AL's Verlander, NL's Ryu starting pitchers in All-Star Game

By RONALD BLUM AP Baseball Writer

CLEVELAND — Sitting next to Justin Verlander, American League manager Alex Cora cheekily declared "we've got the opener" as he described his pitching plans. Touché!

Houston's ace has been among the players most critical of some teams' practice of using relief pitchers as ersatz starters for an inning or two.

Verlander will be making his second All-Star start on Tuesday night. Los Angeles Dodgers manager Dave Roberts selected Hyun-Jin Ryu from his own staff to make his first start for the National League.

A 36-year-old righthander, Verlander is 10-4 with a 2.98 ERA this year for the Houston Astros, striking out 153 in 126²/₃ innings.

He allowed five runs in the first inning during the 2012 All-Star Game at Kansas City, including the first bases-loaded triple in All-Star history, to Pablo Sandoval.

"I kind of halfway blame it on Prince Fielder," Verlander said. "He was at first base, and he kept whispering at me, 'Ver, Ver, Ver, throw 100.' OK, Prince, here we go. So that was back then."

Verlander, then with Detroit, threw five pitches clocked at 100 mph and another at 101 during a 35-pitch inning.

"I don't quite throw 100 anymore. Maybe I'll try tomorrow," he said. "The goal is to get guys out. That's it'

All-Star starters were openers before the term was coined. No starter has pitched more than two innings since Greg Mad-

dux threw three in 1994, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"This game has 120-plus years of history, and I think we're riding this little wave of things that are a little different right now," he said. "But I think it will come back around."

Verlander also is not a fan of the dominance of power and strikeouts --- even though he has 2,859.

The game goes in cycles. I think at a certain point I think analytics will catch up to things where it's hard right now," he said. "I think the ability to put the ball in play will come back in a big way and probably in the not-too-distant future."

Rvu. a 32-year-old left-hander from South Korea, is 10-2 with a major league-leading 1.73 ERA for the NL champion Dodgers. He is the second Asian All-Star starter after Dodgers rookie Hideo Nomo of Japan in 1995.

"When I signed with the Dodgers, all I wanted was to get a chance to compete with the best in Major League Baseball," Ryu said through a translator. "I wasn't necessarily thinking about pitching in an All-Štar Game. But like I said before, this is all surreal to me."

Roberts envisions the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw following Ryu and then the New York Mets' Jacob deGrom. Cora plans to have the Yankees' Masahiro Tanaka pitch second and then decided to go backward: New York's Aroldis Chapman would pitch the ninth if the AL is ahead, Cleveland's Brad Hand the eighth and Houston's Ryan Pressly the seventh.



Querrey's reward for Wimbledon quarterfinal? Facing Nadal

By HOWARD FENDRICH AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England Sam Querrey is in the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the third time in four years. His reward as he seeks to reach his first Grand Slam final? A matchup against 18-time major champion Rafael Nadal.

"It's going to just get harder and harder," the American said. "It's his least favorite place of the Slams - and he's 'finaled' it five times. And he's been rolling through guys."

Querrey, who is ranked 65th after recently returning from an injured abdominal muscle, used his big serve to get past Tennys Sandgren 6-4, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5) on Monday in the first meeting between two U.S. men in the fourth round or later at Wimbledon in 19 years.

Querrey hit 25 aces and saved all four break points he faced.

"I love playing here and I'm getting more comfortable every year. I like playing on the grass," Querrey said. "It's becoming more of a thing

when I get here: I don't care so much who I'm playing, because I have just the confidence that I can make a run, regardless of who's in front of me"

In 2016, he upset defending champion Novak Djokovic on the way to the quarterfinals.

In 2017, he upset defending champion Andy Murray on the way to the semifinals.

Now comes Nadal, who won Wimbledon twice and was the runner-up three other times in a span of five appearances from 2006-11.

