

NATION & WORLD EXTRA

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White House: Qatar and Egypt plan talks with Hamas on Gaza cease-fire. **7NN**

2024 ELECTION

BIDEN GOES TO HOLLYWOOD



President Joe Biden and daughter Ashley step off Air Force One upon arrival in Los Angeles on Saturday. MANDEL NGAN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Obama joins him onstage at fundraiser

Nandita Bose REUTERS

President Joe Biden was attending a glitzy fundraiser in Los Angeles on Saturday night with top Hollywood celebrities and former President Barack Obama that has raised \$28 million, amid Democratic anxiety over opponent Donald Trump's growing fundraising clout.

Late-night TV host Jimmy Kimmel was to interview Biden and Obama and Hollywood celebrities George Clooney and Julia Roberts were guests, in the latest star-studded event Biden's campaign hopes shows strength and momentum despite Biden's low approval ratings and concerns about his age.

Biden landed in Los Angeles on Saturday morning after attending a meeting of world leaders in Italy on Friday.



Biden KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

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Trump courts Black voters in Michigan



Trump SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Bianca Flowers and James Oliphant REUTERS

DETROIT – Donald Trump ventured on Saturday where few Republican presidential candidates tread – the city of Detroit, attending a community forum as part of a push to peel Black voters from President Joe Biden ahead of November's election.

Trump's appearance at a Black church drew a mix of curious local residents and die-hard supporters, but little in the way of protest.

Both Trump and Biden, a Democrat, have targeted Michigan as a must-win state where every vote may make a difference, and the Trump campaign argues an opportunity exists to win over Black voters, particularly men, who may be attracted to the former president's economic and border-security policies.

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World leaders test Kyiv's push for peace

Summit aims to pressure Russia to bring conflict with Ukraine to an end

Thomas Escritt and Dave Graham REUTERS

BUERGENSTOCK, Switzerland – World leaders gathered at a Swiss Alpine resort on Saturday to seek broader consensus for Ukraine's peace proposals at a summit shunned by China and dismissed as a waste of time by Russia, which pushed its own rival cease-fire plans from afar.

More than 90 countries took part, but China's absence in particular dimmed hopes the summit would show Russia as globally isolated, while recent military reverses have put Kyiv on the back foot. The war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas has also diverted the world's attention from Ukraine.

The talks focused on broader concerns triggered by the war, such as food and nuclear security. But Turkey and Saudi Arabia, both mooted hosts for another such event, said meaningful progress required Russia's participation.

A draft of a final summit declaration, seen by Reuters, blames Russia's "war"

in Ukraine for causing "large-scale human suffering and destruction" and urges Ukraine's territorial integrity to be respected.

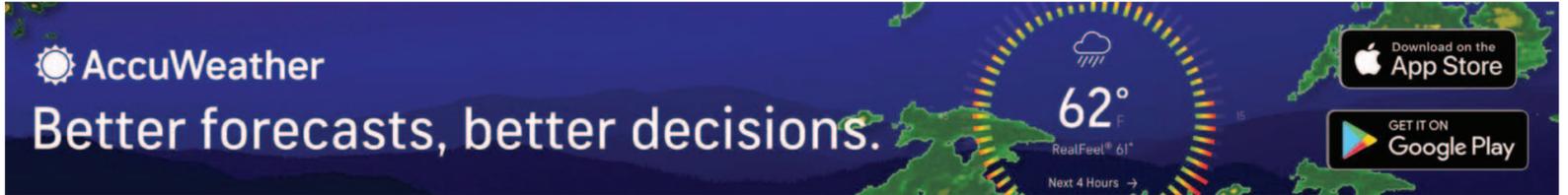
The document, dated June 13, also calls for Kyiv to regain control of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant and access to its sea ports. The draft had deleted an earlier reference to Russian "aggression" where "war" is cited.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy trumpeted the summit's attendance as a success and predicted "history being made."

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, welcomes Kenyan President William Ruto prior to their meeting in Switzerland on Saturday. ALESSANDRO DELLA VALLE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

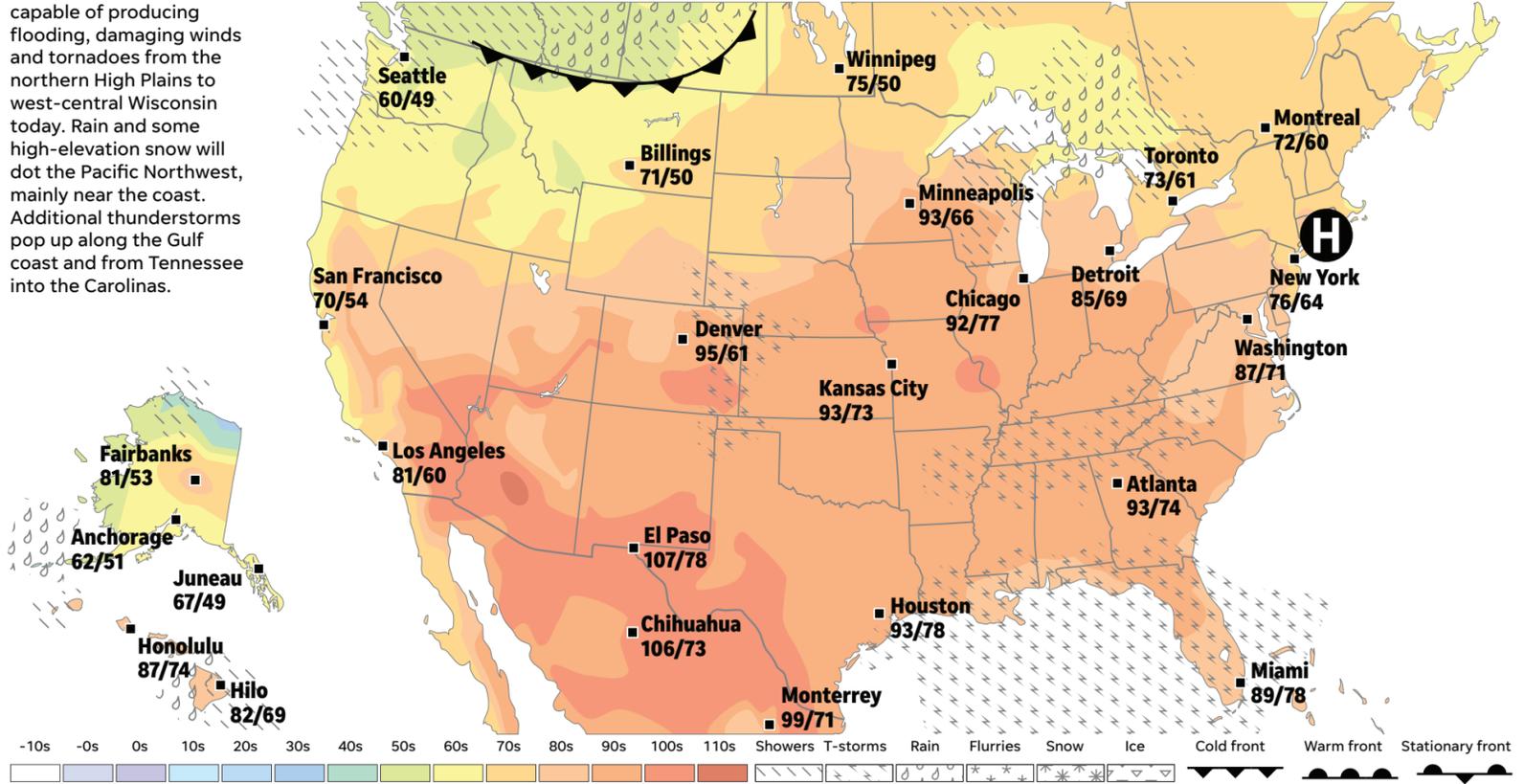


NATIONAL SUMMARY

Thunderstorms will be capable of producing flooding, damaging winds and tornadoes from the northern High Plains to west-central Wisconsin today. Rain and some high-elevation snow will dot the Pacific Northwest, mainly near the coast. Additional thunderstorms pop up along the Gulf coast and from Tennessee into the Carolinas.

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: 115 at Borrego Springs, CA
Low: 32 at Truckee, CA
Precip: 1.48" at Hutchinson, MN

INTERNATIONAL (excludes Antarctica)
High: 118 at Sibi, Pakistan
Low: 21 at Willow Creek, Canada
Precip: 5.94" at Ma Tso Lung, China

TODAY IN HISTORY

Damaging hail pelted Dubuque, Iowa, on June 16, 1882. Bits of material were found in the hailstones, including gravel, blades of grass and even live frogs.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: In which month are the sun's rays the strongest in the U.S.?

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 | 84/55/pc | 39 | Evansville, IN | 96/75/s | 102 | Levittown, PA | 83/61/s | 50 | Rochester, NY | 80/67/pc | 40 |
| Abilene, TX | 96/75/s | 62 | Fall River, MA | 75/55/s | 36 | Lincoln, IL | 96/75/pc | 81 | Rockford, IL | 92/74/c | 83 |
| Accomac, VA | 80/66/s | 63 | Farmington, NM | 97/58/s | 76 | Louisville, KY | 97/77/pc | 90 | Ruidoso, NM | 90/62/s | 103 |
| Adrian, MI | 89/70/s | 59 | Fayetteville, NC | 92/66/pc | 78 | Lubbock, TX | 96/72/pc | 56 | Salem, OR | 65/49/c | 30 |
| Akron, OH | 90/67/pc | 51 | Fond du Lac, WI | 89/71/r | 52 | Manitowoc, WI | 73/67/r | 55 | Salina, KS | 98/75/pc | 59 |
| Alamogordo, NM | 104/71/s | 99 | Fort Myers, FL | 92/76/t | 67 | Marshall, NC | 84/67/t | 73 | Salinas, CA | 69/49/pc | 50 |
| Alexandria, VA | 87/68/pc | 66 | Fort Smith, AR | 96/76/pc | 57 | Marshfield, WI | 87/69/r | 47 | Salisbury, MD | 83/62/pc | 66 |
| Alliance, OH | 89/65/s | 50 | Framingham, MA | 76/52/s | 39 | Massillon, OH | 90/65/s | 51 | San Angelo, TX | 100/75/t | 50 |
| Amarillo, TX | 94/70/s | 60 | Freeport, IL | 90/73/t | 70 | McLean, VA | 87/68/pc | 62 | Sarasota, FL | 93/76/t | 53 |
| Ames, IA | 98/74/t | 54 | Fremont, OH | 90/73/s | 49 | Melbourne, FL | 88/77/t | 45 | Savannah, GA | 92/73/pc | 63 |
| Anderson, SC | 94/72/t | 70 | Fort Collins, CO | 89/56/s | 74 | Memphis, TN | 98/76/t | 97 | Sheboygan, WI | 72/66/r | 56 |
| Appleton, WI | 87/70/r | 53 | Gadsden, AL | 94/68/t | 65 | Middletown, NY | 77/52/s | 39 | Shelby, NC | 89/70/t | 76 |
| Asheville, NC | 82/67/t | 73 | Gainesville, FL | 91/70/t | 44 | Monroe, LA | 95/75/pc | 68 | Sherman, TX | 93/72/s | 72 |
| Ashland, OH | 89/68/s | 50 | Galesburg, IL | 96/72/c | 65 | Montgomery, AL | 96/74/pc | 59 | Shreveport, LA | 95/76/pc | 77 |
| Athens, GA | 93/70/t | 69 | Gastonia, NC | 89/70/t | 81 | Milwaukee, WI | 86/75/pc | 59 | Silver City, NM | 97/63/s | 96 |
| Augusta, GA | 92/70/pc | 69 | Glen Rose, TX | 93/74/s | 63 | Monroe, MI | 81/71/pc | 52 | Sioux Falls, SD | 89/64/pc | 35 |
| Austin, TX | 93/74/s | 62 | Gonzales, LA | 88/75/t | 47 | Monroe, LA | 95/75/pc | 68 | Somerset, NJ | 83/64/s | 56 |
| Bartlesville, OK | 92/70/pc | 57 | Great Falls, MT | 64/39/c | 34 | Montgomery, AL | 96/74/pc | 59 | Somerville, PA | 81/57/s | 46 |
| Battle Creek, MI | 89/73/pc | 54 | Green Bay, WI | 87/71/r | 49 | Muncie, IN | 94/74/s | 69 | South Bend, IN | 93/75/pc | 69 |
| Bedford, IN | 92/72/s | 75 | Greenville, SC | 91/71/t | 72 | Murfreesboro, TN | 95/72/t | 83 | Spartanburg, SC | 91/70/t | 76 |
| Binghamton, NY | 76/60/pc | 44 | Hackensack, NJ | 78/61/s | 44 | Naples, FL | 92/76/t | 70 | Springfield, IL | 97/76/pc | 95 |
| Bluffton, SC | 88/75/s | 49 | Hagerstown, MD | 85/66/s | 57 | Nashville, TN | 97/74/t | 83 | Springfield, MO | 93/72/pc | 58 |
| Bremerton, WA | 59/44/c | 22 | Hattiesburg, MS | 91/73/t | 51 | Neptune, NJ | 72/63/s | 50 | St. Augustine, FL | 88/78/t | 31 |
| Brockton, MA | 74/52/s | 38 | Henderson, KY | 95/74/s | 99 | New Bedford, MA | 73/54/s | 35 | St. Cloud, MN | 91/61/pc | 44 |
| Brownwood, TX | 95/73/s | 59 | Hendersonville, NC | 82/67/t | 70 | New Bern, NC | 89/64/s | 67 | St. George, UT | 101/69/s | 58 |
| Burlington, IA | 94/73/c | 64 | Herkimer, NY | 77/57/pc | 39 | New Philadelphia, OH | 91/64/s | 51 | Staunton, VA | 84/63/pc | 65 |
| Burlington, NC | 87/67/t | 76 | Hillsdale, MI | 88/70/s | 57 | Newark, OH | 91/66/pc | 51 | Stevens Point, WI | 89/70/r | 47 |
| Burlington, VT | 76/62/pc | 35 | Holland, MI | 83/72/pc | 59 | Newton, NJ | 81/54/pc | 43 | Stockton, CA | 90/59/s | 66 |
| Cambridge, OH | 90/66/s | 50 | Hornell, NY | 82/62/pc | 45 | New York, NY | 76/64/s | 51 | Stroudsburg, PA | 80/53/pc | 51 |
| Camdenton, MO | 94/73/pc | 62 | Houma, LA | 87/75/t | 41 | Norwich, CT | 75/53/s | 45 | Stuart, FL | 86/77/t | 66 |
| Canandaigua, NY | 79/67/pc | 38 | Howell, MI | 86/70/pc | 51 | Ocala, FL | 92/72/t | 42 | Sturgis, MI | 89/72/s | 59 |
| Canton, OH | 90/66/pc | 52 | Hutchinson, KS | 97/73/pc | 63 | Oklahoma City, OK | 90/73/pc | 60 | Tallahassee, FL | 94/75/t | 48 |
| Carlsbad, NM | 106/73/s | 89 | Hyannis, MA | 71/56/s | 30 | Opelousas, LA | 86/74/t | 57 | Thibodaux, LA | 88/74/t | 44 |
| Chambersburg, PA | 86/65/pc | 54 | Indianapolis, IN | 95/74/pc | 74 | Oshkosh, WI | 88/71/r | 49 | Topeka, KS | 96/74/pc | 51 |
| Cherry Hill, NJ | 85/64/s | 55 | Iowa City, IA | 94/73/c | 60 | Palm Beach, FL | 88/80/t | 65 | Tuscaloosa, AL | 97/74/pc | 60 |
| Cincinnati, OH | 93/72/pc | 58 | Ithaca, NY | 79/63/pc | 42 | Palm Springs, CA | 107/72/s | 102 | Utica, NY | 76/58/pc | 41 |
| Clarksville, TN | 96/74/t | 91 | Jackson, MS | 93/74/pc | 59 | Panama City, FL | 89/77/t | 48 | Ventura, CA | 70/59/s | 65 |
| Coldwater, MI | 89/72/pc | 57 | Jackson, TN | 98/75/t | 90 | Peoria, IL | 97/77/pc | 83 | Victorville, CA | 93/60/s | 105 |
| Columbus, OH | 91/71/pc | 57 | Jacksonville, FL | 91/72/t | 46 | Pensacola, FL | 87/77/t | 41 | Vineland, NJ | 84/61/pc | 66 |
| Corning, NY | 81/57/s | 49 | Jacksonville, NC | 88/65/s | 70 | Peoria, IL | 96/76/c | 88 | Visalia, CA | 91/58/s | 68 |
| Corpus Christi, TX | 96/77/pc | 58 | Kent, OH | 88/64/s | 50 | Petersburg, VA | 89/64/s | 70 | Washington, DC | 87/71/pc | 70 |
| Daytona Beach, FL | 89/76/t | 33 | Kewanee, IL | 94/74/c | 69 | Phoenix, AZ | 112/82/s | 94 | Watertown, SD | 80/55/pc | 26 |
| Deming, NM | 103/66/s | 94 | Keyser, WV | 88/65/s | 61 | Port Huron, MI | 83/62/pc | 47 | Wausau, WI | 87/70/r | 42 |
| DeRidder, LA | 92/73/t | 65 | Kinston, NC | 91/63/s | 73 | Portsmouth, NH | 73/55/pc | 36 | Waynesboro, PA | 87/67/s | 56 |
| Des Moines, IA | 99/77/pc | 59 | Knoxville, TN | 91/72/t | 78 | Poughkeepsie, NY | 79/55/s | 44 | White Plains, NY | 75/58/s | 44 |
| Detroit, MI | 85/69/pc | 56 | Lafayette, IN | 95/73/pc | 68 | Providence, RI | 74/55/pc | 44 | Wichita Falls, TX | 94/73/s | 59 |
| Devils Lake, ND | 72/55/pc | 43 | Lafayette, LA | 88/76/t | 59 | Pueblo, CO | 104/60/s | 62 | Wilmington, DE | 84/65/pc | 62 |
| Dover, NH | 73/52/pc | 33 | Lakeland, FL | 92/73/t | 45 | Quincy, MA | 73/55/s | 42 | Wilmington, NC | 88/68/s | 67 |
| El Paso, TX | 107/78/s | 95 | Lansing, MI | 88/73/s | 56 | Redding, CA | 87/58/pc | 49 | Wisconsin Rapids, WI | 89/70/r | 48 |
| Elmira, NY | 82/56/s | 46 | Las Cruces, NM | 104/68/s | 94 | Reno, NV | 83/50/s | 67 | Wooster, OH | 90/65/s | 52 |
| Erie, PA | 83/70/s | 46 | Lebanon, PA | 83/62/s | 54 | Ravenna, OH | 89/64/s | 49 | Worcester, MA | 74/54/s | 43 |
| Eugene, OR | 64/44/sh | 29 | Leesburg, FL | 91/75/t | 36 | Richmond, IN | 93/71/pc | 71 | York, PA | 85/66/pc | 62 |

