

Tuesday's results

MLB	
St. Louis	2
Philadelphia	0
Tampa Bay	0
New York Yankees	5
Cleveland	2
Detroit	9
MLB	
San Francisco	0
New York Mets	7
Arizona	2
Washington	0

Harden headed to Cubs

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CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs acquired pitcher Rich Harden from the Oakland Athletics in a six-player trade on Tuesday, a day after the rival Milwaukee Brewers landed CC Sabathia.

The Cubs received the right-handed Harden and righty Chad Gaudin for pitcher Sean Gallagher, outfielders Matt Murton and Eric Patterson, and minor leaguer Josh Donaldson.

“We’ve been working on Mr. Harden for a few weeks now,” Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said.

Harden, eligible to be a free agent after the 2009 season, is 5-1 with a 2.34 ERA in 13 starts this season.

He’s scheduled to \$4.75 million this season.

The oft-injured righty missed a month earlier this season because of a right shoulder strain. It was his sixth trip to the disabled list in his six-year career.

The Cubs said they expected Harden would join the team Wednesday and that he’ll pitch either Friday or Saturday night at Wrigley against the San Francisco Giants.

“This gives up another weapon,” manager Lou Piniella said. “He’ll fit in here really nice. Let’s keep him healthy and pitching and go from there.”

Hendry said the trade was not a reaction to the Sabathia trade by the Brewers, who were four games behind the NL Central-leading Cubs heading into Tuesday night.

“Our mode all year is we’re trying to get better,” he said.

Chicago also received Gaudin, who was 5-3 with a 3.59 ERA in 26 games — including six starts. Last season, he was a starter all season



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In this June 20 file photo, Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Rich Harden throws to the Florida Marlins in the third inning of a baseball game in Oakland, Calif. The Chicago Cubs have acquired pitcher Harden from the Oakland Athletics in a six-player trade. The Cubs will receive the right-handed Harden and Chad Gaudin for pitcher Sean Gallagher, outfielders Matt Murton and Eric Patterson, and minor leaguer John Donaldson.

and went 11-13 with a 4.42 ERA.

To land the pair, the Cubs had to part with Murton, a former top prospect who has yet to live up to his billing.

In his fourth season, Murton has shuttled between Triple-A Iowa and Chicago. He’s hitting .250 in 40 at-bats.

They also traded the right-handed Gallagher, who is 3-4 with a

4.45 ERA in 12 games, including 10 starts, in his second season.

Patterson, the brother of Corey Patterson, was sent to the minors on July 3, the fourth time this year he’s been sent down.

An outfielder who can also play second base, Patterson was hitting .237 with a homer and seven RBIs in 38 at-bats with the big league club.

Donaldson, a catcher for Class A Peoria, was hitting .217 with six homers.

“You’re not getting a guy like this without it hurting a little bit,” Hendry said.

Piniella said the trade should send a message to Cubs fans.

“This shows the Cubs are going to do everything in their power to get where we want to go.”

A-Rod loses \$200,000 in All-Star bonuses

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NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez’s decision to opt out of his contract last October cost him \$200,000 in All-Star bonuses from the New York Yankees this year.

Rodriguez’s old deal, which he agreed to with Texas before the 2001 season, contained provisions that earned him a \$100,000 bonus for making the AL All-Star team and another \$100,000 for receiving the most fan votes in his league.

His agent, Scott Boras, informed the Yankees during Game 4 of Boston’s World Series sweep that A-Rod was terminating his \$252 million, 10-year agreement.

Then in December, Rodriguez

signed a record \$275 million, 10-year contract with New York, a deal that allows him to make up to \$305 million if he reaches milestone achievements.

New York inherited the old deal when it acquired A-Rod from Texas in 2004.

The Yankees do not give contracts with provisions that contain bonuses for All-Star selection or awards such as MVP, Gold Glove and Silver Slugger.

Still, even without the bonuses, Rodriguez has a major league-high \$27 million salary this year.

Toronto pitcher Roy Halladay earned the biggest All-Star bonus, \$125,000, followed by Cleveland pitcher Cliff Lee at \$100,000. A total of 42 of 63 players selected

earned \$1.92 million in bonuses, down from \$2.13 for the initial picks last year.

Halladay, who has a \$10 million salary, wasn’t aware of the bonus, saying he leaves things like that to his agent.

“The fun part is being part of the team. That’s what’s exciting and fun for me, fun for my family,” Halladay said.

Atlanta’s Chipper Jones earned a \$2 million salary increase to \$10 million next year because he was elected.

His contract contains a complicated points provision for various honors.

His 2009 pay could increase to \$11 million depending on postseason awards this year.

Because Cleveland’s Grady Sizemore made the AL team, the price of Cleveland’s 2012 club option increased from \$8.5 million to \$9 million.

Sizemore wasn’t aware of the escalator.

“I don’t know what my incentives are for those kinds of things. I let my agent handle that,” he said. “I didn’t negotiate that kind of stuff.”

Making the NL roster earned San Diego’s Adrian Gonzalez a \$100,000 increase to \$5.6 million in the price of his 2011 club option.

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