"I'm going to have to serve incredibly well, take my chances when I get them," Querrey said, "and, you know, hopefully I can have a good day out there."

Nadal, who is seeded third, carries a 16-match winning streak into Wednesday's quarterfinal against Querrey. That includes a 12th trophy at the French Open last month.

"When he plays well, he can be very, very dangerous in all surfaces," Nadal said. "But, of course, in fast surfaces, when he serves with his aggressive game, maybe more.

Nadal never had a bit of No. 23 Roberto Bautista Agut



AP Photo/Tim Ireland

Sam Querrey returns the ball to Tennys Sandgren in a men's singles match Monday during the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London.

trouble during his 6-2, 6-2,

6-2 victory over Joao Sousa

of Portugal on Monday.

Djokovic and Roger Federer

17 Matteo Berrettini of Italy

6-1, 6-2, 6-2, and Djokovic did

the same to Ugo Humbert of

meets No. 21 David Goffin of

Belgium, Federer plays No. 8

Kei Nishikori of Japan, and

On Wednesday, Djokovic

Federer overwhelmed No.

also breezed through.

France 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

of Spain faces No. 26 Guido Pella of Argentina.

This is the 24th time the Big Three all reached the quarterfinals of a major tournament; one of them ended up with the title on 20 of the previous occasions.

"It's pretty incredible, their dominance. They don't seem to take a Slam off, rarely a Masters Series off," Querrey said. "They're engaged and focused — match-in, matchout - for 15 years."

Derby: Mets' Alonso wins home run derby

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derby lore.

They were tied 29-all after their four-minute round and then again following a 60-second session. Guerrero and Pederson then each homered once when given three swings, forcing another best-of-three round.

Guerrero hit two, screaming at his second shot, which barely cleared the 19-foot high wall in left. Pederson couldn't match up, hitting a grounder on his final cut before both players shared an exhausted embrace near home plate as the fellow All-Stars stood and applauded like regular fans

The last Home Run Derby in Cleveland was also won by a New Yorker - Yankees first baseman



AP Photo/John Minchillo Pete Alonso, of the New York Mets, reacts during the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby, on Monday in Cleveland.

Tino Martinez, who took the 1997 crown over a field which included Hall of Famers Ken Griffey Jr. and Jim Thome, who didn't clear the walls once.

Santana fared better than Thome, hitting 13 ding-Alonso rallied with two

homers in the final 15 seconds to hit 14 as the Cleveland crowd sneered.

The derby lost its top seed on Sunday as Christian Yelich, the reigning NL MVP and current homerun leader, withdrew from ers in the first round. But the contest citing a nagging back issue. Yelich didn't want to risk injury and his decision was certainly welcomed news to the Milwaukee Brewers.

Yelich, who is still playing in Tuesday's game, was replaced by Oakland's Matt Chapman, who had the misfortune of being paired against the hard-swinging Guerrero in the first round.

Guerrero mashed 29 homers in the first round, breaking Josh Hamilton's record at Yankee Stadium in 2008, and the barrage included a 476-footer that nearly stuck like a dart into scoreboard in left field.

As each of Guerrero's powerful swings sent a ball sailing into the darkening sky, the sellout crowd at Progressive Field oohed and aahed as if watching a Fourth of July fireworks display.

AP Photo/Francisco Seco

United States' Megan Rapinoe celebrates after scoring the opening goal from the penalty spot during the Women's World Cup final soccer match Sunday between U.S. and The Netherlands at the Stade de Lyon in Decines, outside Lyon, France.

Soccer: U.S. wins 2nd World Cup title in a row

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incredible," Rapinoe said. "I feel like this team is in the midst of changing the world around us as we live, and it's just an incredible feeling."

Lavelle, at 24 the team's up-and-coming star, added her third goal of the tournament on an 18-yard leftfooted shot in the 69th after a solo run from the center circle.