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 | City | Sunday High/low/W | Monday High/low/W |
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| Acapulco | 89/77/pc | 89/77/pc | Cape Town | 77/55/pc | 71/57/pc | La Paz | 59/31/s | 60/29/pc | San Jose | 77/68/sh | 81/68/r |
| Addis Ababa | 80/56/c | 74/55/c | Caracas | 92/77/t | 91/76/t | Lagos | 84/76/r | 86/76/r | San Salvador | 77/71/r | 77/70/t |
| Algiers | 89/66/s | 88/69/s | Casablanca | 79/58/s | 81/64/s | Lima | 67/62/pc | 68/62/pc | Santiago | 60/38/c | 57/46/c |
| Amman | 97/72/s | 97/70/s | Colombo | 88/80/t | 88/81/t | Lisbon | 76/60/s | 74/61/c | Sao Paulo | 83/62/s | 83/62/s |
| Amsterdam | 64/53/sh | 68/53/pc | Copenhagen | 69/56/s | 68/55/s | London | 69/51/pc | 71/53/sh | Sarajevo | 86/55/s | 86/57/s |
| Ankara | 87/56/s | 91/61/s | Damascus | 104/66/pc | 102/66/s | Madrid | 87/57/s | 89/60/s | Shanghai | 90/72/pc | 85/69/pc |
| Asuncion | 77/67/r | 74/65/r | Dublin | 64/50/pc | 64/47/r | Manila | 92/80/t | 92/80/t | Singapore | 86/78/t | 89/79/t |
| Athens | 88/71/pc | 91/75/s | Geneva | 74/57/pc | 79/59/t | Mexico City | 85/57/s | 87/57/s | Stockholm | 68/49/c | 71/52/pc |
| Auckland | 63/56/pc | 64/50/s | Guatemala City | 71/65/t | 71/64/t | Milan | 80/62/pc | 84/65/pc | Sydney | 61/50/s | 61/49/sh |
| Baghdad | 116/86/pc | 117/85/pc | Hanoi | 98/84/r | 100/83/pc | Mombasa | 88/72/s | 89/73/s | Taipei | 93/77/t | 93/78/t |
| Bangkok | 99/81/t | 98/81/t | Harare | 70/47/pc | 71/44/s | Montevideo | 61/43/c | 65/52/s | Tegucigalpa | 79/69/r | 77/69/t |
| Beijing | 96/70/pc | 101/74/pc | Havana | 91/75/t | 91/77/pc | Montreal | 72/60/pc | 84/68/pc | Tehran | 97/77/s | 97/76/s |
| Beirut | 86/74/s | 85/72/s | Helsinki | 65/58/c | 65/55/c | Moscow | 79/66/pc | 76/65/r | Tokyo | 83/74/pc | 84/70/c |
| Belgrade | 87/64/s | 87/65/s | Hong Kong | 89/83/t | 91/83/sh | Nairobi | 76/56/pc | 77/54/s | Toronto | 73/61/pc | 91/72/c |
| Berlin | 73/57/pc | 76/60/pc | Jakarta | 91/77/t | 91/77/t | New Delhi | 113/93/pc | 113/93/pc | Tunis | 86/70/pc | 94/74/s |
| Bogota | 65/49/sh | 67/47/r | Jerusalem | 91/67/s | 90/66/s | Panama City | 85/76/t | 87/75/r | Vancouver | 58/49/sh | 64/52/c |
| Brussels | 64/54/c | 69/56/sh | Johannesburg | 67/42/s | 64/45/s | Paris | 67/56/r | 72/59/r | Vienna | 75/56/pc | 81/60/pc |
| Bucharest | 89/59/s | 93/65/s | Kabul | 91/64/s | 92/64/s | Port-au-Prince | 96/76/c | 92/73/t | Warsaw | 77/58/r | 80/61/s |
| Budapest | 78/56/pc | 85/59/s | Khartoum | 107/88/s | 108/87/pc | Rio de Janeiro | 83/70/s | 84/71/s | Yerevan | 87/63/s | 89/65/s |
| Buenos Aires | 61/52/pc | 60/56/s | Kyiv | 72/62/sh | 76/63/c | Riyadh | 111/84/s | 112/86/s | Zagreb | 80/56/s | 85/57/s |
| Cairo | 103/76/s | 98/75/s | Kingston | 91/81/pc | 91/81/pc | Rome | 80/61/c | 81/60/s | Zurich | 73/54/pc | 74/56/c |

● Denotes possible travel delays Sunday

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

NOTABLE DEATHS

Robert Hughes, 96, the winningest boys high school basketball coach in U.S. history, has died. Multiple media outlets in the Dallas-Fort Worth area reported on his death Wednesday. Hughes won a record 1,333 games at I.M. Terrell High (1958-73) and Dunbar High (1973-2005) in Fort Worth, Texas. He won five Texas state championships and 35 district titles and was named the National High School Coach of the Year in 2003. Hughes was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017.

James Lawson, 95, a prominent civil rights leader whose advocacy of nonviolent protest influenced the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died June 9. Lawson died of cardiac arrest en route to a hospital in Los Angeles, according to The Washington Post. In 1952, as a young Methodist minister, Lawson traveled to India, where he was influenced by Mahatma Gandhi, the anti-colonialist activist who championed peaceful resistance to British rule over India. When Lawson returned to the U.S., he became a leading advocate of nonviolent protest as a strategy for the emerging Civil Rights Movement.

Chet Walker, 84, a Basketball Hall of Famer, has died, the Philadelphia 76ers announced on June 8. Walker's NBA career spanned 13 years from 1962 to 1975. He was a seven-time All-Star before being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012. The 6-foot-7 forward was selected by the Syracuse Nationals in the second round of the 1962 draft. Five years later, he helped lead the 76ers to the NBA championship. That 1967 team, which also featured fellow Hall of Famers Wilt Chamberlain, Hal Greer and Billy Cunningham, ended the eight-year championship run of the Boston Celtics. After the 1968-69 season, Walker was traded to the Chicago Bulls, where he played his final six seasons.

Jerry West, 86, widely regarded as one of the greatest basketball players of all time and whose silhouette was the inspiration for the National Basketball Association's logo, has died. The Los Angeles Clippers, where he worked as an executive, confirmed the death on Wednesday, saying the 14-time NBA all-star died peacefully with his wife, Karen, by his side. West, who played as a shooting guard, led the Los Angeles Lakers to nine NBA Finals but only once hoisted the championship trophy. He remains the only person named MVP of the championship series despite playing for the losing team, having won the award in 1969. West was co-captain of the 1960 U.S. men's basketball team that won the Olympic gold medal. After his playing career, as general manager and executive vice president of the Lakers, he built six championship teams, showing a shrewd eye for talent by drafting Magic Johnson before bringing in Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal.

USA TODAY NETWORK
AND REUTERS



Kate, Princess of Wales, center, appears on the balcony of Buckingham Palace with royal family members after attending the king's birthday parade on Saturday. BENJAMIN CREMEL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Kate appears in public for 1st time since cancer diagnosis

David Milliken
REUTERS

LONDON — Kate, Britain's Princess of Wales, waved to crowds and smiled broadly from the balcony of Buckingham Palace after watching a military parade on Saturday, making her first public appearance this year as she undergoes treatment for cancer.

The princess, 42, spent two weeks in the hospital in January after she underwent major abdominal surgery. Two months later she announced in a video message that tests had revealed the presence of cancer and she was receiving preventative chemotherapy.

She is still undergoing treatment, but her improved health meant she was able to appear in public for the first time since December.

The princess rode in a covered carriage with her three children to watch the "Trooping the Color," an annual military parade to mark the official birthday of the British monarch, King Charles.

Despite heavy rain showers, crowds lined the streets and waved and cheered as the carriage went past, outnumbering a small group of protesters holding placards calling for an end to the monarchy.

Charles rode in a separate carriage with Queen Camilla, followed by Prince

William, Charles' heir and Kate's husband, who was on horseback along with other senior members of the royal family.

Kate, wearing a pale outfit decorated with a white and navy ribbon by British fashion designer Jenny Packham and a broad-brimmed matching hat by Irish milliner Philip Treacy, watched the ceremony from a window overlooking the parade ground.

She pointed out aspects of the event to her children Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis, while Charles saluted passing troops from a covered dais on the parade ground itself.

The king and queen, as well as William, Kate and other members of the royal family later returned to Buckingham Palace to watch a military flypast from the balcony. Kate smiled broadly and waved.

In a rare personal written message on Friday, she said she was making good progress but was "not out of the woods." She said she was looking forward to attending Saturday's parade and hoped to join a few public engagements over the summer.

Kate's office, Kensington Palace, has declined to give any details about the type of cancer or about her treatment, other than to say the preventative chemotherapy had begun in February.

'Fabulous'

Before the parade, onlookers said they were looking forward to seeing the princess.

"I know it's the king's birthday, but all eyes will be on Kate because we haven't seen her for a while," said John Loughrey, who was wearing a T-shirt with pictures of Kate on it.

Another onlooker, Anne Gaely, who was carrying a life-size cardboard cutout of the princess, said she was relieved that Kate would be there in the flesh.

"We've all been very, very worried and uneasy about it, but now this is going to be joyful, euphoric and fabulous," she said.

In her message on Friday, Kate said she had been "blown away" by thousands of kind messages from across the globe, which had made a world of difference to her and William.

"I am making good progress, but as anyone going through chemotherapy will know, there are good days and bad days," Kate's statement said.

Her illness has coincided with that of Charles, 75, who has also been undergoing treatment for cancer. He returned to public duties in April, and has remained busy, although his daily commitments are being limited to minimize risks to his recovery.

SUNDAY'S TALK SHOWS

Washington Journal (C-SPAN)

Democratic strategist Joe Caiazzo and Republican strategist John Feehely discuss "campaign 2024 and political news of the day." Michael O'Hanlon, foreign policy research director at the Brookings Institution, discusses "the 2024 G7 Summit and the state of global democracy."

This Week with George Stephanopoulos (ABC)

Interviews with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.). Journalists Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein discuss the 50th anniversary of their book, "All the President's Men."

