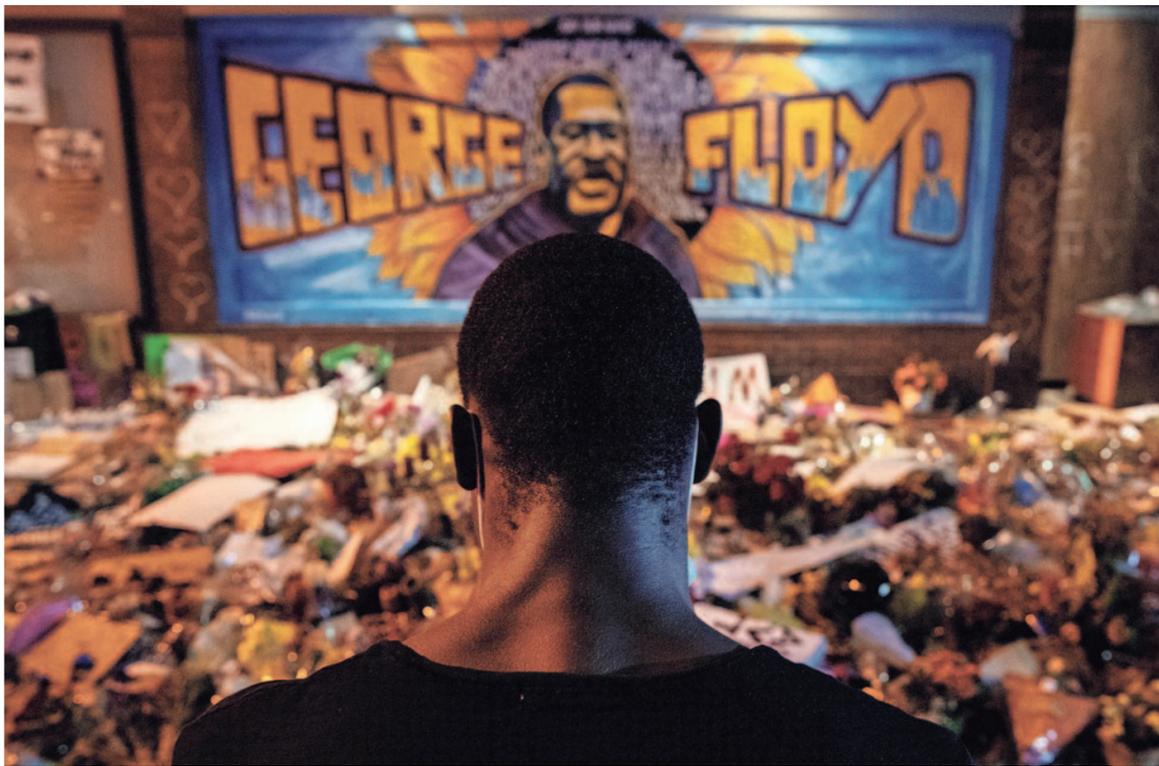


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Mexico extradites security chief for sons of ex-cartel head El Chapo. **4NN**



A makeshift memorial seen on June 1, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minn., honors George Floyd at the spot where he was taken into custody and died. LUCAS JACKSON/REUTERS FILE

Change since Floyd's death slow to come

Four years after killing, major police reform hasn't happened

Bianca Flowers and Stephanie Kelly
REUTERS

Stevante Clark felt a glimmer of hope when racial justice protests swept the globe in 2020 after the police killing of George Floyd. His own brother, Stephon Clark, was killed by Sacramento police in March 2018 after they fired 20 shots at the young Black man in the backyard of his grandparents' home. Police said they feared he had a gun. But he was found to have been holding only a cellphone.

The 22-year-old's death sparked protests and calls for reform. It also led to a new more stringent use-of-force law in California. Yet, no comprehensive



The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act – which was initially introduced in 2021 to stop aggressive law enforcement tactics, misconduct and racial bias – has faced repeated roadblocks in Congress and has yet to move forward. NACHO DOCE/REUTERS FILE

sive change emerged on a national level.

So, Clark thought Floyd's killing and those of several other Black Americans by police in 2020 would finally deliver the substantive criminal justice reform that he and others have sought for years.

But while Floyd's death became a rallying cry for racial equity and justice, four years later the journey toward comprehensive policing reform has been fraught with challenges. Momentum has waned and legislative efforts have stalled, leaving communities, advocates, and families who have lost

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The struggle for police reform: A look at key events

2018

Stephon Clark is killed by Sacramento police. Police fire 20 shots at the 22-year-old, who is found to be holding a cellphone, not a gun. It led to a stricter use-of-force law in California.

2020

George Floyd is killed by Minneapolis police. Floyd's death, captured on video, leads to global protests and a renewed push for racial justice and police reform.

2021

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act is introduced. The act aims to address aggressive law enforcement tactics, misconduct and racial bias but faces significant obstacles.

2021

Bipartisan police reform deal efforts fail. Discussions on changes to qualified immunity laws and other reforms stall, with President Biden blaming Republicans for the failure.

2022

President Biden signs an executive order on police reform. The order creates a national police misconduct database, mandates investigations into use of deadly force or deaths in custody, and restricts federal agencies from using chokeholds and "no-knock" entries.

2023

The People's Response Act is introduced by Missouri Rep. Cori Bush, which would create alternatives to police intervention through the DHHS.

2024

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act is reintroduced. The bill was brought forward in Congress by Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee. Yet policing is unlikely to be a top issue in the presidential election this November.

Biden highlights loyalties to allies

Addresses grads at West Point

Jarrett Renshaw
REUTERS

WEST POINT, N.Y. – President Joe Biden emphasized the critical role of U.S. support to allies around the world including Israel, Ukraine and the Indo-Pacific in a speech on Saturday at the commencement for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

The speech before 1,036 graduating U.S. Army cadets is part of a push by Biden to highlight the administration's efforts to support active and retired military personnel. These include a bipartisan law he signed two years ago to help veterans who have been exposed to burn pits or other poisons obtain easier access to health care.

Biden described American soldiers as "working around the clock" to support Ukraine in its effort to repel a two-year-long Russian invasion, but repeated his commitment to keeping them off the front lines.

"We are standing strong with Ukraine and we will stand with them," Biden told the crowd to a round of applause.

He also highlighted the U.S. role in repelling Iranian missile attacks against Israel and support for allies in the Indo-Pacific against increasing Chinese militarism in the region.

"Thanks to the U.S. Armed Forces, we're doing what only America can do as the indispensable nation, the world's only superpower," Biden said.

The president is scheduled to participate in Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on Monday. A week later, he will travel to Normandy, France, to participate in ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

Biden is expected to give a major speech about the heroism of Allied forces in World War II and the continuing threats to democracy today.

As vice president, he twice addressed a graduating class of cadets at the academy about 40 miles north of New York City, but this was the first time as president.

Donald Trump, Biden's Republican challenger in the 2024 election, was the last president to speak at a West

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President Joe Biden delivers the commencement address at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., on Saturday.

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In an emergency ruling in South Africa's case accusing Israel of genocide, judges at the International Court of Justice ordered Israel on Friday to immediately halt its assault on Rafah. MOHAMMED SALEM/REUTERS FILE

Israel: Order doesn't rule out its entire offensive

Officials point to how court phrased decision

REUTERS

JERUSALEM – Israel considers that an order by the World Court to halt its military offensive on Rafah in southern Gaza allows room for some military action there, Israeli officials said.

In an emergency ruling in South Africa's case accusing Israel of genocide,

judges at the International Court of Justice ordered Israel on Friday to immediately halt its assault on Rafah, where Israel says it is rooting out Hamas fighters.

"What they are asking us, is not to commit genocide in Rafah. We did not commit genocide and we will not commit genocide," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's national security adviser, Tzachi Hanegbi, told Israel's N12 TV on

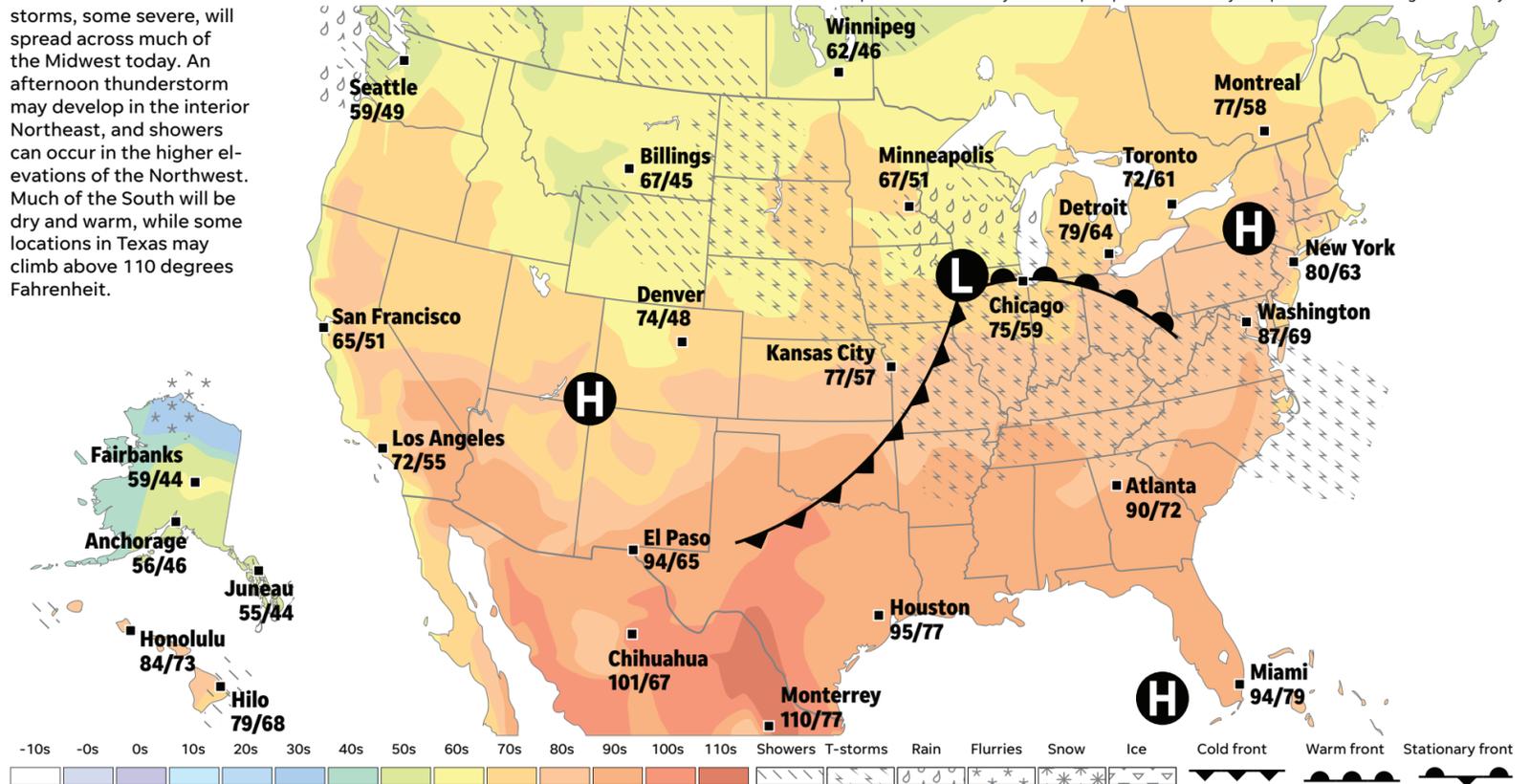
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NATIONAL SUMMARY

Showers and thunderstorms, some severe, will spread across much of the Midwest today. An afternoon thunderstorm may develop in the interior Northeast, and showers can occur in the higher elevations of the Northwest. Much of the South will be dry and warm, while some locations in Texas may climb above 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

In the digital e-edition, you can click anywhere on the US map to get up-to-date forecasts, radar, MinuteCast® and more.

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation for Sunday. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



SATURDAY EXTREMES

NATIONAL (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 109 at Carrizo Springs, TX
Low: 19 at Gothic, CO
Precip: 1.58" at Troy, AL

INTERNATIONAL (excludes Antarctica)
High: 120 at Jacobabad, Pakistan
Low: 7 at Paso De Indios, Argentina
Precip: 4.68" at Tayabas, Philippines

TODAY IN HISTORY

A devastating tornado ripped through Illinois on May 26, 1917. The storm killed 70 people as it tracked along a damage path 293 miles long for a period of seven hours and 20 minutes.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: Are men or women struck more often by lightning?

NATIONAL CITIES SUNDAY

City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality
Aberdeen, SD	75/51/t	34	Evansville, IN	86/69/t	43	Levittown, PA	87/65/t	76	Rochester, NY	75/62/pc	32
Abilene, TX	100/69/s	64	Fall River, MA	74/62/pc	37	Lincoln, IL	83/60/t	37	Rockford, IL	74/57/t	25
Accomac, VA	77/65/t	66	Farmington, NM	79/43/s	52	Louisville, KY	89/70/t	54	Ruidoso, NM	76/52/s	87
Adrian, MI	80/65/t	60	Fayetteville, NC	91/70/t	62	Lubbock, TX	95/62/s	70	Salem, OR	72/48/pc	39
Akron, OH	81/64/pc	62	Fond du Lac, WI	65/55/t	26	Manitowoc, WI	61/55/r	29	Salina, KS	79/55/t	47
Alamogordo, NM	90/56/s	102	Fort Myers, FL	94/74/pc	38	Mansfield, OH	83/65/t	62	Salinas, CA	64/50/pc	45
Alexandria, VA	87/69/t	80	Fort Smith, AR	91/67/t	51	Marshall, NC	85/63/t	55	Salisbury, MD	85/64/t	72
Alliance, OH	83/65/pc	60	Framingham, MA	82/60/t	44	Marshfield, WI	58/51/r	25	San Angelo, TX	102/62/s	54
Amarillo, TX	90/57/pc	62	Freeport, IL	75/55/t	25	Massillon, OH	83/66/pc	59	Sarasota, FL	90/73/pc	37
Ames, IA	70/52/t	32	Fremont, OH	82/66/t	66	McLean, VA	87/68/t	78	Savannah, GA	93/72/pc	53
Anderson, SC	96/70/pc	62	Fort Collins, CO	74/47/pc	63	Melbourne, FL	91/74/pc	48	Sheboygan, WI	61/55/t	29
Appleton, WI	62/54/r	28	Gadsden, AL	90/71/c	53	Memphis, TN	90/72/t	69	Shelby, NC	88/67/t	53
Asheville, NC	85/66/t	57	Gainesville, FL	93/68/pc	32	Middletown, NY	85/61/t	68	Sherman, TX	97/66/c	70
Ashland, OH	82/65/t	61	Galesburg, IL	80/55/t	28	Milford, MA	81/61/t	43	Shreveport, LA	92/76/t	89
Athens, GA	92/69/pc	63	Gastonia, NC	89/68/t	54	Milwaukee, WI	69/58/t	36	Silver City, NM	84/52/s	54
Augusta, GA	93/68/t	54	Glen Rose, TX	100/66/pc	109	Monroe, MI	73/64/t	61	Sioux Falls, SD	75/54/c	38
Austin, TX	98/74/s	119	Gonzales, LA	94/77/pc	39	Monroe, LA	94/74/s	52	Somerset, PA	79/62/t	56
Bartlesville, OK	86/57/c	54	Great Falls, MT	63/39/c	32	Montgomery, AL	94/74/pc	43	Somerville, NJ	87/66/t	70
Battle Creek, MI	78/64/t	43	Green Bay, WI	65/54/r	29	Muncie, IN	83/67/t	61	South Bend, IN	78/62/t	42
Bedford, IN	77/66/t	41	Greenville, SC	92/69/t	58	Murfreesboro, TN	89/69/t	60	Spartanburg, SC	90/68/t	60
Binghamton, NY	78/63/pc	62	Hackensack, NJ	83/63/t	60	Naples, FL	91/76/pc	42	Springfield, IL	82/59/t	43
Bluffton, SC	88/74/pc	55	Hagerstown, MD	85/67/t	68	Nashville, TN	92/71/t	57	Springfield, MO	88/60/t	44
Bremerton, WA	58/43/sh	24	Hattiesburg, MS	92/77/pc	39	Neptune, NJ	74/63/pc	58	St. Augustine, FL	91/72/pc	42
Brockton, MA	80/62/t	45	Henderson, KY	86/68/t	45	New Bedford, MA	71/62/pc	36	St. Cloud, MN	74/50/c	38
Brownwood, TX	102/64/s	107	Hendersonville, NC	85/65/t	55	New Bern, NC	88/72/t	60	St. George, UT	88/62/s	68
Burlington, IA	79/56/t	29	Herkimer, NY	83/60/s	56	New Philadelphia, OH	85/66/t	56	Staunton, VA	84/63/t	64
Burlington, NC	88/66/t	58	Hillsdale, MI	78/63/t	53	Newark, OH	84/66/t	64	Stevens Point, WI	61/54/r	26
Burlington, VT	79/62/s	36	Holland, MI	72/58/t	36	Newton, NJ	86/63/t	73	Stockton, CA	84/50/s	45
Cambridge, OH	85/67/t	52	Hornell, NY	82/64/pc	46	New York, NY	80/63/t	59	Stroudsburg, PA	86/62/t	80
Camdenton, MO	87/60/t	43	Houma, LA	90/78/pc	37	Norwich, CT	81/62/pc	45	Stuart, FL	91/75/pc	57
Canandaigua, NY	78/62/pc	36	Howell, MI	79/64/t	52	Ocala, FL	94/68/pc	32	Sturgis, MI	77/63/t	45
Canton, OH	82/65/pc	61	Hutchinson, KS	86/55/c	50	Oklahoma City, OK	92/62/c	60	Tallahassee, FL	94/70/pc	38
Carlsbad, NM	95/64/s	62	Hyannis, MA	68/59/pc	36	Opelousas, LA	90/77/pc	41	Thibodaux, LA	92/76/pc	43
Chambersburg, PA	85/67/t	67	Indianapolis, IN	76/64/t	51	Oshkosh, WI	63/55/r	27	Topeka, KS	79/59/t	48
Cherry Hill, NJ	87/66/t	77	Iowa City, IA	71/56/t	26	Palm Beach, FL	92/81/pc	53	Tuscaloosa, AL	91/73/pc	51
Cincinnati, OH	81/67/t	67	Ithaca, NY	80/63/pc	52	Palm Springs, CA	96/68/s	58	Utica, NY	81/58/s	53
Clarksville, TN	89/71/t	53	Jackson, MS	93/74/pc	41	Panama City, FL	86/76/pc	42	Ventura, CA	65/53/pc	43
Coldwater, MI	78/64/t	49	Jackson, TN	93/72/t	59	Peoria, IL	82/59/pc	34	Victorville, CA	85/50/s	62
Columbus, OH	84/67/t	74	Jacksonville, FL	94/70/pc	39	Pensacola, FL	87/77/pc	41	Vineland, NJ	85/65/pc	74
Corning, NY	83/60/sh	56	Jacksonville, NC	86/71/s	61	Peoria, IL	79/58/t	38	Visalia, CA	85/54/s	51
Corpus Christi, TX	95/81/s	83	Kent, OH	82/65/pc	62	Petersburg, VA	89/68/t	69	Washington, DC	87/69/t	85
Daytona Beach, FL	93/72/pc	42	Kewanee, IL	76/57/t	28	Phoenix, AZ	97/73/s	67	Watertown, SD	70/51/c	45
Deming, NM	90/50/s	72	Keyser, WV	85/62/t	59	Port Huron, MI	78/62/pc	51	Wausau, WI	61/54/r	27
DeRidder, LA	92/77/pc	42	Kinston, NC	89/71/t	63	Portsmouth, NH	74/53/t	22	Waynesboro, PA	86/68/t	69
Des Moines, IA	72/55/pc	34	Knoxville, TN	87/68/t	58	Poughkeepsie, NY	87/63/t	69	White Plains, NY	81/62/t	63
Detroit, MI	79/64/t	62	Lafayette, IN	76/63/t	37	Providence, RI	76/61/pc	42	Wichita Falls, TX	99/65/pc	61
Devils Lake, ND	68/50/t	35	Lafayette, LA	90/80/pc	36	Pueblo, CO	82/46/pc	67	Wilmington, DE	85/65/t	80
Dover, NH	76/52/t	34	Lakeland, FL	98/71/pc	52	Quincy, MA	78/60/t	47	Wilmington, NC	89/74/t	62
El Paso, TX	94/65/s	100	Lansing, MI	79/64/t	55	Redding, CA	88/58/pc	35	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	60/53/r	24
Elmira, NY	84/59/pc	57	Las Cruces, NM	91/55/s	77	Reno, NV	79/53/pc	54	Wooster, OH	83/66/t	63
Erie, PA	78/66/pc	52	Lebanon, PA	87/66/t	80	Ravenna, OH	83/65/pc	61	Worcester, MA	81/58/t	49
Eugene, OR	75/46/pc	44	Leesburg, FL	96/73/pc	38	Richmond, IN	82/67/t	66	York, PA	87/68/t	84

