

# BALL

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**LAKERS 15, S.F. CENTRAL 5:** Termansen tripled, doubled and scored three runs for the Lakers in Saturday's game two win.

Withrow picked up the win in relief of Lane Sawatzke, who pitched two innings. Withrow scored three runs, while Robinson and Hunter Koch both scored twice. Will Steward added three hits, while Mitch Mueller had two hits.

**LAKERS 5, BRANDON VALLEY 4:** A game-ending unassisted double play by second baseman Alex Crandall in the final inning gave the Lakers the 5-4 semifinal win Sunday.

Sawatzke pitched five innings for the win, while Mueller went two innings for the save.

Termansen had three hits and an RBI, while Robinson added two RBIs. Hauer, Koch, Steward and Mueller all scored a run.

**WATERLOO 13, LAKERS 1:** Sawatzke singled twice and Robinson had an RBI, but the Lakers couldn't hold off Watertown, which claimed the tournament championship on Sunday.

Mueller took the loss, while Hauer pitched in relief.

## Reds Finish Second

**SIOUX FALLS 5:** The Yankton Reds also reached the championship game of the Sioux Falls Classic, but was beaten by Flandreau 9-0 on Sunday to earn second place at the weekend tournament.

Yankton lost to Flandreau 6-2 on Saturday, but topped Mitchell 5-1 in a game that was completed Sunday because of rain Saturday night.

**FLANDREAU 6, REDS 2:** Austin Johnson, Matt Fitzgerald and Brady Hale had two hits in Saturday's loss to Flandreau.

Hale struck out eight but took the loss, while Blake Smith, Colton Diefenderfer and Jordan Lightner all added hits.

**REDS 5, MITCHELL 1:** Lightner was 3-3, and both Adam Waller and Johnson had two hits in Sunday's win against Mitchell.

Johnson allowed one run in seven innings for the win, while Smith, Diefenderfer and Fitzgerald all added hits.

**FLANDREAU 9, REDS 0:** Flandreau's pitcher hurled a no-hitter to blank the Reds 9-0 in Sunday's championship game.

Yankton had three baserunners, two reaching on walks and the other on an error. Ben Cameron took the loss.

## Legion

**MAPLE GROVE, Minn. —** Yankton Post 12 went 2-3 at the Jim Hanus Gopher Classic Tournament, which featured 48 American Legion teams in pool play format at eight sites.

Yankton went 1-1 on Friday, lost its only game Saturday and went 1-1 on Sunday.

**YANKTON 13, MAPLE GROVE 10:** Steven Stanage went 4-4 with two runs and four pitchers helped Post 12 top the host team on Friday.

Cameron Schiltz went 3-4 with two runs and two RBIs, while Derrick Nelson was 2-5 with two RBIs. Trevor Bailey added two hits, while Zach Johnson and Nik Davis both singled.

Heath Arens picked up the win in relief of Josh Homme and Alec Sprakel. Schiltz got the save.

**SARTELL 7, YANKTON 4:** Sartell (Minn.) used a two-out walk-off three-run home run to beat Yankton on Friday.

Sprakel was 2-3 with a double for Yankton, while Arens, Schiltz and Nelson all had singles. Josh Teichroew pitched the first three innings and Mike Janish took the loss in relief.

**LACROSSE 13, YANKTON 5:** Cody Ulmer was 2-3 for Yankton, but Post 12 lost to LaCrosse (Wisc.) on Saturday.

Trevor Bailey, Janish and Nelson all singled. Cody Ulmer took the loss, while Sprakel and Bailey pitched in relief.

**EAST VIEW 8, YANKTON 0:** Post 12 was limited to one hit, from Nelson, in Sunday's first game.

Stanage allowed seven runs, four of which were earned, in five innings to take the loss. Schiltz pitched an inning in relief.

**YANKTON 5, WAYZATA 4:** Post 12 scored the tying and game-winning runs on the same squeeze play to beat Wayzata (Minn.), which is coached by former Major League player Terry Steinbach.

Nelson improved to 7-1 on the season with the win, striking out six in five innings. Janish, Nelson and Johnson all had two hits, while Teichroew, Schiltz and Davis all added hits.

With Devin Gullikson on third base and Janish on first place, Yankton's batter bunted. Gullikson scored, and as the throw went from the catcher to first base, Janish came around to score the winning run.

Post 12 improves to 17-15 on the season.

## Regular Season Beresford 10-7, Reds 2-6

**BERESFORD —** After finishing play in the Sioux Falls Classic, the Yankton Reds traveled to Beresford for a VFW Teener doubleheader Sunday night in Beresford.