A political roundtable with Politico senior Washington correspondent Rachael Bade; former Justice Department spokesperson Sarah Isgur; Karen Finney, former senior spokesperson and adviser for the 2016 Hillary Clinton presidential campaign; and ABC News political director Rick Klein. A report from "three battleground states about the issues that matter to Black men in the 2024 election and what it takes to win over their votes."

Fox News Sunday with Shannon Bream (Fox)

Interviews with Gov. Doug Burgum (R-N.D.) and Rep. Jim Himes (D-Conn.), ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee.

A political roundtable with Reuters White House Correspondent Jeff Mason; USA Today Washington Bureau Chief Susan Page; Kevin Roberts, president of The Heritage Foundation; and

FOX News senior political analyst Juan Williams. A discussion with Scott Morrison, former prime minister of Australia and author of "Plans For Your Good: A Prime Minister's Testimony of God's Faithfulness."

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

Interviews with Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). A political roundtable with Scott Jennings, former special assistant to President George W. Bush; former Obama senior policy adviser Ashley Allison, former national coalitions director for the 2020 Biden presidential campaign; Ashley Etienne, former communications director for Vice President Kamala Harris; and Shermichael Singleton, former aide for the Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, and Ben Carson presidential campaigns.

Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo (Fox News)

Interviews with Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas); former HUD secretary Dr. Ben Carson, founder of American Cornerstone Institute; and Victoria Coates, former deputy national security adviser. A discussion with Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R-Fla.) and Sen. Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.).

Fareed Zakaria GPS (CNN)

Sanam Vakil, director of the Middle East and North Africa Program at Chatham House and professor Middle East politics at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, discusses "Why Hamas isn't agreeing to

the Biden cease-fire proposal."

Gillian Tett, a columnist at the Financial Times and provost at Cambridge University's Kings College, discusses "The G7 agrees to a controversial \$50B loan to Ukraine backed by seized Russian assets." Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, co-founder of TerraPower and chair of Breakthrough Energy, discusses "Why did the Microsoft co-founder just break ground to build a nuclear power plant in Wyoming?" Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy and author of "Brave New Words: How AI Will Revolutionize Education (and Why That's a Good Thing)," discusses "how A.I. will revolutionize the classroom."

Meet the Press with Kristen Welker (NBC)

Interviews with Rep. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.); Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.); and actor Michael Imperioli. A political roundtable with former Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-Fla.); Marc Short, former chief of staff to Vice President Mike Pence; NBC News Contributor; NBC News Washington correspondent Yamiche Alcindor; and Jonathan Martin, politics bureau chief and senior political columnist at Politico.

Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan (CBS)

Interviews with Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Rep. Mike Turner (R-Ohio), chairman of the House Intelligence Committee; and Neel Kashkari, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Inside Politics Sunday with Manu Raju (CNN)

Anna Palmer, founder of Punchbowl News; Tyler Foggatt, senior editor at The New Yorker; CNN senior reporter Stephen Collinson; and CNN national correspondent Kristen Holmes are guests.

Media Buzz (Fox News)

Guests are Washington Times national politics correspondent Susan Ferrechio; Clay Travis, founder of Outkick.com; Lucy Caldwell, former campaign manager for the 2020 Joe Walsh presidential campaign; and former DNC delegate Richard Fowler.

CNN Newsroom

Guests include Rep. John Garamendi (D-Calif.).

PBS News Weekend

Part I of a two-part interview with national security adviser Jake Sullivan. (The interview will be taped on Sunday morning near Lucerne, Switzerland, where Sullivan and Vice President Harris are attending the Summit on Peace in Ukraine. Part II of the interview airs Monday night on PBS News Hour.)

Q&A (C-SPAN)

Attorney Christina Swarns, executive director of the Innocence Project, discusses "the history of the organization, the root causes of wrongful convictions, and some of the clients the Innocence Project has successfully represented."

Reuters

CNN releases rules for first presidential debate

No props will be used, microphones to be muted

David Shepardson and Andrea Shalal
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – The first U.S. presidential debate between incumbent Joe Biden and Republican rival Donald Trump on June 27 will include two commercial breaks, no props and muted microphones except when recognized to speak, CNN said Saturday.

In May, the candidates agreed to face off in two debates including one this month that will be moderated by CNN anchors Jake Tapper and Dana Bash in Atlanta, while the other on Sept. 10 will be hosted by ABC.

CNN said Saturday both candidates will appear at a uniform podium during the 90-minute debate, podium posi-



Trump and Biden
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tions will be determined by a coin flip and candidates will be given a pen, a pad of paper and a bottle of water but cannot use props.

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candidate whose turn it is to speak,” CNN said.

CNN, a division of Warner Bros Discovery, said the moderators “will use all tools at their disposal to enforce timing and ensure a civilized discussion.”

During the two commercial breaks, campaign staff may not interact with their candidate, and there will be no studio audience.

CNN said candidates eligible to participate must appear on a sufficient number of state ballots to reach the 270

electoral vote threshold needed to win and receive at least 15% in four separate national polls.

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Debates, which will draw a U.S. live television audience in the tens of millions, are fraught with risks for both candidates, who face a close race. Biden has three preferred debate topics, according to a campaign memo viewed by Reuters: abortion rights, the state of democracy and the economy.

Trump refused to debate his rivals during the Republican nominating race. His team has pointed to immigration, public safety and inflation as key issues ahead of the debate.

Biden

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“This will be one of the biggest fundraisers we’ve had,” said Ajay Jain Bhutoria, deputy finance chair at the Democratic National Committee. “We are expecting an unprecedented turnout from the entertainment industry,” he said.

A Biden campaign spokeswoman said “\$28 (million) heading into President Biden’s LA fundraiser – and counting. This is the largest Democratic fundraiser in history.”

The Biden campaign outraised the \$26 million a March fundraiser in New York City generated where Stephen Colbert hosted Biden, Obama and Bill Clinton. The top-ticket package for the LA event cost \$500,000, campaign officials said.

Other celebrities expected on Saturday night in L.A. included Jack Black, Jason Bateman, Kathryn Hahn and Sheryl Lee Ralph.

In recent weeks, Mark Hamill of Star Wars fame made a White House briefing room appearance to praise the president, Robert DeNiro showed up in lower Manhattan for a press conference at the Biden campaign’s behest and Steven Spielberg has been helping the Biden



Police officers run to engage pro-Palestinian protesters demonstrating outside the Peacock Theater, where President Joe Biden was holding a campaign fundraiser in Los Angeles on Saturday. KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

campaign with storytelling.

Actor Michael Douglas held a fundraiser for the president and artists Queen Latifah, Lenny Kravitz, Lizzo, James Taylor, Christina Aguilera and Barbra Streisand have all performed to help Biden raise money.

Biden campaign’s fundraising in April lagged behind rival Donald Trump’s for the first time, after the former president ramped up his joint operation with the Republican National Committee and headlined high-dollar fundraisers.

Democrats still maintained an overall cash advantage over Trump and the Biden campaign continues to have a considerably larger campaign fund.

Biden and Trump are tied in national polls with less than five months to go before the Nov. 5 election, while Trump has the edge in the states that will decide the election, recent polls show. On economic issues like inflation, Trump scores higher with voters overall.

Democrats have long counted on the liberal Los Angeles area as a rich source of financial backing. Republicans often decry Democrats nationwide as funded by Hollywood elites and California liberals.

But the state’s donors bankroll presidential campaigns on both sides of the aisle. Biden and Trump have both raised more in the state for their reelection bids than anywhere else, according to fundraising disclosures filed with the Federal Election Commission.

Biden raised \$24 million through April 30 in California, and Trump \$11.7 million, according to the Federal Election Commission.

The president was largely unable to host high-dollar Hollywood fundraisers for much of 2023 because of industry strikes. But since they were resolved, Biden has headlined several fundraisers in the state.

Trump

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But Detroit is also a place Trump denigrated four years ago as “corrupt” as he argued the 2020 election results there could not be trusted.

At the 180 Church on the west side of the city, Trump sat on stage at a table flanked by a panel of members of the local community, including small-business owners and activists. The event was moderated by U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds of Florida, a contender to be Trump’s vice-presidential pick.

Trump focused on his core messages, blasting the Biden administration over high inflation, crime and illegal migration, which he said has harmed Black Americans in particular.

“They’re coming into your community, and they’re taking your jobs,” Trump said, without presenting evidence. “We have to get them out.”

Trump said crime was “most rampant here, in African-American communities,” adding that the “Black population wants law enforcement more than any other.”

He also vowed to revitalize the local auto industry in Detroit by slapping tariffs on vehicles built in Mexico and elsewhere.

The church’s senior pastor, Lorenzo Sewell, credited Trump for showing up by comparing him to Barack Obama, America’s first Black president.

“President Obama never came to the ‘hood,” Sewell said. “So, thank you.”

Making an appeal

Wearing a “Make Black America Great Again” T-shirt, Sewell spent time in the hours before the event directing and helping visitors find parking in the hardscrabble neighborhood that surrounds the church.

The event felt unlike a typical Trump rally. While some fervent, MAGA cap-adorned supporters waited for hours to get in, the line numbered in the hundreds, not thousands, and some attendees said they had just happened upon the scene by chance.

As the event began, the church was not at capacity. It held a diverse audience of Black and white people.

The street in front of the church was



Donald Trump participates in a community roundtable at the 180 Church in Detroit, Mich., on Saturday. JIM WATSON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

blocked by police, but there was no sign of protests. A dental clinic on the corner looked to take advantage of the crowd, having an employee hold a sign aloft that read, “Make your smile great again.”

Asked whether she was glad Trump was there, the employee responded, “I’m glad anybody comes here.”

Angelo Brown, 61, of southwest Detroit, said he wanted to come see Trump “close-up” and was undecided between Biden and Trump.

“I’m still listening,” Brown said. “I want more of a focus on America, our school system, the medical system.”

“I’d like to see them fix the immigration problem and not just bicker about it,” he said.

Tamika Markham, 46, of Detroit, said she was open to voting for Trump. “You never know,” she said.

“We are just getting by,” Markham said of her and her teenage son. “It’s hard for a lot of people. I see a lot of people struggling.”

Not everyone in the neighborhood was happy to see Trump.

Mae Thomas rolled down the window of her SUV as she drove by the scene outside the church and said she was a life-long Democrat and would be voting for Biden.

A quick visit to Detroit by Trump wouldn’t persuade her, Thomas said. He had not done anything for her community as president.

“Now if he walked up to me right now and do for our neighborhood, make everything beautiful, then it’s different, then we might talk about it,” she said. “But just to come in ... I haven’t seen no improvement in the neighborhood.”

An uphill climb?

Trump was convicted in New York last month on 34 felony counts of participating in a scheme to cover up his payment during the 2016 election to a porn star with whom he had an alleged affair. He also faces separate charges for interfering with the 2020 election and allegedly mishandling classified documents.

He was scheduled to speak later on Saturday in Detroit at a conference of Turning Point Action, a right-wing advocacy group that may be instrumental in driving out the vote for Trump.

While some Black voters have expressed support for Trump, his efforts to galvanize them have been met with resistance.

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out the years that have drawn heavy criticism.

Last year, Trump urged supporters to “guard the vote” in cities including Detroit, Philadelphia and Atlanta – all Democratic strongholds with large Black populations.

Black Americans have been credited with helping Biden secure the White House in 2020. Yet, recent polls have suggested some slippage of support among Black voters, who historically have been viewed as the Democratic Party’s most loyal voting bloc.

Trump’s Detroit visit is unlikely to lead to a notable shift in Black support, experts told Reuters. But the visit may appeal to centrist Republicans and independent voters, who would like to see him build a broader coalition beyond his loyalists.

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The Biden campaign has been ramping up efforts in Michigan, where Biden defeated Trump by 2.7 percentage points in 2020.

Biden spoke at an NAACP dinner in Detroit last month, while Vice President Kamala Harris visited the state this week.

Local Democratic officials including Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist hosted a press conference on Friday ahead of the Trump event, denouncing his visit and contending another Trump presidency would be harmful for Black Americans.

“We cannot take a step backwards into a Trump reality that is so narrowly focused on everybody but us,” Gilchrist said.

Sweden, Iran exchange prisoners

Oman mediates breakthrough deal

Niklas Pollard and Johan Ahlander
REUTERS

STOCKHOLM – Sweden and Iran carried out a prisoner exchange on Saturday, officials said, with Sweden freeing a former Iranian official convicted for his role in a mass execution in the 1980s while Iran released two Swedes being held there.

The prisoner swap was mediated by Oman, the country's foreign ministry said in a statement. "Omani efforts resulted in the two sides agreeing on a mutual release, as those released were transferred from Tehran and Stockholm," it said.

Sweden freed former Iranian official Hamid Noury, who had been convicted for his part in a mass execution of political prisoners in Iran in 1988. Iran's official IRNA news agency published footage of Noury arriving at Tehran's Mehrabad airport where he was welcomed by his family on a red carpet.

Meanwhile, Swedish citizens Johan Floderus and Saeed Azizi, who had been detained in Iran, were freed and flown back to Sweden where they arrived late on Saturday.

Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said the pair were in good condition given the circumstances and had been reunited with their families.

"Iran used them both as pawns in a cynical negotiations game with the purpose of getting the Iranian citizen Hamid Noury released from prison in Sweden. He is convicted of serious crimes committed in Iran in the 1980s," Kristersson said in a statement.

"As prime minister I have a special responsibility for Swedish citizens' safety. The government has therefore worked intensively on the issue, together with the Swedish security services which have negotiated with Iran."

War crimes

Noury, 63, was arrested at a Stockholm airport in 2019 and later sentenced to life in prison for war crimes for the mass execution and torture of political prisoners at the Gohardasht prison in

Karaj, Iran, in 1988. He denied the charges.

An Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson described Noury as a hostage in a statement to local media, saying his imprisonment was due to an "illegal Swedish court decision that lacked legitimacy."

Noury told reporters his case had been complicated and sensitive. "They said even God cannot free Hamid Noury, but he did," he told reporters on his arrival in Iran.

The National Council of Resistance of Iran, a coalition of groups opposed to Iran's Islamic Republic government, said it appeared Sweden had yielded to blackmail and hostage-taking tactics in a move that would encourage Tehran.

Lawyer Kenneth Lewis, who represented a dozen plaintiffs in the Noury case in Sweden, said his clients were not consulted and were "appalled and devastated" over Noury's release.

"This is an affront to the entire justice system and everyone who has partici-

pated in these trials," he told Reuters.

Lewis said his clients sympathized with the Swedish government's efforts to get its citizens home but said Noury's release was "totally disproportionate."