Air Quality Index: 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Sunday High/Low/W	Monday High/Low/W	City	Sunday High/Low/W	Monday High/Low/W	City	Sunday High/Low/W	Monday High/Low/W
Acapulco	91/72/s	91/73/s	Cape Town	69/50/pc	72/53/s	La Paz	61/29/s	61/28/s
Addis Ababa	81/55/c	81/55/s	Caracas	90/77/sh	91/77/t	Lagos	90/78/t	90/79/t
Algiers	87/62/pc	90/63/s	Casablanca	79/61/s	78/60/pc	Lima	68/60/pc	68/61/pc
Amman	83/65/s	94/66/s	Colombo	87/81/t	87/81/sh	Lisbon	74/55/pc	72/56/s
Amsterdam	69/53/sh	64/51/sh	Copenhagen	69/57/t	68/55/c	London	66/49/t	63/48/pc
Ankara	73/53/pc	70/49/sh	Damascus	87/58/pc	95/61/pc	Madrid	87/56/pc	87/57/pc
Asuncion	62/51/pc	62/43/c	Dublin	60/46/t	61/49/c	Manila	85/80/t	91/81/t
Athens	77/64/pc	79/61/s	Geneva	74/55/pc	66/51/sh	Mexico City	90/62/s	90/60/s
Auckland	63/54/pc	61/52/c	Guatemala City	86/66/t	86/65/t	Milan	79/59/pc	77/60/sh
Baghdad	101/75/pc	104/76/pc	Hanoi	92/81/t	93/82/t	Mombasa	87/74/sh	86/74/pc
Bangkok	95/82/t	96/83/t	Harare	76/45/pc	76/45/s	Montevideo	53/44/c	55/49/r
Beijing	84/54/pc	87/59/pc	Havana	94/74/pc	95/75/sh	Montreal	77/58/pc	74/63/t
Beirut	78/69/s	85/69/s	Helsinki	64/55/pc	67/58/s	Moscow	76/54/pc	75/56/s
Belgrade	78/55/pc	81/57/pc	Hong Kong	86/79/t	88/81/t	Nairobi	78/58/t	78/59/t
Berlin	76/57/t	74/59/sh	Jakarta	91/77/pc	94/78/pc	New Delhi	114/90/pc	115/91/pc
Bogota	68/50/c	68/50/sh	Jerusalem	82/66/s	91/63/s	Panama City	88/76/t	88/76/t
Brussels	68/53/sh	63/47/sh	Johannesburg	72/49/s	71/47/c	Paris	71/51/sh	65/49/sh
Bucharest	82/50/s	73/51/c	Kabul	83/53/s	84/53/s	Port-au-Prince	94/74/t	96/77/pc
Budapest	78/55/pc	82/54/pc	Khartoum	111/83/pc	109/84/s	Rio de Janeiro	74/68/sh	77/70/r
Buenos Aires	54/45/c	55/46/c	Kyiv	78/57/pc	81/59/s	Riyadh	111/82/pc	108/81/pc
Cairo	97/82/s	94/69/s	Kingston	91/82/s	91/82/pc	Rome	77/56/s	78/59/s
San Jose	86/69/r	83/68/t	San Salvador	88/71/t	89/72/t	Santiago	60/33/r	63/42/pc
San Salvador	88/71/t	89/72/t	Sao Paulo	60/57/r	69/61/r	Sarajevo	64/53/t	72/51/pc
Santiago	60/33/r	63/42/pc	Sarajevo	64/53/t	72/51/pc	Shanghai	95/72/t	76/62/t
Sao Paulo	60/57/r	69/61/r	Shanghai	95/72/t	76/62/t	Singapore	88/80/t	92/82/c
Sarajevo	64/53/t	72/51/pc	Singapore	88/80/t	92/82/c	Stockholm	75/53/pc	76/55/pc
Shanghai	95/72/t	76/62/t	Stockholm	75/53/pc	76/55/pc	Sydney	70/50/s	69/50/s
Singapore	88/80/t	92/82/c	Sydney	70/50/s	69/50/s	Taipei	91/76/t	91/76/sh
Stockholm	75/53/pc	76/55/pc	Taipei	91/76/t	91/76/sh	Tegucigalpa	89/69/t	91/67/t
Sydney	70/50/s	69/50/s	Tegucigalpa	89/69/t	91/67/t	Tehran	85/70/s	91/70/s
Taipei	91/76/t	91/76/sh	Tehran	85/70/s	91/70/s	Tokyo	76/67/c	75/70/r
Tegucigalpa	89/69/t	91/67/t	Tokyo	76/67/c	75/70/r	Toronto	72/61/pc	76/57/t
Tehran	85/70/s	91/70/s	Toronto	72/61/pc	76/57/t	Tunis	83/62/s	85/68/c
Tokyo	76/67/c	75/70/r	Tunis	83/62/s	85/68/c	Vancouver	57/52/sh	60/52/c
Toronto	72/61/pc	76/57/t	Vancouver	57/52/sh	60/52/c	Vienna	75/56/t	79/55/pc
Tunis	83/62/s	85/68/c	Vienna	75/56/t	79/55/pc	Warsaw	84/56/pc	84/55/s
Vancouver	57/52/sh	60/52/c	Warsaw	84/56/pc	84/55/s	Yerevan	67/51/t	73/55/s
Vienna	75/56/t	79/55/pc	Yerevan	67/51/t	73/55/s	Zagreb	66/53/t	78/54/pc
Warsaw	84/56/pc	84/55/s	Zagreb	66/53/t	78/54/pc	Zurich	73/56/pc	66/51/sh

● Denotes possible travel delays Sunday

Weather(W): s-sunny,

NOTABLE DEATHS

Sam Butcher, 85, the creator behind the iconic “Precious Moments” porcelain figurines, died Monday “surrounded by loved ones,” the company said in a Facebook post. The cause of his death was not immediately clear. As a child, Butcher would draw and sketch under his family’s dining room table in Redding, California. He began drawing for family and friends, commercializing his artwork in 1975, according to the Precious Moments website. Precious Moments porcelain figurines officially became available for purchase in 1978.

Charlie Colin, 58, one of the founding members of the San Francisco-born pop rock band Train, has died. Founded by Pat Monahan, Rob Hotchkiss, Jimmy Stafford, Scott Underwood and Colin in the early 1990s, with Colin recruited as the bassist, Train has produced a number of chart-topping hits including “Drops of Jupiter (Tell Me),” which won the Grammy for best rock song in 2002; “Hey, Soul Sister; “Calling All Angels”; and “Meet Virginia.”

Kabosu, 18, the Japanese dog who became a global meme and the face of alternative cryptocurrency Dogecoin, has died, her owner announced in a blog post on Friday. Kabosu became recognizable as the face of Dogecoin, an alternative cryptocurrency that began as a satirical critique of the 2013 crypto frenzy. But the token jumped in value after Tesla boss Elon Musk, a proponent of cryptocurrencies, began tweeting about it in 2020.

Ebrahim Raisi, 63, Iran’s president, was killed along with Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian and other officials in a helicopter crash in mountainous terrain near the Azerbaijan border, officials and state media announced May 20. Raisi and Amirabdollahian were traveling in a convoy of three helicopters from Iran’s border with Azerbaijan in the country’s mountainous northwest to the city of Tabriz after inaugurating a joint dam project. The helicopter, a U.S.-made Bell 212 model, went down in heavy fog in a remote area May 19. Raisi, a hard-liner, was elected in 2021 in an election in which moderate and reform candidates were excluded.

Morgan Spurlock, 53, the director and documentarian behind “Super Size Me,” has died. According to Variety and ABC News, Spurlock died from cancer complications. He rose to fame as the subject of “Super Size Me,” the documentary that followed his physical and emotional reactions to eating fare from McDonald’s every single day for one month. Spurlock’s 2017 follow-up to “Super Size Me,” “Super Size Me 2: Holy Chicken!” didn’t garner the same critical or commercial acclaim internationally as the original. That year Spurlock outed himself for bad behavior in a lengthy blog post, including acknowledging that he had been accused of rape in college.

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Exotic dancer drama ‘Anora’ wins top prize at Cannes

Lucas receives honorary award at film festival

Miranda Murray and Hanna Rantala
REUTERS

CANNES, France — “Anora,” a darkly funny and touching drama about a young exotic dancer who becomes involved with a Russian oligarch’s son, won the Cannes Film Festival’s top prize, the Palme d’Or, on Saturday.

The film by U.S. director Sean Baker beat the 21 other films in the competition lineup, including entries by established directors like Francis Ford Coppola and David Cronenberg.

“Anora” continues a streak of sex worker-focused films by Baker, including the 2021 Cannes entry “Red Rocket” and 2017’s “The Florida Project” starring Willem Dafoe.

This win is dedicated to “to all sex workers past, present and future,” he said as he accepted the award, while also thanking the film’s star, Mikey Madison, as well as Samantha Quan, his wife and producer.

“This has been my life’s goal, so to reach this place is... I’m going to have to do some thinking tonight about what’s next,” Baker told Reuters after the ceremony.

Jury president Greta Gerwig, the director behind the pink-hued hit “Barbie,” called “Anora” an “incredibly human and humane film that captured our hearts” when announcing the award that was handed out by George Lucas, of “Star Wars” fame.

Lucas was on stage to receive an honorary award during the festival’s closing ceremony from his longtime friend Coppola, whose passion project “Megalopolis” was also in competition.

“I’m just a kid who grew up in the middle of California, surrounded by vineyards, and made films in San Francisco with my friend Francis Coppola,” Lucas said at the ceremony.

The Grand Prix, the second-highest prize after the Palme d’Or, was awarded to “All We Imagine As Light,” marking the first time an Indian director had won the prize.

Director Payal Kapadia’s debut feature about the friendship between three women was the first Indian film in competition in 30 years.

“The fact that we could be here is a testament that if you stick to one thing and don’t give up hope, then the film could possibly be made, and we are here,” she said.

Iranian director Mohammad Rasoulof, who was in Cannes about two weeks after announcing he had gone into exile, was given a special award for “The Seed of the Sacred Fig,” about an



Director Sean Baker won the Palme d’Or at the Cannes Film Festival in France on Saturday for his film “Anora,” beating 21 other movies in the competition lineup. SARAH MEYSSONNIER/REUTERS



George Lucas, left, received an honorary award during the festival’s closing ceremony from his longtime friend Francis Ford Coppola. STEPHANE MAHE/REUTERS

Iranian court official who grows increasingly controlling and paranoid as protests begin to swell in 2022.

Double honors

“Emilia Perez,” a musical about a Mexican cartel boss who transitions from male to female, was doubly honored.

Director Jacques Audiard received the jury prize on stage, while the best

actress prize was expanded to include all the film’s female stars, with jury member Lily Gladstone saying “Emilia Perez” celebrated the “harmony of sisterhood.”

Zoe Saldana, Selena Gomez, Karla Sofia Gascon and Adriana Paz all star in the film that Vanity Fair magazine called “a movie unlike any other.”

“I want to dedicate this to all the women, trans and non-trans, in the world, this is for you, for all the minorities who are not left in peace when we simply want to go on living,” said Gascon, who is the first transgender actress to win the prize.

Jesse Plemons was named best actor for playing three different parts — a struggling police officer, a cult member and a man whose every action is controlled by his boss — in director Yorgos Lanthimos’ absurdist triptych “Kinds of Kindness.”

Best screenplay went to “The Substance,” a Demi Moore-led body horror about the perils of youth and beauty, while Miguel Gomes took best director for “Grand Tour,” an eclectic trip through Asia by a British civil servant and his pursuing fiancée.

The 77th edition of the festival ran from May 14 to 25.

SUNDAY TALK SHOWS

Washington Journal (C-SPAN)

Semafor reporter Dave Weigel discusses this weekend’s Libertarian Party convention in Washington. Political consultant Louis Perron discusses his book “Beat the Incumbent: Proven Strategies and Tactics to Win Elections.”

This Week with George Stephanopoulos (ABC)

The show will be preempted on Sunday for live coverage of Formula 1 racing and the 2024 Monaco Grand Prix.

Inside Politics Sunday (CNN)

An interview with Rep. Tony Gonzales, R-Texas.

Fox News Sunday with Shannon Bream (FOX)

Interviews with Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., and Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Fla. A legal discussion with Andy McCarthy, former assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York; and former Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., former prosecutor for South Carolina’s Seventh Judicial Circuit. A political roundtable with former State Department official David Tafuri, a former Obama campaign foreign policy adviser; Axios politics reporter Stef Kight; Mollie Hemingway, editor in chief at the Federalist; and Howard Kurtz, host of FNC’s “Media Buzz.” A profile of Ryan Manion, CEO of the Travis Manion Foundation.

State of the Union with Jake Tapper and Dana Bash (CNN)

Interviews with Gov. Tim Walz, D-



Gary Sinise, left, and Joe Mantegna co-host PBS’ National Memorial Day Concert. PAUL MORIGI/GETTY IMAGES FOR CAPITOL CONCERTS

Minn., Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., and former Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., author of “Profiles in Mental Health Courage.” A political roundtable with Rahna Epting, executive director at MoveOn; former Biden White House communications director Kate Bedingfield; Republican strategist Shermichael Singleton; and Scott Jennings, former special assistant to President George W. Bush.

Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo (FOX NEWS)

Interviews with Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla., Trump legal spokeswoman Alina Habba and Greg Brown, chairman and CEO at Motorola Solutions.

Fareed Zakaria GPS (CNN)

Aryeh Neier, co-founder of Human Rights Watch, discusses “ICC arrest warrants” and “some tough conclusions on Israel.” Bill Maher, host of HBO’s

“Real Time with Bill Maher” and author of “What This Comedian Said Will Shock You,” discusses “the state of democracy in America”; “extremes on the left and right”; and “male communication skills.” Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of “An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s,” discusses “comparisons of Gaza protests with those against Vietnam in the 1960s” and “leadership lessons for President Biden from history.”

Meet the Press with Chuck Todd (NBC)

The show topic is “election security and democracy amid growing threats from misinformation and artificial intelligence.” A discussion with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes and Pennsylvania Secretary of State Al Schmidt. A discussion with Renee DiResta, author of “Invisible Rulers: The People Who Turn Lies into Reality”; and Anne Applebaum, author of “Autocracy Inc.: The Dictators Who Want to Run the World.” Ben Ginsberg, former co-chair of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration; former deputy assistant secretary of defense Evelyn Farkas; New York Times chief White House correspondent Peter Baker; and PBS Newshour co-anchor Amna Nawaz discuss “challenges and threats to democracy.”

Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan (CBS)

Interviews with Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., Rep. Tony Gonzales, R-

Texas, Rep. Pat Ryan, D-N.Y., and Rep. Mike Waltz, R-Fla. A discussion with CBS News national security contributor Samantha Vinograd, former assistant DHS secretary for counterterrorism, threat prevention, and law enforcement policy; and CBS News election law contributor David Becker, founder of the Center for Election Innovation & Research.

Media Buzz (FOX NEWS)

An interview with Gov. Doug Burgum, R-N.D. Other guests are: Outkick.com columnist Mary Katharine Ham; Democratic strategist Kevin Walling; Lucy Caldwell, former campaign manager for the 2020 Joe Walsh presidential campaign; and Robby Soave, senior editor at Reason.

Q&A (C-SPAN)

An interview with Betty Koed, a retired U.S. Senate historian and author of “Scenes: People, Places, and Events That Shaped the United States Senate.”

National Memorial Day Concert (PBS)

Live from the West Front Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, PBS airs the National Memorial Day Concert featuring actors Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise; singer Gary LeVox; actress Mary McCormack; actress/singer Ruthie Ann Miles; actress/singer Patina Miller; actor BD Wong; actress Jena Malone; singer/songwriter Jamey Johnson; actress/singer Cynthia Erivo; and actor Bryan Cranston. <https://www.pbs.org/national-memorial-day-concert/>.

Reuters

US screens record number of air travelers

2.95M is most ever on a single day

David Shepardson
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Transportation Security Administration said it screened 2.95 million airline passengers on Friday, the highest number ever on a single day.

The record travel coincides with the Memorial Day weekend that marks the beginning of the U.S. summer travel season.

Last week, a group representing major U.S. airlines forecast record summer travel with airlines expected to transport 271 million passengers, up 6.3% from last year.

The TSA said Friday's travel broke a record set in November of nearly 2.91 million air passengers screened. Five of the 10 busiest ever travel days have been since May 16, the agency said.

Airlines for America said U.S. carriers plan to fly more than 26,000 daily flights this summer, up nearly 1,400 over 2023, or 5.6%, when they carried 255 million passengers.

The summer travel season forecast is for June 1 to Aug. 31.

American Airlines said it will boost flights by 10% this summer and expects 10% more passengers over the May 23-May 28 Memorial Day travel period – nearly 3.9 million passengers on 36,000 flights.

United Airlines is forecasting it will handle 3 million travelers during the Memorial Day travel period, up nearly 10% and its highest number ever during the period.

Delta Air Lines said it expects a 5% jump in Memorial Day weekend customers to nearly 3 million customers between May 23-27.

The forecast comes as the Federal Aviation Administration is struggling to



Vehicles travel along Interstate 95 in Miami on Friday. AAA predicted that nearly 44 million Americans expected to travel at least 50 miles from home this Memorial Day weekend, which could make it the busiest in about two decades.

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address a persistent shortage of air traffic controllers.

Some airlines voluntarily trimmed New York flights last summer to address congestion issues and have raised new

concerns about the lack of controllers.

Airlines can lose their takeoff and landing slots at congested airports if they do not use them enough.

The FAA extended cuts to these mini-

mum flight requirements at New York City-area airports through October because of staffing issues, and major airlines last month asked for those cuts to be extended through October 2025.

Mexico extradites security chief for El Chapo's sons

REUTERS

Mexico on Saturday extradited to the United States Nestor Isidro Perez Salas, or "El Nini," who headed security for the sons of ex-Sinaloa Cartel kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, in one of the highest profile extraditions in recent years.

Seen by U.S. anti-narcotics agents as being among the most ruthless Mexican drug figures, Perez was detained in November by the Mexican National Guard in the northwestern city of Culiacan, the Sinaloa Cartel's heartland.

"We allege El Nini was one of the Sinaloa Cartel's lead sicarios, or assassins, and was responsible for the murder, torture, and kidnapping of rivals and witnesses who threatened the cartel's criminal drug trafficking enter-

prise," U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said. President Joe Biden thanked Mexico for cooperating.

"Our governments will continue to work together to attack the fentanyl and synthetic drug epidemic that is killing so many people in our homelands and globally, and to bring to justice the criminals and organizations producing, smuggling, and selling these lethal poisons in both of our countries," Biden said in a statement.

Perez is accused by the United States of leading the "Ninis," a violent group of security personnel working for Ivan Archivaldo Guzman and other sons of jailed former Sinaloa kingpin, El Chapo.

Ivan and three other sons of El Chapo, who emerged from their father's shadow to head a powerful faction of the Sinaloa Cartel known as "Los

Chapitos," have become some of the most wanted targets for U.S. law enforcement. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration alleges Los Chapitos are the biggest fentanyl traffickers to the United States.

Perez, meanwhile, is one of the highest-profile extraditions during the presidency of Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who assumed power in 2018. In a sign of Perez's importance to authorities on both sides of the border, DEA chief Anne Milgram sent an internal memo to agency staff praising his extradition.

Milgram described Perez's Ninis outfit as a violent group that receives military-style training and is tasked with "kidnapping, torturing and killing anyone who oppose the Chapitos or anyone who endangers the Chapitos' fentanyl operation."



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President Joe Biden arrives to deliver the commencement address at West Point's graduation ceremony on Saturday. PHOTOS BY ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Biden

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Point commencement, in 2020.

College campuses nationwide have erupted in sometimes-violent protests over Biden's support for Israel's war against Hamas following the militant group's Oct. 7 attack.

Students have used commencement speeches at universities such as Harvard, Duke and Yale to protest Biden's actions. Earlier this month, the Democratic president gave the commencement speech at Morehouse College, a historically Black men's college, where protests were sparse.

The military academy was founded in 1802 by President Thomas Jefferson to train Army officers and has produced some of the United States' greatest gen-



U.S. Military Academy cadets throw their hats in the air after the commencement address in West Point, N.Y., Saturday. Biden addressed the academy for the first time as president.

erals, including two who went on to become president. Trump has seen some of his support from the military community erode.

In 2016, he won 60% of voters who said at the time that they served in the military, according to exit polls conducted by NBC News.