The hosts swept, winning by scores of 10-2 and 7-6.

In the opener, Jordan Lightner went 3-3 in the loss for the Reds, while Adam Waller added a hit. Isaac Althoff took the loss, with Lightner pitching in relief.

In game two, Althoff, Matt Fitzgerald and Brady Hale all had two hits, while Waller, Lightner and Colton Diefenderfer all had one hit. Fitzgerald allowed seven runs, two of which were earned, to take the loss.

The Reds, 9-15, are off until next weekend's Daryl Bernard Wood Bat Classic in Yankton.

## TWINS

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ting .345 with 18 homers, but he missed the Detroit series and will sit out the All-Star game with a concussion.

"You're always concerned about a head injury," Gardenhire said. "He's getting better, but the bottom line is that we're going to make sure he's healthy before we put him back on the field. There's no timetable."

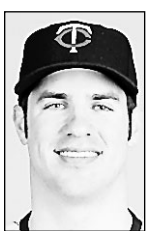
Then again, maybe the Twins have the rest of the division right where they want them.

Minnesota has won five division titles since the turn of the century. Only once, the first title run in 2002, have they held a lead in the standings at the All-Star break. They trailed by 7 1/2 games in 2003, 11 games in 2006 and 4 games last season before mounting rallies to take the title.

# Banged-Up Mauer Admits He Considered Skipping ASG

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Mauer

**ANAHEIM, Calif. —** As he spoke of his many frustrations over the first half of the 2010 season, Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer on Monday admitted that he considered skipping his trip to the All-Star game because of his physical ailments.

Asked if he might have stayed home had he not been the top vote-getter among All-Stars, Mauer said, "That's a great question. Yeah, I kind of went back and forth a little bit, but this is a great event, and it's a great honor to be the top vote-getter and things like that."

"I keep saying that as long as they'll have me here I'll keep coming."

Did he really consider not playing in the All-Star game? "A little bit," he said. "But I've been playing and I feel good, and I'll go out there and play tomorrow night."

Mauer used various versions of the word "frustration" during his media session at the Anaheim

Marriott on Monday morning. Asked whether it's difficult to hit homers at Target Field, he said: "Yeah — for me, yeah."

Has it been a frustrating season? "Yeah, at times, for sure. You know, a lot of things going on. It's been frustrating. I guess it hasn't been that bad, because I'm here, but obviously I want to do a lot better. It's been a season of ups and downs. Unfortunately, it's been a season of tough luck, but that's baseball."

Mauer is hitting .293 with four homers and 35 RBI. He'll bat seventh in the American League lineup on Tuesday night. He has the second-fewest homers and RBI in the AL lineup, ahead of only slapping leadoff man Ichiro Suzuki.

Asked if people make too much of his power numbers, Mauer said, "I think people make a big deal of home runs in general, power numbers, things like

that. For me, I just want to have good at-bats, and yeah, maybe certain things get into your head and frustrate you a little bit."

He said the Mauer All-Star entourage has expanded.

"It's the usual suspects — Mom, Dad, grandma, grandpa, brothers, and nieces now," he said. "It's out here in Disneyland, and they're all over there right now. I guess I'm a pretty favorite uncle right now for getting them to come out to California."

Asked if he'll need more rest because of the bruises and strains that have plagued him during the first half of the season, Mauer said: "I don't know. I fight with Garry (Twins manager Ron Gardenhire) a lot about putting me back there, but he does a good job of giving me days off when I need days off..."

"I don't know. We might monitor that. But he's always done a good job of giving me days off when I've needed them."

Monday morning, Mauer sounded like he needed about a month of rest.

# DERBY

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what we do," Ortiz said.

Ramirez matched Ortiz's 21 homers in the first two rounds, pulling most of his shots over the left-field wall. But Ortiz became just the second slugger to reach double digits in the final round, while Ramirez managed only five.

Milwaukee's Corey Hart and Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera were eliminated in the second round, with Hart failing to connect after hitting 13 in the opening round. Ortiz finished with 13 in the second round after getting off to a fast start.

With Yankees bench coach Tony Pena feeding fastballs straight into his wheelhouse, Ortiz coolly out-slugged his younger competitors to win in his first derby appearance since 2006. He reached the semifinals that year and in 2005.

He hadn't been back in the field since — and Ortiz's entire career was on the skids after he struggled in 2009 and again in April. Boston's longtime star is back on his game with 18 homers and 57 RBIs this season, earning his sixth All-Star berth.

"It's good for him," Ramirez said. "He's been through a tough time. I know he's going to come back in the second half."