'Hell on earth'

Floderus, a European Union employee, was arrested in Iran in 2022 and charged with spying for Israel and "corruption on earth," a crime that carries the death penalty.

Swedish-Iranian dual national Saeed Azizi was arrested in Iran in November 2023, on what Sweden called "wrongful grounds."

In a late-night news conference, Kristersson appealed for the pair to now be allowed time alone with their families.

"These are two people who have experienced hell on earth," he said. "I understand how this is received with mixed feelings, not least among Swedes who stem from Iran. This was not an

easy deliberation the government has had to make, but sometimes you have to do difficult things and do what is right."

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen welcomed the release of the two Swedes from "unjustified Iranian custody" and congratulated Sweden on its work to get them freed.

Another Swedish-Iranian dual national, Ahmadreza Djalali, arrested in 2016, remains in an Iranian jail. An emergency medicine doctor, Djalali was arrested in 2016 while on an academic visit to Iran.

Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billstrom said Iran had refused to even consider Djalali a Swedish citizen after he received citizenship in the Nordic country, where he lived and worked prior to his arrest, while in Iranian prison.

"To Djalali and his family I would like to say that the security services made great efforts for their husband and father to be part of today's operation," Billstrom said.



Sweden freed former Iranian official Hamid Noury, at left in this courtroom sketch, who had been convicted for his part in a mass execution of political prisoners in Iran in 1988. ANDERS HUMLEBO/TT NEWS AGENCY VIA REUTERS



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak surprised many in his own party by announcing an early election on May 22. URS FLUEELER/POOL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

UK polls point to 'electoral extinction' for Conservatives

David Milliken
REUTERS

LONDON – Three British opinion polls released late on Saturday presented a grim picture for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative Party, and one pollster warned that the party faced "electoral extinction" in July 4's election.

The polls come just over halfway through the election campaign, after a week in which both the Conservatives and Labour set out their manifestos, and shortly before voters begin to receive postal ballots.

Sunak surprised many in his own party by announcing an early election on May 22, against widespread expectations that he would wait until later in the year to allow more time for living standards to recover after the highest inflation in 40 years.

Market research company Savanta found 46% support for Keir Starmer's Labour Party, up 2 points on the previous poll five days earlier, while support for the Conservatives dropped 4 points to 21%. The poll was conducted from June 12 to June 14 for the Sunday Telegraph.

Labour's 25-point lead was the

largest since the premiership of Sunak's predecessor, Liz Truss, whose tax cut plans prompted investors to dump British government bonds, pushing up interest rates and forcing a Bank of England intervention.

"Our research suggests that this election could be nothing short of electoral extinction for the Conservative Party," said Chris Hopkins, political research director at Savanta.

A separate poll by Survation, published by the Sunday Times, predicted the Conservatives could end up with just 72 seats in the 650-member House of Commons – the lowest in their nearly 200-year history – while Labour would win 456 seats. The poll was conducted from May 31 to June 13.

In percentage terms, the Survation poll had Labour on 40% and the Conservatives on 24%, while former Brexit campaigner Nigel Farage's Reform UK party – a right-wing challenger to the Conservatives – was on 12%.

A third poll, by Opinium for Sunday's Observer and conducted from June 12 to June 14, also showed Labour on 40%, the Conservatives on 23% and Reform on 14%, with the two largest parties yielding ground to smaller rivals.

Brazilian women march against abortion ban bill

Dani Morera Trettin
and Amanda Perobelli
REUTERS

SAO PAULO – Thousands of women protested on Saturday against a bill advancing in Brazil's conservative Congress that would equate abortions after 22 weeks of pregnancy to homicide and establish sentences of six to 20 years in prison.

The demonstrators marched along Sao Paulo's main Paulista Avenue carrying banners rejecting the proposal, which they call the most repressive approach to reproductive rights in decades.

People of all ages, including many retirees and children, filled the streets chanting, "A child is not a mother, a rapist is not a father."

Abortion is allowed in Brazil only in cases of rape, fetal deformation or when the mother's life is in danger. If the bill backed by evangelical lawmakers becomes law, abortions by rape victims would be considered homicide after 22 weeks gestation.

Feminist groups criticized the proposed legislation for imposing harsher penalties than those given to rapists in Brazil.

They also argue that the changes would greatly impact children abused by family members. Such children, often lacking the understanding or support to recognize themselves as crime victims, frequently discover their pregnancies late.

Leftist President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva called the bill "insane" and said his government will defend the current laws that punish rapists and treat their victims with respect.

"It is insane to want to punish a woman with a greater penalty than the criminal who committed the rape," Lula said at a news conference at the Group of Seven summit in Italy.

Protests began on Thursday in Brazil's largest cities after the lower chamber of Congress voted to put the bill on a fast track for approval, which curtails debate on the proposal.

Faced with criticism that rape vic-



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tims seeking abortions could face worse punishment than rapists, the bill's author Sostenes Cavalcante said he will propose harsher sentences for rape, currently up to a maximum of 10 years in jail.

Cavalcante is an evangelical pastor and member of former hard-right President Jair Bolsonaro's party.

The angry reaction on social media may slow the bill's progress, with Speaker Arthur Lira no longer planning to put the proposal to the vote in plenary any time soon and expecting its text to be changed, a source in his office said.

Passage is even less certain in the upper chamber where right-wing senators have less clout, and Senate president Rodrigo Pacheco has said the bill must be debated in committees.

First Lady Rosangela da Silva criticized the bill and said on social media: "Congress should be working to guarantee access to legal and safe abortions through the national health system SUS."

Brazil's restrictive abortion laws mean many Brazilian women seeking to end pregnancies resort to unsafe illegal abortions and botched procedures, which cause dozens of deaths every year.



Svitlana Bilous, right, the wife of a Ukrainian soldier missing in action, and Illia Illiashenko, a Ukrainian former prisoner of war, prepare for a bus tour Wednesday to Switzerland to advocate for Ukrainian soldiers in Russian captivity.

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Ukrainians cross Europe to plead for return of POWs

Officials in February said 8,000 in Russian hands

John Revill and Felix Hoske REUTERS

LUCERNE, Switzerland – Svitlana Bilous crossed half of Europe – from her home in eastern Ukraine to Switzerland – to highlight the plight of her missing husband and other prisoners held by Russia during an international summit on the Ukraine war.

She joined scores of other relatives of Ukrainian soldiers who waved banners and shouted slogans during a demonstration on the sidelines of the summit that sought to draw attention to the fate of troops who have disappeared on the battlefield.

Many do not know if their loved ones have been killed or taken by Russia as prisoners of war.

“I must do everything in my power to get my husband back,” Bilous, 34, who is from the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, told Reuters as officials arrived ahead of the weekend talks.

Since her husband, Anatoliy, went missing in April last year, she has only heard that he is alive but had no direct contact with him.

She carries the shoulder patch from his uniform with her at all times and prays for his safe return every day, she said, calling for Russia to adhere to the Geneva Conventions on the treatment of prisoners of war.

“We want specific actions regarding the return of prisoners of war (and

admission of the International Committee of the Red Cross to all places of detention,” she said.

Russia is not invited to the summit in Buergenstock near Lucerne, at which Ukraine will present its plan to end the war that started with Moscow’s full-scale invasion in February 2022.

The families want the other world powers there to find ways to press Moscow to hand over information, improve the conditions of any captives and, as soon as possible, send them home.

Both Russia and Ukraine are signatories to the Geneva Conventions covering the treatment of prisoners.

Ukrainian officials said in February about 8,000 people – civilians and soldiers – are in Russian hands.

The ICRC says it is trying to get information on the fate of 28,000 people – soldiers and civilians on both sides – who have lost contact with their families.

‘The same dream’

On Saturday afternoon, about 250 people gathered in the center of the town of Lucerne, many wrapped in Ukrainian flags, wearing traditional clothes and carrying pictures of missing brothers, husbands or sons, and sharing their own stories.

“All of us have the same dream,” said one of the women. “We want our relatives to be found and returned from captivity.”

The banners carried by Bilous and fellow protesters read “Stop Russia

torturing and killing Ukrainian POWs” and “Russia is hiding Ukrainian POWs.”

Russia has repeatedly denied carrying out war crimes in Ukraine, including the torture of POWs.

It says its forces are careful to comply with international law. Cases where Russian soldiers are alleged to have committed serious crimes in Ukraine have been and continue to be prosecuted by Russian courts, it says.

In Buergenstock, returned Ukrainian prisoner of war Illia Illiashenko was due to address a side event organized by the Ukrainian Society of Switzerland.

Illiashenko, a sergeant in the coastal troops of Ukraine’s border guard was captured during fighting in his home town of Mariupol, and held in three different camps.

The 21-year-old, who used the call-sign Smurf – was held for 10 months before being returned in a prisoner exchange.

“There is constant physical and psychological pressure in Russian captivity. They try to break your personality, you as a human. And they do it with effective methods,” said Illiashenko, who was beaten and burned while in captivity.

After the conference, the families will travel to Geneva to meet ICRC officials.

For Bilous, fears about her husband’s fate have been on her mind constantly for the last 14 months.

“I’m clinging to the idea that my husband is still alive ... that’s what keeps me going. If I could send him a message, it would be simply that I love him.”

Advocates: Abducted Ukrainian children left with scars

John Revill REUTERS

LUCERNE, Switzerland – Russia’s abduction of Ukrainian children is an attempt to steal the country’s future and has left the youngsters with deep psychological scars, campaigners from Ukraine said on Saturday as they called for international efforts to bring them home.

Kyiv says about 20,000 children have been taken to Russia or Russian-occupied territory without the consent of family or guardians since the war began, calling the abductions a war crime that meets the U.N. treaty definition of genocide.

Moscow says it has protected vulnerable children from the war zone.

Speaking on the sidelines of an international summit in Switzerland about the war, Mykola Kuleba, the leader of a Ukrainian charity working to return the children, said “Russia is stealing our future.”

“They base their strategy on deception, indoctrination of children, and genocide of the Ukrainian nation,” Kuleba, founder and CEO of Save Ukraine, told an event in Lucerne, close to the mountain resort where world leaders were gathering.

He told the story of an 8-year-old girl who was sent to a Russian camp he said was designed to eradicate her Ukrainian identity.

“Children are forbidden to speak Ukrainian or display any Ukrainian symbols. Children are severely punished if they resist singing the Russian anthem,” he said.

The names and dates of birth of children are also routinely changed by Russian authorities, he added.

Save Ukraine has returned 373 children, including 88 orphans, Kuleba said, adding that many returnees showed signs of trauma.

He mentioned a 5-year-old boy who saw his father being beaten by occupying soldiers, which left him with nightmares and debilitating fear.

In March 2023, the International Criminal Court issued warrants for the arrest of President Vladimir Putin and children’s commissioner Maria Lvova-Belova on war crimes charges related to the abduction of Ukrainian children.

Russia denounced the warrants as “outrageous and unacceptable.” Lvova-Belova rejected the accusations as false.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said it was working to return the youngsters, with “a few dozen” reunited with their relatives in Ukraine, a spokesman said.

Earlier this week, the United States said it was aware of credible reports that Russia was listing abducted Ukrainian children on adoption websites.

Peace

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“Today is the day when the world begins to bring a just peace closer,” he told leaders assembled around a giant rectangular table.

U.S. President Joe Biden sent his deputy Kamala Harris to represent him – a decision that had riled Kyiv.

Harris announced more than \$1.5 billion in energy and humanitarian aid for Ukraine, where infrastructure has been pounded by Russian airstrikes since the 2022 full-scale invasion.

On the eve of the summit, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia would end the war if Kyiv agreed to drop its NATO ambitions and hand over four provinces claimed by Moscow. The conditions apparently reflected Moscow’s growing confidence its forces have the upper hand.

But they were swiftly rejected by Ukraine and its allies.

“He’s calling for surrender,” Harris said, adding: “Let nothing about the end of this war be decided without Ukraine.”

“Freezing the conflict today, with foreign troops occupying Ukrainian land, is not the answer. It is a recipe for future wars of aggression,” added European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

China and Russia

China said it would boycott the event after Russia was frozen out of the proc-



U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, center, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attend the plenary session at Saturday’s summit.

URS FLUEELER/POOL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

ess, with the U.S. suggesting Beijing’s decision was taken at Moscow’s behest.

“Putin has no interest in a genuine peace,” said British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

“He has launched a sustained diplomatic campaign against this summit ordering countries to stay away, spinning a phony narrative about his willingness to negotiate.”

Avoiding some of the most difficult issues, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz compared the summit to “a small plant

that needs watering, nurturing and delicate care” that would yield results further down the line.

But countries including Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Kenya noted Russia’s absence as a hurdle.

“I must also note that this summit could have been more result-oriented if the other party to the conflict, Russia, was present in the room,” said Turkey’s foreign minister, Hakan Fidan.

Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud said

credible talks would involve “difficult compromise.”

Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer saw an opportunity to start building a broader global consensus to pressure Russia.

“It’s like we’re in a Western echo chamber. That is: all Western European countries, the USA, we agree on what we want to happen with Ukraine,” Nehammer said. “But that alone is not enough.”

Calls for Russia to be at the table will only get stronger over time, said Bob Deen, senior research fellow at the Netherlands-based Clingendael Institute think tank.

“There is a risk that if Ukraine waits too long, it might end up with rival formats popping up. It may risk losing the initiative,” Deen told a forum on the summit’s sidelines.

Supporters of Ukraine marked the talks with a series of events in the nearby city of Lucerne to draw attention to the war’s humanitarian costs.

Dozens of Ukrainian refugees from choirs around Switzerland converged in a public square to sing Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy.”

Earlier about 250 people gathered in the center of the city, many wrapped in Ukrainian flags, wearing traditional clothes and carrying pictures of missing brothers, husbands or sons as they shared their stories.

“I’m clinging to the idea that my husband is still alive,” said Svitlana Bilous, the wife of a soldier who has been missing for more than 14 months. “That’s what keeps me going.”

IN BRIEF

Police: Up to 10 shot, wounded at Detroit area water park

As many as 10 people, including children, were shot and wounded at a city-run water park near Detroit on Saturday evening, police said, calling the incident random gunfire.

The police said they believed the suspect was cornered in a house nearby. The gun was found at the scene, police said.

A man got out of a vehicle in front of Brooklands Plaza Splash Pad park, in Rochester Hills, Michigan, about 5 p.m. and fired about 30 shots from a 9mm semiautomatic Glock, reloading several times, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard told a press conference.

It was not immediately clear if there were any fatalities, said police, who had initially reported five people shot.