That figure dropped to 54% in 2020, according to NBC News. In 2020, Biden won 44% of voters who said they served in the military, according to the data.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Attacks on center of Kharkiv kill 6

Past week has seen uptick in strikes on city

Max Hunder and Vitalii Hnydyi
REUTERS

KHARKIV, Ukraine – Russian strikes on a crowded DIY hardware store and a residential area in the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv on Saturday killed at least six people and injured dozens, local officials said.

Six people were killed after two guided bombs hit the DIY store in a residential area of the city, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said on national television.

At least two of the dead were store employees. Forty people were injured, with at least three in serious condition. Sixteen people were still unaccounted for, Syniehubov said.

Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov said about 120 people had been in the hardware store when the bombs struck.

“The attack targeted the shopping center, where there were many people – this is clearly terrorism,” Terekhov said.

The past week has seen an uptick in strikes on the city after Russian troops stormed across the border, opening a new front north of the city.

Russia has bombarded Kharkiv, which lies about 20 miles from its border, throughout the war, having reached its outskirts in a failed bid to capture it in 2022.

Just over the border, in Russia’s Belgorod region, the regional governor said four residents died in Ukrainian attacks on Saturday.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy issued a plea to Ukraine’s Western allies to help boost air defenses to keep the country’s cities safe. French President Emmanuel Macron, writing on social media platform X, denounced the attack on the store as “unacceptable.”

A separate early evening missile strike hit a residential building in the center of the city of 1.3 million, injuring 18 people, Syniehubov said.

The missile left a crater several yards deep in the pavement at the foot of the building, which also housed a post office, a beauty salon and a cafe.

Emergency workers ushered away residents of nearby apartment buildings. Some of the injured had blood on their faces.



Firefighters work at a shopping mall after a Russian strike in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Saturday. VALENTYN OGIRENKO/REUTERS



People run after the announcement of a Russian missile attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Saturday. VALENTYN OGIRENKO/REUTERS

Firefighters battle blaze

Andriy Kudinov, director of the suburban shopping center, told local media the hardware store was full of shoppers buying items for their summer cottages.

Huge clouds of dark smoke billowed into the sky over the shopping center. Firefighters battled many small blazes. Within 90 minutes, most were brought under control.

Rescuers, medics and journalists rushed away from the scene of both strikes and lay on their stomachs, fearing a second strike, as has occurred during several recent Russian attacks.

Witnesses described panicked scenes at the shopping center.

“I was at my workplace. I heard the first hit and ... with my colleague, we fell to the ground. There was the second hit and we were covered with debris. Then we started to crawl to the higher ground,” said Dmytro Syrotenko, 26, who had a large gash on his face.

Syrotenko told Reuters he was taken to safety by a rescue worker who helped him, several colleagues, and shoppers.

Zelenskyy, in his nightly video address, denounced the strike as “yet another example of Russian madness.



Kharkiv’s mayor said about 120 people had been in the hardware store when the Russian bombs struck Saturday. OLEKSANDR RATUSHNIAK/REUTERS

There is no other way to describe it.”
“When we tell world leaders that Ukraine needs sufficient air defenses, when we say we need real decisive measures to enable us to protect our people, so that Russian terrorists cannot even approach our border, we are talking about not allowing strikes like this to

happen,” he said.
Writing later on Telegram, Zelenskyy noted air raid alerts had been in effect in Kharkiv for more than 12 hours and 200 emergency workers and 400 policemen remained at the scene dealing with the aftermath of the attacks.
Moscow denies deliberately target-

ing civilians, but thousands have been killed and injured during its 27-month invasion of Ukraine.

Ukrainian attacks kill 4 in southern Russia, governor says

Ukrainian attacks on Saturday killed four residents in southern Russia’s Belgorod region, regional Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov said.

Gladkov, writing on the Telegram messaging app, said three people were killed in the village of Oktyabrsky in a multiple-rocket attack. One man died after being taken to a hospital.

Twelve people were injured after two shelling incidents, he said, including a child.

In the village of Dubovoye, an attack killed a woman working in her garden.

He said the town of Shebekino, adjacent to the Ukrainian border, later came under shelling, with several homes suffering damage to their windows and roofs.

Gladkov later said air defense units had intercepted and destroyed 29 airborne targets.

Reuters could not independently confirm battlefield accounts.

Yellen says Ukraine loan plan has support

But Treasury secretary says more work needed

David Lawder
REUTERS

STRESA – U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said on Saturday that a loan for Ukraine backed by the income from frozen Russian sovereign assets is the main option for G7 leaders to consider in June, but added that she doesn’t want to “take anything off the table as a future possibility.”

Yellen told reporters at the end of a G7 finance meeting in northern Italy that the plan has broad support but there is “quite a bit of work to be done” to make it a reality. The 27-member European Union also needs to endorse it, she said.

The G7 finance ministers and central



Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said a loan based on the income could give Kiev as much as \$50 billion up front. MASSIMO PINCA/REUTERS FILE

bank governors agreed to explore ways of using the future income from some \$300 billion in frozen Russian assets to help Ukraine, according to a draft statement expected to be issued on Saturday. The assets, mostly held in Europe, were

immobilized in February 2022.
Yellen has said a loan based on the income could give Kiev as much as \$50 billion up front, demonstrating to Russia that combined with EU and U.S. funding, Ukraine has ample resources to defend itself.
“It needs to be fleshed out within the EU so that it can become a proposal that the EU endorses, and that’s a lot of countries,” Yellen said of the loan plan. “It’s not a given, so I’m not saying this is a totally done deal.”
G7 finance leaders will put a lot of work into the plan over the next several weeks to get it “fleshed out enough” for G7 leaders to consider at a summit in Italy’s southern Puglia region in June, she said.
Concerns about China
Yellen also said G7 finance ministers

voiced “broad-based concerns” about China’s vast subsidies for advanced manufacturing and the potential for harm to their own economies.
They agreed to monitor the situation closely and noted that it may be appropriate for countries to take trade measures to counter China’s industrial policies.
China also may retaliate against the U.S. for new tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles, solar products, semiconductors and other key products, but Yellen noted that the action targeting \$18 billion worth of Chinese imports was not a broad one.
The U.S. imported \$427 billion of goods from China last year and exported \$148 billion worth to China.
“We’ve tried to make this rather targeted,” Yellen said. “I would hope that the Chinese would be judicious in their choice on what to do.”

Blinken set to discuss support for Ukraine

Will meet NATO foreign ministers

REUTERS

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will travel to the Czech Republic and Moldova this week, the U.S. State Department said in a statement on Friday, where he will attend an informal meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Prague.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs James O'Brien told reporters that the meeting will prepare decisions to be made at a July NATO summit in Washington.

"We do not anticipate that there'll be an invitation for Ukraine to join NATO, but we think there will be a substantial show of support for Ukraine as it works

to win its war," O'Brien said.

This will include NATO support in building Ukraine's future force and efforts to help the country make reforms needed for Ukraine to join the European Union and NATO, he said.

O'Brien said Washington was focused on ensuring that Ukraine is able to succeed both on the battlefield and when it decides to make peace with Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that Ukraine peace talks need to be renewed, but that Russia would only deal with legitimate leaders in Kyiv.

Putin also said talks must reflect "today's realities on the ground."

"We do not see President Putin as being interested in peace now," O'Brien said.

"We are always interested in seeing that when Ukraine is prepared to make

peace, that it's able to do so on terms that are a success for Ukraine."

O'Brien said that Russia would not be able to attack Ukrainian cities and targets in the way it has without Chinese support in the war. The United States has repeatedly warned about Russia's sanctions evasion through China and other countries.

"We've made clear that we will take additional steps against the specific Chinese actors involved, and we're in ongoing consultations with our European colleagues," O'Brien warned.

He said he thought China was taking seriously warnings that support for Russia needs to stop.

Blinken will also meet Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky and other senior officials for discussions on continued support for Ukraine, collaborative defense modernization and deepening energy ties, according to the statement.



Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky and other senior officials will meet with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken for discussions on continued support for Ukraine.

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While in Moldova, Blinken will discuss U.S. support for the country's progress on EU accession and energy security, the statement said.

North Korea: US, South ramping up recon activities

REUTERS

SEOUL, South Korea – North Korea's defense ministry accused the United States and South Korea of ramping up reconnaissance activities around the inter-Korean border, warning that it will act if its sovereignty and security is violated, state media KCNA said on Sunday.

North Korea's vice defense minister

Kim Gang Il said the U.S. had flown at least 16 of its RC-135 and U-2S strategic reconnaissance planes and RQ-4B drone over the Korean peninsula between May 13 and 24. He also accused South Korea's navy and coast guard of stoking military tension by stepping up patrol activities and increasingly breaching the maritime border.

Kim also criticized propaganda leaflets sent in balloons from South Korea,

calling it a "dangerous provocation."

North Korean defectors and activists in South Korea regularly send balloons containing anti-Pyongyang leaflets, alongside food, medicine, money, mini radios and USB sticks loaded with South Korean news and dramas.

"Even now, the U.S. and South Korean puppet air forces are continuously mobilizing various aircraft with little or no time gap throughout the day, carry-

ing out aerial reconnaissance activities at a level comparable to wartime situations," Kim said in a statement published by KCNA.

Those activities seriously infringe on North Korea's national sovereignty and security, and will not be met with "offensive" countermeasures, he said.

"We will act immediately when the nation's sovereignty and security interests are violated," Kim added.



Palestinians inspect the aftermath of an Israeli strike on a building in Nuseirat, Gaza Strip, on Saturday. BASHAR TALEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Israel

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Saturday.

Asked whether the Rafah offensive would continue, Hanegbi said: "According to international law, we have the right to defend ourselves and the evidence is that the court is not preventing us from continuing to defend ourselves."

The ICJ, which is based in The Hague, did not immediately comment on Hanegbi's remarks. Hamas also did not immediately comment.

Another Israeli official pointed to the phrasing of the ruling by the ICJ, or World Court, depicting it as conditional.

"The order in regard to the Rafah operation is not a general order," the official said on condition of anonymity.

Reading out the ruling, the ICJ's president, Nawaf Salam, said the situation in Gaza had deteriorated since the court last ordered Israel to take steps to improve it, and conditions had been met for a new emergency order.

"The state of Israel shall (...) immediately halt its military offensive, and any other action in the Rafah governorate,

which may inflict on the Palestinian group in Gaza conditions of life that could bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part," Salam said.

That wording does not rule out all military action, the Israeli official said.

"We have never, and we will not, conduct any military action in Rafah or elsewhere which may inflict any conditions of life to bring about the destruction of the civilian population in Gaza, not in whole and not in part," the official said.

While the court has no means to enforce its orders, the case is a sign of Israel's growing diplomatic isolation over its campaign against Palestinian armed group Hamas in Gaza.

Israel began its offensive in Gaza to try to eliminate Hamas after Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israeli communities on Oct. 7 last year. It has pressed on with its offensive since the ICJ ruling.

Nearly 36,000 Palestinians have been killed in the offensive, Gaza's health ministry says, and much of Gaza has been devastated.

About 1,200 people were killed and more than 250 taken hostage on Oct. 7, according to Israeli tallies.

Hamas says its fighters captured Israeli soldiers in northern Gaza; military denies claim

CAIRO – A spokesman for Hamas' armed wing said on Sunday its fighters had captured Israeli soldiers during fighting in Jabalia in northern Gaza on Saturday, though the Israeli military denied the claim.

The Hamas armed wing spokesman did not say how many soldiers had been abducted and showed no proof of the claim.

"Our fighters lured a Zionist force into an ambush inside a tunnel ... The fighters withdrew after they left all members of the force dead, wounded, and captured," Abu Ubaida, the spokesman for Al Qassam Brigades, said in a recorded message broadcast by Al Jazeera early on Sunday.

The Israeli military on Sunday denied the claim by Hamas' armed wing.

"The IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) clarifies that there is no incident in which a soldier was abducted," the military said in a statement.

Hamas released a video that appeared to show a bloodied person being dragged along the ground in a tunnel and photos of military fatigue and rifle. Reuters could not independently verify the identity of the person shown in the video nor his or her condition.

The comments by Abu Ubaida came hours after prospects for a resumption of mediated Gaza cease-fire talks grew on Saturday.

An official with knowledge of the matter said a decision had been taken to resume the talks next week after the chief of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency met the head of the CIA and the prime minister of Qatar.

Reuters

IN BRIEF

Tesla shareholders advised to reject Musk's \$56B pay

Proxy advisory firm Glass Lewis said on Saturday it has urged Tesla shareholders to reject a \$56 billion pay package for CEO Elon Musk, which if passed would be the largest pay package for a CEO in corporate America.

The report cited reasons like the "excessive size" of the pay deal, the dilutive effect upon exercise and the concentration of ownership. It also mentioned Musk's "slate of extraordinarily time-consuming projects" which have expanded with his high-profile purchase of Twitter, now known as X.

The pay package was proposed by Tesla's board of directors, which has repeatedly come under fire for its close ties with the billionaire. The package has no salary or cash bonus and sets rewards based on Tesla's market value rising to as much as \$650 billion over the 10 years from 2018. The company is currently valued at about \$571.6 billion, according to LSEG data.

In January, Judge Kathaleen McCormick of Delaware's Court of Chancery voided the original pay package. Musk then sought to move Tesla's state of incorporation to Texas from Delaware.

Glass Lewis also criticized the proposed move to Texas as offering "uncertain benefits and additional risk" to shareholders.

Chile firefighter, forest official linked to wildfires that killed 130

A volunteer firefighter and a Chilean forestry official have been formally accused by prosecutors of involvement in setting wildfires that engulfed central Chile this past February, killing over 130 people.

Implicated so far is volunteer firefighter Francisco Ignacio Mondaca, along with Francisco Pinto, an official from Chile's National Forestry Corporation, part of the agriculture ministry that is responsible for preventing forest fires.

The prosecutor's office in Valparaiso, a coastal city close to areas hardest hit by the fires, said on Saturday that both suspects were in pretrial detention.

Authorities say Mondaca carried out the plot, while citing the forestry official as the mastermind behind it.

Prosecutors said they had access to evidence the shows Mondaca and Pinto acted deliberately and that they had knowledge about the optimal weather conditions to start fires.

Macron says he would debate with far-right leader Le Pen

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Saturday that he was willing to debate with far-right leader Marine Le Pen ahead of the June 9 European Parliament election, saying part of France's destiny was at stake in that ballot.

Le Pen's euroskeptic National Rally party leads opinion polls with as much as 33% of the vote, or about twice as much as what is forecast for Macron's centrist, pro-EU party.

"My dear compatriots, wake up, look closely at who they are!" Macron told Le Parisien newspaper in an interview, speaking of the National Rally.

"I'm willing to debate with Mrs Le Pen," Macron said.

Le Pen said on social media platform X that she was willing to debate, but only on the condition that Macron agreed to resign or call snap parliamentary elections if his party loses on June 9 - which he would have no reason to agree to.

Pakistani Christian community accused of blasphemy, attacked

At least 10 members of a minority Christian community were rescued on Saturday after a Muslim crowd attacked their settlement on a blasphemy accusation in eastern Pakistan, police and a community leader said.

The crowd also hurled stones and bricks at the police, said Shariq Kamal, the police chief of Sargodha district.

At least one house and a small shoe factory was set on fire by protesters who had gathered after neighbors alleged that the Muslim holy book, the Quran, had been desecrated by a minority community member, according to a police spokesman and Akmal Bhatti, a Christian leader.

"They burned one house" and several Christians were badly beaten, Bhatti said.

A large contingent of police cordoned off the settlement, Kamal said, adding that the crowd had been pushed back. Some 25 of the protesters have been arrested, said police official Assad Malhi.

Reuters

Rapper Nicki Minaj cancels show in England after arrest

REUTERS

AMSTERDAM - American rapper Nicki Minaj on Saturday canceled a show in Manchester, England, after she said she was held by police at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport on allegations of possession of soft drugs.

"Despite Nicki's best efforts to explore every possible avenue to make tonight's show happen, the events of today have made it impossible," the Co-op Live venue in Manchester said in a post on X.

Minaj, 41, was detained hours before the show had been scheduled to start.

Dutch military police confirmed a 41-year-old American woman had been held for possession of soft drugs on Saturday, adding it was prohibited to take such substances out of the Netherlands.

Police did not identify the suspect, but in a later post on social media platform X said the woman had been fined and released around 1945 GMT.

That was 45 minutes after Minaj had been due to begin performing at the Manchester Co-op Live.

The singer had earlier posted a video on X in which a Schiphol employee



Minaj



Fans leave the Manchester Co-op Live venue after the Nicki Minaj show was canceled Saturday. TEMILADE ADELAJA/REUTERS

apparently told her that police wanted to "search all her luggage."

Another video on her social media showed a police officer telling her she was "carrying drugs." In the video Minaj denies that.

"Now they said they found weed &

that another group of ppl have to come here to weigh the pre-rolls," she said in a following post.

The former "American Idol" judge played a show in Amsterdam's Ziggo Dome on Thursday and is due to return there for another show on June 2.

Thousands of migrants have reached UK this year by boat

REUTERS

LONDON - More than 10,000 asylum-seekers have arrived in Britain in small boats so far this year, updated government data showed on Saturday, underlining a key challenge facing Prime Minister Rishi Sunak ahead of a July 4 national election.

The number of people landing on England's southern beaches after making the dangerous Channel crossing fell by a third in 2023, but the latest numbers on a government website showed 10,170 arrived between January and May 25, up from 7,395 over the same period last year.

"We continue to work closely with our French partners to prevent crossings and save lives," an interior ministry spokesperson said in response to the surge in numbers.

Sunak, who announced the election date on Wednesday, said later this week that asylum-seekers who come to Britain illegally would not be deported to Rwanda before the vote - casting doubt on one of his Conservative Party's flagship policies.

The plan has been bogged down by legal obstacles for more than two years, and the opposition Labour Party, which is about 20 points ahead in opinion



Two inflatable dinghies carrying migrants make their way toward England in the English Channel on May 4. CHRIS J. RATCLIFFE/REUTERS FILE

polls and seen on track to end 14 years of Conservative rule, has promised to scrap the policy if it wins the election.

Labour's shadow immigration minister Stephen Kinnock said Sunak's government had not done enough to tackle the issue.

"Because all the government's efforts are now focused on getting a few hundred people flown to Rwanda, they

have lost sight of the thousands more who are crossing the Channel every month," Kinnock said in a statement.

Labour has said if elected it would create a Border Security Command that would bring together staff from the police, the domestic intelligence agency and prosecutors to work with international agencies to stop people smuggling.

At least 2 dozen dead after fire at entertainment venue in India

Sumit Khanna

REUTERS

AHMEDABAD - At least 24 people, including many children, died in a fire that broke out on Saturday evening in a family entertainment venue in the western Indian state of Gujarat, a government official said.

With rescue efforts continuing at the scene in the Rajkot district, the local mayor told Reuters the death toll was expected to rise.

"Our focus is on rescue operations and saving lives. We will ensure strict action is taken against the people who are responsible for this incident," Mayor Nayana Pedhadiya said.

Television images showed a massive fire engulfing the TRP game zone and thick clouds of smoke emanating from the site. The entire structure was gutted in the blaze.

A police official at the local civil hospital said some of the bodies were charred beyond recognition.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on social media platform X that the local administration was working to provide assistance to those affected.

"Extremely distressed by the fire



Police stand near the bodies of victims who died after a fire broke out at an amusement park facility in Rajkot, India, on Saturday. AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

mishap in Rajkot. My thoughts are with all those who have lost their loved ones," Modi said in the post.

The district's chief fire officer, IV Kher, said firefighters had almost brought the fire under control.

"The cause of the fire is yet to be

ascertained," he told Reuters.

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel said an investigation was handed to a Special Investigation Team, and television reports said two people had been detained by Rajkot police in connection with the incident.

China ends war games around Taiwan

US 'deeply concerned' over military drills

Ben Blanchard and Brendan O'Brien
REUTERS

TAIPEI, Taiwan – China ended two days of war games around Taiwan in which it simulated attacks with bombers and practiced boarding ships, exercises that Taiwan condemned as “blatant provocation” on Saturday, detailing a surge of Chinese warplanes and warships.

Chinese state television’s military channel said late on Friday the drills had concluded. A commentary in the official People’s Liberation Army Daily said they had lasted for two days from Thursday to Friday, as previously announced.

China’s defense ministry did not answer calls seeking comment on Saturday.

China, which claims democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, launched the “Joint Sword – 2024A” exercises three days after Lai Ching-te became Taiwan’s president, a man Beijing calls a “separatist.”

Beijing said the exercises were “punishment” for Lai’s Monday inauguration speech, in which he said the two sides of the Taiwan Strait were “not subordinate to each other,” which China viewed as a declaration the two are separate countries.

