUBS 4, BRAVES 1

Jake Arrieta pitched seven dominant innings and Jorge Soler homered to help the Chicago Cubs beat the Atlanta Braves. Arrieta (11-5) gave up three hits, three walks and struck out 10, throwing 73 of his 112 pitches for strikes. Over his last six starts, the right-hander is 5-0 with a 0.96 ERA. Shelby Miller (5-6) struck out eight and allowed four hits, four walks and three runs - one earned - in six innings for the Braves. Atlanta has lost seven of eight. After James Russell walked Perez with two outs in the ninth, Jason Motte gave up Simmons' RBI single, but he retired pinch-hitter Jonny Gomes on a groundout to end it. — AP

## MLB results/standings

NY Yankees 2, Seattle 1; Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 0; Baltimore 9, Detroit 3; Cleveland 5, Cincinnati 3 (11 innings); LA Dodgers 5, Washington 0; Philadelphia 8, Miami 7; Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 1; Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 1; Houston 10, Texas 0; NY Mets 3, St. Louis 1 (18 innings); Oakland 14, Minnesota 1; San Francisco 2, Arizona 1; Chicago Cubs 4, Atlanta 1.

### American League

Eastern Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
NY Yankees	50	41	.549	-
Baltimore	46	45	.505	4
Tampa Bay	47	47	.500	4.5
Toronto	47	47	.500	4.5
Boston	42	49	.462	8
Central Division				
Kansas City	55	35	.611	-
Minnesota	50	42	.543	6
Detroit	45	46	.495	10.5
Cleveland	44	47	.484	11.5
Chicago White Sox	42	48	.467	13
Western Division				
LA Angels	50	40	.556	-
Houston	51	43	.543	1
Texas	43	48	.473	7.5
Oakland	43	51	.457	9
Seattle	42	50	.457	9

### National League

Eastern Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	49	41	.544	-
NY Mets	48	44	.522	2
Atlanta	43	49	.467	7
Miami	38	54	.413	12
Philadelphia	32	62	.340	19
Central Division				
St. Louis	58	34	.630	-
Pittsburgh	53	38	.582	4.5
Chicago Cubs	49	41	.544	8
Cincinnati	40	49	.449	16.5
Milwaukee	41	52	.441	17.5
Western Division				
LA Dodgers	53	40	.570	-
San Francisco	49	43	.533	3.5
San Diego	43	49	.467	9.5
Arizona	42	48	.467	9.5
Colorado	39	51	.433	12.5



**ST. LOUIS:** New York Mets' Kevin Plawewski (22) races the ball to first base as St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark Reynolds receives the throw during the 11th inning of a baseball game. — AP