CHELSEA DOCTOR QUITS

LONDON: Eva Carneiro, the Chelsea team doctor publicly criticized by manager Jose Mourinho, has left the club, according to British media reports on Tuesday. Carneiro was removed from match-day duties last month after her and physiotherapist Jon Fearn were rebuked by Mourinho for running on to treat Eden Hazard during Chelsea's 2-2 draw with Swansea City on the season's opening

weekend, which temporarily left his team with nine players. Several media outlets, including the BBC, said that Carneiro, 42, had left Chelsea and was expected to launch a claim for constructive dismissal. Chelsea have not commented on the reports. It follows reports last week that Mourinho could face a five-match ban after a member of the public complained that the Portuguese had used sexist and abusive language against Carneiro. Following the Swansea game, Mourinho said: "I was unhappy with my medical staff. They were impulsive and naive. "Whether you are a kit man, doctor or secretary on the bench you have to understand the game." Carneiro, born in Gibraltar to a Spanish father and English mother, thanked people on Facebook for their support in the aftermath of the incident, but has not spoken publicly

KUWAIT BASKETBALL LOSES FIRST MATCH

CHANGSHA: Kuwait national basketball team lost its first match against Hong Kong 50-87 yesterday in the 28th FIBA Asia Championship, currently being held in the Chinese city of Changsha from 23 September-3 October. The big gap to the match's outcome showed that the Kuwaiti team was not technically or physically prepared for the match, despite a good start in the first set which ended to their favor.

After the match, head of the delegation Khalil Taher said that he was satisfied with the players despite the huge gap in terms of points at the end of the match, noting that the players' performance was based on the preparation and training prior to the tournament.

The 2015 FIBA Asia Championship for Men will be the 28th continental basketball championship in Asia. The winner of the tournament qualifies for the Basketball tournament in the 2016 Summer Olympics, while the 2nd, 3rd and 4th placers will go under the FIBA World Olympic Qualifying Tournament, as stated by FIBA and the IOC in qualification quota. — KUNA

COWBOYS TRADE FOR CASSEL

DALLAS: The Dallas Cowboys addressed some of their injury concerns on Tuesday by acquiring quarterback Matt Cassel in a trade with the Buffalo Bills. The Cowboys acquired Cassel because quarterback Tony Romo was placed on the injured list with a broken left collarbone and could miss half

The Cowboys plan to start Brandon Weeden in Romo's absence with Cassel serving as backup. The Bills sent a 2017 seventh-round draft pick and Cassel to the Cowboys for a 2017 fifth-round pick. Cassel only joined the Bills during the offseason but was beaten out for the starting job by Tyrod Taylor. Romo injured his shoulder Sunday and decided to pass on surgery and let it heal naturally. The typical recov-

ery time is eight weeks. He is eligible to be activated on November 22. — AFP

Yankees overpower Blue Jays 6-4

TORONTO: Greg Bird hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 Tuesday night to move closer in the AL East pennant race. Bird connected off reliever Mark Lowe (1-3) for the rookie's 10th home run in 34 games and third in the past three nights. Brian McCann led off the 10th with a bunt single and was replaced by pinch-runner Rico Noel. Slade Heathcott reached on catcher's interference before Bird drove a 2-2 pitch into the right-field bullpen. Six of his 10 homers have given the Yankees a lead. Andrew Miller (3-2) pitched two innings for the win and New York closed within 2 1/2 games of first-place Toronto. The teams meet for the final time this season Wednesday night.

CUBS 4, BREWERS 0

Jake Arrieta threw a three-hitter to become the first pitcher in the major leagues to reach 20 wins, Kris Bryant set the Cubs rookie record for home runs and Chicago inched closer to a playoff berth with a victory over the Brewers. Arietta (20-6) struck out 11 for Chicago, whose magic number for making its first postseason in seven years dropped to three. The right-hander retired 14 in a row at one point in becoming the first Cubs pitcher to win 20 games since Jon Lieber in 2001. Bryant, whose April 17 debut was one of the most anticipated in years, hit a two-run homer in the third off Tyler Cravy (0-8) to give Chicago a 2-0 lead. It was Bryant's 26th longball, besting Billy Williams' mark in 1961. Bryant added a run-scoring double in the eighth.