Lai has repeatedly offered talks with China but been rebuffed.

He says only Taiwan’s people can decide their future, and rejects Beijing’s sovereignty claims. Taiwan’s government has condemned the drills, saying it will not be cowed by Chinese pressure.

The U.S. State Department said on Saturday that the United States was “deeply concerned” over China’s military drills in the Taiwan Strait and around Taiwan, and strongly urged it to act with restraint.

“Using a normal, routine, and democratic transition as an excuse for military provocations risks escalation and erodes longstanding norms that for decades have maintained peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait,” the State Department said in a statement.

Taiwan’s defense ministry said it had detected 62 Chinese military aircraft and 27 navy ships on Friday, including



Taiwanese armored vehicles roll down a street in Kinmen on Friday. I-HWA CHENG/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

46 planes that crossed the Taiwan Strait’s median line, which previously served as an unofficial barrier between the two sides.

Chinese aircraft, including advanced Su-30 fighters and nuclear-capable H-6 bombers, flew in the strait as well as into the Bashi Channel that separates Taiwan from the Philippines, the ministry said.

On Friday it published footage taken by Taiwanese air force planes of a Chinese J-16 fighter and an H-6 but did not say exactly where it was taken.

Taiwan’s presidential office on Saturday that China’s military moves had undermined the peaceful and stable status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

They “also constitute a blatant provocation to the international order, and have aroused serious concern and condemnation from the international community,” it said in a statement.

‘Combat capabilities’

Taiwan Defense Minister Wellington Koo returned what his ministry called the war operations center to normal status on Saturday, calling on personnel to “continue to grow their actual combat capabilities.” Koo, like Lai, took office on Monday, having previously headed Taiwan’s National Security Council.

The Chinese military’s Eastern Theater Command, whose forces carried out the drills, released a video on its social media accounts on Saturday called “A six-word rhyme on smashing independence,” set to stirring martial music.

The words “advance, surround, lockdown, attack, destroy and cut-off” flash up over footage of fighters, bombers, soldiers and animated mock missile attacks on Taiwan. China has over the past four years regularly staged military activities around Taiwan, including

large-scale war games in 2022 and in 2023. However, senior Taiwan lawmaker Wang Ting-yu from Lai’s Democratic Progressive Party said the latest drills appeared to be more about China making a noise than upping the ante, given it had to respond to Lai’s speech.

“They were comparatively more restrained than previous ones,” Wang, who chairs parliament’s defense and foreign affairs committee, said on social media. Still, China has kept up a barrage of invective against Lai.

The People’s Liberation Army Daily commentary, published as “the voice of the military,” said Lai was determined to act as a “pawn” for external forces to curb China’s development.

“If Taiwan independence separatist forces insist on going their own way or even take risks, the PLA will obey orders and take decisive action to resolutely smash all separatist plots,” it said.

Floyd

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loved ones frustrated by what they see as a shift away from police accountability.

“You can’t honor the life and legacy of George Floyd without passing comprehensive policy and legislative change to prevent George Floyds from happening,” Clark told Reuters. “I don’t think the Biden administration has been aggressive enough when it comes to this crisis – and this is not just a Black fight – this is for everybody. People have become desensitized by police murder.”

Despite the initial surge of calls for change, federal attempts at wide-ranging reform have been mostly unsuccessful.

On Friday, President Joe Biden said, “I will continue to urge Congress to send the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which ensures law enforcement accountability, to my desk.”

A spokesperson for Republican Donald Trump’s campaign told Reuters that Trump would take a hard-line approach to immigration and violent crime, adding if he is reelected “he will restore law and order.”

George Floyd act stalled

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act – which was initially introduced in 2021 to stop aggressive law enforcement tactics, misconduct and racial bias – has faced repeated roadblocks in Congress and has yet to move forward.

Efforts to reach a bipartisan police reform deal failed in 2021, with Biden blaming Republicans for the failure. Among the issues lawmakers discussed were changes to “qualified immunity” laws that protect police officers from some excessive force lawsuits. Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee reintroduced the bill Thursday.

Experts say while criminal justice reform efforts in part fueled the 2020 election cycle, policing is unlikely to be a top issue in the 2024 presidential election.

“Other issues have come to the fore, especially with conflict in Israel and Palestine, with conflict in Ukraine, and the economy,” said Jorge Camacho, policy director of the Justice Collaboratory at



The Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, D.C., came into existence on June 5, 2020. CARLOS BARRIA/REUTERS FILE

Yale Law School.

But it still might be one reason Biden has weaker support among Black voters, Camacho said, adding that Black communities want to see action on policing.

Recent polling data by a nonprofit polling firm, African American Research Collaborative, shows that Black communities are now focusing more on economic issues, like the cost of living crisis and jobs.

After Congress failed to pass the George Floyd legislation, Biden signed an executive order in May 2022 that in part created a new national police misconduct database, required federal law enforcement agencies to investigate the use of deadly force or deaths in custody and restricted federal agencies from using chokeholds and “no knock” entries.

Still a day before the anniversary of Floyd’s death, veteran civil rights advocate Rev. Al Sharpton, called on Congress to pass the bill.

“The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act fulfills a promise we made four years ago to his and every family of a Black man or woman killed by law enforcement,” he said, adding it would fulfill

what “we have spent decades marching, protesting, and advocating for.”

‘Not enough’

One of the largest changes that the Biden administration has done in terms of police reform, said Rashawn Ray, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, was to rescind a Trump-era policy that curtailed the use of consent decrees to address police violence. Nina Patel, Senior Policy Council at the American Civil Liberties Union, said “there have been accomplishments on policing accountability, but they have been far less influential than what we would have liked.”

She added that policies in states like Louisiana, Arizona and Georgia are making it harder to film police, even though bystander footage often brings cases of brutality to light.

“Our position is that reform is not enough,” said Cicley Gay, Board Chairwoman of Black Lives Matter, adding that incremental reform is insufficient. “We hear firsthand from many families about not only what they experienced, but the lack of progress and in making

policy change.”

The Movement for Black Lives, a national network of more than 150 leaders and organizations, is now pushing The People’s Response Act, which was introduced by Congresswoman Cori Bush last year.

The bill focuses on state and local funding for “inclusive, holistic, and health-centered approach” to public safety and would create alternatives to police intervention through the Department of Health and Human Services.

The bill is likely to receive significant resistance from Republicans and centrist Democrats, experts say. However, advocates said they will continue to press forward.

The “uprisings around the world were sparked by such a tragic incident that was part of a pattern of instances of police killings, police violence, that our communities have been calling attention to and trying to fight against for such a long time,” said Amara Enyia, director for policy and research at the Movement for Black Lives.

“The arc of our work is not just for us, this is part of a bigger work of justice to which there isn’t an end date.”

SPORTS **EXTRA**

NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS 114, PACERS 111

Celtics surge late to take a 3-0 series lead

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Boston Celtics guard Jrue Holiday went the entire day feeling under the weather before spending Saturday night making the Indiana Pacers feel sick.

The 15-year NBA veteran was a thorn in the Pacers' side during the final 38.9 seconds of Saturday's 114-111 victory, as Boston took a commanding 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

Holiday was battling a fierce fever and spent much of the day sleeping. He wasn't cleared to play until approximately 45 minutes before tipoff.

"I didn't feel too well," Holiday said. "I guess I just figured if I got a good day's rest or tried to sleep through it, that

would help me for tonight. But it's Game 3 in the Eastern Conference finals, so I wasn't going to miss this game."

Holiday's efforts present the Celtics with a chance to clinch the best-of-seven series on Monday in Indianapolis.

Holiday converted a go-ahead three-point play and added a key steal in the final seconds as Boston closed the game with a 13-2 run to hand the Pacers their first home loss in seven games this post-season.

Jayson Tatum recorded 36 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists as Boston recovered from an 18-point, third-quarter deficit. Jaylen Brown scored 24 points and Al Horford drained a career-high

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Celtics guard Jrue Holiday, left, brings the ball up court against Pacers forward Aaron Nesmith on Saturday in Indianapolis. TREVOR RUSZKOWSKI/USA TODAY SPORTS

108th running of the Indianapolis 500

When: 12:45 p.m. ET

Where: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Pole winner: Scott McLaughlin, Team Penske

- McLaughlin finished 14th in last year's Indy 500, which was a career best in three Indy 500 starts.



The Borg-Warner Trophy sits outside of the Pagoda on May 18 during qualifying for the 108th running of the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. GRACE HOLLARS/INDYSTAR - USA TODAY NETWORK

IT'S RACE DAY

33 things to know about Indy 500: Dark horses, history, records and more

Nathan Brown | Indianapolis Star | USA TODAY NETWORK

INDIANAPOLIS — Can Team Penske finish the deal after a dominant couple weeks on the IMS oval? Can Kyle Larson complete "The Double"? What history is on the line? • The 108th running of the Indianapolis 500 is jam-packed with storylines heading into Sunday's 200 laps. Here are 33 things to know and watch out for as you get ready to watch the Greatest Spectacle in Racing: See **INDY 500**, Page 6NS

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS STARS 3, OILERS 1

Stars strike in the 3rd period to even series

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The boxscore will show that Mason Marchment's third-period goal was the difference in the Dallas Stars' 3-1 victory over the visiting Edmonton Oilers on Saturday to even their Western Conference final series.

But Dallas goaltender Jake Oettinger's 15-save first-period performance kept the score tied at 1-1 before the Stars pulled away late to even the best-of-seven series at one win apiece. The series moves to Edmonton for Game 3 on Monday.

"I don't think we were good enough in the first," Marchment said. "Jakey stood on his head and made some massive saves and allowed us to get our feet wet. After that, we kinda took over and started playing our game."

With overtime for a second consecutive game a real possibility, Marchment — whose father, Bryan, spent four seasons with the Oilers in the 1990s — deflected Ryan Suter's point shot at 3:41 of the final frame.

"It feels good," said Marchment, who netted his second goal of the playoffs. "There's not many better feelings than scoring in a playoff game. We'll take that one."

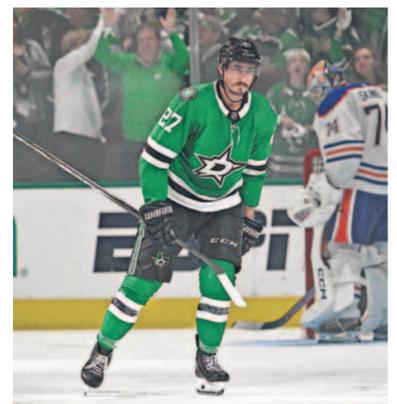
For his part, Oettinger was puzzled about receiving accolades.

"You'd rather be getting work than just sitting there then all of a sudden you're getting two-on-ones and break-aways," he said. "Those are even harder."

Dallas captain Jamie Benn netted one goal and one assist, and Esa Lindell's late empty-net goal sealed the victory. Oettinger finished with 28 stops.

Connor Brown scored for the Oilers,

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Stars left wing Mason Marchment (27) skates off the ice after scoring the game-winning goal Saturday in Dallas. JEROME MIRON/USA TODAY SPORTS

BASKETBALL

TIMBERWOLVES VS. MAVERICKS DALLAS LEADS SERIES 2-0



Minnesota Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards reacts in the third quarter of Friday's Game 2 of the Western Conference finals. BRAD REMPEL/USA TODAY SPORTS

Mavs home for Game 3 as T-wolves try not to panic

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The Minnesota Timberwolves hope to get more from Anthony Edwards when they hit the road in search of a much-needed win against the Dallas Mavericks in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals Sunday night.

The fifth-seeded Mavericks went to Minneapolis and stole Games 1 and 2 from the third seed by a total of four points, not only snatching the home-court advantage but throwing the door wide open to a potential sweep in the best-of-seven series.

Luka Doncic has outscored Edwards 65-40 in the first two games in a battle of All-NBA performers and has the signature moment of the matchup so far with a game-winning 3-pointer in Game 2.

The series is quite a turnaround from when Edwards made himself the face of a suddenly recognizable Minnesota franchise by dominating his matchup with 2023 postseason standout Jamal Murray of the Denver Nuggets in the recently completed Western Conference second round.

Edwards, who shot 50 percent from the field against the Nuggets, has gone just 11-for-33 (33.3 percent) from the floor against the Mavericks. He walked away from Friday's 109-108 loss under-terred.

"We've been here before," Edwards said. "I don't think anyone in the locker room is panicking."

At the same time, he gave some insight into what is expected to be an altered game plan at Dallas.

"I am turning down a lot of shots," Edwards said. "I'm just making the right play. Sometimes, the right play may be to just shoot it."

Timberwolves All-Star sidekick Karl-Anthony Towns has shared in the struggles. Towns shot 53.1 percent in Minnesota's opening-round sweep of the Phoenix Suns, then 51.0 percent in the Denver series. But he has started the conference finals 10-for-36.

As Edwards noted, the Timber-

wolves have been here before. They lost three straight against the Nuggets, only to come up big in two potential season-ending scenarios, including Game 7 at Denver.

Minnesota has won five of six on the road in the postseason, with Edwards averaging 30.0 points on 48.9-percent shooting in those games, while Towns has gone for 23.2 points on 57.4-percent shooting.

Amid the accolades over his game-winning 3-pointer in the immediate aftermath of Game 2 came words of caution from the Mavericks hero himself.

"First to four. Nothing's won," Doncic said. "You've just got to think about next game."

The Mavericks failed to take advantage of early road success in their first two series. They earned a split on the road against the Los Angeles Clippers in Round 1, only to give the home-court advantage back after splitting Games 3 and 4 in Dallas.

Their second-round matchup against the Oklahoma City Thunder followed the same pattern.

The latter series saw the Mavericks win the final two games, with their winning streak now doubled. The Timberwolves, meanwhile, have lost four of seven since their two series-opening wins at Denver.

If the Timberwolves are going to turn things around in Dallas, chances are they will have to improve on their fourth-quarter play. They have been outscored 56-44 in the fourth so far, throwing away leads they built in the first three periods.

The Mavericks outshot the hosts 50.0 percent to 42.8 percent in those fourth quarters, 53.3 percent to 38.9 percent on 3-pointers. They also outrebounded their taller rivals 22-14 in the final periods while committing fewer turnovers (9-6) over the final 12 minutes of each game.

Edwards has just 12 fourth-quarter points, with as many turnovers (three) as assists (three), while playing 19 of those 24 minutes.

WNBA ROUNDUP

Sun rally, then fend off Sky to stay undefeated

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

DeWanna Bonner scored eight of her 19 points in the fourth quarter and the Connecticut Sun remained undefeated by holding off the host Chicago Sky 86-82 on Saturday night.

Brianna Jones and DiJonai Carrington scored 16 each, Tyasha Harris had 15 and Bonner added eight rebounds.

Marina Mabrey scored 23 points, Angel Reese and Dana Evans had 13 each, Chennedy Carter scored 11 and Elizabeth Williams had 10 to lead the Sky.

Evans scored the first points of the fourth quarter by making two free throws that tied the score at 69. Tiffany Mitchell scored the next four points and Jones added a basket as the Sun opened a 75-69 lead.

Aces 99, Fever 80

A'ja Wilson scored 29 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, and Las Vegas rebounded from its first loss of the season with a defeat of visiting Indiana.

Wilson scored five points during an 11-3 run late in the third quarter that effectively put away Indiana.

Back-to-back baskets by Alysha Clark, including one of her two made 3-pointers on five attempts, added to the pivotal spurt. Las Vegas extended its lead to 16 points going into the fourth quarter on the strength of the run, and led by as many as 23 points in the final period.

Fever rookie Caitlin Clark, who was instrumental in Indiana's first win of the season on Friday with a pair of late-game 3-pointers – shot just 2-of-8 from the floor and committed six turnovers on Saturday. She finished with eight points, seven assists and five rebounds.

Lynx 84, Liberty 67

Napheesa Collier had 15 points and 12 rebounds and was one of four Minnesota players to score in double fig-

ures in a win over New York in Minneapolis.

Alanna Smith added 15 points, while Kayla McBride scored and Bridget Carleton each scored 14 for the Lynx. Carleton started in place of the injured Diamond Miller and delivered a season high in points.

Breanna Stewart's 20 points and 11 rebounds led the Liberty, which scored just nine fourth-quarter points and went 7 of 29 from 3-point range. Minnesota made 14 of 28 3-point attempts, and its 47.8 field goal percentage was better than its league-leading 45.9 percent this season.

Storm 101, Mystics 69

Nneka Ogumwike scored 19 points and Skylar Diggins-Smith added 16 points with nine assists as Seattle continued to show improvement with its revamped roster by rolling to a victory against visiting Washington.

Jewell Loyd added 18 points as last season's top scorer in the WNBA continued to blend in with Ogumwike and Diggins-Smith, who were added via free agency during the offseason.

Ezi Magbegor had 16 points and Sami Whitcomb had 12 as Seattle has won three of its past four games after dropping its first two of the season. It was the second time in seven days the Storm earned a victory over the Mystics after winning 84-75 at Washington last Sunday.

Wings 107, Mercury 92

Arike Ogunbowale had 40 points while making 7 of 12 shots from 3-point range to lead Dallas over host Phoenix.

Dallas stopped its two-game losing streak and Phoenix's three-game winning streak.

Ogunbowale reached 400 made 3-pointers in her career when she converted her sixth shot from beyond the arc.

She reached the milestone in 161 games, second to Diana Taurasi (158).



Connecticut Sun forward DeWanna Bonner (24) drives to the basket vs. Sky forward Michaela Onyenwere on Saturday in Chicago. KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/USA TODAY

Celtics

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seven 3-pointers while scoring 23 points for the top-seeded Celtics.

Indiana's Aaron Nesmith had a 3-pointer bounce off the rim as time expired.

Andrew Nembhard scored a career-best 32 points and added nine assists for the sixth-seeded Pacers. T.J. McConnell had 23 points, nine rebounds and six assists, Myles Turner added 22 points and 10 rebounds and Pascal Siakam also scored 22 points for Indiana, which lost at home for the first time since March 18.

The Pacers played without All-NBA Third-Team selection Tyrese Haliburton, who injured his left hamstring in Game 2.

Holiday finished with 14 points, nine rebounds and three steals, with his biggest contributions coming late in the game.

Boston trailed by five before Horford drilled a trey with 1:12 left, and Holiday added his pivotal three-point play to give the Celtics a 112-111 edge with 38.9 seconds to go.

The Pacers were later looking for a go-ahead shot and eschewed a timeout. Nembhard was handling the ball and



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) shoots against Pacers forward Pascal Siakam on Saturday in Indianapolis. TREVOR RUSZKOWSKI/USA TODAY SPORTS

Holiday forced it away with 3.3 seconds remaining. Holiday was then fouled and made two free throws with 1.7 seconds to play.

"I think I just made a play," Holiday said. "I felt he's a right-hand driver and he's been very aggressive all night. He's a great player and had a great game but I kind of jumped his right hand and made

the steal."

Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said the situation lent itself to letting one of his players make a play.

"With eight or nine seconds left and you're in transition after a miss, I trust our players to be able to create a better shot than calling a timeout, having them set their defense," Carlisle said.

Said Nembhard: "I was trying to get a shot, and he got in front of me and I lost the ball."

While Nembhard's turnover was the most glaring play, Indiana didn't fare well after taking an eight-point lead with 2:38 left.

"They made timely baskets," Siakam said. "At the end of the day, we just didn't get the job done at the end."

Derrick White scored 13 points for the Celtics, who shot 47 percent from the field and were 16 of 46 from 3-point range.

Indiana shot 50.5 percent from the field and was a porous 5 of 22 from 3-point range. The Pacers shot just 38.3 percent overall in the second half.

Boston 114, Indiana 111	
BOSTON (114)	
Brown	10-18 3-4 24
Tatum	12-23 7-11 36
Horford	8-14 0-0 23
Holiday	4-10 5-14
White	3-11 5-6 13
Pritchard	1-3 0-0 2
Hauser	0-3 0-0 0
Tillman	1-1 0-0 2
Brissett	0-0 0-0 0
Totals	39-83 20-26 114
INDIANA (111)	
Nesmith	2-4 0-0 4
Siakam	9-18 4-4 22
Turner	9-16 4-4 22
Nembhard	12-21 4-4 32
Sheppard	0-4 0-0 0
McConnell	10-17 2-2 23
Toppin	2-6 0-0 4
Jackson	1-4 0-0 2
McDermott	1-1 0-0 2
Totals	46-91 14-14 111
BOS	32 25 24 33 - 114
IND	31 38 21 21 - 111
3-Point Goals: Boston 16-46 (Horford 7-12, Tatum 5-10, White 2-8, Brown 1-5, Holiday 1-6, Pritchard 0-2, Hauser 0-3), Indiana 5-22 (Nembhard 4-7, McConnell 1-4, Nesmith 0-2, Turner 0-3, Siakam 0-3, Sheppard 0-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Boston 36 (Tatum 10), Indiana 43 (Turner 10). Assists: Boston 24 (Tatum 8), Indiana 32 (Nembhard 9). Total Fouls: Boston 18, Indiana 21. A: 17,274 (18,165)	

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

RANGERS VS. PANTHERS SERIES TIED 1-1

Panthers aim to rebound in Game 3

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The New York Rangers opened the Eastern Conference final with one of their worst showings of the postseason. The Florida Panthers hardly expected Game 2 to unfold the same way.

