PLAYOFF SCORES, SCHEDULE

DIVISION SERIES

Best-of-5; x-if necessary; all times Eastern **AMERICAN LEAGUE** NATIONAL LEAGUE

TV: TBS / TNT*

(1) N.Y. Yankees def. (5) Kansas City 3-1 G1: N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 5 **G2:** Kansas City 4, N.Y. Yankees 2 **G3:** N.Y. Yankees 3, Kansas City 2 **G4:** N.Y. Yankees 3, Kansas City 1



(6) Detroit 2 **G1:** Cleveland 7, Detroit 0 G2: Detroit 3, Cleveland 0 **G3:** Detroit 3, Cleveland 0 G4: Cleveland 5, Detroit 4 **Saturday:** at Cleveland, 4:38 p.m.

G1: Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5 G2: San Diego 10, Los Angeles 2 **G3:** San Diego 6, Los Angeles 5 **G4:** Los Angeles 8, San Diego 0 Friday: San Diego (Darvish 8-3) at

TV: FS1 / Fox*

(1) L.A. Dodgers 2,

(4) San Diego 2

(6) N.Y. Mets def. (2) Philadelphia 3-1 G1: N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 2 G2: Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 6

G3: N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 2

G4: N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 1

Los Angeles (TBD), 8:08 p.m.*

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-7) **AMERICAN LEAGUE** Game 1, Monday: Cleveland/

NATIONAL LEAGUE Game 1, Sunday: N.Y. Mets at Los Angeles/San Diego winner Detroit winner at N.Y. Yankees

WORLD SERIES

Oct. 25* through Nov. 2 (*Starts Oct. 22 if LCS are over by Oct. 19)

AROUND THE LEAGUE

Trop assessment could take 'weeks'

The Tampa Bay Rays said it may take weeks to fully assess how much damage was done to Tropicana Field, which saw its roof ripped to shreds by the force of Hurricane Milton as the deadly storm barreled across much of Florida.

The team said no one was injured when the St. Petersburg ballpark was struck by the storm on Wednesday night. A handful of "essential personnel" were inside Tropicana Field as the roof panels were blown apart, much of the debris falling on the field and seats below.

"Over the coming days and weeks, we expect to be able to assess the true condition of Tropicana Field," the Rays said Thursday. "In the meantime, we are working with law enforcement to secure the building. We ask for your patience at this time, and we encourage those who can to donate to organizations in our community that are assisting those directly impacted by these storms."

Milton was the second hurricane to hit Florida's Gulf Coast in the span of two weeks, preceded by Hurricane Helene, which flooded streets and homes on that same side of the state and left at least 230 people dead across the South.

The Rays aren't scheduled to play in the ballpark again until March 27, when they are supposed to play host to the Colorado Rockies to open the 2025 season.

BRIEFLY

TWINS: The Pohlad family says it plans to sell the Minnesota Twins after 40 years of ownership. The Twins won World Series titles in 1987 and 1991. Since the turn of the century, they have won the American League Central Division title nine times and claimed a wild card spot once. Twins executive chair Joe Pohlad, a third-generation owner, said in a statement that he recognizes the team's importance to Minnesota, and that will be a consideration in the process.

MLB: The price of a qualifying offer for this year's major league free agents rose to \$21.05 million from \$20,325,000 last offseason, a \$725,000 hike that represented a 3.6% increase.

Associated Press



1-5 Since holding a 3-2 lead over the Diamondbacks in last season's NL Championship Series, **Bryce** Harper and the Phillies are 1-5 in postseason games.