Rochester Hills is about 30 miles north of Detroit. The neighboring community Oxford Township was the scene of a 2021 mass school shooting where student Ethan Crumbley, then 15, killed four students and wounded six other students and a teacher at Oxford High School.

"It's a gut punch, obviously, for us here in Oakland County," Bouchard said. "We've gone through so many tragedies, you know. We're not even fully comprehending what happened at Oxford."

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said on X, "I am heartbroken to learn about the shooting in Rochester Hills."

Erdogan says Biden faces a test in handling of Gaza war

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday that President Joe Biden is undergoing "a test of sincerity" in his handling of the Gaza war.

In an interview with reporters on his way back from the G7 Summit in Italy, Erdogan said Biden is expected to demonstrate that the Gaza cease-fire plan is not a calculated electoral tactic but a sincere effort to end the war.

He also said that Germany has softened its stance on sales of Eurofighter jets to Turkey. In November, Turkey said the country was in talks with Britain and Spain to buy Eurofighter Typhoons, though Germany objected the idea.

Erdogan also said that inflation will be put on a more favorable position in the final quarter with the steps to be taken on interest rates.

Prisoners end hunger strike in Venezuela with agreement

Inmates in 20 jails and detention facilities in Venezuela have ended a weeklong hunger strike to protest against conditions and delays in judicial reviews after reaching a deal with the government, a nongovernmental organization said on Saturday.

"Between Thursday, June 13, and Friday, June 14, the inmates gradually desisted from the hunger strike, after an agreement with the ministry of penitentiary services," the Venezuelan Prisons Observatory said, saying cases of some detainees had begun to be transferred to different courts.

"They have granted some pending releases, and began to install technical tables in some prisons to review the cases of the detainees," the NGO added on its website.

President Nicolas Maduro earlier replaced the country's head of the penitentiary affairs, Celsa Bautista, and appointed legislator Julio Zepa, in the middle of the strike.

NGOs have criticized prisons in Venezuela for overcrowding, poor health conditions and food scarcity, among other issues.

Calgary declares state of emergency due to water crisis

Calgary, the largest city in Canada's primary oil-producing province of Alberta, has declared a state of local emergency due to ongoing repairs on the city's main water pipeline which ruptured last week, the mayor announced on Saturday.

Residents face a critical water shortage and urgently need to reduce their water usage, Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek said.

Water restrictions in Calgary could remain in place for a month or longer, after an internal analysis of the ruptured water pipeline identified five additional "hot spots" at risk of failure, Gondek said.

The rupture last week in the city's main water feeder, which carries water supplies to 1.2 million people, flooded streets, playing fields, and a section of the TransCanada highway, the country's main east-west route, which remains closed. Downtown Calgary is home to many oil and gas companies.

Reuters

Qatar, Egypt plan talks with Hamas on cease-fire

Steve Holland
REUTERS

BUERGENSTOCK, Switzerland — White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said on Saturday that mediators for Qatar and Egypt plan to engage Hamas militants soon to see if there is a way to push ahead with a Gaza cease-fire proposal offered by U.S. President Joe Biden.

Sullivan spoke to reporters on the sidelines of a Ukraine peace summit and was asked about diplomatic efforts to get an agreement for Hamas to release some hostages held since Oct. 7 in exchange for a cease-fire lasting at least six weeks.

Sullivan said he had spoken briefly to one of the main interlocutors, Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, and that they would speak again about Gaza on Sunday while both are in Switzerland for the Ukraine conference.

Hamas has welcomed the cease-fire proposal, but insists any agreement must secure an end to the war, a demand Israel still rejects. Israel described Hamas's response to the new U.S. peace proposal as total rejection.

Sullivan said that U.S. officials have taken a close look at Hamas's response.

"We think some of the edits are not unexpected and can be managed. Some of them are inconsistent both with



Qatar's prime minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, will speak with U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan about Gaza on Sunday, Sullivan said. ALESSANDRO DELLA VALLE/POOL VIA REUTERS

what President Biden laid out and what the U.N. Security Council endorsed. And we are having to deal with that reality," he said.

He said U.S. officials believe there remains an avenue to an agreement and that the next step will be for Qatari and Egyptian mediators to talk to Hamas and "go through what can be worked with and what really can't be worked

with."

"We anticipate a back-and-forth between the mediators and Hamas. We'll see where we stand at that point. We will keep consulting with the Israelis and then hopefully at some point next week we'll be able to report to you where we think things stand and what we see as being the next step to try to bring this to closure," he said.

Hyundai deepens bet on India

IPO could be country's biggest if approvedSethuraman N R, Nandan Mandayam
and Aditi Shah
REUTERS

NEW DELHI — Hyundai Motor's India unit sought regulatory approval on Saturday for a stock market listing in Mumbai which could be the nation's biggest and will see the South Korean parent sell a stake of up to 17.5% in the company.

The IPO will make it the country's first car maker to go public in two decades since Maruti Suzuki in 2003, and would come just as Indian stock markets are trading near record highs.

Hyundai counts India as a crucial growth market where it has two manufacturing units and has invested \$5 billion, with commitments to pump in another \$4 billion over the next decade. The world's biggest car market after China and the U.S. is the company's third-biggest revenue generator globally.

The Hyundai draft prospectus filed gave no details of the pricing of the initial public offering or the company's valuation, but sources have told Reuters Hyundai aims to raise around \$2.5 to \$3 billion at a valuation of up to \$30 billion.

Hyundai, India's second-biggest car maker behind Suzuki, will not issue new shares in the IPO which will involve its South Korean parent selling part of its stake in the wholly owned unit to retail and other investors via a so-called "offer for sale" route.

The listing is seen putting Hyundai Motor India on a stronger footing versus Suzuki, Tata Motors and other ri-



Hyundai said it plans to focus on selling more expensive cars, increase its EV market share and add charging stations, where it lags behind Tata Motors. FRANCIS MASCARENHAS/REUTERS FILE

vals as it could make future fundraising easier, without the need for dependency on its Korean parent.

Hyundai expects the listing of the equity shares in India "will enhance our visibility and brand image," and "provide liquidity and a public market" for the shares, the company said in the draft prospectus filed on Saturday.

It did not provide a timeline for the listing, but typically India's markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, takes three to six months to approve, reject or seek more information on IPOs.

The company said it plans to focus on "premiumization" — selling more expensive cars, as well as increasing its EV market share and adding charging

stations, where it lags behind Tata Motors. Hyundai India also said it wants to ship more cars, "strengthening" its position as an export hub.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi sees the automotive industry as a cornerstone to boosting growth in the world's fifth-largest economy. His government has built hundreds of miles of new roads and is incentivizing car makers to increase local manufacturing, especially of electric vehicles.

Hyundai, entered India 28 years ago, and has won over buyers with its affordable cars such as Santro and sports-utility vehicle Creta. The company has plans to launch new electric vehicles, establish charging stations and a battery pack assembly unit.

Li's trip to Australia shows ties mending with China, minister says

Sam McKeith
REUTERS

SYDNEY, Australia — Australia's Foreign

Minister Penny Wong said on Sunday that China Premier Li Qiang's visit to Australia was "really important" in showing stabilized ties between the two countries, after Li, China's second-highest ranked official, arrived in Adelaide on Saturday.

Li touched down in the South Australia state capital late on Saturday, saying bilateral relations were "back on track" as he started a four-day visit to Australia, the first trip by a Chinese premier to the major trading partner in seven years.

China imposed trade restrictions on

a raft of Australian agricultural and mineral products in 2020 during a diplomatic dispute that has now largely eased.

"This is obviously a really important visit, it's the first visit in seven years by the Chinese premier," Wong told Australian Broadcasting Corp. television on Sunday morning.

"It comes after two years of very deliberate, very patient work by this government to bring about a stabilization of the relationship."

In Adelaide on Sunday, Li is expected to visit a pair of pandas on loan from China to Adelaide's zoo, then have lunch with wine exporters until recently shut out of the Chinese market in a dispute that suspended \$20 billion (\$13 billion) in Australian agriculture

and mineral exports last year.

Li will also visit the capital Canberra and iron-ore rich mining state Western Australia on the stopover.

Australia is the biggest supplier of iron ore to China, which has been an investor in Australian mining projects, though some recent Chinese investment in critical minerals has been blocked by Australia on national interest grounds.

Li arrived from New Zealand, where he highlighted Chinese demand for New Zealand's agricultural products.

China is the biggest trading partner of Australia and New Zealand.

Canberra and Wellington are seeking to balance trade with regional security concerns over China's ambitions in the Pacific Islands.

SPORTS **EXTRA**

GOLF US OPEN

Crowded leaderboard heading into final round

DeChambeau fires 67 to have chance at 2nd title

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Bryson DeChambeau is feeling positive vibes and his golf game is backing those up in the U.S. Open.

DeChambeau shot a 3-under-par 67 and moved to a three-stroke lead Saturday after three rounds at Pinehurst, N.C.

"It just gives me a spike in my adrenaline and allows me to focus more on delivering for the fans and for myself," he said of the fan support.

DeChambeau, who dealt with some hip discomfort, is the first golfer to ever break 70 in the first three rounds of a U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2. He said he'll hold up physically.

"It's OK," he said of the ailment. "I've had it for a long time now. It's just something that popped up."

Patrick Cantlay (third round 70), Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy (69) and France's Matthieu Pavon (69) are all three strokes back.

DeChambeau's lead grew to four strokes before a late double bogey threatened to derail his momentum.

Yet on Sunday, DeChambeau will try to secure his second U.S. Open in a five-year stretch and add another Southern Methodist University connection to this tournament venue. Payne Stewart, who, like DeChambeau, was an ex-SMU golfer, won the first time the U.S. Open was

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Bryson DeChambeau reacts after making a putt during the third round of the U.S. Open on Saturday at Pinehurst. JIM DEDMON/USA TODAY SPORTS

STANLEY CUP FINAL GAME 4 OILERS 8, PANTHERS 1

OILERS ERUPT



Edmonton Oilers center Adam Henrique (19) celebrates a goal with center Mattias Janmark (13) and defenseman Brett Kulak (27) on Saturday during Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final at Rogers Place. PERRY NELSON/USA TODAY SPORTS

Edmonton rediscovers its offense, overwhelms the Panthers to avoid a Final sweep and force Game 5

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Connor McDavid had a goal and three assists to help the Edmonton Oilers avoid elimination with an 8-1 win against the visiting Florida Panthers on Saturday night in Game 4 of the

Stanley Cup Final.

Game 5 is set for Tuesday in Sunrise, Fla.

Dylan Holloway had two goals and an assist and Mattias Janmark had a goal and an assist for Edmonton. Adam Henrique, Darnell Nurse, Ryan Nugent-

Hopkins and Ryan McLeod also scored, while Stuart Skinner made 32 saves.

Vladimir Tarasenko scored and Sergei Bobrovsky stopped just 11 of 16 shots before he was replaced by Anthony

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US OLYMPIC TRIALS SWIMMING

Walsh sets world record on opening night

Seven-time gold medalist Ledecy qualifies for Paris

Rory Carroll
REUTERS

INDIANAPOLIS - Katie Ledecy qualified for her fourth Olympic Games and Gretchen Walsh set a world record on the opening night of the U.S. Olympic Trials for swimming in Indianapolis on Saturday.

As expected, seven-time gold medalist Ledecy dominated in the 400-meter freestyle championship before a crowd of 20,689 fans at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts.

"I never imagined I'd get to go to a fourth Olympic Games," Ledecy said.

The 27-year-old from Maryland said the joy of making the U.S. team never gets old and credited her coaches and teammates for her longevity in the sport.



Gretchen Walsh set a record in the 100-meter butterfly during the first day of the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Indianapolis. GRACE HOLLARS/INDYSTAR

"I feel like I enjoy this more and more each year and I think that's a testament to the people around me my whole career," she told reporters.

"Great communities that keep me excited about the sport, great teammates that push me every day, great coaches that believe in me and push me to reach for bigger and bigger goals.

"That's how I've been able to be

consistent and I pride myself on that consistency."

Paige Madden was second with a personal best time of 4:02.08 but has not yet qualified for the Games.

Ledecy is widely considered the greatest female swimmer of all time and is just the eighth American swimmer to make at least four trips to an Olympic Games, where she will look to add to her tally of 10 Olympic medals.

Walsh kicked off night with a bang, setting a world record in the women's 100-meter butterfly to send a message to the world with just over a month to go before the Games.

Walsh led from the outset, made the turn at a world record pace and looked up in disbelief after she touched the wall in 55.79 seconds as the crowd erupted.

"I'm over the moon, just so happy," Walsh said. "It's such a surreal experience. I'm trying to convince myself that just happened. I'm in awe."

Her performance in the semi-final heat beat the previous record of 55.48

seconds, which was set by Sweden's Sarah Sjöström in 2016.

Indiana native Aaron Shackell punched his ticket to his first Olympics with a victory in the 400-meter freestyle.

"Ever since I learned my dad was an Olympian I always wanted to be an Olympian myself," said the 19-year-old Shackell, whose father Nick represented England in swimming at the 1996 Atlanta Games. It wasn't always easy. For a long time I wasn't even good at swimming and honestly didn't like it until a few years ago."

The trials will determine the U.S. team for Paris and are being held over nine consecutive nights in Indianapolis, which has transformed into a swimming paradise complete with a 66-foot replica of the Eiffel Tower located near the downtown stadium.

The throng of red, white and blue clad fans was the biggest to ever witness a swim meet, breaking the record of 16,000 set at the Rio Olympics in 2016.

NFL NOTEBOOK

Report: Higgins to sign franchise tag

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The Cincinnati Bengals expect wide receiver Tee Higgins to sign his franchise tag on Saturday and show up to training camp next month, according to multiple media reports.

Higgins will make \$21.8 million in 2024, far eclipsing the \$10.1 million he's earned in the four years since the Bengals selected him No. 33 overall in the 2020 draft.

Now, the Bengals will have some time to try to work out a long-term extension with Higgins before July 15. They also have their other starting receiver, Ja'Marr Chase, due for an extension and huge payday.

Higgins, 25, hasn't take part in any offseason activities, including the recently concluded three-day mandatory minicamp.

Quarterback Joe Burrow said he's eager to start throwing to Higgins again.

"Tee and I are always talking," Burrow said, per ESPN. "I've seen Tee several times this offseason. He looks great. Whenever he's ready to come back, I'll be excited to see him."

Higgins was limited by hamstring and rib injuries in 2023, forcing him to miss five games. Still, he caught 42 passes for 656 yards and scored five touchdowns.

In a Bengals uniform, Higgins has appeared in 58 regular-season games (53 starts) and caught 257 passes for 3,684 and 24 touchdowns.