While the Panthers are disappointed with Friday's loss in New York, they certainly are content with the split — especially with the next two games on home ice.

After the Rangers evened the series on Barclay Goodrow's game-winning overtime goal, the tightly contested series shifts to Sunrise, Fla., for Game 3 on Sunday afternoon.

Florida opened the series with Wednesday's 3-0 victory before New York drew even in the best-of-seven series after Goodrow scored 14:01 into overtime on Friday in a 2-1 thriller.

"I think that is what happens when you get the two best teams in the conference," Panthers center Carter Verhaeghe said. "It's going to be a battle. They are playing hard defense, we're playing hard defense. It's a struggle to get chances."

Despite the loss, Florida coach Paul Maurice said he had little issue with how his team played.

"I'm fine with tonight," Maurice said. "You shouldn't come in and beat the Presidents' Trophy team twice in their own building. We got it to overtime, we had a good look a bunch of times and we couldn't get it to go. Two really good goaltenders and it's exciting. Lots of hits, lots of action."

The Panthers countered Vincent Trocheck's goal early in the first period by getting the tying tally from Verhaeghe on a power play nearly 14 minutes later. In addition to Sergei Bobrovsky stopping 52 shots in the first two games, Florida has kept New York scoreless on six power plays.

The Rangers survived on Friday thanks to Goodrow, who started the winning sequence by emerging victorious on a defensive zone faceoff. He then batted the puck out of the air near the neutral zone and finished off a cross-ice pass from Trocheck by ripping a shot from the right faceoff circle.

"I thought it was a pretty competitive game both ways," New York coach Peter Laviolette said.

"I did like our game better and we end up getting a big overtime goal to move in. You definitely feel a lot better going down to Florida, 1-1, than 0-2, and so it



The Rangers' Barclay Goodrow celebrates after scoring the game-winning goal during overtime against the Florida Panthers in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference final on Friday in New York. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

was a big win for us."

"Obviously, tonight was a huge game for us," Goodrow said after scoring his fourth goal of the postseason to match his regular-season total. "We weren't completely satisfied with the way we played in Game 1. I think we want to rebound tonight with a better game, and I think we feel a lot better with how we looked tonight."

The Rangers showed a more physical side in Game 2 with a big hit by Alexis Lafreniere on Verhaeghe leading to Trocheck's tap-in goal early in the first.

New York also got the win by scoring twice at even strength. Igor Shesterkin is keeping pace with Bobrovsky's 2.12 goals-against average this postseason by posting a 2.22 GAA.

The win occurred after Laviolette tweaked his lineup by inserting rookie Matt Rempe in place of Kakko Kaapo. Laviolette may be forced into another change if Jimmy Vesey is unable to play due to an upper-body injury.



Florida Panthers center Carter Verhaeghe, left, scores a goal against the Rangers on Friday in New York. VINCENT CARCHIETTA/USA TODAY SPORTS

Stars

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who received a 22-save performance from goalie Stuart Skinner. Edmonton's Leon Draisaitl saw his postseason point streak end at 13 games. He had recorded at least one point in every game during this year's playoff run.

Benn opened the scoring with Dallas's first shot at 3:29 for his fourth goal of the postseason, but Brown replied 44 seconds later with his first of the playoffs.

From there, it was a defensive battle with both goalies standing tall until Marchment netted the eventual winning marker.

"We had our looks and it's just a matter of bearing down," Oilers defenseman Mattias Ekholm said. "We've got to keep getting in there, keep getting our nose in the paint and we're gonna get a tip at some point. We're playing well enough to win, but we still do have a level to our game."

The Oilers host the next two games, and have home-ice advantage after earning a split in Dallas.

"I guess that's a positive," said Connor McDavid, who was held off the scoresheet. "You never like to lose and we had a big opportunity, and we needed to capitalize."

The Oilers have a 4-2 home record during this year's playoffs and Dallas has won five of six road games.



Stars goaltender Jake Oettinger makes a save on an Edmonton Oilers shot during the third period Game 2 of the Western Conference final on Saturday in Dallas. JEROME MIRON/USA TODAY SPORTS

Dallas 3, Edmonton 1

Edmonton 1, Dallas 3 (Johnston, Heiskanen), 3:39. 1, Edmonton, Brown 1 (Ceci, Foegele), 4:23. Penalties—Lindell, DAL (High-sticking), 10:50.

Second Period—None. Penalties—Nurse, EDM (Interference), 6:52.

Third Period—1, Dallas, Marchment 2 (Suter, Steel), 3:41. 1, Dallas, Lindell 2 (Benn, Johnston), 17:57. Penalties—Benn, DAL (Hooking), 18:30. Kane, EDM (Slashing), 19:12.

Shots on Goal—Edmonton 16-8-5-29. Dallas 4-11-10-25.

Power-play opportunities—Edmonton 0 of 2; Dallas 0 of 1.

Goalies—Edmonton, Skinner (24 shots-22 saves). Dallas, Oettinger (29-28). A-18,532 (18,532).

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SATURDAY'S ROUNDUP

Velazquez lifts Royals past Rays in the 11th

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Nelson Velazquez homered and drove in the go-ahead run with a double as the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Rays 7-4 in 11 innings on Saturday afternoon in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Royals pushed their winning streak to a season-high eight games, while Tampa Bay lost its sixth in a row.

Kansas City scored three runs in the top of the 11th to put the game away after giving away three earlier leads.

In the top of the 11th, Velazquez drove in automatic runner Freddy Fermin with a double to center and scored on Adam Frazier's infield single. Maikel Garcia added on with an RBI single.

The Royals had gone ahead 4-3 in the top of the 10th on Vinnie Pasquantino's sacrifice fly to left, but the Rays tied it for a third time in the bottom of the inning when Jonny DeLuca doubled to left to score Harold Ramirez.

Athletics 3, Astros 1

JP Sears combined with four relievers on a four-hitter, Brent Rooker continued his hot month of May with a two-run double and Oakland finally got a win over visiting Houston.

Sears (4-3), who held the Astros to one run in five innings to record a no-decision last week in Houston, allowed just one unearned run over six innings in the rematch. He limited the visitors to two hits and one walk on Saturday, striking out one.

Houston's only run came in the sixth and was gift-wrapped thanks to an inning-opening, two-base throwing error by A's shortstop Max Schuemann. Two fly balls – the first a flyout, the second a sacrifice fly to right by Kyle Tucker – brought home Mauricio Dubon to get the Astros within 2-1.

Sears had pitched with a lead ever since the bottom of the first, when Abraham Toro singled on Spencer Arrighetti's fourth pitch of the game and took second on a walk to JJ Bleday.

Rooker, who entered the game with 19 RBIs in 21 games in May, then ripped his double into the left field corner, sending both baserunners home.

Giants 7, Mets 2, 10 innings

Brett Wisely had three hits, including a tiebreaking RBI single leading off the 10th inning, as visiting San Francisco mounted another late-inning comeback to defeat New York in the middle game of a three-game series.

Patrick Bailey had an RBI single in the sixth and LaMonte Wade Jr. tied the score with a run-scoring single in the ninth for the Giants, who have won four straight, all after trailing in the eighth inning or later.

Wisely's 10th-inning single against Sean Reid-Foley (1-2) scored automatic runner Curt Casali. Bailey ended up walking with the bases loaded, and Mike Yastrzemski laced a three-run triple two outs later.

Luke Jackson (3-1) earned the win with a hitless ninth.

Starling Marte belted his sixth homer of the season in the second and Brett Baty hit a tiebreaking solo shot in the seventh for the Mets, who have lost five in a row and are 6-16 this month.

Twins 5, Rangers 3

Alex Kirilloff blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning to help Minnesota rally for a win against Texas in the second game of their three-game series Saturday afternoon in Minneapolis, Minn.

Twins starter Chris Paddack allowed two runs and four hits in five innings. He struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Cole Sands (2-0) threw two innings of scoreless relief before Jhoan Duran pitched the ninth for his sixth save for the Twins, who have won four in a row following a seven-game losing streak.

Rangers starter Michael Lorenzen allowed one run and three hits over six innings. He struck out four and walked three.

Ezequiel Duran homered and Leody Taveras had two hits and an RBI for Texas, which has lost six in a row.

Nationals 3, Mariners 1

Four Washington relievers combined for four hitless innings as the Nationals defeated visiting Seattle, sending the Mariners to their season-worst fourth consecutive loss.

Dylan Floro (1-0) got the victory and Kyle Finnegan pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for



Kansas City Royals designated hitter Nelson Velazquez reacts after hitting a RBI double in the 11th inning of Saturday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays in St. Petersburg, Fla. JONATHAN DYER/USA TODAY SPORTS

his 14th save.

Keibert Ruiz went 2 for 2 with a double and an RBI and also scored a run for the Nationals.

Washington broke a 1-all tie in the bottom of the seventh inning. With one out, Jesse Winker grounded a single to center field off reliever Gabe Speier (0-2) and stole second.

Ruiz singled on a shallow fly ball to left, advancing Winker to third.

Brewers 6, Red Sox 3

Milwaukee received a solo home run from Brice Turang and scored five runs in the third inning en route to a road victory in Boston.

Turang's homer, his third of the season, came against Zack Kelly and increased Milwaukee's lead to 6-2 in the eighth.

The five-run third featured two doubles, three singles and a walk.

After Christian Yelich doubled and Willy Adames drew a walk, the Brewers received RBI singles from Jake Bauers, Gary Sanchez and Sal Frelick to build a 3-0 lead. Joey Ortiz followed with a two-run double that drove in Sanchez and Frelick to increase the lead to 5-0.

Six consecutive batters reached base with two outs.

All five runs were scored against Boston starting pitcher Nick Pivetta (2-3), who exited the mound with one out in the fourth. He gave up seven hits, struck out three and walked three.

Pirates 4, Braves 1

Mitch Keller was effective through 6½ innings and Nick Gonzales extended his hitting streak to six games with an RBI double to help Pittsburgh to a win against visiting Atlanta.

Keller (6-3) allowed one run on six hits to go along with no walks and four strikeouts to earn his first career win against Atlanta, improving to 1-3. David Bednar tossed a scoreless ninth for his 11th save of the year.

Braves starter Reynaldo Lopez (2-2) went 4½ innings, allowing three runs (two earned) and five hits. He walked one and fanned three. Lopez's night came to an end when the game went into a rain delay that lasted nearly 30 minutes in the bottom of the fifth.

Atlanta has lost two in a row and seven of its past 10 games.

After the Braves tied things at 1 in the top of the fourth, the Pirates quickly regained the lead.

Tigers 2, Blue Jays 1

Kerry Carpenter hit a two-run homer, Reese Olson recorded his first win this season in his 10th start, and host Detroit topped Toronto.

Carpenter also blasted a two-run homer in Detroit's win over the Blue Jays on Friday, which snapped a five-game losing streak.

Olson (1-5) was forced to leave his previous start at Kansas City with a right hip contusion after being struck by a line drive. He limited the Blue Jays to one unearned run and three hits in 6½ innings.

Tyler Holton pitched the ninth for his

first save this season and second of his career.

Blue Jays starter Jose Berrios (5-4) allowed two runs and seven hits while striking out five in seven innings. Davis Schneider drove in their lone run with a double.

Orioles 5, White Sox 3

Baltimore's Ryan O'Hearn, Anthony Santander and Jordan Westburg homered in the eighth inning as the Orioles rallied for a victory against host Chicago.

The three-homer barrage across a five-batter stretch created a stunning turnaround after the Orioles had only three singles entering the eighth.

Chicago starter Erick Fedde pitched 6½ shutout innings and Gavin Sheets smacked a two-out, bases-loaded triple in the fifth inning for the team's only runs. The White Sox lost for the eighth time in nine games and will try to avoid getting swept in the four-game series Sunday.

Starting pitcher Albert Suarez pitched four shutout innings in his longest Baltimore stint since April.

Orioles reliever Keegan Akin gave up the runs in the fifth in his only inning of work, while Dillon Tate (2-0) was the winner by going 2½ shutout innings.

Reds 3, Dodgers 1

Spencer Steer hit a first-inning home run for the second consecutive day and Hunter Greene worked six strong innings as Cincinnati earned a victory over visiting Los Angeles.

Will Benson also hit a home run as the Reds won consecutive games for the first time since April 23-24 against the Philadelphia Phillies. Cincinnati evened the season series with Los Angeles 3-3 with the finale Sunday.

Greene (3-2), a Los Angeles-area native, gave up one run on five hits over six innings with one walk and five strikeouts. He worked out of multiple jams, including a bases-loaded situation with nobody out in the second inning while only giving up one run.

Shohei Ohtani tripled for the Dodgers with one out in the sixth inning against Greene but was left stranded. Ohtani also struck out three times for the second time this season as Los Angeles dropped four consecutive games for the first time.

Los Angeles right-hander Walker Buehler (1-2) gave up three runs on six hits over 5½ innings with one walk and four strikeouts.

Cardinals 7, Cubs 6

Brendan Donovan hit a go-ahead two-run single in the eighth as St. Louis edged visiting Chicago for its ninth victory in 11 games.

Lars Nootbaar went 3-for-5 with an RBI triple for St. Louis. Masyn Winn went 2-for-4 with an RBI to extend his hitting streak to 14 games.

Cardinals starting pitcher Miles Mikolas allowed three runs on four hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked two.

Reliever JoJo Romero (2-0) earned

the victory, and Ryan Helsley notched his 16th save despite giving up two runs and four hits in the ninth.

Nico Hoerner smacked a two-run double for the Cubs, who lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

Yankees 4, San Diego 1

Aaron Judge crushed his 17th home run and Marcus Stroman pitched six scoreless innings as visiting New York ran its winning streak to five games, knocking off San Diego.

Judge, who has 11 homers in May, pulled into a tie for the major league lead with his two-run shot in the first inning. He also doubled and scored twice as the Yankees won for the 11th time in 13 games.

Stroman (4-2), fresh off his longest start of the season at 7½ innings, lowered his ERA to 2.76. He surrendered three hits and walked one with five strikeouts.

Fernando Tatis Jr. broke up the shut-out bid with one out in the eighth with a home run to center field, just out of the reach of Judge. It came against right-hander Luke Weaver, who walked the next batter but got two groundouts to end the inning. Weaver walked two in his two innings.

Clay Holmes pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his 15th save in 17 chances.

Phillies 8, Rockies 4

Bryce Harper homered in a six-run ninth inning as Philadelphia rallied to beat Colorado in Denver.

Harper, who was ejected from Friday night's game in the first inning, responded Saturday with two hits and four RBIs as Philadelphia avoided losing consecutive games for the third time this season.

The Phillies are 18-4 in May and 30-7 since mid-April.

Kyle Schwarber had three hits, Garrett Stubbs and Alec Bohm had two hits each and Jose Ruiz (1-0) picked up the win in relief for Philadelphia.

Colorado led 3-2 after eight innings but Jalen Beeks walked Brandon Marsh leading off the ninth. Edmundo Sosa greeted reliever Justin Lawrence (1-3) with a triple to right to tie it and Stubbs singled to put Philadelphia ahead.

Guardians 4, Angels 3

Cleveland got another home run from Jose Ramirez and a steady performance on the mound from Tanner Bibee to win their eighth game in a row, beating Los Angeles in Anaheim, Calif.

Ramirez, who homered twice on Friday, hit a two-run homer in the third to cap a four-run frame on Saturday. That was all the Guardians would need to win for the 11th time in their past 12 games.

Bibee gave up a three-run homer to Angels left fielder Taylor Ward in the bottom of the third, but he shut Los Angeles out for the rest of his outing. Bibee (3-1) got through six innings, allowing the three runs on six hits and one walk. He struck out six.

Cade Smith (seventh inning), Hunter Gaddis (eighth) and Emmanuel Clase (ninth) held the Angels in check the rest of the way. Clase recorded his 16th save of 2024.

Ramirez finished 2-for-4 and has now hit safely in 10 of his past 11 games.

Diamondbacks 3, Marlins 2

Christian Walker went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI and a run and Eugenio Suarez also had two hits and scored a run to lead Arizona over Miami in Phoenix.

Jordan Montgomery (3-2) picked up the win allowing two runs on nine hits in six innings. He walked one and struck out four. Paul Sewald pitched a 1-2-3 ninth to notch his fourth save for the Diamondbacks, who won for the third time in the last four games.

Jake Burger went 3-for-4 with a double and a run and Jazz Chisholm Jr. had a double and an RBI for Miami. Sixto Sanchez (0-3) picked up the loss, allowing three runs on five hits and two walks over five innings. He struck out two.

Miami jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Dane Myers led off with a double into the right field corner and scored one out later on a single by Josh Bell.

Arizona answered with two runs in the bottom of the first. Corbin Carroll led off with a walk, stole second and scored two outs later on a double by Walker. Lourdes Gurriel Jr. then drove in Walker with a line-drive double off the fence in center field.

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SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES

Detroit 2, Toronto 1										
TOR	000			100			- 1 6 0			
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Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Schneider lf	3	0	1	1	1	2	246			
Turner dh	4	0	0	0	0	225				
Guerrero Jr. 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	289			
Bichette ss	4	0	0	0	0	243				
Springer rf	4	0	0	0	0	188				
Kirk c	4	0	0	0	0	209				
Kiner-Falefa 2b	3	1	2	0	0	264				
Clement 3b	4	0	0	0	0	244				
Kiermaier cf	3	0	1	0	0	1,226				
Baez ss	3	0	0	0	0	1,309				
a-Jansen ph	1	0	0	0	0	309				
Totals	33	1	6	1	3	5				
Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Perez cf	4	0	0	0	0	1,274				
Greene lf	4	0	0	0	0	2,230				
Canha lf	3	1	2	0	0	234				
Carpenter rf	3	1	2	0	0	285				
Urshela 3b	3	0	2	0	0	1,271				
Keith dh	3	0	0	0	0	1,231				
Baez ss	3	0	0	0	0	2,033				
McKinstry 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1,292				
Rogers c	3	0	2	0	0	210				
Totals	29	2	8	2	0	7				

a-struck out for Kiermaier in 9th.
E. Canha. 2B: Schneider (11), Kiner-Falefa (4), Canha (9), Rogers (4). **3B:** Kiermaier (2). **HR:** Carpenter (8). **RBI:** Schneider (21), Carpenter 2 (29). **CS:** Carpenter (1). **SB:** Kiner-Falefa (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 6 (Turner 5, Jansen), Detroit 2 (Perez, Greene). **RISP:** Toronto 1 for 11, Detroit 1 for 3. **GIDP:** Bichette, Carpenter, Baez. **DP:** Toronto 2, Detroit 1.

Toronto										
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Berrios L, 5-4	7	7	2	0	5	83	2.94			
Romano	1	0	0	0	2	13	4.50			
Detroit	IP	H	R	ER <td>BB <td>SO <td>NP <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </td></td></td>	BB <td>SO <td>NP <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </td></td>	SO <td>NP <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </td>	NP <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td>	ERA		
Olson W, 1-5	6	1	3	1	0	3	4.93	1.92		
Faedo H, 4	0	2	1	0	0	0	18	3.52		
Foley H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.29		
Holton S, 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	14	3.76		

Inherited runners: Faedo 2-1. **Umpires:** HP-Ortiz, 1B-Marquez, 2B-Barrett, 3B-Ripperger. T: 2:04. A: 35,331 (41,083).

San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 2 (10)										
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San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Matos cf	4	1	1	0	1	1	276			
Estrada 2b	4	1	0	0	0	1	239			
Bailey dh	4	1	1	2	1	0	299			
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	240			
Flores 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	216			
d-McKenna pr-lf	1	1	0	0	0	1,000				
Yastrzemski rf	5	0	1	3	0	2	224			
Ramos lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	271			
c-Wade Jr. ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	233			
Luciano ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	391			
Casali c	4	1	0	0	0	1	294			
Wisely ss-1b	4	2	3	1	0	0	385			
Totals	38	7	7	4	4	9				
N.Y. Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Lindor ss	4	0	1	0	1	1	209			
Alonso 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	234			
Nimmo cf	5	0	1	0	0	4	216			
Martinez dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	277			
Stewart lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	217			
b-Bader ph-cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	273			
Marte rf	4	1	1	0	2	2	259			
McNeil 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	236			
Baty 3b	3	1	1	1	2	2	229			
Narvaez c	2	0	0	0	1	0	150			
a-Taylor pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	248			
Nido ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	234			
Totals	35	2	4	2	5	14				

a-ran for Narvaez in 7th. b-lined out for Stewart in 6th. c-singled for Ramos in 9th. d-ran for Flores in 9th.

