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San Fermin ends in Pamplona with six wounded Americans

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USPA NEWS - The festival of San Fermin in Pamplona (Northern Spain) end at midnight this Sunday, after nine days of revelry, Encierros, bullfights, music, food and drink. The Encierros have been, for yet another year, the main attraction of the festivities and have resulted in 36 wounded people who have needed medical assistance, including six Americans. The last Encierro, this Sunday, with bulls from the mythical ranch of Miura, has left the highest balance of injured by bull horn: two Australians and a Madrid, to be a bull behind and ram the runners.

Sanfermines 2019 have regained the festive spirit they always had, forgetting aspects that have nothing to do with the festival and tarnish their good name. There was a desire to enjoy and the people of Pamplona, like the visitors, have devoted themselves to it with great enthusiasm. Full streets, full bars and shows with a large audience have characterized Pamplona during the nine days of festivities.

For the wounded in the Encierros, however, it is not the same. Of the six American wounded who have needed medical assistance, only one remains hospitalized. This is J.K., 19, from Portland, who suffered a severe trauma in the street of Estafeta and went to the hospital on his own. He was admitted and remains in the ICU in observation. Another American, C.B., 49, from Alexandria, suffered a traumatic brain injury and open wound in the right elbow, after being injured in the street of the Estafeta, and was repatriated to the United States to receive definitive surgical treatment in the USA.

The other four injured Americans have received medical discharge. Aaron Floeclicher, 23, of Kentucky, who was the first American to be wounded in this year's Encierros and received a goring in his left thigh, was discharged on the 10th. A day earlier he was discharged J.A.O., 46, from California, who received a goring in the neck in the bullring. G.P., 48, also an American, was admitted to the hospital with less serious trauma and was discharged as well. And T.G.E., 50, from Chicago, wounded in the street of the Estafeta, also entered with trauma and was discharged on the 9th.

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