He has added 457 yards and three scores in seven playoff games.

Reports: Lions to sign UFL kicker Jake Bates

The Detroit Lions are planning to sign UFL kicker Jake Bates to a two-year-deal, multiple outlets reported Saturday.

Bates can be signed as early as Tuesday, based on UFL rules.

He spent the spring with the Michigan Panthers and made 21 of 28 field goals, including a 64-yard attempt and two others of at least 60 yards. He also made visits to the Washington Com-



Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins reaches for a touchdown over Minnesota Vikings cornerback Akayleb Evans during a Dec. 16 game in Cincinnati. CARA OWSLEY/THE ENQUIRER

manders and Green Bay Packers but chose to say in Detroit, where he kicked at Ford Field for the Panthers.

The Lions currently have veteran Michael Badgley and James Turner, and undrafted rookie who played at Michigan, vying for the job at kicker.

Badgley, who turns 29 next month, spent parts of the past two seasons with the Lions, his fifth team. In 16 regular-season games with Detroit, Badgley has made 24 of 28 field goal attempts with a long of 53.

The Lions are expected to keep at

least one kicker on the practice squad.

Bates, 25, played his senior season in 2022 at Arkansas, where he was a kick-off specialist and didn't attempt field goals. He was named to All-SEC first-team after leading the conference with an average of 64.47 yards per kickoff.



Edmonton Oilers center Mattias Janmark (13) scores a goal past Florida Panthers center Aleksander Barkov (16) in the first period of Game 4 of the 2024 Stanley Cup Final on Saturday at Rogers Place in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. SERGEI BELSKI/USA TODAY SPORTS

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Stolarz, who finished with 16 saves for Florida.

The Oilers never trailed, building a 3-1 lead in the first period.

The Panthers went on the first power play of the game when Nurse was whistled for tripping Sam Bennett, but it was Edmonton that scored, short-handed, to take a 1-0 lead at 3:11.

Connor Brown stole the puck in the Florida zone to spark a two-on-one rush. He carried the puck below the goal line before passing it back out front to Janmark with Bobrovsky out of the crease. Janmark then banked his shot

off Panthers forward Aleksander Barkov for his third goal of the playoffs.

The Oilers extended the lead to 2-0 at 7:48.

Mattias Ekholm made a stretch pass to Janmark at the Florida blue line. Janmark spun away from Panthers defenseman Niko Mikkola and headed into Florida's zone before making a centering pass to Henrique, who redirected the puck high into the net.

Florida cut its deficit to 2-1 at 11:26 when Gustav Forsling took a slap shot from just inside the blue line that Tarasenko tipped into the net.

Skinner made his best save of the game 39 seconds later when he stuck out his left arm to turn away a shot by Carter Verhaeghe.

The Oilers then increased their lead

to 3-1 at 14:48.

Brett Kulak made a blue-line-to-blue-line pass to Leon Draisaitl, who followed up with a centering pass to Holloway, and Holloway slid a backhand between the pads of Bobrovsky. The assist marked Draisaitl's first point of the series.

Edmonton blew the game open by outscoring the Panthers 3-0 in the second period.

McDavid made it 4-1 at 1:13 and Nurse pushed the lead to 5-1 at 4:59. Nugent-Hopkins followed with the first power-play goal of the series for Edmonton during a five-on-three, extending the lead to 6-1 at 13:03.

Holloway scored his second goal of the game at 14:11 of the third, and McLeod scored at 16:41 for the 8-1 final.

SATURDAY'S BOX SCORE

| | | Edmonton 8, Florida 1 | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| Florida | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Edmonton | | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| First Period —1. Edmonton, Janmark 3 (Brown), 3:11. 1. Edmonton, Henrique 3 (Janmark, Ekholm), 7:48. 1. Florida, Tarasenko 5 (Forsling, Lundell), 11:26. 1. Edmonton, Holloway 4 (Draisaitl, Kulak), 14:48. Penalties—Nurse, EDM (Tripping), 1:53. Florida bench, served by Rodrigues (Too many men), 4:12. | | | | | |
| Second Period —1. Edmonton, McDavid 6 (Hyman, Bouchard), 1:13. 1. Edmonton, Nurse 1 (McDavid, Hyman), 4:59. 1. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 7 (Draisaitl, McDavid), 13:03. Penalties—Ekman-Larsson, FLA (Slashing), 8:40. Tkachuk, FLA (Roughing), 11:35. Bennett, FLA (Roughing), 11:35. | | | | | |
| Third Period —2. Edmonton, Holloway 5 (McDavid, Perry), 14:11. 1. Edmonton, McLeod 3 (Holloway, Foegele), 16:41. Penalties—Janmark, EDM (Hooking), 0:36. Nurse, EDM (Cross-checking), 6:51. Ekblad, FLA (Slashing), 9:16. Perry, EDM (Slashing), 11:52. Okposo, FLA (Elbowing), 16:59. | | | | | |
| Shots on Goal —Florida 14-4-15-33. Edmonton 10-17-8-35. | | | | | |
| Power-play opportunities —Florida 0 of 4; Edmonton 1 of 6. | | | | | |
| Goalies —Florida, Bobrovsky 15-6-0 (16 shots-11 saves), Stolarz (19-16). Edmonton, Skinner 12-8-0 (33-32). A-18,347 (18,347). | | | | | |

MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES ROUNDUP

Small-ball Kentucky wins on walk-off HR

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Mitchell Daly hit a walk-off homer with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning to lift No. 2 Kentucky to a dramatic 5-4 victory over No. 10 North Carolina State on Saturday in the Men's College World Series at Omaha, Neb.

Daly's blast gave the Wildcats (46-14) a victory in their first-ever MCWS contest. Kentucky also set a school record for victories in a season.

Daly unloaded on a 1-2 pitch from Wolfpack right-hander Derrick Smith (3-2) and easily sent it over the left-field fence.

"If it's up, try to go for it," Daly said of his approach in an ESPN interview. "It was his big slider and I was sitting on that pitch and happy to get the pitch I was waiting for."

Ryan Nicholson, who went 3-for-4, hit his 22nd homer of the season to start the bottom of the ninth to tie it for Kentucky. NC State's Jacob Dudan served up that blast.

The Wildcats will face the winner of Saturday's later game between Texas A&M and Florida on Monday night. NC State (38-22) will face the loser of that contest Monday afternoon in an elimination game.

Each of the first three games of the MCWS have been decided on walkoff hits. North Carolina beat Virginia and Tennessee defeated Florida State in that manner on Friday.

Johnny Hummel (4-0) pitched 1 2/3 innings of hitless relief for Kentucky.

Alec Makarewicz hit a two-run homer and Jacob Cozart went 3-for-4 with an RBI for NC State. Cozart scored on Hummel's wild pitch in the ninth to give the Wolfpack a 4-3 lead.

Earlier, Nick Lopez had an RBI single in the first to give Kentucky a 1-0 lead.

Cozart's run-scoring single in the third tied the score.

Nolan McCarthy hit a two-run homer in the fourth – his eighth of the season – to give the Wildcats a 3-1 advantage. Makarewicz's two-run blast in the seventh, his 23rd of the campaign, knotted the score.

NC State right-hander Sam Highfill



Kentucky third baseman Mitchell Daly (2) and teammate celebrate after Daly hit walk-off home run against NC State during the 10th inning on Saturday at Charles Schwab Field in Omaha. STEVEN BRANSCOMBE/USA TODAY SPORTS

gave up three runs and six hits over seven innings. He struck out seven and walked two.

Kentucky right-hander Trey Poeser

allowed three runs and nine hits over 6 2/3 innings. He fanned three and walked two.

Florida vs. Texas A&M (Late)

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held at Pinehurst 25 years ago.

"I am going to try and hit a lot of the greens, give myself some good looks on some holes and two-putt a lot," DeChambeau said of his final-round plan.

Sweden's Ludvig Aberg, who began the day with a one-stroke lead, shot 73 and is tied with Japan's Hideki Matsuyama (70) at 2 under.

DeChambeau, who also shot 67 on Thursday, strung together five birdies – including both par-5 holes – in a 10-hole stretch, and suddenly the Pinehurst No. 2 course didn't seem so menacing, at least for one golfer. That thought was dashed by the time he recorded a 6 on the 16th hole before responding with a birdie on the next.

DeChambeau, who won the U.S. Open in 2020, hasn't finished better than T20 since then.

Cantlay stayed in the mix despite only two birdies Saturday. McIlroy had bogeys on two of the final four holes.

"I love the test that Pinehurst is presenting, and you've got to focus and concentrate on every single shot out there," McIlroy said. "It's what a U.S. Open should be like."

Pavon, whose great start with birdies on three of the first seven holes came before a pair of back-side bogeys, said he wants to remain in position to make a move.

"The course is really showing its teeth so far," he said. "It's a tough one."

Tony Finau (72) and England's Tyrrell Hatton (70) share seventh place at 1 under.

Seven golfers registered under-par scores Saturday.

Collin Morikawa posted an early 66 and shot up the leaderboard with the day's best score. After the bogey-free round with three birdies on the backside, he's at even par and tied for ninth place with Canada's Corey Connors (71) and South Korea's Tom Kim (71).

Defending champion Wyndham Clark posted his second 71 of the week and sits at 5 over.

World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler also recorded his second 71 of the tournament. At 6 over, he's not in position to make a charge to the top after winning five tournaments already this year. He said he's having trouble reading greens.

"Another frustrating day," summed up Scheffler. "I just didn't make enough birdies to stay in the tournament, I think I only had four birdies for the week which is not going to get it done, the leads currently at five-under."

"Especially at a U.S. Open golf course where you know you are going to make some bogeys."

"The game of golf is a mental torture chamber at times, especially the U.S. Open."

LPGA



Grace Kim tees off during a 2023 tournament. Kim leads this weekend's Meijer LPGA Classic after 54 holes. JOHN JONES/USA TODAY SPORTS

Grace Kim opens 5-shot lead at Meijer Classic

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Australian Grace Kim birdied four of her final six holes – including No. 18 – to open a five-shot lead after 54 holes at the Meijer LPGA Classic on Saturday in Belmont, Mich.

Kim sits at 17 under for the tournament, leading five players by five strokes, including second-round co-leader Ally Ewing (third round 71). Another four players are six shots off the lead in a tie for seventh at Blythefield Country Club.

After carding three straight birdies on Nos. 5-7, Kim's only blemish came with a bogey on the par-5 10th. She more than made up for it with birdies on Nos. 13-14, the 16th and the par-5 finishing hole.

"Well, I guess I knew that my golf game was good enough, especially I've dealt with this position in L.A. recently this year," Kim said. "I think I learned from experience ... (and) just tried to do everything to keep my mind off the golf course or anything to do with golf. Yeah, I guess just tried to ease myself into the warmups and try to have a free mind out there today."

Kim said she's better prepared to play with a big lead in the final round.

"The last time I had a five-shot lead I didn't do very well, so giving myself an-

other chance to, I guess, do it again and actually get it done," she said. "I know I'm going to try my best for tomorrow and everyone else will. This golf course calls for (lots) of birdies and there are a lot of good players out here. Our field is quite deep with the strength of it, so I know everyone will try their best."

"We'll see who pulls through."

Anna Nordqvist and Lexi Thompson both shot 65 on moving day to vault 22 spots up the leaderboard into a tie for second at 12 under.

"Just kind of got into a groove of things," Thompson said. "This is a golf course you know you have to come out and play aggressive and make lots of birdies. Just came out feeling very comfortable, made a few good swings, and rolled in some putts. Just got in a groove and tried to keep the pedal down as much as I could out there."

After firing a 63 on Friday, Ewing fell back to the field with three bogeys on the back nine.

"It was a little bit of a scramble today," Ewing said. "I made some really good putts to just kind of hang in early. Grace got rolling towards the end and I just kind of didn't hit it great towards the end of the round. Then missed a couple putts that I needed to make. ..."

"So it was a grind and we are still in an OK spot for tomorrow."



Rory McIlroy hits out of a bunker during Saturday's third round of the U.S. Open in Pinehurst, N.C. JIM DEDMON/USA TODAY SPORTS

MLB

SATURDAY'S ROUNDUP

Happ homer helps Cubs beat Cardinals

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Shota Imanaga recorded his eighth quality start of the season, Ian Happ blasted a three-run homer and the host Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-1 on Saturday afternoon.

Imanaga (7-1) went seven innings, allowing just one run on four hits. He didn't issue a walk and struck out six as Chicago evened the three-game series with St. Louis at one win apiece.

Trailing 2-1, the Cardinals almost got to Imanaga at the tail end of his outing, with Nolan Arenado getting hit by a pitch to start the seventh ahead of Ivan Herrera's one-out single. But Dylan Carlson flied out, and on his 103rd pitch of the afternoon, Imanaga fanned Brendan Donovan to keep the Cubs in front.

Happ made St. Louis pay in the bottom of the frame, making it 5-1 with his seventh home run of the year. Happ went 2-for-3 with a walk despite entering Saturday with just one hit over his previous seven games (1-for-24).

Mike Tauchman, Cody Bellinger and Seiya Suzuki also finished with two hits apiece for the Cubs.

Blue Jays 5, Guardians 0

The Toronto Blue Jays jumped out to an early lead and Bowden Francis pitched four strong innings of relief en route to a 5-0 victory over the visiting Cleveland Guardians on Saturday afternoon.

Francis (3-2) allowed four hits and struck out two as the Blue Jays gained a split of the first two games of the three-game series.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa had two hits and an RBI for Toronto.

Steven Kwan had three singles for the Guardians to extend his hit streak to 10 games. Josh Naylor added two hits.

Brewers 3, Reds 1

Joey Ortiz gave the Brewers all the runs they needed with a three-run homer as Milwaukee beat the visiting Cincinnati Reds 3-1 on Saturday afternoon in the middle game of a three-game series.

The game was a scoreless pitching duel into the fifth when Brewers leadoff man Ortiz hit his first homer since May 17. Reds starter Andrew Abbott walked Jackson Chourio and Brice Turang, then left a 1-1 changeup over the plate and Ortiz blasted it 398 feet over the left-center field wall for a 3-0 Milwaukee lead. It was Ortiz's sixth homer of the season.

Before that, Abbott (5-6) had allowed just three singles and his infielders – shortstop Elly De La Cruz and second baseman Jonathan India – made a pair of magnificent plays to get outs on grounders.

Brewers right-hander Bryse Wilson (4-3), who came in as the bulk pitcher after opener Jared Koenig got the first two outs, settled in and allowed just three singles over 5 1/3 innings, striking out six.