'It's been a long journey. It doesn't seem real yet. I hasn't hit me, it's so surreal, to be part of this group and to play with these players," Lavelle said.

The monthlong journey isn't over quite yet for players who captured the hearts of a nation. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio needed just a few seconds after the match to invite the team to a ticker-tape parade up the Canyon of Heroes in Manhattan on Wednesday.

Fans, many dressed in red, white and blue, chanted "Equal Pay!" at the final whistle, a reminder players sued the U.S. Soccer Federation in March claiming gender discrimination. The sides have agreed to mediate the lawsuit.

Rapinoe drew the ire of U.S. President Donald Trump by saying she would refuse to visit the White House. Trump called out Rapinoe on Twitter, saying she should never "dis-

respect our Country, the White House, or our Flag, especially since so much has been done for her & the team." He said he would invite the team win or lose.

But shortly after the title game, Trump tweeted: 'Congratulations to the U.S. Women's Soccer Team on winning the World Cup! Great and exciting play. America is proud of you all!"

Rapinoe also called out FIFA on the eve of the championship, suggesting soccer's governing body was not doing enough to grow the women's game, pointing to unequal prize money and the scheduling of the final on the same day as the championships of the CONCACAF Gold Cup in Chicago and the Copa America final in Brazil.

Whether unequal treatment from soccer officials will change is uncertain. The Americans' dominance in France is unquestioned.

They never trailed at the tournament and set records with 26 goals and a 12-game World Cup winning streak dating to 2015. Jill Ellis became the first coach to lead a team to two Women's World Cup titles, and the U.S. joined Germany in 2003 and 2007 as the only repeat champions. While the U.S. has four titles, Germany is the only other nation with even two.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE							
East	W	L	Pct	GB			
New York	57	31	.648	_			
Tampa Bay	52	39	.571	6½			
Boston	49	41	.544	9			
Toronto	34	57	.374	241/2			
Baltimore	27	62	.303	301/2			
Central	W	L	Pct	GB			
Minnesota	56	33	.629	_			
Cleveland	50	38	.568	51/2			
Chicago	42	44	.488	121/2			
Kansas City	30	61	.330	27			
Detroit	28	57	.329	26			
West	w	L	Pct	GB			
Houston	57	33	.633	_			
Oakland	50	41	.549	71⁄2			
Texas	48	42	.533	9			
Los Angeles	45	46	.495	121⁄2			
Seattle	39	55	.415	20			

Sunday's Games Toronto 6, Baltimore 1 Boston 6, Detroit 3 Cleveland 11, Cincinnati 1 Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Yankees 1 Washington 5, Kansas City 2 Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 1 Houston 11, L.A. Angels 10, 10 innings Texas 4, Minnesota 1, 11 innings Oakland 7, Seattle 4 **Tuesday's Games** NL (TBD) vs. AL (TBD) at Cleveland, Ohio,

4:30 p.m. Thursday's Games

Houston at Texas, 5:05 p.m. Friday's Games Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m. Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m. L.A. Dodgers at Boston, 4:10 p.m. Minnesota at Cleveland, 4:10 p.m. Houston at Texas, 5:05 p.m. Detroit at Kansas City, 5:15 p.m Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 7:07 p.m. Seattle at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	w	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	54	37	.593	_
Washington	47	42	.528	6
Philadelphia	47	43	.522	6½
New York	40	50	.444	13½
Miami	33	55	.375	19½
Central	w	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	43	.522	_
Milwaukee	47	44	.516	1/2
St. Louis	44	44	.500	2
Pittsburgh	44	45	.494	21/2
Cincinnati	41	46	.471	41/2
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	60	32	.652	_
Arizona	46	45	.505	13½
San Diego	45	45	.500	14
Colorado	44	45	.494	14½
San Francisco	41	48	.461	17½

