

MLB NOTEBOOK

JAYS SWING DEAL FOR PRICE, TIGERS ALSO TRADE SORIA

Toronto acquired All-Star left-hander David Price from the Detroit Tigers on Thursday, the second major move in less than a week by the Blue Jays as they chase their first post-season appearance since 1993.



David Price

After obtaining slugging shortstop Troy Tulowitzki from Colorado, the Blue Jays tried to shore up their rotation by adding Price, likely the top remaining starting pitcher on the market.

"These types of players, the great superstar players, rarely become available," Toronto general manager Alex Anthopoulos said. "We think we're a good team and adding a guy like Price we think makes us that much stronger and will give us a chance to win. It's as simple as that."

The Blue Jays sent left-handers Daniel Norris, Matt Boyd and Jairo Labourt to the Tigers in the deal. Price can become a free agent after this season.

Later Thursday, Detroit dealt closer Joakim Soria to Pittsburgh for minor league infielder JaCoby Jones.

Speaking in the Detroit clubhouse before the Tigers faced the Orioles in Baltimore, Price was excited about joining a contender — even if he did refer to the Blue Jays as "they" instead of "we."

"They've got a good thing going on right now in Toronto," he said. "They've kind of been in this situation before and didn't make these type of moves. It definitely shows you that they want to win right now. You have to respect that. You have to like it and that's what you want to be a part of"

Toronto has scored more runs than any other team in the major leagues but still had a .500 record heading into Thursday night's game against the Royals. The Blue Jays trailed Minnesota by two games for the AL's second wild card and were seven behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

Price is 9-4 with a 2.53 ERA this season. "I'm going to be a Blue Jay now. That's just part of the business," Price said. "We have a very talented group of guys in here and so do the Blue Jays. So I'll go there and be ready to pitch every five days and be a good teammate during the days in-between."

ASTROS ACQUIRE GOMEZ, LOCUST GROVE'S HOUSER PART OF PACKAGE

After a canceled trade led to a crying shortstop, the Astros have added another bat to their lineup as they make a push

for the postseason by acquiring two-time All-Star outfielder Carlos Gomez from the Milwaukee Brewers.

Houston, which also received right-hander Mike Fiers in the deal, sent four prospects to the Brewers: right-hander Adrian Houser, left-hander Josh Hader, and outfielders Brett Phillips and Domingo Santana.

Houser was the Astros' second-round pick in the 2011 draft out of Locust Grove High School.

The 29-year-old Gomez is hitting .262 with eight homers and 43 RBIs in 74 games for the Brewers this season. He is making \$8 million this season and \$9 million in 2016, then can become a free agent.

Milwaukee general manager Doug Melvin said a trade fell through Wednesday that would have sent Gomez to the New York Mets for infielder Wilmer Flores, who began crying on the field when he heard of the rumored trade, and injured pitcher Zack Wheeler.

DODGERS, BRAVES, MARLINS AGREE ON 13-PLAYER TRADE

The first-place Los Angeles Dodgers have bolstered their pitching staff, acquiring Mat Latos from the Miami Marlins and Alex Wood, Jim Johnson and Luis Avilan from the Atlanta Braves in a 13-player deal.

The rebuilding Braves also gave up top infield prospect Jose Peraza to the Dodgers in Thursday's trade, paying a hefty price largely to land 30-year-old Cuban infielder Hector Olivera at a steep discount. Atlanta also got left-handed reliever Paco Rodriguez and minor league pitcher Zachary Bird from Los Angeles.

Leading the NL West by a half-game, the Dodgers obtained Latos and Wood for their rotation. Johnson and Avilan add bullpen depth. Los Angeles also acquired first baseman Michael Morse from Miami and injured pitcher Bronson Arroyo from the Braves.

Miami got three minor leaguers from the Dodgers and sent a draft pick to Atlanta.

Shortly after the deal was finalized, the Dodgers placed Arroyo on the 60-day

disabled list and designated Morse, Chin-hui Tsao, Brandon Beachy and Chris Heisey for assignment. The latter three had all split time between Los Angeles and Triple-A Oklahoma City during 2015.



Hector Olivera

HOLLIDAY PLACED ON DL, CARDS TRADE FOR MOSS

A few hours after their left fielder Matt Holliday sustained his second leg injury of the season, the Cardinals moved swiftly to complete a deal with the Cleveland Indians that brings them left-handed-hitting outfielder and first baseman

Brandon Moss. The deal, already in the works before Holliday, who went to Stillwater High School, had to leave Wednesday's 1-0 loss to the Reds, adds the bat the Cardinals have sought.

