



Braves' bats thump Detroit in 12-3 win

Santana pitches 3 innings, yields 2 runs

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LAKELAND, Fla. — Ervin Santana allowed two runs in three innings as the Atlanta Braves topped the Detroit Tigers 12-3 Tuesday.

Santana gave up four hits and struck out one in his second start since being signed by the Braves to a one-year, \$11 million deal on March 12.

Santana was 9-10 with a 3.24 ERA for the Kansas City Royals last season.

Santana has pitched five innings this spring and has a 5.40 ERA.

"I feel good," he said. "I am just trying to keep the ball down. I know I still have to work on some stuff. Except for a couple of runs, it felt fine."

Santana was unsigned heading into the spring, but the Braves lost starters Kris Medlen and Brandon Beachy to Tommy John surgery and expect Mike Minor to miss at least a month of the regular season.

Santana has a record of 105-90 over nine major league seasons, all

in the American League.

Jason Heyward and Gerald Laird both homered for the Braves. Dan Uggla had two hits and two RBIs.

Tigers starter Rick Porcello gave up six runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Miguel Cabrera raised his spring batting average to .378 with two hits.

Porcello kept his spirits up after his rough outing.

"It was a good time," he said. "I was playing baseball and that's always fun."

Porcello gave up three first-inning runs and three more in the sixth.

"I thought I was throwing it well until the sixth and then I just started to get the ball up. I feel really good, but I have some work to do at keeping the ball down."

ROUGH OUTING: Tigers lefty Ian Krol, acquired from Washington in the offseason deal for Doug Fister, allowed four earned runs in an inning to saw his ERA go to 7.56. He walked a batter and al-



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Detroit's Ian Kinsler is brushed back during the first inning on Tuesday against the Braves.

lowed four hits.

"He was just out of whack today," Ausmus said.

Krol was scheduled to pitch on Monday but the game was rained out. He pitched in the batting cage and his outing was his first back to back games this spring.

GOING, GOING, WAY GONE: Heyward's wind-blown homer

against Porcello cleared the tall right field scoreboard before clanging off a pickup truck. Tigers right fielder Torii Hunter simply looked up as it soared over his head, picked up a few blades of grass and tossed them into the air as he watched it sail out of sight.

Rangers' Ross shuts down Indians for 7 innings in win

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GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Robbie Ross gave a strong audition in his bid to join the Texas rotation, pitching seven shutout innings that led the Rangers over the Cleveland Indians 5-0 Tuesday.

Ross allowed four hits, striking out eight, and walking three.

The Rangers did not commit to Ross after the game but his performance left little doubt.

"He was pitching out there again today," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "He still out there. He's done nothing to change that. He's been pitching his butt off. He's been doing everything. We have to make a decision soon. Robbie's done his job against a pretty good lineup. You can't ask for much more."

Michael Choice hit his fourth home run, connecting off Indians starter Josh Tomlin.

Tomlin is competing with Carlos Carrasco for the fourth spot in the rotation. Danny Salazar will be the fifth starter.

Tomlin allowed two runs in the first but put together four scoreless innings until Choice hit the home run.

"I made a couple mistakes and that first inning got away from me.

After that I was able to settle back in," Tomlin said. "I threw a hanging curveball. It kind of backed up on me."

Indians manager, Terry Francona, also faces a tough decision. Carrasco pitched well on Monday.

STARTING TIMES: Tomlin missed most of last season with elbow reconstructive surgery. He has a 2.57 ERA in his prior four spring appearances.

Tomlin pitched 6½ innings and gave up four runs on seven hits and two walks. He struck out five.

TRAINER'S ROOM: Jason Giambi will be placed on the disabled list on Sunday. He suffered a fractured rib on his right side after being hit by a pitch from Edwin Jackson of the Cubs on March 7.

SANTANA AT THIRD: Lonnie Chisenhall was competing with Carlos Santana at third base. The spring-long experiment to move Santana to third was a success. The Indians told Chisenhall that he made the team on Sunday. Santana will play some third this season.

"Carlos will play third," Francona said. "I'm not sure how it will play itself out [as far as playing time] but this gives us a lot of options."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men James Madison (29-5) vs. Texas A&M (25-8), 9:45 p.m.

NCAA TOURNAMENT EAST REGIONAL

Regional Semifinals

At Madison Square Garden

New York

Friday

UConn (28-8) vs. Iowa State (28-7), 7:27 p.m.

Michigan State (28-8) vs. Virginia (30-6), 9:57 p.m.

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 30

Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL

Regional Semifinals

At FedExForum

Memphis, Tenn.

Thursday

Dayton (25-10) vs. Stanford (23-12), 7:15 p.m.

Florida (34-2) vs. UCLA (28-8), 9:45 p.m.

Regional Championship

Saturday, March 29

Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Regional Semifinals

At Lucas Oil Stadium

Indianapolis

Friday

Michigan (27-8) vs. Tennessee (24-12), 7:15 p.m.