Angels 4, Giants 3

Logan O'Hoppe tied the game in the sixth with a two-run home run, Luis Rengifo delivered an RBI single an inning later and the visiting Los Angeles Angels held on to defeat the San Francisco Giants 4-3 on Saturday afternoon.

The Los Angeles bullpen picked up starter Patrick Sandoval with four innings of shutout ball, helping the Angels win a second straight in the series by exactly half the count of Friday's 8-6 triumph.

After taking the opening win in front-running fashion, the Angels trailed 2-0 early and then 3-1 before finally drawing even in the sixth against Giants starter Keaton Winn. O'Hoppe's homer, his ninth of the season, came after Winn had walked Taylor Ward to open the inning.

Matt Moore (3-2) pitched a scoreless bottom of the sixth, setting up the visitors' winning run in the seventh, which came against Giants reliever Ryan Walker (4-3).

Nationals 4, Marlins 0

Rookie left-hander DJ Herz allowed one hit over six shutout innings while striking out 13 for the Washington Nationals on Saturday afternoon, earning his first major league victory in a 4-0 win against the visiting Miami Marlins. Herz (1-1) did not allow a walk in his third career start.

Dylan Floro pitched a 1-2-3 seventh inning, Hunter Harvey struck out Tim



Chicago Cubs outfielder Ian Happ, right, high-fives outfielder Cody Bellinger, far left, and outfielder Mike Tauchman after they scored on Happ's three-run home run during the seventh inning Saturday at Wrigley Field.

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Anderson with the bases loaded to end the eighth, and Kyle Finnegan pitched the ninth to complete the shutout for Washington.

Lane Thomas and Joey Meneses each homered for the Nationals, who have won seven of eight.

Marlins starter Trevor Rogers (1-8) allowed two runs and six hits over seven innings. He struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

Jake Burger had two of the four hits for Miami, which has lost four in a row. Washington won the series opener 8-1 on Friday night.

Orioles 6, Phillies 2

Anthony Santander homered twice and drove in four runs as the Baltimore Orioles edged the visiting Philadelphia Phillies 6-2 in a matchup of two of the top teams in the major leagues Saturday.

In between Santander's homers in the fourth and eighth innings, he provided a tie-breaking sixth-inning sacrifice fly.

Gunnar Henderson, Ryan O'Hearn and Ramon Urias joined Santander in having two hits for the Orioles, who snapped a two-game skid that followed a season-best six-game winning streak.

Grayson Rodriguez (8-2) worked seven innings for the victory, holding the Phillies to two runs on seven hits with six strikeouts and a walk. Craig Kimbrel recorded three strikeouts in the ninth.

Alec Bohm had two hits, including a double, and Edmundo Sosa homered for the Phillies.

Taijuan Walker (3-2) took the loss, allowing three runs on six hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Tigers 13, Astros 5

Riley Greene hit two home runs and recorded his first career four-hit game to pace a rousing slugging display from the Detroit Tigers, who bashed the host Houston Astros 13-5 on Saturday.

Greene went 4-for-5 with a career-high six RBIs. His solo home run in the top of the first inning followed a solo homer from Matt Vierling and provided the Tigers a 2-0 lead against Astros right-hander Spencer Arrighetti (3-6). It marked the first back-to-back homers of the season for the Tigers.

Greene homered again an inning later with a three-run blast to right field that chased Arrighetti. His 14th home run drove in Carson Kelly and Wenceel Perez and pushed the lead to 7-0. Greene produced his first career multi-homer game on April 23 against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Greene stroked an RBI single in the third that plated Perez and upped the lead to 9-0. He added another single in the seventh, a bases-loaded walk in the eighth and amassed 10 total bases.

Kelly and Colt Keith also slugged home runs for the Tigers. Keith and Perez, both rookies, finished 4-for-6, with

Perez recording his first four-hit game and Keith his second.

Detroit recorded a season-high 19 hits, providing starter Jack Flaherty (4-4) ample support.

Mets 5, Padres 1

J.D. Martinez homered twice and the New York Mets remained hot with a 5-1 victory over the visiting San Diego Padres on Saturday afternoon.

Jose Quintana and a pair of relievers combined on a two-hitter for the Mets, who have won four in a row and 10 of 14. The Padres fell to 6-8 this month.

Martinez has delivered the key hit in each of the Mets' last three wins. He hit his first career walk-off homer Thursday in the ninth inning of a 3-2 victory against the Miami Marlins before lacing a two-run double in the third inning of Friday's 2-1 win over the Padres.

Martinez finished 3-for-3 with a pair of walks Saturday, when he hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning before adding a solo shot in the seventh. His seven RBIs over a three-game span are his most since he collected eight RBIs for the Los Angeles Dodgers in three games from July 21-25, 2023.

The Mets were 1-for-10 with runners on in the first three innings against Padres rookie Adam Mazur (0-2) before finally breaking through with two outs in the fourth. Francisco Lindor doubled and scored on Brandon Nimmo's double.

Nimmo also singled in the eighth, driving home Jeff McNeil from third. He was the only other Mets player with multiple hits. Lindor walked twice and stole a base.

Braves 9, Rays 2

The Atlanta Braves hit three of their four homers in the fifth inning and got six strong innings from starting pitcher Charlie Morton to beat the visiting Tampa Bay Rays 9-2 on Saturday and extend their winning streak to three games.

Trailing 1-0 in the fifth, Jarred Kelenic hit a two-run shot, his fifth, to give the Braves the lead. After Ozzie Albies walked, Marcell Ozuna hit his National League leading 20th homer, a 423-foot shot to center field. Matt Olson followed with his 11th homer, the third time this season he and Ozuna have gone back-to-back.

Austin Riley put the game away with a three-run homer in the seventh inning, his fifth. He has gone deep in back-to-back games after going homerless for a career-long 90 at-bats.

Morton (4-3) bounced back from a subpar effort against Washington, when he allowed five runs in five innings. The veteran worked six innings and allowed one run on three hits and two walks and matched his season high of eight strikeouts.

Tampa Bay starter Ryan Pepiot (4-4) was knocked out after allowing his third home run. He pitched 4 2/3 innings and

allowed five runs on six hits, three walks and four strikeouts. Pepiot has allowed five homers over his last two starts.

Red Sox 8, Yankees 4

Tyler O'Neill and Jarren Duran each collected two hits and scored twice as the Boston Red Sox beat the visiting New York Yankees 8-4 on Saturday night.

O'Neill scored in each of the first two innings, when Boston built a 5-2 lead. He had an RBI double in the first and singled in the second. Duran doubled in the first, hit an RBI single in the eighth and scored in each inning.

Juan Soto hit a solo home run for the Yankees – his 18th of the season – off reliever Justin Slaten (4-2). Giancarlo Stanton had two of New York's six hits.

Boston's Kenley Jansen recorded the final four outs to earn his 11th save.

New York starter Carlos Rodon (9-3) exited after throwing 109 pitches in five innings. The left-hander gave up five runs on seven hits, walked three and struck out seven.

Ceddanne Rafaela had three of Boston's 12 hits.

Mariners 7, Rangers 5

Julio Rodriguez hit a two-run homer and George Kirby pitched six strong innings as the Seattle Mariners defeated the visiting Texas Rangers 7-5 on Saturday.

Josh Rojas went 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs and also scored three times for the American League West-leading Mariners, who won for the sixth time in their past seven games to increase their lead over second-place Texas to a season-high 7 1/2 games.

Kirby (6-5) allowed one unearned run on three hits. The right-hander walked two and struck out six in improving to 5-0 in seven career starts against the Rangers.

Seattle's Ryne Stanek got the final out for his seventh save.

Trailing 7-1, the Rangers created some drama in the ninth. Adolis Garcia led off with a single off Eduard Bazarzo, took third on a single by Nathaniel Lowe and scored on Wyatt Langford's fielder's choice. Travis Jankowski and Robbie Grossman singled to load the bases before pinch hitter Josh Smith walked with two outs. Marcus Semien greeted Stanek with a two-run single down the right field line to pull the Rangers within two. Rookie first baseman Tyler Locklear made a diving stop of a one-hopper by Corey Seager to end the game.

Texas right-hander Nathan Eovaldi (3-3) lasted just three innings. He gave up four runs on four hits with four walks and six strikeouts.

**Royals 7, Dodgers 2 (Late)
Rockies 16, Pirates 4 (Late)
White Sox vs. Diamondbacks (Late)**

MLB

SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES

Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 1
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| St. Louis | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Winn ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .272 |
| Burleson lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .223 |
| Goldschmidt 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .262 |
| Arenado 3b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .207 |
| Gorman 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .274 |
| Herrera dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .188 |
| Carlson cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .245 |
| Donovan lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .114 |
| Pages c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 30 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 | |

| Chicago | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|-------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Tauchman dh | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .255 |
| Morel 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .198 |
| Bleil 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .268 |
| Bellinger 1b | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .267 |
| Suzuki rf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .218 |
| Happ lf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .244 |
| Hoerner 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .214 |
| Swanson ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .207 |
| Crow-Armstrong cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .154 |
| Gomes c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Totals | 31 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |

E: Roycroft. 2B: Burleson (8). HR: Happ (7). RBI: Arenado (32), Happ (33), Hoerner (18), Swanson (19). SB: Hoerner (10), Crow-Armstrong (11). SF: Arenado. Runners left in scoring position: St. Louis 2 (Goldschmidt, Donovan), Chicago 5 (Hoerner 2, Crow-Armstrong, Gomes 2). RISP: Chicago 1 for 10. GDP: Tauchman, Morel, Gomes. DP: St. Louis 3.

| St. Louis | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|------|
| Pallante L, 2-3 | 21 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 59 | 4.61 |
| Roycroft | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 36 | 2.84 | |
| Leahy | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 4.87 |
| King | 02 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 2.28 | |
| Liberatore | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4.24 | |

| Chicago | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|------|------|------|
| Imanaga W, 7-1 | 70 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6103 | 1.89 | |
| Miller | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 31 | 0.69 |

Inherited runners: Roycroft 2-0, Leahy 3-3, King 1-0. HBP: Arenado. Umpires: HP-Clemons, 1B-Torres, 2B-Willis, 3B-Barry. T: 2:30. A: 40,088 (41,649).

Toronto 5, Cleveland 0

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| Cleveland | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Kwan dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .386 |
| Gimenez 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .266 |
| Fry lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .317 |
| Naylor lf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .232 |
| Freeman cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .119 |
| a-Manzardo ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .218 |
| Brennan rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .232 |
| Schneemann 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .300 |
| Rocchio ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .211 |
| Naylor c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .174 |
| Totals | 33 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 4 | |

| Toronto | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Horwitz 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .348 |
| Schneider 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .230 |
| Jansen c | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .250 |
| Guerrero Jr. 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .277 |
| Turner dh | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .225 |
| Varsho lf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .216 |
| Springer rf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .198 |
| Barger 3b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .095 |
| Clement 3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .096 |
| Kiner-Falefa ss | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .269 |
| Kiermaier cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .195 |
| Totals | 28 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | |

a-struck out for Freeman in 9th.

E: Barger. 2B: Varsho (14). RBI: Horwitz (3), Springer (15), Barger (1), Kiner-Falefa (27). S: Kiner-Falefa. Runners left in scoring position: Cleveland 4 (Gimenez, Fry, Schneemann 2), Toronto 2 (Jansen, Springer). RISP: Toronto 4 for 8. GDP: Fry, Naylor, Turner, Varsho. DP: Cleveland 2, Toronto 2.

| Cleveland | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|-----|
| Carrasco L, 2-6 | 50 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 81 | 5.80 | |
| Herrin | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0.96 | |
| Avila | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 2.84 | |

| Toronto | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|------|
| Richards | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 3.09 |
| Mazza | 01 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 5.48 | |
| Pop | 03 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5.12 | |
| Francis W, 3-2 | 40 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6.83 | 2.23 |
| Cabrera | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 4.73 | |
| Pearson | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 4.28 | |

Inherited runners: Pop 2-2. HBP: Jansen, Turner. Umpires: HP-Whitson, 1B-Miller, 2B-Moore, 3B-Eddings. T: 2:23. A: 39,318 (49,286).

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| Miami | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|----------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Anderson ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | .216 |
| De La Cruz lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .243 |
| Bell dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .236 |
| Burger lf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .235 |
| Sanchez rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .237 |
| Myers cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .208 |
| d-Gordon ph-2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .228 |
| Rivera 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .205 |
| c-Chisholm Jr. ph-cf | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .257 |
| Brujan 2b-3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .242 |
| Bethancourt c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .341 |
| b-Lopez ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .277 |
| Fortes c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .163 |
| Totals | 31 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 1 | |

| Washington | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|--------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Abrams ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .257 |
| Thomas rf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .238 |
| Winker lf | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .265 |
| a-Garcia Jr. ph-2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .273 |
| Meneses 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .244 |
| Vargas 2b-3b | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .285 |
| Senzel dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .226 |
| Millas c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .105 |
| Lipscomb 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .243 |
| Young cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .258 |
| Totals | 31 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 3 | |

a-doubled for Winker in 3rd. b-walked for Bethancourt in 8th. c-myled for Rivera in 8th. d-struck out for Myers in 8th.

2B: Abrams (15), Thomas (4), Garcia Jr. (12). 3B: Burger (1). HR: Thomas (6), Meneses (3). RBI: Thomas (22), Meneses 3 (6). SB: Millas (2). SF: Meneses. Runners left in scoring position: Miami 3 (Anderson 2, Sanchez), Washington 2 (Fortes, Lipscomb). RISP: Washington 2 for 6.

| Miami | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|------|-----|
| Rogers L, 1-8 | 70 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 393 | 5.09 | |
| Nardi | 02 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 5.61 | |
| Bender | 01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5.06 | |

| Washington | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|-----|
| Herz W, 1-1 | 60 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 84 | 3.77 | |
| Floro H, 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1.57 | |
| Harvey H, 21 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 2.75 | |
| Finnegan | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1.84 | |

Inherited runners: Bender 1-1. HBP: Vargas. WP: Harvey. Umpires: HP-Blakney, 1B-Wolf, 2B-Barber, 3B-Porter. T: 2:08. A: 25,637 (41,380).