E. Luciano, Alonso. 2B: Lindor (12). **3B:** Yastrzemski (2). **HR:** Marte (6), Baty (4). **RBI:** Bailey 2 (18), Yastrzemski 3 (18), Wade Jr. (17), Wisely (3), Marte (19), Baty (16). **SB:** McKenna (1), Nimmo (4), Taylor (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 3 (Chapman 2, Luciano), N.Y. Mets 6 (Alonso 2, Martinez, Bader, Marte, Baty). **RISP:** San Francisco 4 for 12.

San Francisco										
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Hicks	5	0	2	1	1	2	87	2.33		
Rogers	0	2	1	0	0	1	17	3.20		
Hjelle	0	2	1	1	1	1	18	3.26		
Rodriguez	1	2	0	1	2	3	203	0.03		
Jackson W, 3-1	10	0	0	0	1	15	5.40			
Doval	10	0	0	0	2	9	2.91			
N.Y. Mets	IP	H	R	ER <td>BB <td>SO <td>NP <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </td></td></td>	BB <td>SO <td>NP <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </td></td>	SO <td>NP <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </td>	NP <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td>	ERA		
Severino	7	0	2	1	1	3	6103	3.22		
Ottavino H, 9	10	1	0	0	0	1	14	3.60		
Diaz BS, 4	1	0	2	1	1	14	5.40			
Reid-Foley L, 1-2	0	2	2	5	0	1	125	1.35		
Walker	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	2.35		

Inherited runners: Hjelle 1-1, Rodriguez 1-1, Walker 3-0. **HBP:** Estrada, Stewart. **Umpires:** HP-Bucknor, 1B-Beck, 2B-Iassogna, 3B-May. T: 3:03. A: 32,971 (41,922).

Minnesota 5, Texas 3										
TEX	000			111			000 - 3 5 0			
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Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Semin 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	258			
Seager ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	254			
Smith 3b	3	1	0	0	0	1	274			
Garcia dh	4	0	1	0	3	2	247			
Taveras cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	263			
Lowe lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	250			
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	1	253			
Duran lf	3	1	1	1	0	0	284			
Jankowski lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	294			
Carter rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	190			
Totals	32	3	5	3	2	7				
Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Julien 2b	4	0	0	0	1	2	201			
Correa ss	2	1	1	1	1	1	271			
Miranda 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	287			
Margot lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	196			
Kepner rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	303			
Buxton cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	250			
Jeffers c	3	0	1	1	1	1	255			
Kirilloff dh	4	2	2	3	0	1	215			
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	2	0	205			
Castro R-3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	260			
Totals	29	5	7	5	7	7				

2B: Garcia (10), Taveras (8), Jeffers (13). **HR:** Duran (1), Kirilloff (5). **RBI:** Garcia (37), Taveras (12), Duran (6), Correa (14), Jeffers (33), Kirilloff (3). **SB:** Smith (2), Taveras (5), Castro (7). **SF:** Correa. **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 3 (Lowe, Heim 2), Minnesota 5 (Julien, Correa, Kirilloff 2, Castro). **RISP:** Texas 2 for 7, Minnesota 3 for 12.

Texas										
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Lorenzen	6	3	1	1	3	4	30	3.34		
Tinoco H, 1-1	0	1	1	1	1	1	19	7.71		
Robertson L, 2-2 BS	10	3	3	3	2	17	3.28			
Yates	0	2	0	0	0	1	117	0.95		
Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER <td>BB <td>SO <td>NP</td> <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </td></td>	BB <td>SO <td>NP</td> <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td> </td>	SO <td>NP</td> <td>ERA</td> <td colspan="2"></td>	NP	ERA		
Paddock	5	0	4	2	2	0	373	4.39		
Funderburk	10	1	1	2	1	25	4.48			
Sands W, 2-0	2	0	0	0	0	22	4.35			
Duran S	1	0	0	0	1	8	3.86			

Inherited runners: Robertson 2-1. **Umpires:** HP-Diaz, 1B-Estabrook, 2B-Ramos, 3B-Bacchus. T: 2:36. A: 30,957 (38,544).

Baltimore 5, Chicago 3										
BAL	000			000			050 - 5 8 0			
CHW	000			000			000 - 3 5 0			
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Henderson ss	3	0	0	0	2	0	268			
Rutschman c	4	1	0	0	0	1	296			
O'Hearn rf	4	1	2	0	1	1	276			
Hays lf	1	0	1	0	0	0	179			
Mountcastle 1b	5	1	1	0	0	0	271			
Santander dh	3	1	2	1	2	2	205			
Cowser cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	248			
Westburg 2b-3b	4	1	3	1	0	1	285			
Stowers lf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	250			
Urias 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	180			
a-Mullins ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	193			
Mateo 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	245			
Totals	35	5	8	5	9	9				
Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Pham cf	3	1	1	0	1	1	327			
Vaughn dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	198			
Sheets 1b	4	0	1	0	1	0	242			

Indy 500

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Team Penske eyeing history

1. If he can hold off his Team Penske teammates Will Power (starting 2nd) and Josef Newgarden (3rd), this year's polesitter Scott McLaughlin will lead his first lap around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Lap 1 on Sunday after three previous starts. Despite five wins and six previous IndyCar poles before last weekend, the Racing Capital of the World has not been kind to the three-time Supercars champ, where his best start and finish were both 14th a year ago.

2. Less than two-tenths of a second over 10 miles separated Power, IndyCar's all-time pole leader (70), from quite possibly the last major box to check in his career. With five front-row starts now at the 500 without a pole, the 43-year-old Team Penske driver ties Harry Hartz and Wilbur Shaw for the most all-time. On the bright side, this is a major step in the right direction for Power, after starting no better than 11th and finishing no better than 14th over his last four 500s.

3. Though Marcus Ericsson did nearly register back-to-back 500 wins in 2022-23, it's been a couple of years since we've had a defending champion make a serious run at a pole in his victory defense — dating to Alexander Rossi's third-place start in 2017. From pacing Fast Friday on the no-tow charts, as well as the field's first experience at serious pack running in Monday afternoon's two-hour practice.

4. Newgarden's strong week on the oval comes in pursuit of, among other things, a \$440,000 pot from BorgWarner waiting for the next driver to go back-to-back on Memorial Day weekend at IMS. The pool of cash was established in 1995 and grows by \$20,000 every year. Only once (Helio Castroneves, 2001-02) has a driver claimed it. Only five times have drivers won back-to-back 500s — and only once since the early '70s.

5. For just the second time — both in team and race history — Team Penske has swept the front row, something Roger Penske's eponymous team did back in 1988 with a trio of drivers with some eerie similarities to his crew this year. That year, polesitter Rick Mears drove a yellow Pennzoil-sponsored car (like McLaughlin). Danny Sullivan, a one-time winner, started second (like Power), and the defending winner Al Unser Sr. started on the outside of Row 1 (like Newgarden).

6. Good news for Roger Penske: 45 of the previous 107 500s have been won by the front row. Bad news: only three of the last 12 victors have come from there — with Newgarden's charge from 17th a year ago proof that a great race car likely matters more than where you start.

Larson's 'Double' could be race day for the ages

7. Whatever ups and downs he may experience elsewhere on the calendar, with just 1 win in his last 75 IndyCar starts, Alexander Rossi has yet again set himself up to be a contender in May. Of his eight 500 starts, six of those attempts finished in the top-7 — including five in the top-5. In his second-best starting spot to date in 4th, Rossi enters with a clear chip on his shoulder, tired of Team Penske's chirping last week. "There's been a lot of noise from them," Rossi said Sunday, "but also a lot of motivation."

8. For those keyed in on watching Kyle Larson's "Double" attempt and worried if he'll make NASCAR's Coke 600 in time or not, here's the time to keep in mind: 4:15 p.m. That's when the Cup champ's camp says he needs to be 'wheels up' in the helicopter that will take him to Hendrick Motorsports' private plane, which will then fly him to North Carolina. Interestingly, last year's 500, which featured three red flags in the last 20 laps, finished right at 4:15 p.m. That targeted take-off time does include a little wiggle room, and NASCAR displayed a willingness to accommodate Larson for Sunday's All-Star race, moving its start time back 16 minutes when Larson made the Fast 6. Whether they would do that for a points-paying race is unclear.

9. If you're interested in comparing Larson's "Double" attempt results to the four drivers and nine total attempts that have come before him, here's what the Hendrick Motorsports driver will be targeting. Six of those nine previous attempts have led to top-10s in the 500, with 6th-place achieved by Robby Gordon, Tony Stewart and Kurt Busch. As one might imagine, the closing stint of the feat — 600 miles at Charlotte Motor Speedway — has been tougher to excel at. Only twice — Stewart's pair of



Fans watch the action on the track on Monday during practice for the 108th running of the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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attempts in 1999 and 2001 — has a "Double" driver finished all 400 laps of the Coke 600. And only one of those (2001) saw Stewart complete all 200 laps at the 500, too. That year, Stewart finished 6th at IMS and 3rd in Charlotte.

10. One of the more mind-numbing stats from Kyle Larson's attempt at "The Double" on Sunday: Over 1,110 miles at IMS (500) and Charlotte Motor Speedway (600), the Arrow McLaren and Hendrick Motorsports driver will make as many as 2,400 left turns across his roughly seven hours of racing Sunday.

Dark horse contenders to watch

11. In perhaps one of the most overlooked stories of the weekend, Ed Carpenter Racing scrambled in roughly three hours to turn Rinus VeeKay's mangled, wrecked chassis after the young driver's qualifying run into one of the fastest 12 on the grid. Look at where Marcus Ericsson ended up qualifying after crashing on Thursday, and you'll realize just how impressive a feat that is. Though VeeKay breaks his streak of four top-4 starts to start his career, his average starting position of 3.8 is still something to marvel at. His average finish of 17.75? Not so much.

12. As we've seen each of the last two years — where in 2022 he backed out of a potential last-lap pass for the win to preserve his championship position, and a year ago when he arguably made too risky a move too soon down the stretch — Pato O'Ward has yet to prove he has the chops to carve his way properly to a 500 win. If he's in the fight yet again over the closing 20 laps, it will be interesting to see how the young Mexican driver plays his cards.

13. Is this the last time we see two-time winner Takuma Sato racing in the 500? It's seemed a bit touch-and-go the last couple offseasons as to whether the 47-year-old Japanese driver would be back in the cockpit for the Greatest Spectacle in Racing. Without a formal goodbye tour planned as he starts 10th, one would hope Sato be back again in 2025 and as far into the future as he wishes — and that whenever he does hang up his helmet, he can go on his terms and get the resounding round of applause that one of the 20 multi-time winners in this race's history deserves.

14. Colton Herta's qualified better three times (2nd, 5th and 10th) but he may have his best chance to compete for a 500 victory Sunday. Herta's No. 26 Honda was the talk of the paddock following Monday afternoon's two-hour practice that appeared to go seamlessly for the 24-year-old making his sixth 500 start. With even cooler conditions expected on race day, his Gainbridge Honda may feel just that much better.

What's up with Chip Ganassi Racing?

15. Having all made valiant starts to their full-time IndyCar careers with Chip Ganassi Racing — with just one DNF between the trio this year — the true test for Marcus Armstrong (16th), Kyffin Simpson (18th) and Linus Lundqvist (27th) starts Sunday. Whether their fault or not, there's often at least one rookie whose 500 debut ends prematurely after being caught up in the mid-pack carnage.

16. In the weeks after David Malukas' wrist injury, all eyes had been on Callum Ilott as a potential option for Arrow McLaren to pursue as a short-term stand-in and, if needed, longer-term replacement. Where all that stands, after a lackluster debut in 11th at St. Pete, little memorable at Thermal and now the only Arrow McLaren driver to miss the Fast 12, is unclear. Having fought through

a miserable month a year ago with JHR to finish 12th, the young British driver was seen by many as one to watch, now that he had grabbed a ride with a new team. Within the team making the second-most storylines the last week-plus, Ilott seems largely forgotten.

17. After coming away each May from 2020-22 likely feeling like the race had been his to lose, that Scott Dixon is so far removed from the list of top storylines and contenders is almost a story in its own. His 21st starting spot Sunday is the worst in his 22 appearances. His spot on the grid is also fourth best among Chip Ganassi Racing's five cars — only ahead of Linus Lundqvist (27th). Despite a Saturday morning engine change after the team felt the No. 9 was simply low on speed compared to his teammates, Dixon still finished more than a half-mile-an-hour on his four-lap average slower than the first car to miss the Fast 12 (Colton Herta, 13th).

18. With a run of four consecutive races where he led at least one lap, Dixon pulled even with Tony Kanaan for the all-time lead on the most individual races led in the 500's history in 2022 at 15 each. With a chance to edge ahead a year ago, neither led a single lap. Now with Kanaan retired (we think), Dixon need just lead one more lap in his career to take hold of that record.

Indy 500 history on the line

19. By taking the checkered flag on the lead lap last year, Helio Castroneves moved into 2nd all-time in miles run in the 500. He currently sits at 10,995 after passing Al Unser Sr. (10,890) in 2023. With a full race this year and each of the next two after that (through 2026), Castroneves would become the 500's all-time mileage leader — surpassing AJ Foyt's mark of 12,272.5.

20. The seventh row, comprised of Marco Andretti, Scott Dixon and Helio Castroneves, with 62 previous starts in the 500 between them, makes for the second-most experienced row in 500 history, according to @Indy500Trivia on X (formerly Twitter). The only one with more is the famed front row of the 1991 500 that included Rick Mears, AJ Foyt and Mario Andretti (71 starts among them at that time).

21. Ironically, two rows behind that trio that combines for five 500 victories and 10 poles at the Greatest Spectacle in Racing includes just four previous 500 starts between the six (Agustin Canapino, Sting Ray Rob, Christian Rasmussen, Tom Blomqvist, Romain Grosjean and Linus Lundqvist). Canapino's finish of 26th after crashing out a year ago on Lap 192 is the group's highest finish.

22. Despite insistence in some corners of the paddock this month that he had made a decision on his future — either with a formal contract or by creating an exclusive negotiating window — Christian Lundgaard has maintained his options are still wide-open regarding his future in 2025 and beyond. He did say, though, in St. Pete that choosing to stay at RLL or not would hinge in some ways on the team's oval performance he characterized as "the biggest disappointment" during his time there. Qualifying 28th — with two teammates farther back — would seem to be a tough sign, barring a miraculous race day.

23. As has been the case the last couple years, this year's 500 could still see the oldest, or youngest, winner in its history. The records currently are owned by Troy Ruttman (youngest; 22 years, 80 days old for his 1952 win) and Al Unser Sr. (oldest; 47 years, 360 days old for his 1987 win). CGR rookie Kyffin Simpson, who turned 19 in October, has a chance to become the youngest 500 winner

through the 2026 edition. Helio Castroneves, who turned 49 earlier this month, will become the race's oldest winner, should he ever complete his 'Drive for 5.'

24. Having won last year in his 12th 500 appearance, Newgarden fell one race short of tying Sam Hanks' record as the longest start to a race-winner's career before that initial victory finally came. There are several, though, who would blow the doors off Hanks' mark set when he won in 1957, including Graham Rahal (17th start, starting 33rd), Marco Andretti (19th start, starting 19th) and Ed Carpenter (21st start, starting 17th).

25. Should Scott Dixon win Sunday, pulling off a miraculous performance from 21st, the CGR's 16-year gap since his first and only 500 win in 2008 would break Juan Pablo Montoya's record of most years in between wins at IMS (15, 2000-2015).

An Indy 500 for the ages

26. By no means is this a guarantee, but for the first time in recent memory, engine reliability may play a legitimate role in how Sunday's 500 ultimately plays out. By my recollection, Fernando Alonso's engine failure during his 500 debut in 2017 was the last high-profile engine failure in the race — during a year where three Hondas failed — and reliability hasn't been much of a talking point since. Since opening practice of the Sonio Grand Prix, Honda has made seven unplanned engine changes — most of them forced due to failures, rather than precautionary. Chevy's seven plenum events during qualifying, though more frequent at a higher boost level, can't leave that camp without worry either.

27. The 108th 500 signals particularly important anniversaries for a handful of teams and drivers in the field this year, including: 50 years since Johnny Rutherford's win for McLaren; 40 since Rick Mears's second 500 win for Team Penske and first in the "Yellow Submarine"; 30 years since Penske dominated the race with "The Beast"; 20 since what's now Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing won its first with Buddy Rice; and 10 since Ryan Hunter-Reay finally broke through for his first and only 500 win.

28. Perhaps the best stat to properly put into perspective just how cruel this race can be — and how often the "best" car doesn't win this race: over the past four years (starting with the green flag in 2020), Chip Ganassi Racing has led 392 of the 800 laps run over four 500s. Team Penske drivers have led a combined 25 laps. Both organizations have won the same number of 500s over that span.

29. With six of the seven rookies we entered the month with making the field of 33, the 500 will see its 800th (and 801st) drivers to start the race in its 108-year history on Sunday. Last year's class of four rookies left us at 795 heading into 2024.

30. This year's field only narrowly misses setting a couple records that have stood for more than 30 years. Its list of eight former winners (which combine for 12 500 victories) fall just two short of the mark set in 1992. That 1992 edition (along with 1987) set all-time marks for most combined starts from the field with 260. This year's field has 222. This year's field also features seven former Rookies of the Year, short of the nine that raced in 1991 and 2021.

31. With every passing year, it seems increasingly unlikely we'll ever see AJ Foyt's record of 35 500 starts broken — let alone approached. Helio Castroneves holds the active record at 23, with No. 24 coming Sunday. At 49 years old, he'd have to race until he's 61 years old to eclipse his fellow four-time winner's record.

32. Another seemingly untouchable record (at least for many, many years): Scott Dixon has led 665 laps in his 500 career, still seemingly with several more left in him. Helio Castroneves sits second among active drivers at 326. Ryan Hunter-Reay (171), Ed Carpenter (146), Will Power (145) and Marco Andretti (144) follow. The first member of IndyCar's next generation of drivers? Alex Palou (118).

33. In case you've missed the roll-out of the Indy 500 dignitaries this month, here's a quick list of all of them in one place. Baseball Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. will serve as the celebrity pace car driver at the wheel of Chevrolet's Corvette E-Ray. Multiplatinum singer-songwriter Jordin Sparks will sing the national anthem, joined in the pre-race music traditions by "God Bless America" singer Phillip Phillips. "Bikeriders" stars Austin Butler and Jodie Comer will wave the green flag to kickoff the race's 200 laps.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

Gibbs races to the pole for Coca-Cola 600

Reid Spencer
SPECIAL FOR FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

CONCORD, N.C. — Ty Gibbs saved the strongest performance of the day for the money lap in time trials for the Sunday's Coca-Cola 600 (6 p.m. ET on FOX, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

Streking around 1.5-mile Charlotte Motor Speedway in the final round of Saturday's qualifying session for NASCAR's longest race, Gibbs covered the distance in 29.355 seconds (183.955 mph) to claim the first Busch Light Pole Award of his career.

Gibbs edged William Byron (183.580 mph) by 0.060 seconds to become the second youngest Coca-Cola 600 pole winner at 21 years old. Byron was roughly a month younger than Gibbs is now when he won the pole for the Memorial Day weekend race at age 21 in 2019.

"I'm really excited for it," said Gibbs, who a day earlier won the pole for Saturday's BetMGM 300 NASCAR Xfinity Series race. "And hopefully I can go out there and get my first win tomorrow."

"It really helps to start up front in clean air — it's really nice. And having that first pit stall as well is great also."

Two of Gibbs' Joe Gibbs Racing teammates qualified third and fourth, respectively, behind Byron — Christopher Bell (183.461 mph) and Martin Truex Jr. (182.871 mph). Truex had the fastest lap in the opening round at 182.902 mph but couldn't improve in the second round.

Gibbs, on the other hand, cut 0.266 seconds off his first-round time when the pole was at stake.

Larson was fifth fastest in Indy 500 qualifying last Sunday.

Ross Chastain was seventh fastest in Coke 600 qualifying, followed by Tyler Reddick, Michael McDowell (the only Ford to make the final round) and



Ty Gibbs celebrates after winning the pole position on Saturday for Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. LOGAN RIELY/GETTY IMAGES

Larson.

Reddick, however, will not start in the spot he earned. His 23XI Racing team made unapproved adjustments to the underwing of the No. 45 Toyota after

passing pre-race inspection.

NASCAR penalized the team with the ejection of car chief Michael Hobson, loss of pit selection and a pass-through penalty after starting from the rear of

the field on Sunday.