ANGELS 4. ASTROS 3

Mike Trout and Albert Pujols hit back-toback homers in the first inning and the Angels held on for an important victory over the Astros. The victory moves the Angels 2 1-2 games behind Houston for the second American League wild-card spot. There was one on in the first when Trout launched his 40th homer into left-center to make it 2-0. The 36th home run this season by Pujols extended the lead to 3-0. Houston cut the lead to 1 when Marwin Gonzalez and Chris Carter hit consecutive solo shots in the second inning. The Angels added an insurance run on an RBI single by Kole Calhoun in the eighth to help them snap a sixgame losing streak in Houston. Hector Santiago (9-9) allowed four hits and two runs in five-plus innings.

PIRATES 6, ROCKIES 3

Starling Marte drove in two runs and the Pirates closed in on their third straight playoff berth by beating the Rockies. The Pirates reduced their magic number to one for securing at least an NL wild card. A win Wednesday against the Rockies would clinch another trip to the postseason. Pittsburgh also kept pace with NL Central leader St Louis. The Cardinals beat Cincinnati to maintain a four-game lead over the second-place Pirates. Pittsburgh scored in each of the first four innings against Chris Rusin to build a 6-3 lead.

ORIOLES 4, NATIONALS 1

Ubaldo Jimenez pitched six gritty innings to earn his 100th career win and added an RBI single as the Orioles beat the Nationals in the raindelayed opener of a series between teams fighting to remain in the playoff race. The 31-yearold Jimenez (12-9) won his third straight decision for Baltimore, which began the night trailing three teams and six games back for the AL's second wild card. The Nationals remained 6 1-2 games back of the Mets, who lost to Atlanta, in the NL East division. But New York's magic number to clinch the division dropped to six. Bryce Harper set the Nationals record for walks, getting three free passes that upped his season



TORONTO: Greg Bird #31 of the New York Yankees slides safely into second base with a double in the first inning during MLB game action against the Toronto Blue Jays on September 22, 2015 at Rogers Centre in Toronto. — AFP

Monster in left field.

TWINS 3, INDIANS 1

inning, Aaron Hicks and Brian Dozier each had

two hits and an RBI from the top two spots in

Minnesota's lineup, and the Twins beat the

Indians to start a critical series for the American

League wild card chasers. Santana (6-4) turned

in his fifth straight stellar start, surrendering five

hits, one run and one walk while striking out

seven. He gave up two singles to start the

eighth, but Glen Perkins got three straight outs.

Kevin Jepsen struck out two in the ninth inning

for his eighth save in nine tries since replacing

Perkins as the closer. Danny Salazar (13-9) struck

out 21 batters over 13 innings in his first two

turns against the Twins this season, beating

Ervin Santana pitched strong into the eighth

striking out five. Monday's opener was postponed by rain. The teams are scheduled to play a makeup game today.

BRAVES 6, METS 2

Rookie right-hander Matt Wisler stopped his nine-start winless drought and the Braves stalled the Mets' push toward the NL East title. David Wright homered as the Mets lost for the fifth time in seven games. They held their 6 1/2game lead over Washington. Down 4-1, the Mets loaded the bases with one out in the eighth. Edwin Jackson, Atlanta's fourth pitcher of the inning, gave up a sacrifice fly to pinch-hitter Michael Cuddyer and got Wilmer Flores on a grounder to protect the lead. Pinch-hitter Adonis Garcia lined a two-out, two-run double in the ninth off Mets reliever Tyler Clippard.