Kentucky (26-10) vs. Louisville (31-5), 9:45 p.m.

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 30

Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL

Regional Semifinals

At The Honda Center

Anaheim, Calif.

Thursday

Wisconsin (28-7) vs. Baylor (26-11), 7:47 p.m.

San Diego State (31-4) vs. Arizona (32-4), 10:17 p.m.

Regional Championship

Saturday, March 29

Semifinal winners

FINAL FOUR

At AT&T Stadium

Arlington, Texas

National Semifinals

Saturday, April 5

East champion vs. South champion

Midwest champion vs. West champion

National Championship

Monday, April 7

Semifinal winners

NIT

Quarterfinals

Tuesday

Clemson 73, Belmont 68

North Miss (29-6) at Minnesota (22-13), 9 p.m.

Today

Louisiana Tech (29-7) at Florida State (21-13), 7 p.m.

California (21-13) at SMU (25-9), 9 p.m.

At Madison Square Garden

New York

Semifinals

Tuesday, April 1

Semifinal, 7 p.m.

Semifinal, 9:30 p.m.

Championship

Thursday, April 3

Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

CBT

Semifinals

Today

Illinois State (18-15) at Siena (17-17), 7 p.m.

Old Dominion (18-17) at Fresno State (19-16), 10 p.m.

Championship Series

(Best-of-3)

(x-if necessary)

Monday, March 31

TBD, TBA

Wednesday, April 2

TBD, TBA

Friday, April 4

x-TBD, TBA

CIT

Quarterfinals

Today

VMi (21-12) at Ohio (24-11), 7 p.m.

Yale (17-13) at Columbia (21-12), 7 p.m.

San Diego (18-16) at Pacific (17-15), 10 p.m.

Thursday

Towson State (25-10) at Murray State (20-11), 8 p.m.

Women

NCAA TOURNAMENT

COLLEGE REGIONAL

Second Round

Monday

At Los Angeles

BYU 80, Nebraska 76

At Durham, N.C.

DePaul 74, Duke 65

Tuesday

At Storrs, Conn.

UConn 91, Saint Joseph's 52

At College Station, Texas

BASEBALL

Exhibition

American League

Tampa Bay 15 W 6 L 1 Pct .714

Cleveland 17 8 680

Los Angeles 16 10 615

Seattle 16 10 615

Baltimore 12 8 600

New York 15 11 577

Oakland 13 12 520

Detroit 12 12 500

Toronto 12 13 480

Kansas City 11 13 458

Chicago 8 13 381

Minnesota 8 13 381

Boston 9 15 375

Houston 9 15 375

Texas 9 15 375

National League

Miami 17 10 630

San Francisco 16 10 615

Pittsburgh 13 9 591

Arizona 11 9 550

Colorado 14 12 538

New York 14 12 538

Washington 14 12 538

St. Louis 12 12 500

Milwaukee 12 15 444

Cincinnati 12 16 429

San Diego 9 12 429

Atlanta 11 17 393

Los Angeles 6 10 375

Philadelphia 9 15 375

Note: Split-squad games count in the standings, games against non-major league teams do not.

TUESDAY

Minnesota 4, Baltimore 1

Atlanta 12, Detroit 3

Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2

Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 3

Miami 6, St. Louis 5

Pittsburgh 22, Toronto 66

Colorado 4, Chicago White Sox 1

Texas 5, Cleveland 0

Oakland 8, Cincinnati 4

San Francisco 5, Milwaukee 4

L.A. Angels 8, Chicago Cubs (ss) 4

Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Yankees 0

Seattle vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

MONDAY

Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

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Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Philadelphia 6, Toronto 3, 8 innings

Washington 4, Miami 1

Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 3

Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle 6

L.A. Angels 11, San Francisco 4

Texas 6, Oakland 2

Cincinnati 8, Cincinnati 3

Colorado 8, Kansas City 2

Houston 7, Atlanta 5

San Diego 7, Chicago Cubs 1

TODAY

Baltimore (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Miami vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Kansas City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Emerson to Grand Rapids (AHL).

L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.

Seattle vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

Milwaukee vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

Colorado vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs vs. Houston at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets vs. Arizona at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

Baltimore (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

THURSDAY

Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.

Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.

Arizona (ss) vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Oakland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

At Goodyear, Ariz.

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R.Ross, N.Martinez (8) and Arenbica. Tomlin, K.Crockett (7), B.Wood (8), Allen (9) and Y.Gomes, J.Lowery, W.-R.Ross. L-Tomlin. HRS-Texas, Choice (4).

At Lakeland, Fla.

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E.Santana, I.Thomas (4), Gearrin (5), B.Cunniff (5), M.Lamm (6), R.Weber (8), J.Hoyt (9) and Lerud, Laird Porcello, Krol (7), Martinez (8), C.Knebel (9) and Avila, Hoidal, W.-E.Santana, L-Porcello. HRS-Atlanta, Heyward (4), Laird (1).

Quarterfinals

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