

Yankees miss playoffs with 7-1 loss to Diamondbacks

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NEW YORK — The New York Yankees missed the playoffs for the first time since 2016, getting mathematically eliminated with a rainy 7-1 loss Sunday to the Arizona Diamondbacks as Zac Gallen got his 17th win.

Arizona won for the sixth time in seven games and remained in position for the NL's second wild card, a half-game ahead of the Chicago Cubs. The Diamondbacks also clinched their first winning season since 2019.

On a windy, raining afternoon when fly balls became unpredictable, Gallen (17-8) allowed three hits in six innings, struck out eight and walked two. He won for the third time in four starts and had his eighth scoreless outing this season.

Tommy Pham and Christian Walker produced sacrifice flies on consecutive pitches in the first inning off Carlos Rodón (3-7). Rodón allowed five runs — three earned — and five hits in 6 1/3 innings.

NATIONALS 3, BRAVES 2, GAME 1 BRAVES 8, NATIONALS 5, GAME 2

WASHINGTON — Spencer Strider earned his major league-leading 19th win and Atlanta got its 100th victory of the season, splitting a doubleheader with Washington.

In the opener, rookie Jackson Rutledge earned his first major league victory.

Strider (19-5) pitched 5 2/3 innings and yielded four runs on seven hits, including Luis Garcia's solo shot in the sixth. The right-hander struck out four to give him 274 for the year, two shy of John Smoltz's 1996 single-season modern franchise record.

Nationals starter Joan Adon (2-4) gave up four runs and struck out five in 4 2/3 innings.

ORIOLES 5, GUARDIANS 1

CLEVELAND — Kyle Gibson pitched seven strong innings, Adley Rutschman reached base four times and Baltimore moved closer to clinching the AL East title.

Baltimore has a 2 1/2-game lead over second-place Tampa Bay in the division and reduced its magic number to three. Baltimore has six games remaining and holds the tiebreaker over the Rays.

Gibson (15-9) allowed one run and five hits while striking out four. The right-hander was pulled after a leadoff double in the eighth.

DODGERS 3, GIANTS 2, 10 INNINGS

LOS ANGELES — Chris Taylor's line-drive single to center field in the 10th inning lifted NL West champion Los Angeles past San Francisco.

Amed Rosario began the inning at second base and took third on pinch-hitter Kolten Wong's groundout to short. Taylor singled off Camilo Dorval (6-6) to drive in Rosario and give the Dodgers a 6-6 record in extra-inning games this season.

The Giants loaded the bases in the top of the 10th. Pinch-hitter Mitch Haniger was the designated runner at second to start the inning. After J.D. Davis struck out, Joc Pederson was intentionally walked by Shelby Miller (3-0). Thairo Estrada hit a fly ball to center that Kiké Hernández lost in the gathering dusk. It fell to his left to load the bases.

BLUE JAYS 9, RAYS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — George Springer hit an inside-the-park, three-run homer, made a diving catch and threw out a runner, helping Toronto beat Tampa to take two of three in a series of potential playoff opponents.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. homered twice, making an impressive bat flip after the second, and Bo Bichette



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New York Yankees designated hitter Aaron Judge walks back to the dugout after being called out on strikes to end the fifth inning Sunday against the Arizona Diamondbacks in New York.

also went deep for the Blue Jays. Toronto extended its lead for the second AL wild card to two games over Houston and 2 1/2 games ahead of Seattle.

Isaac Paredes hit his 30th homer for Tampa Bay, which has clinched at the least the AL's top wild card.

MARLINS 6, BREWERS 1

MIAMI — Jon Berti had his second career multi-homer game, and Miami beat Milwaukee, the second straight day they prevented the Brewers from clinching the NL Central.

Josh Bell also went deep, Jorge Soler had three hits and Jazz Chisholm Jr. doubled twice for the Marlins, who remained one game behind the Chicago Cubs for the third NL wild card spot. Milwaukee's division lead over the second-place Cubs was cut to six games.

Marlins starter Edward Cabrera (7-7) allowed one run and five hits in five-plus innings with five strikeouts.

RANGERS 6, MARINERS 8

ARLINGTON, Texas — Marcus Semien homered twice, Corey Seager had a go-ahead, two-run shot and Texas held on to finish a three-game sweep in a crucial AL West series.

Adolis García, Leody Taveras and rookie Evan Carter also went deep as the Rangers hit a season-high six homers, their most at four-season-old Globe Life Field.