RANGERS 8, ATHLETICS 6

Delino DeShields hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the sixth four batters after Mitch Moreland connected for a tying two-run homer, and the Rangers beat the Athletics to increase their lead in the AL West. Chi Chi Gonzalez (4-5) pitched two scoreless innings for the win in relief of starter Martin Perez as the Rangers moved two games ahead of Houston after the Astros lost 4-3 at home to the Angels. DeShields hit another sacrifice fly in the eighth, while Shin-Soo Choo and Adrian Beltre hit consecutive sacrifice flies in the fifth to aid the Texas comeback. Jake Smolinski and Marcus Semien hit back-to-back RBI triples in the second to give the A's 40 on the season, tying the Oakland record set in 1968.

GIANTS 4, PADRES 2

Rookie Trevor Brown's RBI double was his first major league hit and Angel Pagan had a

total to 118. Jimenez walked five, but allowed two-run home run for the Giants, who beat the for a 3-2 lead. Mahtook added two runs in the just an unearned run on three hits while also Padres to pull within six games of first-place Los eighth with a homer that cleared the Green Angeles in the NL West. Time's running out for the defending World Series champion Giants, who have only 12 games left. They trail the Chicago Cubs by 9 1-2 games for the second wild card spot. The Giants have beaten the Padres six straight times and eight of nine. San Diego's Tyson Ross (10-11) struck out 11 to tie his career high. That gave him a career-high 205 for the season. His previous high was 195 last year. Brown got the start after catcher Buster

DIAMONDBACKS 8, DODGERS 0

Posey was a late scratch.

Robbie Ray pitched six innings of three-hit ball, A.J. Pollock and Paul Goldschmidt hit backto-back homers in the seventh, and the Diamondbacks beat the Dodgers. The Dodgers lost their fourth straight game, equaling their longest slide of the season, but they remain six games ahead of the Giants in first place in the NL West. The Diamondbacks have won the first two games of this four-game series after losing their previous nine at Dodger Stadium. But the Dodgers have aces for the next two - major league ERA leader Zack Greinke on Wednesday and reigning NL Most Valuable Player Clayton Kershaw on Thursday. Ray (5-12) struck out seven, walked two and escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning.

TIGERS 2, WHITE SOX 1, 10 innings

Rajai Davis' two-out triple in the 10th gave Detroit a victory over the White Sox, one inning after the Tigers lost a combined no-hitter. Anthony Gose drew a two-out walk from Zach Duke (3-6) in the 10th. Davis sliced a 3-1 fastball into the corner in right field and Gose easily beat Travce Thompson's throw to the plate. Blaine Hardy (5-3) got the win with a scoreless 10th. The Tigers were two outs away from the first combined no-hitter in club history, but

Feliz, making his debut as the Tigers' closer after Bruce Rondon was sent home earlier in the day, couldn't finish it. With one out, Tyler Saladino tripled to break up the no-hitter and Adam Eaton, who had broken up Detroit's attempt at a perfect game by being hit with a pitch in the seventh, tied the game with a single.

RAYS 5, RED SOX 2

Mikie Mahtook hit a two-run homer and Matt Moore recovered from a difficult start to strike out seven as the Rays beat the Red Sox. Moore (2-4) allowed two hits and walked two in the first inning as Boston took a 2-0 lead. Boston rookie Henry Owens was perfect through four innings. Logan Forsythe led off the fifth with a double for Tampa Bay's first hit and he scored on a sacrifice fly. Owens (3-3) unraveled in the sixth. Owens walked Richie Shaffer to start the inning and hit Brandon Guyer with one out. Mahtook singled to load the bases. Evan Longoria hit a sacrifice fly to right and Tampa Bay got another run when Mookie Betts' throw home sailed high and ended up in the stands them April 18 and May 10 with just seven hits and three runs allowed.