Reddick still had to qualify so as not to have a tire advantage in the race. All cars must start the event on their scuffed qualifying tires.

FORMULA 1

Leclerc ends Verstappen's run with pole for Monaco

Alan Baldwin
REUTERS

MONACO - Ferrari's Charles Leclerc ended Max Verstappen's record-equaling run of Formula One pole positions in style on Saturday and made himself favorite to become the first home winner of the Monaco Grand Prix since 1931.

The pole on a sunny afternoon was Leclerc's third in Monaco and 24th of his career, but he has yet to stand on the podium in front of his home crowd.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri will start alongside the 26-year-old on the front row after lapping 0.154 seconds slower around the harbourside street circuit.

"We need to put everything together for Sunday's race," said Leclerc, who can become the first Monegasque to win since Louis Chiron drove a Bugatti to victory in the early years of an event that now stands for glamour and history. "In the past here we didn't manage to do so, but we are in a stronger position and we are a stronger team. I'm sure we can achieve great things tomorrow and the win is the target."

Leclerc took pole in Monaco in 2021, but did not start the race due to a drive-shaft failure, and 2022 when he ended up fourth.

Red Bull's triple world champion Verstappen, who was chasing an unprecedented ninth successive pole and eighth in a row for the season, will line up only sixth.

"I've hit the wall," the championship leader, who has won five of seven races so far this year and is 48 points clear of Leclerc, exclaimed over the team radio.

Verstappen had been third fastest after the initial round of fast laps in the final top 10 shootout, with Leclerc setting a time of one minute 10.418 seconds and Piastri 1:10.444.

Leclerc shrugged off the pressure to improve his time with a final effort of 1:10.270, while Piastri also shaved 0.020 of a second off his previous best.

Disappointed

Verstappen, wrestling with his car since Friday practice, threw everything at it but his first corner mistake effectively cost him three places on a circuit where overtaking is very difficult and races are often processional.

"I'm not disappointed with the posi-



Ferrari's Charles Leclerc poses Saturday after winning the pole position for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix. ANDREJ ISAKOVIC/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

tion, I'm disappointed with our performance," he told Sky Sports television.

"It's not come as a surprise to me because I knew our limitations coming into this weekend. It's been bad. I can't take any curbs."

"In the middle sector, I'm driving around the curbs. It feels like I'm driving a go-kart, with no suspension and no damping."

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz qualified third, but faced an investigation for alleged impeding Williams' Alex Albon in the opening session.

The Spaniard said the priority for Sunday's race would be to help Leclerc win, while McLaren's Lando Norris was fourth.

Mercedes' George Russell will share the third row with Verstappen.

Seven-times world champion Lewis Hamilton secured seventh place, a disappointment after the Briton's strong showing in practice, with RB's Yuki Tsunoda eighth.

"The team have worked really hard back at the factory to bring an upgrade to the last two races and also an upgrade this weekend but we only have one, which George has," said Hamilton.

"I anticipated it would be difficult to outqualify George because he has the upgraded component but it's great to see we are bringing upgrades."

Albon qualified ninth for Williams and Pierre Gasly a morale-boosting 10th for struggling Renault-owned Alpine.

NASCAR XFINITY SERIES



Chase Elliott celebrates in victory lane after winning the BetMGM 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday. JIM DEDMON/USA TODAY SPORTS

Crew chief's call pays off for Elliott at Charlotte

Reid Spencer
SPECIAL TO FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

CONCORD, N.C. — With a masterpiece of strategy and modicum of good fortune, Chase Elliott won Saturday's BetMGM 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in his first NASCAR Xfinity Series start of the season.

Saving a set of new tires for the final run in the 200-lap event at the 1.5-mile track, Elliott grabbed the lead after a Lap 183 restart and held it the rest of the way.

Driving a No. 17 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet with a paint scheme reminiscent of the signature look of the late Ricky Hendrick's car, Elliott crossed the finish line 0.500 ahead of Brandon Jones, who recovered from early brake problems to finish second after pressing Elliott in the closing laps.

The victory was Elliott's first at Charlotte and the sixth of his career. Jones finished ahead of two of his JR Motorsports teammates, Sammy Smith and Sam Mayer, in third and fourth, respectively.

Elliott started 30th after a lackluster qualifying effort.

After Riley Herbst crashed hard on the backstretch to cause the first of eight cautions, Elliott, Jesse Love, Anthony Alfredo and Kyle Sieg stayed on the track on old tires, saving a set of

stickers for later in the race.

That call by crew chief Greg Ives proved to be the winning move. Though Elliott pitted on Lap 48 and fell to 26th in the running order for a restart on Lap 53, he regained the lost track position on new tires and was a factor near the front the rest of the way.

An opportune caution on Lap 169 gave Elliott the chance to make full use of his final set of new tires.

"Greg made a good call, and I think ultimately that's what won us the race," Elliott said. "I felt like I needed a little bit with my balance to make as much pace as the 7 (Justin Allgaier) and a couple of those guys."

"Hats off to everybody at Hendrick Motorsports. Super special to win with the 17 on the car for the boss (Rick Hendrick) and (wife) Linda."

One by one, other contenders for the win fell by the wayside. Allgaier won the first two stages in perhaps the fastest car in the race, but he was penalized for speeding on pit road during the Stage 2 break.

Allgaier's race came to an end when he and pole winner Ty Gibbs crashed off Turn 4 after a restart on Lap 176. Reigning series champion Cole Custer and current Xfinity Series leader Austin Hill wrecked on the backstretch on Lap 184 after door-to-door contact a half-lap earlier.

GRAYSON MURRAY
1993-2024

PGA golfer withdrew from Schwab on Friday

REUTERS

PGA Tour member Grayson Murray died at age 30, commissioner Jay Monahan announced Saturday, one day after Murray withdrew from the Charles Schwab Challenge at Fort Worth, Texas.



Murray

No cause of death was given.

Murray withdrew late in Friday's second round citing illness.

"We were devastated to learn — and are heartbroken to share — that PGA TOUR player Grayson Murray passed away this morning. I am at a loss for words," Monahan said in a statement Saturday. "The PGA Tour is a family, and when you lose a member of your family, you are never the same. We mourn Grayson and pray for comfort for his loved ones."

Monahan said he reached out to Murray's family to offer condolences and his parents requested that this weekend's tournament continue as scheduled.

"The PGA Tour has grief counselors available at both tournament sites, as well as virtually for those not in the field," Monahan said. "I am en route to Ft. Worth and will share more information when we can."

Murray shot a 68 in Thursday's opening round at Colonial Country Club. He played 16 holes Friday before he withdrew.

Murray won this year's Sony Open in January at Honolulu. It was his second career victory after coming out on top at the Barbasol Championship in 2017 at Nicholasville, Ky.

In 2021, Murray revealed on social media that he was receiving treatment for alcoholism. He was also open about his mental health struggles after winning in January.

PGA TOUR CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE

Riley up by 4 entering final day

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Davis Riley has contended on the PGA Tour, but he has never won an individual event on the circuit.

He'll try to change that Sunday by taking a four-shot lead into the final round of the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas.

"Having a couple close calls in individual events, you draw back on stuff like that," Riley said.

He shot a 4-under 66 on Saturday, moving to 14-under 196 for the tournament.

Riley will be pursued by Scottie Scheffler, who moved into second place with his bogey-free 63 in the third round. He birdied three of the last four holes in what marked a return to form following the chaotic off-course drama from a week earlier at the PGA Championship in Louisville, Ky.

"I've known Scottie for a long time and played a lot of junior golf with him, college golf, and he obviously is playing some really good golf right now," Riley said. "So he's going to come out swinging, but I'm looking forward to the challenge and it will be a fun day competing out there."

There was a stunning tone around the third round, when the announcement came that PGA Tour player Grayson Murray had died at age 30.

"I got to know Grayson a bit better over the last six months or so," Scheffler said. "Really, there's not really a way to put into words how sad and tragic it is, but I'm thinking about his family."

Murray shot 68 in the tournament's first round and then withdrew late in the second round. Murray was from Raleigh, N.C., and had won this year's Sony Open in Hawaii.

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Riley, who led after the second



Davis Riley chips on to the 11th green during the third round of the Charles Schwab Challenge on Saturday in Fort Worth, Texas. ANDREW DIEB/USA TODAY

round at 10 under following Friday's bogey-free 64, went eight more holes without a bogey Saturday. Maintaining that level of player for another round will be the goal.

"Just trying to improve on the times I had before, maybe I could have handled a certain situation better here or there," Riley said. "But also telling yourself that you can handle the situation and believing in yourself. That's what I'm just trying to do and just trying to have fun with it."

Riley's only PGA Tour victory came in the 2023 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, a team event with Nick Hardy as his partner.

Scheffler's third-round score was three shots better than any other golfer and it was his lowest score of the season on the PGA Tour.

"I didn't obviously know what the leaders were going to do, but just tried to do my best to not look too far ahead and continue to go out there and execute and try and give myself as many looks as possible," Scheffler said.

Hayden Buckley (69) and Pierceson

Coody (69) share third place at 9 under.

"I'm trying to stay kind of in a process mindset with everything and just build because I know I have still a lot of events left and an opportunity to go win the tournament is a great feeling," Coody said.

Buckley missed the cut in the tournament in his previous two appearances, so he senses an upswing.

"I've given myself opportunities and the irons are much improved," he said. "I've really improved my iron game. It's a lot of placement and I think I've done a really good job."

Robby Shelton's 67 moved him to 8 under so he'll also be in pursuit of the \$1.638 million winner's prize. Tony Finau (68) is sixth at 7 under.

Riley, who missed seven of 14 cuts entering the tournament, stretched his lead to five shots on Coody through eight holes with birdies on five holes in the round to that point. Even after a bogey on No. 9, his lead was at six strokes.

After a bogey on the 10th hole, Riley was steady the rest of the way by going 1 under for the final eight holes.

SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP



Greg Chalmers plays his tee shot on the 15th hole during the third round of the Senior PGA Championship on Saturday. PATRICK MCDERMOTT/GETTY IMAGES

Chalmers, Els move into lead at Harbor Shores

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Greg Chalmers fired a 5-under 66 on Saturday and shares the lead with Ernie Els after three rounds of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Chalmers and Els, who carded a 69, are at 10-under 203 entering the final round at Harbor Shores Resort. Richard Bland (74 on Saturday) and Chris DiMarco (71) are tied for third and Richard Green (70) is two shots back in fifth.

Chalmers, from Australia, registered five of his seven birdies on the front nine and also had two bogeys during his third straight sub-70 round at the major tournament.

Chalmers, 50, is enjoying being in contention. This is his fifth Champions Tour start, and his lone PGA title in 485 career starts came in 2016 at the Barracuda Championship.

"This is the great thing about sort of Champions Tour golf," Chalmers said. "It feels like you're part of a big event, which you are."

"So I've been looking forward to this opportunity. I need the challenge. I'm looking forward to see how I do

tomorrow and how I play. See if I can embrace it with both hands and play some good golf."

Els is looking for his fourth Champions title and his first since winning the Hoag Classic 14 months ago.

The South African had six birdies and four bogeys during his Saturday round.

Els won four major titles on the PGA Tour but hasn't been the same of type of force since joining the Champions Tour in 2020.

"These guys are good, man," Els said. "I haven't really fired on all my cylinders. I've been missing a couple either in the putting or driving or something, you know."

"I'm trying to put all the pieces together. I didn't have a great time from 45 to 50, playing on the regular Tour, so to kind of piece it back together has taken a bit longer. I've played really decent golf on the Champions Tour but haven't had the wins that I've been aiming for."

Bland was the second-round leader after opening with 64 and 66 but he struggled mightily on Saturday. This event is his first on the Champions Tour.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Keys beats Collins to claim Strasbourg title

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Fourth-seeded Madison Keys delivered 22 winners while roaring past third-seeded Danielle Collins 6-1, 6-2 on Saturday to win the Internationaux de Strasbourg championship in an All-American final in France.

Keys controlled the match from the outset while notching her eighth career title. She won 67.9 percent of her first-serve points during the 72-minute match compared to just 48.7 percent for Collins.

It was just the third loss in the past 25 matches for Collins, who won titles at Miami and Charleston earlier this season. Despite the setback, Collins will enter the top 10 when the updated WTA rankings are released on Monday.

"I feel amazing," Keys said afterward. "I went into today knowing that I was going to have to play some really good tennis in order to beat Danielle. She's been playing absolutely incredible the last couple of months, and she's always a really tough opponent."

Keys improved to 2-1 all-time against Collins.

La Princesse Lalla Meryem

American Peyton Stearns recorded her first career title by cruising to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Egypt's Mayar Sherif in Rabat, Morocco.

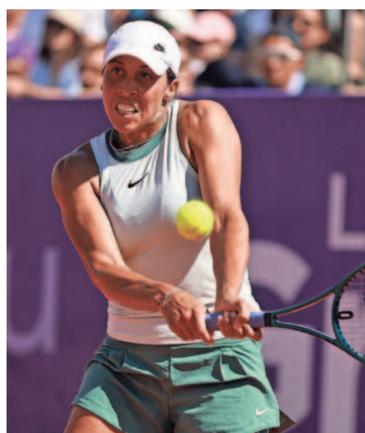
Stearns saved all four of Sherif's break-point opportunities and converted all four of her own in the 72-minute victory.

Sherif, who was looking for her second career title, won just 51.6 percent of her first-serve points.

Geneva Open

Second-seeded Casper Ruud recorded a pair of victories to capture his third Gonet Geneva Open title in four years in Switzerland.

Ruud advanced to the final with a 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4) win over Italian Flavio Cobolli to complete a match delayed on Friday because of heavy rain. The 25-year-old Norwegian returned less than



Madison Keys plays a shot against Danielle Collins in the women's final at the Internationaux de Strasbourg on Saturday. JOHANNES SIMON/GETTY IMAGES

three hours later to capture his 12th ATP Tour trophy, courtesy of a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Tomas Machac of the Czech Republic.

Ruud overcame a deficit by winning the final three games in the first set versus Machac. He kept control in the second and benefited from three Machac double faults to end the match in one hour, 47 minutes.

"It was a challenging week," Ruud said. "All the matches are tough, no matter who you play. Tough to find a groove, the weather has been a bit challenging all week but today was fantastic. I feel very happy to win again here in Geneva. It's been a very good season so far."

Open Parc

Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard won his maiden ATP Tour title in his home country with a 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (4) victory over sixth-seeded Tomas Martin Etcheverry in the final at Lyon, France.

Mpetshi Perricard, a 20-year-old wild card, was on the brink of defeat at the hands of the Argentine in the deciding tiebreak before capturing the match in two hours, 29 minutes.

SOCCER

MLS ROUNDUP

Santos' goal lifts Cincinnati past Toronto

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Sergio Santos scored in the 93rd minute as visiting FC Cincinnati rallied to win its club-record seventh MLS match in a row, 4-3, at Toronto FC on Saturday night.

Luca Orellano had a brace and Kevin Kelsy also scored for FC Cincinnati (10-2-3, 33 points) which moved into first place in the Eastern Conference with the win. Roman Celentano finished with two saves for the defending Supporters' Shield winners, who improved to an MLS best 6-1-1 on the road.

Lorenzo Insigne and Deybi Flores scored for Toronto FC (7-7-1, 22 points) which also picked up on an own-goal by Cincinnati defender Ian Murphy. Sean Johnson finished with two saves.

Santos, who also had an assist, picked up a drop-pass from Yamil Asad at the left edge of the 6-yard box and then hammered a left-footed shot past Johnson and into the far right corner for the game-winner and his second goal of the season.

Seattle 2, St. Louis 1

Jordan Morris scored three minutes after his team took the lead through a second-half own goal and the Sounders preserved a victory at St. Louis City.

Albert Rusnak assisted on Morris' third goal of the season and was also involved on the opening tally, ultimately credited to St. Louis defender Kyle Heibert.

The win made Seattle (4-6-5, 17 points) the first team to win two regular-season fixtures in St. Louis, after earning a 2-0 victory in City's 2023 expansion season.

LA Galaxy 2, Houston 1

Riqui Puig broke a tie in the second half to lift the LA Galaxy to a win against the Dynamo in Carson, Calif.

Puig put the Galaxy ahead 2-1 in the 59th minute. Gabriel Pec sent a pass through the legs of Houston midfielder Hector Herrera, and it found Puig at the top of the box. Puig then quickly buried a shot into the right side of the net.

LA (6-2-7, 25 points) picked up its first win since April 21, snapping a five-match winless streak (0-1-4).

Portland 2, Kansas City 1

Evander and Felipe Mora each had a goal and an assist as the Timbers defeated visiting Sporting Kansas City.

Portland goalkeeper Maxime Crepeau made a diving save on a header by Johnny Russell late in second-half stoppage time as the Timbers (4-7-4, 16 points) snapped their record Major League Soccer streak of conceding two or more goals in 10 consecutive matches. That was Crepeau's lone save.

Memo Rodriguez scored for Kansas City (2-7-5, 11 points), which is winless in its past eight league outings (0-6-2).

Inter Miami 2, Vancouver 1

Robert Taylor scored his third goal of



FC Cincinnati forward Sergio Santos celebrates after scoring a goal against Toronto FC on Saturday in Toronto. DAN HAMILTON/USA TODAY SPORTS

the season and first since early March, and also had an assist to help Inter Miami to a victory over the host Whitecaps despite the absence of Lionel Messi and other stars.

Leonardo Campana added his fourth goal and second in as many matches off Taylor's feed in what eventually proved the winner. Miami has not lost in 10 straight regular-season matches.

Messi was left in Florida along with his fellow former FC Barcelona teammates Luis Suarez and Sergio Busquets as planned rest.

The match was the first of three for Miami (10-2-4, 34 points) in eight days, with the latter two at home after the trip to face the Whitecaps.

Columbus 2, Orlando 0

Diego Rossi's brace led the Crew over host Orlando City for their third straight victory, all on the road.

Rossi, with goals in the first minute of first-half stoppage time and the 61st minute, became the first Crew player to score in three consecutive road matches in a single season since Gyasi Zardes in 2019.

The Crew (6-2-6, 24 points) have won three consecutive road matches for the first time since 2015.

LAFC 1, Atlanta 0

Mateusz Bogusz took advantage of a red card and scored in the 63rd minute to send Los Angeles FC to a victory over host Atlanta United.

Atlanta goalkeeper Brad Guzan was sent off after fouling Bogusz, and Bogusz made the hosts pay on the ensuing free kick, putting a high shot in the center of the back of the net to pick up his

fifth goal of the season.

Atlanta United (3-7-4, 13 points) followed with a frenzy of shots to try and draw even, but three missed the mark, and the other, a strike by Saba Lobjanidze, was saved by Hugo Lloris in the 69th minute.

NYCFC 1, New England 0

Keaton Parks scored on a header in the 81st minute and surging New York City FC extended their winning streak to four matches with a victory over the Revolution in Foxborough, Mass.

NYCFC (8-5-2, 26 points) improved to 8-2-2 since a season-opening three-match losing streak. New York is 7-1-0 in its past eight matches, beating New England twice during that span.

Justin Haak moved the ball to Malachi Jones, and Jones was given plenty of room by a New England defender to send a booming pass through traffic.

Real Salt Lake 3, Dallas 3

Nelson Palacio scored eight minutes into second-half stoppage time to lift visiting Real Salt Lake to a wild, come-from-behind draw with FC Dallas in a Western Conference clash in Frisco, Texas.

Palacio's dramatic goal – his first in MLS – was assisted by Cristian Arango and allowed RSL (8-2-5, 29 points) to split the points and extend their unbeaten streak to 11 games. Real Salt Lake have not lost since March 9.

The tying tally was the third over the final 40 minutes of the game for RSL after homestand Dallas built a 3-0 lead. Asier Illarramendi, Patrickson Delgado and Paul Arriola scored for Dallas (3-6-4, 13 points), the latter two coming in a

two-minute stretch early in the second half, but the visitors roared back.

Colorado 3, Minnesota 3

The Rapids erased a 3-1, first-half deficit to emerge with a draw against Minnesota United in Commerce City, Colo.

Kevin Cabral recorded a brace and Rafael Navarro had the other goal for Colorado (6-5-4, 22 points), which picked up at least one point for the seventh time in 10 matches.

Sang Bin Jeong notched a first-half brace and Tanitoluwa Oluwaseyi added a goal and an assist for Minnesota (7-2-4, 25 points). With the tie, the Loons extended their unbeaten streak to six matches (4-0-2).

Chicago 1, D.C. United 1

D.C. United and the visiting Fire halted losing streaks as they played to a draw.

A rare goal from D.C. United's Christopher McVey in the 20th minute – just the third of his professional career – was canceled out by a Kellyn Acosta equalizer in the 53rd minute as D.C. (4-5-6, 18 points) snapped their two-match losing streak but failed to capture a win for a third straight outing.