AL West-leading Texas (85-70) won its fifth consecutive game and moved 2 1/2 games ahead of defending World Series champion Houston, which was swept at home by Kansas City. Seattle (84-71) trails Houston by a half-game for the third and final wild card.

PHILLIES 5, METS 2

PHILADELPHIA — Nick Castellanos hit his 29th homer to move Philadelphia within one win of a National League playoff berth, completing a four-game sweep over New York.

The win was a bright spot in what the Phillies hoped would be a much more joyous day.

Wins earlier in the day by the Chicago Cubs and Miami Marlins meant a potential NL wild-card clinch had to wait at least one more game.

ROYALS 6, ASTROS 5

HOUSTON — Nelson Velázquez hit two home runs and Salvador Perez and Matt Duffy also homered as Kansas City built a big lead early and held on for a win over slumping Houston.

Kansas City has won six straight games and 10 of 11. The Royals raced to a 6-2 lead after tagging rookie Hunter Brown (11-13) for all four homers in just three innings.

Yordan Alvarez hit a solo homer to cut the lead to one run in the fifth. But the defending World Series champions couldn't do anything after that on a day they went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position and lost for the fifth time in six games.

TWINS 9, ANGELS 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Ryan Jeffers homered, tripled and drove in three runs to back a strong outing by Joe Ryan as Minnesota pulled away late to beat Los Angeles.

After a 50-minute rain delay, Jeffers and Max Kepler each hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to help the Twins expand a one-run lead.

Los Angeles reliever Carson Fulmer (0-1), making his first major league appearance since 2021, allowed three runs over four innings to take the loss.

Ryan (11-10) tied Pablo López for the team lead in wins. He pitched six innings, giving up three runs on seven hits with no walks and 10 strikeouts — one shy of his career high. It was the sixth time Ryan struck out 10 batters this season.

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CUBS 4, ROCKIES 3

CHICAGO — Patrick Wisdom put Chicago ahead with a two-run homer in the sixth inning, Seiya Suzuki had two hits and scored twice, and the Cubs helped their playoff chances by beating Colorado.

Yan Gomes also drove in two runs for the Cubs, who remained a game in front of Miami for the National League's final postseason berth. Chicago is a half-game behind Arizona for the second of three wild cards.

Jordan Wicks (4-1) allowed three runs over six innings for Chicago in its

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final home game of the regular season. The Cubs have won three straight after dropping seven of eight.

REDS 4, PIRATES 2

CINCINNATI — TJ Friedl hit a two-run homer and drove in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning as Cincinnati bounced back from a historic collapse the night before to beat Pittsburgh.

Joey Votto received ovations from the crowd all day and singled in what could be his final home at-bat for the Reds.

Christian Encarnacion-Strand added a solo homer for Cincinnati, which stayed 2 1/2 games behind the Chicago Cubs for the final National League wild card. The Reds have five games remaining, all on the road.

PADRES 12, CARDINALS 2

SAN DIEGO — Juan Soto hit a 461-foot homer and had four RBIs for San Diego, which was pushed closer to elimination from the playoff picture even as it beat St. Louis in its home finale.

Right fielder Fernando Tatis Jr. made a spectacular leaping catch to rob pinch-hitter Michael Siani of a home run in the sixth. Tatis did a little dance and acknowledged the crowd's ovation.

Jose Azocar also homered for the Padres, who had nine extra-base hits in

winning for the ninth time in 10 games. Their best stretch of the season is likely coming too late as they moved closer to elimination from the wild-card race after the Chicago Cubs and Arizona Diamondbacks both won.

WHITE SOX 3, RED SOX 2

BOSTON — Mike Clevinger pitched six solid innings, Elvis Andrus had a two-run double and Chicago beat Boston in a rain-shortened game, ending a string of 12 straight series losses.

Adam Duvall and Wilyer Abreu each hit a solo homer for the Red Sox, who are on pace to finish in the AL East basement for the third time in four years.

The umpires called for the tarp after the sixth and it was called after a 1 hour, 43-minute delay.

TIGERS 2, ATHLETICS 0

OAKLAND, Calif. — Eduardo Rodriguez threw seven scoreless innings and Detroit beat the last-placed Oakland in its last home game.

Spencer Torkelson had two hits and drove in the only runs in the game with a two-run single in the third.

The A's (48-108) lost for the ninth time in 11 games and tied the Oakland-era record for most losses in a season, initially set in 1979. The A's also tied the franchise mark of 55 home losses.

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