MARINERS 11, ROYALS 2

Robinson Cano homered twice and drove in four runs and Hisashi Iwakuma struck out a season-high 10 as the Mariners romped past the slumping Royals. The AL Central-leading Royals have dropped 12 of 17. Their magic number for clinching the division remained three. Cano and Kyle Seager each hit solo homers in the first inning for Seattle, which has the league's best record in September at 13-6 but is still three games under .500 (74-77). It was Seager's 25th home run and his seventh in 23 games. Cano hit a three-run shot in a seven-run third inning for his 15th career multihomer game. Cano's next hit will be the 2,000th of his career. Iwakuma (9-4), who is 7-2 in his past nine starts, curbed the Royals on three singles over seven scoreless innings. He has allowed one run and 10 hits in 13 innings in his past two starts, while striking out 19 and walking one.

PHILLIES 6, MARLINS 2

Cody Asche hit two home runs to help Aaron Harang get his first victory in over a month as the Phillies beat the Marlins. It was Harang's first win since July 30 against Atlanta, a span of eight starts. Harang (6-15) pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and seven hits. Darin Ruf homered and Freddy Galvis had three hits and drove in two runs for the Phillies, who announced before the game that Pete Mackanin would be their manager for the 2016 season, dropping the interim title he had since taking over for Ryne Sandberg on June 26. Marlins starter Tom Koehler (10-14) allowed four runs, three earned, in five innings. Miguel Rojas hit a two-run homer for the Marlins. Rojas is hitting .343 (12 for 35) over his last 11 games.

CARDINALS 3, REDS 1

John Lackey pitched seven strong innings, rookie Tommy Pham continued his productive hitting and the Cardinals beat the Reds. Lackey (13-9) allowed only a first-inning homer by Jay Bruce during his 16th quality start in 16 outings at Busch Stadium.

The veteran right-hander struck out seven, walked none and lowered his home ERA to 1.97. St Louis improved to an MLB-best 95-56 with its second straight low-scoring victory over Cincinnati. Steve Cishek worked the ninth to earn his first save for St Louis. Pham hit a sacrifice fly to deep center in the seventh that scored Tony Cruz and broke a 1-all tie. Pham drove in the Cardinals' first run with a third-inning double that brought in Matt Carpenter, who doubled with one out. Since moving into the lineup eight games ago, Pham has nine RBIs, eight extra-base hits and is batting .407. — AP

SAN DIEGO: Janelle Fejeran performs a dance with fire in celebration of 'Pacific Islander Night,' before the San Diego Padres took on the San Francisco Giants in a baseball game on Tuesday, Sept 22, 2015. — AP

MLB results/standings

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

American League Eastern Division					National League Eastern Division				
	W L	PCT	GB		NY Mets	85	66	.563	-
Toronto	86	65	.570	-	Washington	78	72	.520	6.5
NY Yankees	83	67	.553	2.5	Miami	64	87	.424	21
Baltimore	74	76	.493	11.5	Atlanta	61	91	.401	24.5
Tampa Bay	73	78	.483	13	Philadelphia	57	94	.377	28
Boston	72	78	.480	13.5	Central Division				
Central Division					St. Louis	95	56	.629	_
Kansas City	87	63	.580	-	Pittsburgh	91	60	.603	4
Minnesota	77	73	.513	10	Chicago Cubs	89	62	.589	6
Cleveland	74	75	.497	12.5	9				
Chicago White	Sox 72	79	.477	15.5	Cincinnati	63	87	.420	31.5
Detroit	70	81	.464	17.5	Milwaukee	63	88	.417	32
Western Division					Western Division				
Texas	81	69	.540	-	LA Dodgers	85	65	.567	-
Houston	80	72	.526	2	San Francisco	79	71	.527	6
LA Angels	77	74	.510	4.5	Arizona	73	78	.483	12.5
Seattle	74	77	.490	7.5	San Diego	70	81	.464	15.5
Oakland	64	87	.424	17.5	Colorado	63	88	.417	22.5