Ortiz said Ramirez, another

Dominican slugger, is "like a son to me."

The derby field wasn't exactly a murderers' row, featuring five first-time competitors and no returning champions.

Ryan Howard, Albert Pujols, Alex Rodriguez and defending champion Prince Fielder all sat out. So did major league homers leader Jose Bautista, NL co-leaders Adam Dunn and Joey Votto, and Texas' Josh Hamilton, who hit 28 homers in a single round at Yankee Stadium two years ago.

Still, eight sluggers took aim at the artificial rock pile, moss and trees behind the center-field wall at Angel Stadium, the long-standing Orange County park that underwent a thorough renovation in recent years.

The Anaheim crowd booed Ortiz during pregame introductions, still remembering several years of post-season clashes between his Red Sox and the Los Angeles Angels. But Ortiz hadn't homered at Angel Stadium since hitting a shot during the 2007 AL division series.

Ortiz hit eight homers in the opening round, which included plating delivery of a towel and a refreshing drink from laughing Tampa Bay closer Rafael Soriano.

The outs counter on the outfield scoreboard stopped working during the second round — but Ortiz gave it a much-needed break. He barely missed a pitch while connecting on nine of his first 12 swings and hitting 13 overall.

# GAME

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other pitchers who started on Sunday — from being on the active roster. Tampa Bay lefty David Price will start Tuesday for the AL.

The NL players believe it's their turn to finally turn the page on this decade-old drought.

And why not think that way? This game is being played within miles of Disneyland — "Happiest Place on Earth" — where thousands of kids (adults, too) get to dream big every day. Six-foot-tall, baseball-themed Mickey Mouse statues, some painted in stars and wearing caps or holding baseballs, are scattered around town.

"We know everyone's here to have a good time but at the same time our priority is to win the game," Jimenez said.

To do so, Jimenez and Co. must hold down an AL lineup featuring Josh Hamilton in the cleanup hole and Vladimir Guerrero batting fifth — with sluggers Alex Rodriguez and David Ortiz as backups for manager Joe Girardi.

A daunting task indeed. Big swings often decide the game.

Still, with the likes of Albert Pujols and Howard on the NL side, it would look pretty even.

# Jimenez, Price Slated To Start

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) —** Ubaldo Jimenez is always eager to share his accomplishments with a support system that runs from Denver to the Dominican Republic.

His home nation and adopted hometown will be tuned in when Jimenez takes the mound for one of his most memorable outings yet. The Colorado ace will start for the National League in the All-Star game, while the AL will counter with Tampa Bay's David Price.

In this year of the pitcher, Jimenez was a fitting pick Monday by Phillies manager Charlie Manuel.

"One of the great talents in baseball and he's a treat to watch pitch," Manuel said of choosing Jimenez over Florida's Josh Johnson. "This guy's 15-1. His record speaks for itself."

The NL will try Tuesday night to end a 13-year drought in baseball's Midsummer Classic. Jimenez has a 2.20 ERA in 18 starts and 127 innings for the surging Rockies. Price is 12-4 with a 2.42 ERA. Johnson is 9-3 with a majors-best 1.70 ERA for the Marlins.

"I said Jimenez from the beginning," Johnson said. "He was my pick."

Jimenez's parents will be in the stands at Angel Stadium, along with his host family from Colorado and other family and friends.

"Any little thing is going to be huge for your career," Jimenez said. "It's just a huge honor for me to be out here. Hopefully we can put

everything together and break the losing streak."

Philadelphia slugger Ryan Howard will be the National League's designated hitter and bat cleanup for his regular skipper, Manuel.

"Not only is he my guy, he's got 119 at-bats against left-handed pitchers and 65 RBIs," Manuel said. "He can hit 'em. He's hitting .294. He's very capable of hitting fourth in an All-Star lineup."

There was some confusion, however, about Boston third baseman Adrian Beltré. AL manager Joe Girardi announced that Texas third baseman Michael Young would replace Beltré, who left Sunday's game at Toronto with a strained left hamstring.

But less than an hour later, Beltré said he planned to play. He worked out at Angel Stadium on Monday afternoon and was deemed ready to go.

MLB executive Phyllis Merhige said an announcement about Beltré's status was made prematurely.

"They announced it without telling me," Beltré said. "I'm thinking I'm going to play and I'm going to be on the active roster."

Girardi is starting Evan Longoria of the Rays at third base, meaning Alex Rodriguez will come off the bench.

"Hopefully I can come in in the middle of the game and get a big hit," A-Rod said.

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