Sunday's Games Cleveland 11, Cincinnati 1 Philadelphia 8, N.Y. Mets 3 Atlanta 4, Miami 3 Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 5 Washington 5, Kansas City 2 Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 1 San Francisco 1, St. Louis 0 Arizona 5, Colorado 3 San Diego 5, L.A. Dodgers 3 **Tuesday's Games** NL (TBD) vs. AL (TBD) at Cleveland, Ohio, 4:30 p.m Friday's Games Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 11:20 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

Washington at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m. L.A. Dodgers at Boston, 4:10 p.m. N.Y. Mets at Miami, 4:10 p.m. San Francisco at Milwaukee, 5:10 p.m Arizona at St. Louis, 5:15 p.m. Cincinnati at Colorado, 5:40 p.m Atlanta at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

LONDON (AP) — Results Monday from Wimbledon at The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club (seedings in

parentheses)

Men's Singles Fourth Round

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Ugo Humbert, France, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

- David Goffin (21), Belgium, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 7-6 (9), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Guido Pella (26), Argentina, def. Milos Raonic (15), Canada, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6
- Roberto Bautista-Agut (23), Spain, def Benoit Paire (28), France, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2. Sam Querrey, United States, def. Tennys Sandgren, United States, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).
- Rafael Nadal (3), Spain, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Kei Nishikori (8), Japan, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Mat-

teo Berrettini (17), Italy, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Fourth Round Alison Riske, United States, def. Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Serena Williams (11), United States, def. Carla Suarez-Navarro (30), Spain, 6-2, 6-2 Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Elise Mertens (21), Belgium, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2. Johanna Konta (19), Britain, def. Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Elina Svitolina (8), Ukraine, def. Petra Martic (24), Croatia, 6-4, 6-2. Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, def.

Karolina Pliskova (3), Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-5, 13-11. Simona Halep (7), Romania, def. Cori Gauff, United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Shuai Zhang, China, def. Dayana Yas-tremska, Ukraine, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Third Round

Lukasz Kubot, Poland and Marcelo Melo (1), Brazil, def. Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil and Divij Sharan, India, 7-5, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (6), 6-3.

Nicolas Mahut, France and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (11), France, def. Bob Bryan, United States and Mike Bryan (7), United States, 7-6 (3), 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (5). Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, def. Aisam Qureshi, Pakistan and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, 7-5, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-4 Ivan Dodig, Croatia and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, def. Nikola Mektic, Croatia and Franko Skugor (6), Croatia, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 7-6 (3). Henri Kontinen, Finland and John Peers

(8), Australia, vs. Rajeev Ram, United States and Joe Salisbury (12), Britain, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 5-5, susp. Michael Venus, New Zealand and Raven

Klaasen (3), South Africa, def. Frederik Nielsen, Denmark and Robin Haase (16),

Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (0). Horia Tecau, Romania and Jean-Julien Rojer (5), Netherlands, def. Maximo Gon zalez, Argentina and Horacio Zeballos (9), Argentina, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 7-5, 4-3, ret. Robert Farah, Colombia and Juan Sebastian Cabal (2), Colombia, def. Philipp Oswald, Austria and Roman Jebavy, Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 7-5.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Third Round

Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Melichar (7), United States, def Abigail Spears, United States and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-3. Yifan Xu, China and Gabriela Dabrowski (4), Canada, def. Saisai Zheng, China and Ying-Ying Duan (13), China, 7-5, 6-3. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany and Demi Schuurs (8), Netherlands, def. Yafan Wang, China and Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (7). Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (2), Czech Repub-

lic, def. Laura Siegemund, Germany and Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, 7-6 (6), 6-1.

MIXED DOUBLES

Second Round

Marcus Daniell, New Zealand and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina and Yifan Xu (7), China, , walkover. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden and Jelena

Ostapenko, Latvia, def. Andres Molteni, Argentina and Makoto Ninomiya, Japan, 6-3, 6-1.

Franko Skugor, Croatia and Raluca-Ioana Olaru (12), Romania, def. Venus Williams, United States and Frances Tiafoe, United States, 6-3, 6-1.