Associated Press

BOX SCORE Yankees 3, Royals 1 **Guardians 5, Tigers 4 ALDS GAME 4 ALDS GAME 4** 3 0 0 .273 Perez c 0 0 0 .000 0 0 0 .167 Melendez If 3 0 0 0 0 0 .154 2 0 2 1 0 0 .273 Pham rf 3 0 3 0 0 0 .455 McKinstry 3b 2 1 1 3 0 0 1 0 2 .077 Isbel cf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .222 3 0 0 0 0 1 .200 Garcia 3b 3 0 1 0 0 1 .375 1 1 1 0 0 0.750 **Totals** 33 4 9 4 4 10 100 011 000 - 3 8 0 Cleveland 100 010 201 - 5 11 0 New York Kansas City 000 001 000 - 1 6 0 010 011 001 - 4 9 0 LOB: Cleveland 8, Detroit 8. 2B: Brennan (1), LOB: New York 7, Kansas City 4. 2B: Torres (1), Stanton (2), Judge (1), Pasquantino (1). RBIs: Holton; Fry (1), off Brieske; McKinstry (1), off Bibee. RBIs: Thomas (4), Ramírez (2), Fry 3 (5), Soto (2), Torres (3), Stanton (4), Pasquantino Sweeney (1), McKinstry (1), Pérez (1), Jung (1). (1). **SB:** Judge (1). SB: Kwan (1). SF: Sweeney. S: Fry. IP H R ER BB SO ERA Cole, W, 1-0 7 6 1 1 0 4 3.00 1 0 0 0 0 1 0.00 Holmes Gaddis, W, 1-0 $1^2/3$ 1 0 0 1 3 0.00 Weaver, S, 3-3 1 0 0 0 0 2 0.00 Herrin $\frac{1}{3}$ 2 0 0 0 0 0.00 Clase, S, 1-1 $\frac{1^2}{3}$ 1 1 1 0 2 9.82 Kansas City IP H R ER BB SO ERA IP H R ER BB SO ERA Wacha, L, 0-1 42/3 6 2 2 1 2 5.19 1 4 2.00 0 115.00 $1^{1}/_{3}$ 2 1 1 1 0 4.91 Erceg Holton 11/3 0 0 0 0 1 3.00 Zerpa 2/3 1 1 1 0 0 6.75 Guenther 1 1 0 0 2.70 Schreiber ¹/₃ 0 0 0 2 1 0.00 Brieske, L, 0-1 $1^{1/3}$ 3 1 1 0 0 6.75 11/3 0 0 0 1 0 3.86 ²/₃ 0 0 0 0 1 0.00 Inherited runners-scored: Erceg 2-0, **Inherited runners-scored:** Gaddis 2-1, Clase 2-0, Brieske 1-1, Vest 2-1. **HBP:** Gaddis Long 2-0. IBB: off Schreiber (Stanton). WP: (McKinstry). WP: Brieske. T: 3:05. Att.: 44,923. Schreiber. T: 2:36. Att.: 39,012.

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SPORTS



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The Guardians' José Ramírez celebrates in the dugout after hitting a solo home run in the fifth inning during Thursday's game against the Tigers in Detroit.

Guardians force Game 5

Fry's 2-run homer,

squeeze rally Cleveland

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT - Pinch-hitter David Fry had a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning, then bunted home an insurance run in the ninth to help the Cleveland Guardians force a decisive Game 5 against the Detroit Tigers in their AL Division Series with a 5-4 victory on Thursday night.

Cleveland ended a streak of 11 losses in postseason elimination games dating to Game 6 of 1997 World Series. Game 5 is Saturday in Cleveland,

with ace Tarik Skubal set to start for the Tigers. The winner advances to the ALCS against the New York Yankees starting Monday.

Fry said the Guardians' resilience

was no surprise. "We've shown that all year long, that's who these guys are," he said. "We have a bunch of tough dudes. We get down 2-1, and we're in the locker room like it's just another day. We show up ready to play to try and get a win.

"And let's go win Game 5." Championship Series for the first came a 2-1 deficit when Zach McK- the batter's helmet came off. instry homered in the fifth inning off Tanner Bibee and Wenceel Pérez hit a

run-scoring single in the sixth. Beau Brieske had pitched scoreless ball for 51/3 innings over four postseason appearances before Fry, batting for Kyle Manzardo, drove a fastball off an advertising sign between the two bullpens in left field for the second pinch-homer in Cleveland postseason history after Hank Majeski in Game 4 of the 1954 World Series.



