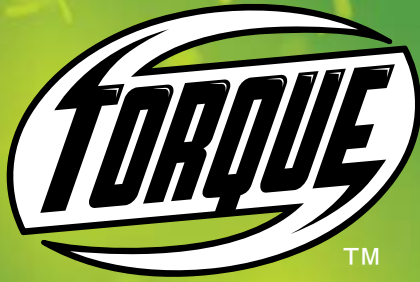


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BIG HITS

It is the final game of the 2017 World Series. The Houston Astros face the Los Angeles Dodgers.



A photograph of George Springer, a Houston Astros player, in the middle of a batting swing. He is wearing an orange jersey with the number 4 and grey pants. A catcher in blue gear is crouched in front of him, and an umpire in black is standing behind the catcher. The background shows a crowd of spectators in a stadium.

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