Nikola Mektic, Croatia and Alicia Rosolska (6), Poland, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan and Christopher Rungkat, Indone sia, 7-5, 6-4.

Aisam Oureshi, Pakistan and Nadija Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand and Katarina Srebotnik (10), Slovenia, 6-4, 7-6 (9). Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States

and Jamie Murray, Britain, vs. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada and Mate Pavic (3), Croatia, 4-6, 6-3, 3-4, susp. Ivan Dodig, Croatia and Latisha Chan (8), Chinese Taipei, def. Su-Wei Hsieh, Chinese Taipei and Cheng-Peng Hsieh, Chi-nese Taipei, 6-3, 6-2.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

Monday

At Epernay, France

Third Stage A 133.6-mile hilly ride from Binche,

Belgium to Epernay, with three Category 3 climbs and a Category 4 over

- the second half of the stage
- 1. Julian Alaphilippe, France, Deceun-inck-QuickStep, 4:40:29.
- 2. Michael Matthews, Australia, Sunweb,
- :26 behind.
- 3. Jasper Stuyven, Belgium, Trek-Sega-fredo, same time.
- 4. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, CCC, same time.
- 5. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Bora-Hans-
- grohe, same time.
- 6. Matteo Trentin, Italy, Mitchelton-Scott,

same time.

- 7. Sonny Colbrelli, Italy, Bahrain-Merida,
- same time. 8. Xandro Meurisse, Belgium,
- Wanty-Gobert, same time. 9. Wout Van Aert, Belgium, Jum-
- bo-Visma, same time.
- 10. Thibaut Pinot, France, Groupa
- ma-FDJ, same time.
- 11. Tiesj Benoot, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time
- 12. Egan Bernal, Colombia, Ineos, same

13. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Ineos, :31.

- 14. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana, same time.
- 15. Guillaume Martin, France,
- Wanty-Gobert, same time 16. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La

Mondiale, same time

- 17. Steven Kruijswijk, Netherlands, Jum-
- bo-Visma, same time 18. Alexey Lutsenko, Kazakhstan, Astana,
- same time 19. Rudy Molard, France, Groupama-FDJ,
- same time. 20. Michael Woods, Canada, EF Educa-
- tion First, same time.

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same time. Overall Standings

bo-Visma, :20.

bo-Visma, :25.

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Step, :46.

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(After three stages)

bo-Visma, same time.

tion First, same time.

Education First, same time

43. Tejay van Garderen, United States, EF Education First, same time

69. Joey Rosskopf, United States, CCC, 3:42.

120. Ben King, United States, Dimension Data, 13:58. 151. Chad Haga, United States, Sunweb,

1. Julian Alaphilippe, France, Deceun-inck-QuickStep, 9:32:19.

3. Steven Kruijswijk, Netherlands, Jum-

4. George Bennett, New Zealand, Jum-

5. Michael Matthews, Australia, Sun-

6. Egan Bernal, Colombia, Ineos, same

7. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Ineos, :45.

8. Enric Mas, Spain, Deceuninck-Quick

9. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, CCC, :51.

10. Wilco Kelderman, Netherlands, Sun-web, same time.

13. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, EF Educa-tion First, :53.

14. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, EF

16. Rudy Molard, France, Groupama-FDJ,

17. David Gaudu, France, Groupama-FDJ,

18. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Bora-Hans-

67. Joey Rosskopf, United States, CCC,

156. Chad Haga, United States, Sun-

126. Ben King, United States, Dimension

19. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, Sunweb,

20. Matteo Trentin, Italy, Mitchel-

15. Sonny Colbrelli, Italy, Bahrain-Mer-

11. Michael Woods, Canada, EF Educa-

12. Thibaut Pinot, France, Groupa-

2. Wout Van Aert, Belgium, Jum-