"When we were looking at all of our other options out there, (Moss) brought more than one dimension for us," general manager John Mozeliak said. "One thing he does for us is he gives us a lot of places we can play him, either way. From an offensive standpoint, I feel we're in very good shape. But we still have (time before the trade deadline) so why not keep looking around."

Moss will be added to the roster for Thursday's game against the Colorado Rockies. He will likely take Holliday's spot on the roster as the left fielder goes on the 15-day disabled list for the second time this season with a right quadriceps strain suffered when he was running out a double play ball in the first inning on Wednesday. Left-handed-hitting first baseman Dan Johnson also was designated for assignment.

The Cardinals sent left-handed pitching prospect Rob Kaminsky to the Indians for Moss, 31, who can play the outfield and first base.

Moss has posted a slash line of .217/.289/.410 and hit 15 home runs this season, his first with Cleveland.

Kaminsky, 20, has gone 6-5 with a 2.09 ERA in 17 starts for High-A Palm Beach. A 2013 draftee, Kaminsky has a solid breaking ball and entered the season one of the Cardinals' top-10 prospects.

YANKEES PLACE PINEDA ON DL, ACQUIRE ACKLEY

New York Yankees right-hander Michael Pineda has been placed on the 15-day disabled list with a right flexor forearm muscle strain and was replaced by CC Sabathia for Thursday night's series finale at the Texas Rangers.

Pineda, 9-7 with a 3.97 ERA, missed all of 2012 and '13 following shoulder surgery to repair a torn labrum in his pitching

shoulder and was sidelined from April 23 to Aug. 13 last year with a right shoulder muscle injury.

Sabathia, 4-8 with a 5.38 ERA, had been scheduled to start Friday's game at the Chicago White Sox. Even after moving up a day, Sabathia was pitching on normal four days' rest after his previous start at Minnesota.

The Yankees also acquired utility player Dustin Ackley from the Seattle Mariners for a pair of minor leaguers.

New York sent right-hander Jose Ramirez and outfielder Ramon Flores to the Mariners in the deal completed Thursday, a day before the non-waiver trade deadline.

Ackley is hitting .215 with six home runs and 19 RBIs in 85 games for the Mariners this season. The second overall pick in the 2009 amateur draft, Ackley is a .243 career

hitter in 584 big league games, all with the Mariners since 2011. He has appeared at second base, first base and all three outfield spots.

Ramirez and Flores were both at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and will report to Triple-A Tacoma.

This season, Soria has 23 saves to go along with a 2.85 ERA.

LATE-NIGHT TRADE LANDS LEAKE IN SAN FRAN

In 2014, the San Francisco Giants rode the left arm of Madison Bumgarner to their third World Series title in five seasons. This time, they're hoping he'll have some help.

Late Thursday night, the Giants acquired right-hander Mike Leake from the Cincinnati Reds, according to CBSSports. In return, the Reds received right-hander Keury Mella, the Giants' No. 1 prospect according to MLB.com, and infielder Adam Duvall.

Leake is 9-5 with a 3.56 ERA in 2015. The eighth overall pick in the 2009 draft, he made the Reds' rotation out of spring training in 2010. The 27-year-old will be a free agent after this season.

Mella, 21, has a 3.31 ERA with High-A San Jose and has 83 strikeouts in 81 2/3 innings.

Duvall, 26, is a corner infielder who currently leads the Pacific Coast League with 26 home runs. He has spent all of 2015 in Triple A, but played 28 games with the Giants in 2014. That included his major league debut, in which he hit a home run off the man he was traded for, Leake.



Mike Leake

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THURSDAY'S GAMES AMERICAN LEAGUE BLUE JAYS 5, ROYALS 2

Box score for Blue Jays vs Royals game, showing batting stats for both teams.

RED SOX 8, WHITE SOX 2

Box score for Red Sox vs White Sox game, showing batting stats for both teams.

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Redbirds shutout OKC

Redbirds shutout OKC. Oklahoma City (62-42) was shutout for the fifth time this season while being held to five hits, all singles. The Dodgers have now lost four straight games for the second time during the current road trip and nine of their last 11 games.

OKC pitcher Randy Fontanez (1-4) took the loss. Fontanez was filling in for Brandon Beachy, who was designated for assignment a few hours before the game.

The Dodgers will look to avoid a series sweep at AutoZone Park on Friday night with first pitch set for 7:05 p.m.

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