CHARLIE RIEDEL, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Members of the Yankees celebrate after defeating the Royals in Thursday's Game 4 of an American League Division Series in Kansas City, Mo.

a playoff attendance record for the pitched like a postseason ace, holding second straight day at 25-year-old host Kansas City to a single run over Comerica Park.

ters, preserving a 4-3 lead in the pionship Series. On the verge of reaching the AL eighth when he escaped a secondand-third jam by striking out Trey hits and struck out four before handtime since 2013, the Tigers over- Sweeney on a 100.9 mph cutter as ing the ball to the New York bullpen,

Fry's bunt brought home Brayan Rocchio in the ninth to boost the lead, which proved important.

doubled leading off the ninth, advanced on Parker Meadows' groundout and scored on Jace Jung's groundout.

Clase, who gave up Kerry Carpenter's three-run homer in the ninth inning of the 3-0 loss in Game 2, struck out Matt Vierling, who couldn't check his swing, for the save.

That quieted 44,923 fans who set YANKEES 3, ROYALS 1: Gerrit Cole seven innings and sending New York Emmanuel Clase retired five bat- back to the American League Cham-

The six-time All-Star scattered six which dominated a tense AL Division Series. Clay Holmes tossed a perfect eighth inning, and Luke Weaver breezed through the ninth, extend-Pinch-hitter Justyn-Henry Malloy ing the scoreless streak by Yankees relievers to 152/3 innings this post-

> Juan Soto, Gleyber Torres and Game 3 star Giancarlo Stanton drove in runs for the Yankees, who fittingly clinched a spot in the ALCS on the road. They won 50 games away from home in the regular season, their most in 21 years.

MLB | NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Camraderie, charms lead Mets

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - OMG! Look who's headed to the National League Championship Series.

From their playoff pumpkin to the purple Grimace seat and that catchy pop song by infielder Jose Iglesias, the merry New York Mets are riding a wave of good-luck charms and infectious camaraderie to unexpected October success.

"Through all the craziness, madness, and ups and downs, this game is, at the end of the day, it's supposed to be fun," first baseman Pete Alonso said. "What's the point if you're not having fun? That's a part of the culture here.

"We're not afraid to embrace the fun part of the game. It's not just business. The game is a lot more than just trying to win or lose. You're trying to enjoy the ride with the group that you're

Alonso jumped right into the fray in late September when he and his wife scooped up his small "playoff pump- it all. kin," as he called it, while visiting a Wisconsin farm when the Mets were playing the Brewers.

The lucky squash was on display during a wild clubhouse celebration in Milwaukee last week following the All-Star slugger's go-ahead homer in the ninth inning that saved New York's season in the Wild Card Series clincher.

Next, the wild-card Mets took down



ADAM HUNGER, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mets second baseman Jose Iglesias celebrates on the field after beating the Phillies in Wednesday's Game 4 of the NL Division Series in New York.

rival Philadelphia in their Division Series to reach the NLCS for the first time in nine years - eliciting tears and raw emotions Wednesday night from longtime outfielder Brandon Nimmo, rookie manager Carlos Mendoza and other members of a close-knit team as they choked up a bit when describing

They'll face the San Diego Padres or Los Angeles Dodgers in a best-ofseven set beginning Sunday on the

West Coast. that opened 22-33 in what was supposed to be a transition season under Mendoza and first-year president of baseball operations David Stearns, who grew up a Mets fan in Manhattan. But it's hardly just Alonso having all Manaea said.

this fun.

After home runs, smiling Mets players pose in the dugout for group photos holding a blue and orange "OMG" sign - team colors, of course - in a nod to the name of Iglesias' hit song as it plays over the Citi Field sound system.

"Right now the Mets are playing really good baseball. They're hot," Phillies outfielder Nick Castellanos said. "From watching them play in the beginning of the year, in April and May, and watching Jose Iglesias be able to, I don't know, unify them, and get the city to buy into something bigger, is nothing short of incredible."

In that same vein, the starting pitchers have taken to wearing entirely unnecessary eye black when not on the mound — and writing on it the uniform number of that day's starter to show unity and support.

"Just another good-luck charm, I guess," Sean Manaea said Monday before beating the Phillies with a Game 3 gem the following day. "I don't know. It just started last week in Atlanta. The last week has been crazy so we've just been sticking with it."

And when a starter comes out of Quite a surprise for a New York team the game after a solid outing, they all gather in a rugby huddle on the bench to jump up and down, arms wrapped around each other.

"We're just feeding off each other and just having a fun time doing it,"