The Fire, despite seeing their winless skid reach eight, ended their four-match losing streak.

Austin 1, San Jose 1

Jeremy Ebobisse scored early for the Earthquakes and Brendan Hines-Ike later tallied the equalizer for Austin FC as the two clubs played to a tie in San Jose.

It marked the sixth time in nine all-time meetings that San Jose and Austin played to a tie. The Earthquakes have won two of the other three meetings.

Austin (6-4-5, 23 points) is 4-1-2 over its past seven MLS matches.

Philadelphia 0, Charlotte 0

Charlotte FC goalkeeper Kristijan Kahlina extended his scoreless streak against the high-powered Union, which built its unbeaten road streak in a draw.

Charlotte (6-5-4, 22 points) has allowed only 13 goals this season.

Philadelphia (4-4-6, 18 points) has an eight-match road unbeaten streak (3-0-5).

Montreal 0, Nashville 0

Jonathan Sirois made four saves for his third clean sheet this season and first this season at home, and CF Montreal halted a four-match losing streak with a draw against visiting Nashville SC.

Jules Anthony Vilsaint came closest to scoring for Montreal (3-7-4, 13 points), which is winless in its last seven games.

But the defense was a major improvement for a side that entered the match having conceded an Eastern Conference-worst 31 goals.

NWSL ROUNDUP

Emma Sears lifts Racing Louisville past Red Stars

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Emma Sears scored in the first half and Racing Louisville made it hold up while posting a 1-0 victory over the Chicago Red Stars on Saturday night at Bridgeview, Ill.

Katie Lund made five saves while recording her third shutout of the season for Racing Louisville (2-2-6, 12 points). The victory was the first for Louisville since a 5-1 win over the Utah Royals on April 20.

The Red Stars (5-5-1, 16 points) lost their second straight match.

Chicago had a chance to tie the score in the 83rd minute but Lund stopped Penelope Hocking's close-range right-footed shot.

Mackenzie Wood had three stops for the Red Stars. Wood is filling in for injured Alyssa Naeher, who missed her second straight game due to a thigh injury.

Louisville had a 21-13 edge in shots. Sears gave Louisville the lead in the 26th minute.

Kansas City 1, Utah 0

Elizabeth Ball's second-half goal helped the Current pull away from the Royals in Sandy, Utah.

The Current (7-0-4, 25 points) remained unbeaten and claimed their third road victory.

Kansas City earned a clean sheet for the third time in four matches while finishing with a 24-4 advantage in total shots.

The Royals (1-9-1, 4 points) lost their fifth consecutive match and are winless in nine straight contests. Utah was also held scoreless for the sixth time this season.

Ball broke a scoreless tie in the 58th minute with a sliding left-footer that curled inside the near post. Claire Hutton kept possession following a corner kick alive by flicking the ball ahead to Ball who beat her defender to set up an easy goal.

Kansas City pressed the attack early and it led to a flurry of first-half scoring chances for the Current.



Racing Louisville FC forward Emma Sears, right, celebrates a goal against the Chicago Red Stars on Saturday in Bridgeview, Ill. DANIEL BARTEL/USA TODAY SPORTS

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MLB

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees	37	17	.685	-
Baltimore	32	18	.640	3
Boston	26	26	.500	10
Tampa Bay	25	28	.472	11½
Toronto	23	28	.451	12½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	17	.673	-
Kansas City	34	19	.642	1½
Minnesota	28	23	.549	6½
Detroit	25	27	.481	10
Chicago	15	38	.283	20½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	27	26	.509	-
Texas	24	29	.453	3
Houston	23	29	.442	3½
Oakland	22	32	.407	5½
L.A. Angels	20	32	.385	6½

National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	38	15	.717	-
Atlanta	29	20	.592	7
Washington	23	27	.460	13½
N.Y. Mets	21	30	.412	16
Miami	18	35	.340	20
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	30	21	.588	-
Chicago	27	25	.519	3½
St. Louis	24	26	.480	5½
Pittsburgh	25	28	.472	6
Cincinnati	22	30	.423	8½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	33	21	.611	-
San Francisco	27	26	.509	5½
San Diego	27	28	.491	6½
Arizona	25	27	.481	7
Colorado	17	34	.333	14½

Friday's Scores

Detroit 6, Toronto 2
Pittsburgh 11, Atlanta 5
Washington 6, Seattle 1
Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 1
Cincinnati 9, L.A. Dodgers 6
Milwaukee 7, Boston 2
Minnesota 3, Texas 2
San Francisco 8, N.Y. Mets 7
Baltimore 6, Chicago 4
Chicago at St. Louis, PPD Rain
Colorado 3, Philadelphia 2
Cleveland 10, L.A. Angels 4
Miami 3, Arizona 0
Houston 6, Oakland 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, San Diego 0

Saturday's Scores

Detroit 2, Toronto 1
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 2
Baltimore 5, Chicago 3
Minnesota 5, Texas 3
Washington 3, Seattle 1
Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 1
Oakland 3, Houston 1
Milwaukee 6, Boston 3
Kansas City 7, Tampa Bay 4
Cincinnati 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
St. Louis 7, Chicago 6
Philadelphia 8, Colorado 4
Cleveland 4, L.A. Angels 3
N.Y. Yankees 4, San Diego 1
Arizona 3, Miami 2

Sunday's Games

Toronto (Kikuchi 2-4) at Detroit (Mize 1-3), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (TBD) at Boston (Houck 4-5), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Woo 2-0) at Washington (Parker 3-2), 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Sale 7-1) at Pittsburgh (Perez 1-3), 1:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Yamamoto 5-1) at Cincinnati (Abbott 3-4), 1:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Wacha 4-4) at Tampa Bay (Bradley 1-2), 1:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 4-4) at N.Y. Mets (Baneva 3-1), 1:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Bradish 0-0) at Chicago (Crochet 5-4), 2:10 p.m.
Texas (Gray 2-2) at Minnesota (Lopez 4-4), 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Suarez 9-0) at Colorado (Quattrill 3-3), 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Lively 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Detmers 3-4), 4:07 p.m.
Houston (Blanco 4-0) at Oakland (TBD), 4:07 p.m.
Miami (Weathers 2-4) at Arizona (TBD), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 5-2) at San Diego (Musgrove 3-4), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago (Assad 4-0) at St. Louis (Gray 6-2), 7:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

Boston (Criswell 2-1) at Baltimore (Means 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Bassitt 3-6) at Chicago (Nastrini 0-2), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Marsh 4-1) at Minnesota (Ryan 3-5), 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 1-2) at Cincinnati (Martinez 1-2), 4:10 p.m.
Washington (Corbin 1-5) at Atlanta (Morton 3-1), 4:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Curry 0-0) at Colorado (Gomber 1-2), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago (Steele 0-1) at Milwaukee (Gasser 2-0), 4:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Stone 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (Megill 0-2), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Walker 3-0) at San Francisco (Snell 0-3), 5:05 p.m.
Miami (Rogers 1-6) at San Diego (King 3-4), 6:40 p.m.
Houston (Valdez 3-2) at Seattle (Miller 3-4), 9:40 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Boston (Bello 5-2) at Baltimore (Rodriguez 4-1), 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Gibson 3-2) at Cincinnati (Montas 2-3), 6:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Jones 3-4) at Detroit (Skubal 6-1), 6:40 p.m.
Oakland (Spence 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Littell 2-2), 6:50 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Glasnow 6-3) at N.Y. Mets (Houser 0-4), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Irvin 2-5) at Atlanta (Fried 4-2), 7:20 p.m.
Toronto (Gausman 2-3) at Chicago (Clevinger 0-2), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Wesneski 2-2) at Milwaukee (Peralta 3-3), 7:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Ragans 4-3) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Pfaadt 2-3) at Texas (Dunning 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (McKenzie 2-3) at Colorado (Feltner 1-4), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 3-4) at L.A. Angels (Canning 2-4), 9:38 p.m.
Houston (Javier 3-1) at Seattle (Castillo 4-5), 9:40 p.m.
Miami (Luzardo 2-3) at San Diego (Waldron 2-5), 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wheeler 5-3) at San Francisco (Black 0-1), 9:45 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

St. Louis (TBD) at Cincinnati (Montas 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Skenes 1-0) at Detroit (Flaherty 1-4), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Nelson 3-3) at Texas (Heaney 0-6), 2:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Sanchez 2-3) at San Francisco (Harrison 4-1), 3:45 p.m.
Miami (Garrett 1-0) at San Diego (Darvish 4-2), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Paxton 5-0) at N.Y. Mets (Quintana 1-4), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Crawford 2-3) at Baltimore (Burnes 4-2), 6:35 p.m.
Oakland (Estes 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Pepiot 3-2), 6:50 p.m.
Washington (Gore 3-4) at Atlanta (TBD), 7:20 p.m.
Toronto (Manoah 1-2) at Chicago (Flexen 2-4), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Imanaga 5-0) at Milwaukee (TBD) 7:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Lugo 8-1) at Minnesota (Ober 5-2), 7:40 p.m.
Cleveland (Allen 6-2) at Colorado (TBD), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gil 6-1) at L.A. Angels (Anderson 5-4), 9:38 p.m.
Houston (Verlander 3-2) at Seattle (Kirby 4-5), 9:40 p.m.

Leaders

American League

Batting Average - Perez, Kansas City .330; Pena, Houston .320; Soto, New York .315; Paredes, Tampa Bay .307; Witt Jr., Kansas City .305; Rutschman, Baltimore .303; Altuve, Houston .298; Guerrero Jr., Toronto .288; Tucker, Houston .286; Rooster, Oakland .285.
Home Runs - Tucker, Houston 17; Henderson, Baltimore 17; Judge, New York 16; Ramirez, Cleveland 14; Soto, New York 14; Stanton, New York 13; Naylor, Cleveland 13; Garcia, Texas 12; O'Neill, Boston 11; Rooker, Oakland 11.
RBI - Ramirez, Cleveland 49; Soto, New York 43; Perez, Kansas City 39; Henderson, Baltimore 37; Judge, New York 37; Tucker, Houston 36; Garcia, Texas 36; Naylor, Cleveland 35; Semien, Texas 34; Witt Jr., Kansas City 34.
Stolen Bases - Caballero, Tampa Bay 18; Witt Jr., Kansas City 16; Garcia, Kansas City 13; Renfijo, Los Angeles 12; Blanco, Kansas City 11; Duran, Boston 11; Mullins, Baltimore 10; Volpe, New York 10; Mateo, Baltimore 9; Tucker, Houston 9.
Wins - Lugo, Kansas City 174; Houck, Cleveland 6; Skubal, Detroit 6; Rodon, New York 6; Gil, New York 6; Anderson, Los Angeles 5; Berrios, Toronto 5; Ober, Minnesota 5; Schmidt, New York 5; Crochet, Chicago 5.
ERA - Lugo, Kansas City 1.74; Houck, Boston 1.94; Gil, New York 2.11; Gray, Texas 2.21; Skubal, Detroit 2.25; Anderson, Los Angeles 2.52; Schmidt, New York 2.59; Burnes, Baltimore 2.60; Kikuchi, Toronto 2.64; Singer, Kansas City 2.70.
Strikeouts - Flaherty, Detroit 81; Ragans, Kansas City 76; Crochet, Chicago 74; Skubal, Detroit 72; Gil, New York 70; Castillo, Seattle 69; Burnes, Baltimore 66; Ryan, Minnesota 64; Lopez, Minnesota 63; Cortes, New York 63.
Saves - Clase, Cleveland 15; Holmes, New York 14; Kimbrel, Baltimore 11; Foley, Detroit 11; McArthur, Kansas City 11; Munoz, Seattle 10; Miller, Oakland 9; Jansen, Boston 8; Yates, Texas 7; Estevez, Los Angeles 7.

National League

Batting Average - Ohtani, Los Angeles .340; Betts, Los Angeles .338; Contreras, Milwaukee .337; Arraez, San Diego .335; Profar, San Diego .331; Wade Jr., San Francisco .328; Ozuna, Atlanta .318; Bohm, Philadelphia .314; Diaz, Colorado .311; Turang, Milwaukee .302.
Home Runs - Ozuna, Atlanta 15; Ohtani, Los Angeles 13; Harper, Philadelphia 12; Hernandez, Los Angeles 12; Alonso, New York 12; Walker, Arizona 10; Marte, Arizona 10; Muncy, Los Angeles 9; Schwarber, Philadelphia 9; McMahon, Colorado 9.
RBI - Ozuna, Atlanta 47; Bohm, Philadelphia 46; Contreras, Milwaukee 42; Hernandez, Los Angeles 38; Harper, Philadelphia 37; Ohtani, Los Angeles 35; Cronenworth, San Diego 34; Steer, Cincinnati 34; Smith, Los Angeles 33; Morel, Chicago 33.
Stolen Bases - De La Cruz, Cincinnati 31; Turang, Milwaukee 18; Acuna Jr., Atlanta 15; Young, Washington 15; Stott, Philadelphia 13; Ohtani, Los Angeles 13; Kim, San Diego 13; Thomas, Washington 11; Steer, Cincinnati 11; Turner, Philadelphia 10.
Wins - Suarez, Philadelphia 9; Sale, Atlanta 7; Gray, St. Louis 6; Wheeler, Philadelphia 6; Glasnow, Los Angeles 6; Nola, Philadelphia 6; Paxton, Los Angeles 5; Minter, Atlanta 5; Keller, Pittsburgh 5; Cease, San Diego 5.
ERA - Imanaga, Chicago 0.84; Suarez, Philadelphia 1.36; Assad, Chicago 1.70; Sale, Atlanta 2.22; Hicks, San Francisco 2.38; Wheeler, Philadelphia 2.53; Abbott, Cincinnati 2.68; Gomber, Colorado 2.76; Webb, San Francisco 3.03; Gore, Washington 3.04.
Strikeouts - Glasnow, Los Angeles 87; Wheeler, Philadelphia 76; Cease, San Diego 73; Peralta, Milwaukee 71; Sale, Atlanta 70; Suarez, Philadelphia 68; Jones, Pittsburgh 68; King, San Diego 67; Greene, Cincinnati 66; Gore, Washington 62.
Saves - Helsley, St. Louis 15; Suarez, San Diego 14; Fimegan, Washington 13; Iglesias, Atlanta 12; Bednar, Pittsburgh 10; Alvarado, Philadelphia 9; Doval, San Francisco 9; Phillips, Los Angeles 8; Diaz, Cincinnati 8; Megill, Milwaukee 7.

NBA

Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
No. 1 Boston Celtics 3, vs. No. 6 Indiana Pacers 0
Tuesday: Celtics 133, Pacers 128 (OT)
Thursday: Celtics 126, Pacers 110
Saturday: Celtics 114, Pacers 111
Monday: Celtics at Pacers, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday: Pacers at Celtics, 8 p.m.
x-Friday: Celtics at Pacers, 8 p.m.
x-June 2: Pacers at Celtics, 8 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
No. 5 Dallas Mavericks 2, vs. No. 3 Minnesota Timberwolves 0
Wednesday: Mavericks 108,

Timberwolves 105
Friday: Mavericks 109, Timberwolves 108
Sunday: Timberwolves at Mavericks, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Timberwolves at Mavericks, 8:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: Mavericks at Timberwolves, 8:30 p.m.
x-June 1: Timberwolves at Mavericks, 8:30 p.m.
x-June 3: Mavericks at Timberwolves, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Florida Panthers 1, New York Rangers 1
Wednesday: Panthers 3, Rangers 0
Friday: Rangers 2, Panthers 1 (OT)
Sunday: Rangers at Panthers, 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Rangers at Panthers, 8 p.m.
Thursday: Panthers at Rangers, 8 p.m.
x-June 1: Rangers at Panthers, 8 p.m.
x-June 3: Panthers at Rangers, 8 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Edmonton Oilers 1, Dallas Stars 1
Thursday: Oilers 3, Stars 2 (OT)
Saturday: Stars at Oilers, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Stars at Oilers, 8:30 p.m.
Friday: Oilers at Stars, TBD
x-June 2: Stars at Oilers, TBD
x-June 4: Oilers at Stars, TBD

MLS

Eastern Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	10	2	4	34	38	21
Cincinnati	10	2	3	33	23	14
NY City FC	8	5	2	26	19	16
Columbus	6	2	6	24	21	13
NY Red Bulls	6	3	5	23	25	21
Toronto FC	7	7	2	22	24	24
Charlotte FC	6	4	3	22	14	13
Philadelphia	4	4	6	18	25	21
D.C. United	4	5	6	18	21	25
Orlando City	4	6	4	16	15	22
Nashville	3	4	7	16	17	20
Atlanta	3	7	4	13	17	17
CF Montreal	3	7	4	13	17	31
Chicago	2	8	5	11	14	27
New England	2	10	1	7	9	26

Western Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	8	2	5	29	30	17
Minnesota	7	2	4	25	24	17
LA Galaxy	6	2	7	25	22	12
Los Angeles FC	7	4	3	25	19	19
Austin FC	6	4	5	23	18	18
Colorado	6	5	4	22	27	26
Vancouver	5	5	4	19	20	17
Houston	5	6	3	18	13	15
Seattle	4	6	5	17	18	18
Portland	4	7	4	16	28	30
Saint Louis	3	4	7	16	20	22
FC Dallas	3	6	4	13	16	20
San Jose	3	10	2	11	23	34
Sporting KC	2	7	5	11	22	26

Saturday, May 25
D.C. United 1, Chicago 1
CF Montreal 0, Nashville 0
New England 0, NY City FC 1
Charlotte FC 0, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta 0, Los Angeles FC 1
Toronto FC 3, Cincinnati 4
Orlando City 0, Columbus 2
FC Dallas 3, Real Salt Lake 3
Saint Louis 1, Seattle 2
Colorado 3, Minnesota 3
LA Galaxy 2, Houston 1
Portland 2, Sporting KC 1
San Jose 1, Austin FC 1
Vancouver 1, Inter Miami CF 2

Wednesday, May 29
Atlanta at Inter Miami CF, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at CF Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte FC at NY Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Austin FC, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles FC, 10:45 p.m.

WNBA

Eastern Conference			
	W	L	Pct
Connecticut	5	0	1.000
N.Y. Liberty	4	2	.667
Atlanta	2	1	.667
Chicago	2	2	.500
Indiana	1	6	.143
Washington	0	6	.000

Western Conference			
	W	L	Pct
Minnesota	1	1	.500
Las Vegas	3	1	.750
Phoenix	3	2	.600
Seattle	3	3	.500
Dallas	2	2	.500
L.A. Sparks	1	3	.250

Friday, May 24

Indiana 78, L.A. Sparks 73
Saturday, May 25
Minnesota 84, N.Y. Liberty 67
Connecticut 86, Chicago 82
Las Vegas 99, Indiana 80
Seattle 101, Washington 69
Dallas 107, Phoenix 92

Sunday, May 26

Minnesota at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Sparks, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28

Phoenix at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
L.A. Sparks at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29

Phoenix at N.Y. Liberty, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Las Vegas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

GOLF

Charles Schwab Challenge Fort Worth, Texas Colonial Country Club Purse: \$9.1 million Yardage: 7,289; Par: 70 Third Round
Davis Riley66-64-66-196 (-14)
Scottie Scheffler72-65-63-200 (-10)
Hayden Buckley67-65-69-201 (-9)
Pierceson Coody67-65-69-201 (-9)
Robby Shelton67-68-67-202 (-8)
Tony Finau66-69-68-203 (-7)
Keegan Bradley68-66-70-204 (-6)
Sungjae Im70-64-70-204 (-6)
Collin Morikawa68-69-67-204 (-6)
Kevin Tway69-66-69-204 (-6)
Rickie Fowler70-69-66-205 (-5)
Tom Kim69-68-68-205 (-5)
Min Woo Lee69-68-68-205 (-5)
David Lipsky70-69-66-205 (-5)
Keith Mitchell72-67-66-205 (-5)
Sepp Straka68-66-71-205 (-5)
Alejandro Tosti69-69-67-205 (-5)
Ryan Fox68-67-71-206 (-4)
S.H. Kim66-71-69-206 (-4)
Denny McCarthy70-66-70-206 (-4)
J.T. Poston68-69-69-206 (-4)
Adam Scott69-68-69-206 (-4)
Davis Thompson70-70-66-206 (-4)
Gary Woodland72-64-70-206 (-4)
Brian Harman66-69-72-207 (-3)
Billy Horschel69-71-67-207 (-3)
Mac Meissner71-70-66-207 (-3)
Ryan Moore68-68-70-207 (-3)
C.T. Pan69-70-68-207 (-3)
Patrick Rodgers72-67-68-207 (-3)
Justin Rose70-71-66-207 (-3)
Colm Haden70-70-68-208 (-2)
Cam Davis69-70-69-208 (-2)
Lee Hodges72-70-66-20