Milwaukee 3, Cincinnati 1

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| Cincinnati | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|-------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Friedl cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .237 |
| De La Cruz ss | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .230 |
| Candelario 3b-1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .251 |
| Steer 1b-3f | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .232 |
| Stephenson c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .251 |
| Fraley lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .285 |
| a-Fairchild ph-rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .233 |
| Martini dh | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .227 |
| India 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .242 |
| Benson lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .206 |
| b-Espinal ph-3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .197 |
| Totals | 30 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | |

| Milwaukee | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|-------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Ortiz 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .281 |
| Contreras c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .302 |
| Yelich lf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .323 |
| Adames ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .245 |
| Hoskins 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .224 |
| Sanchez dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .212 |
| Perkins cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .250 |
| Chourio lf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .227 |
| Turang 2b | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .286 |
| Totals | 28 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 7 | |

a-was announced for Fraley in 7th. b-was announced for Benson in 8th.

2B: Candelario (17). HR: Ortiz (6). RBI: Candelario (34), Ortiz 3 (27). SB: Friedl (6), De La Cruz (35), Yelich (14), Perkins (10), Chourio (8). Runners left in scoring position: Cincinnati 2 (Steer, Benson), Milwaukee 3 (Adames, Hoskins, Turang). RISP: Cincinnati 1 for 6, Milwaukee 1 for 5. GDP: Fraley, India. DP: Milwaukee 2.

| Cincinnati | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|-----|
| Albott | 50 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 94 | 3.42 | |
| Farmer | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 2.48 | |
| Suter | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.65 | |

| Milwaukee | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|------|-----|
| Koenig | 02 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1.69 | |
| Wilson | 53 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 674 | 3.84 | |
| Hudson H, 10 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 | 0.95 | |
| Long | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 2.25 | |

Inherited runners: Wilson 1-1. Umpires: HP-Conroy, 1B-Miller, 2B-Thomas, 3B-Little. T: 2:11. A: 38,419 (41,700).

Baltimore 6, Philadelphia 2

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| Philadelphia | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Schwaber dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .208 |
| Castellanos rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .208 |
| Harper 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .276 |
| Bohn 3b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .295 |
| Sosa ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .280 |
| Marsh lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .261 |



Boston Red Sox center fielder Jarren Duran hits an RBI single during the eighth inning against the New York Yankees Saturday at Fenway Park. BOB DECHIARA/USA TODAY SPORTS

| Stubs c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 188 |
|----------|----|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Rojas cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 235 |
| Totals | 33 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 10 | |

| Baltimore | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|------|
| Henderson ss | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .275 |
| Rutschman c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .290 |
| Mountcastle 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .271 |
| O'Hearn dh | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .285 |
| a-Mateo pr-dh | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .236 |
| Santander rf | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | .231 |
| Westburg 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .274 |
| Mullins cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .188 |
| Cowser lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .226 |
| b-Hays ph-1b | 2 | | | | | | |

BASKETBALL

WNBA ROUNDUP

Jonquel Jones pours in 34 to lead Liberty

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Jonquel Jones scored a career-high 34 points Saturday and the visiting New York Liberty won a rematch of last year's WNBA championship series, thumping the Las Vegas Aces 90-82.

Jones canned 12 of 16 shots from the field and 4 of 5 3-pointers, inserting the dagger on a 3-ball with 2:39 remaining in the game that upped New York's lead to an insurmountable 86-68. Jones added eight rebounds.

Sabrina Ionescu chipped in 15 points and 12 assists for her first double-double of the year, while Breanna Stewart contributed 14 points and 12 rebounds. Betnijah Laney-Hamilton hit for 12 points as the Liberty improved to 12-2.

Kelsey Plum paced Las Vegas (6-6) with 22 points, while A'ja Wilson added 21, ending her league-record streak of eight straight game with at least 25 points. Alysha Clark scored 13 and Jackie Young was held to 10 points on 4 of 12 shooting.

New York canned 48.5 percent of its shots from the field, including 12 of 28 from the 3-point line, and earned a 37-31 advantage on the glass. The Aces managed only two offensive rebounds and shot 44.9 percent from the field and 11 of 34 from behind the arc.

Wilson got Las Vegas off to a fast start by hitting her first shot and then assisting on a pair of buckets. But New York erased the 6-0 deficit and then some, taking a 28-20 lead to the second quarter as Ionescu splashed a 3-pointer with 10 seconds left.

Plum, playing under the weather, rattled off 14 second quarter points in a 5 1/2-minute span. Her 3-pointer off a Wilson dish gave the Aces a 41-39 lead but the Liberty rallied to grab a 45-43 edge at the break.

Las Vegas started the third quarter with a 10-2 burst and forced a New York timeout after Plum's floater gave it a 53-47 lead. However, the Liberty answered back with 14 straight points and took a 67-60 advantage to the fourth period.

New York played its fourth straight



New York Liberty forward Jonquel Jones (35) drives to the basket against the Chicago Sky on June 4. On Saturday, Jones scored 34 points in a 90-82 win over the Las Vegas Aces. KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/USA TODAY SPORTS

game without starting point guard Courtney Vandersloot (personal reasons).

Sun 85, Wings 67

Rachel Banham poured in 16 points off the bench to lead a balanced Connecticut offensive attack as the visiting Sun rolled to an 85-67 victory over the reeling Dallas Wings on Saturday afternoon in Arlington, Texas.

The Sun (a WNBA-best 12-1) won their third straight game after their only loss of the season and continue to add to their best start to a season. Connecticut never trailed on Saturday, building a 10-point lead after a quarter and carrying that to halftime before outscoring the Wings by 12 in the third period to remove any notion of a Dallas comeback.

DiJonai Carrington added 14 points

for the Sun, with Alyssa Thomas racking up 13 points, 9 rebounds and 9 assists, Brianna Jones scoring 12 points and Tyasha Harris hitting for 10.

Teaira McCowan and Maddy Siegrist paced Dallas (3-9) with 16 points each while Arike Ogunbowale had 11. It was the first time this season Ogunbowale was not the Wings' leading scorer and snapped a streak of 11 consecutive games with 20 or more points for the Dallas star.

Dallas (3-9) has dropped seven consecutive games. Saturday's point total was the Wings' lowest in 2024.

The Sun took control from the jump, scoring the game's first 10 points over the initial two and a half minutes and building a 15-point lead when Thomas banked in a jumper at the 1:54 mark of the opening quarter. Dallas responded, clawing back to within 27-17 thanks to

three free throws by Ogunbowale with 0.2 seconds left in the period.

Connecticut held the Wings at bay throughout the second period, rebuilding its lead to as many as 13 points on a pair of free throws by Jones with 4:11 to play in the quarter. Dallas closed to within seven points on a putback layup by McCowan with 2:45 remaining before the Sun closed the half on a 7-4 run that netted them a 43-33 advantage at the break.

Up 55-43 late in the third, the Sun outscored Dallas 13-3 to close out the quarter.

Jones and Carrington scored 10 points each before halftime to lead all scorers while Ogunbowale and McCowan tallied eight apiece for the Wings. Dallas was just 1 of 9 from beyond the arc in the half.

SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES

Connecticut 85, Dallas 67
CONNECTICUT (85)
 Bonner 3-10 0-0 8, Thomas 5-7 3-4 13, Jones 3-9 6-6 12, Carrington 5-10 4-6 14, Harris 4-9 0-0 10, Mitchell 1-6 2-2 4, Banham 5-8 4-4 16, Nelson-Ododa 3-3 0-0 6, Ndour-Fall 0-4 0-0 0, Burton 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 30-67 19-22 85.

DALLAS (67)
 Billings 2-5 0-0 4, Siegrist 6-13 4-4 16, McCowan 6-12 4-6 16, Ogunbowale 2-15 6-7 11, Uzun 1-5 0-0 2, Sheldon 2-5 3-3 7, Brown 2-3 1-2 5, Soares 0-0 2-2 2, Lopez Senechal 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 23-61 20-24 67.

CON 27 16 25 17 - 85
 DAL 17 16 13 21 - 67

3-Point Goals: Connecticut 6-18 (Bonner 2-3, Banham 2-5, Harris 2-5, Mitchell 0-1, Ndour-Fall 0-2, Carrington 0-2), Dallas 1-16 (Ogunbowale 1-6, Brown 0-1, Lopez Senechal 0-1, Siegrist 0-2, Sheldon 0-3, Uzun 0-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Connecticut 38 (Thomas 9), Dallas 29 (McCowan 10). Assists: Connecticut 21 (Thomas 9), Dallas 19 (Ogunbowale 5). Total Fouls: Connecticut 21, Dallas 17. A: 5,977 (7,000)

New York 90, Las Vegas 82
NEW YORK (90)

Stewart 7-15 0-0 14, Thornton 1-3 0-0 3, Jones 12-16 6-8 34, Ionescu 5-14 3-4 15, Laney-Hamilton 4-9 2-12, Fiebich 3-5 0-0 8, Burke 0-2 0-0 0, Dojic 1-4 1-2 4, Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-68 12-16 90.

LAS VEGAS (82)
 Plum 8-13 4-5 22, Wilson 9-16 3-4 21, Stokes 0-4 0-0 0, Clark 5-9 0-0 13, Young 4-12 0-0 10, Hayes 1-4 0-0 3, Colson 1-4 2-2 5, Martin 2-6 0-0 6, Cannon 1-1 0-0 2, Gustafson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-69 9-11 82.

NYL 28 17 22 23 - 90
 LVA 20 23 17 22 - 82

3-Point Goals: New York 12-28 (Jones 4-5, Laney-Hamilton 2-4, Fiebich 2-4, Ionescu 2-6, Thornton 1-2, Dojic 1-3, Stewart 0-2, Burke 0-2), Las Vegas 11-34 (Clark 3-6, Plum 2-5, Martin 2-5, Young 2-9, Colson 1-2, Hayes 1-3, Wilson 0-1, Stokes 0-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: New York 37 (Stewart 12), Las Vegas 31 (Stokes 12). Assists: New York 21 (Ionescu 12), Las Vegas 23 (Young 6). Total Fouls: New York 9, Las Vegas 19. A: 10,424 (12,000)

NBA FINALS

How Mavericks' Game 4 rout stacks up

Cydney Henderson and Jeff Zillgitt
 USA TODAY

The Dallas Mavericks were at risk of being swept by the Boston Celtics entering Game 4 of the 2024 NBA Finals on Friday.

With their backs against the wall, the Mavericks delivered one of the biggest beatdowns in Finals history.

The Mavericks led by as many as 48 points in their 122-84 win over the Celtics at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. The 38-point differential marked the third-largest margin of victory in Finals history.

As the Mavericks look to become the first team in history to come back from a 3-0 deficit, many NBA fans may be wondering about another record that no one wants attached to their name: What's the biggest NBA Finals blowout? What's the fewest points scored in the NBA Finals? We got you covered.

The biggest loss in NBA Finals history belongs to the Utah Jazz. Here's the biggest Finals losses:

● **1. 1998 Finals, Game 3: Chicago Bulls 96, Utah Jazz 54.**

Margin of victory: 42 points.

Karl Malone was the only Jazz player in double digits, recording 22 points and three rebounds. The next highest scorer for Utah was Shandon Anderson, who scored eight points off the bench. The Jazz were held to nine fourth-quarter points, the second-fewest points scored in the fourth quarter in Finals history. Meanwhile, Bulls superstar Michael Jordan had 24 points and Toni Kukoc added 16 points.

● **2. 2008 Finals, Game 6: Boston Celtics 131, Los Angeles Lakers 92**

Margin of victory: 39 points.

Boston starters Kevin Garnett (26), Rajon Rondo (21) and Ray Allen (26) combined for 73 points in their series-clinching win. The Celtics outscored the Lakers 34-15 in the second quarter and the Lakers were not able to recover, despite 22 points from superstar Kobe Bryant. The Lakers' 38 turnovers also didn't help and led to 32 Boston points.



Mavericks guard Kyrie Irving shoots over Celtics forward Jayson Tatum, left, and guard Derrick White on Friday in Dallas. JEROME MIRON/USA TODAY SPORTS

● **3. 2024 Finals, Game 4: Dallas Mavericks 122, Boston Celtics 84**

Margin of victory: 38 points.

Dallas used a 40-14 run over the first and second quarters for a 50-25 lead. It took a 61-35 lead into halftime and then extended its advantage to 88-52 with 3:18 left in the third quarter. Mavs star Luka Doncic rebounded from a sub-standard Game 3 and pointed criticism of his game, scoring 29 points (25 in the first half), delivering five assists, collecting five rebounds and registering three steals. Kyrie Irving added 21 points and six assists.

● **4. 2013 Finals, Game 3: San Antonio Spurs 113, Miami Heat 77**

Margin of victory: 36 points.

Everything went in from deep for the Spurs in this one. They hit 50% of their 3-pointers (16-for-32) with seven coming from Danny Green and six from Gary Neal off the bench. A six-point game at halftime turned into a laughter as the Spurs outscored the Heat 63-33 in the second half.

● **5. 1978 Finals, Game 6: Washington Bullets 117, Seattle SuperSonics 82**

Margin of victory: 35 points.

Seven Bullets scored in double figures, led by Elvin Hayes' 21 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks and 19 points each from Bob Dandridge and Mitch Kupchak. Washington outscored Seattle 70-47 in the second half.

● **T-6. 1985 Finals, Game 1: Boston**

Celtics 148, Los Angeles Lakers 114

Margin of victory: 34 points.

Known as the Memorial Day Massacre, the Celtics trounced the Lakers. Kevin McHale had 26 points, all five Celtics starters scored in double figures (Larry Bird had 19 points, nine assists, six rebounds, three steals), and Scott Wedman had 26 points off the bench. The 148 points remains a record for most in a Finals game.

● **T-6. 1961 Finals, Game 1: Boston Celtics 129, St. Louis Hawks 95**

Margin of victory: 34 points.

Tom Heinsohn had 26 points and 11 rebounds, Bill Russell had 15 points and 31 rebounds. It was the third of eight consecutive Celtics championships.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR XFINITY SERIES

Sam Mayer holds on to win in overtime

NASCAR NewsWire
SPECIAL TO FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

NEWTON, Iowa – In a race of tire management and hurt feelings, Sam Mayer held off Riley Herbst in overtime to win Saturday's Hy-Vee Perks 250 in the NASCAR Xfinity Series' return to Iowa Speedway after a four-year hiatus.

Mayer's No. 1JR Motorsports Chevrolet crossed the finish line 0.146 seconds ahead of the No. 98 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford of Herbst, who felt Mayer had abused him earlier in the race.

The victory was Mayer's second of the season and the sixth of his career, all coming within the last 29 races in the series.

"We struggled (Friday in practice), and the team went to work," said Mayer, who started fifth when qualifying was canceled because of rain earlier on Saturday. "Obviously, we did pretty good overnight, making different changes on this race car.

"I feel really good. I could do another 100 laps – with a race car like this, it would be a lot of fun."

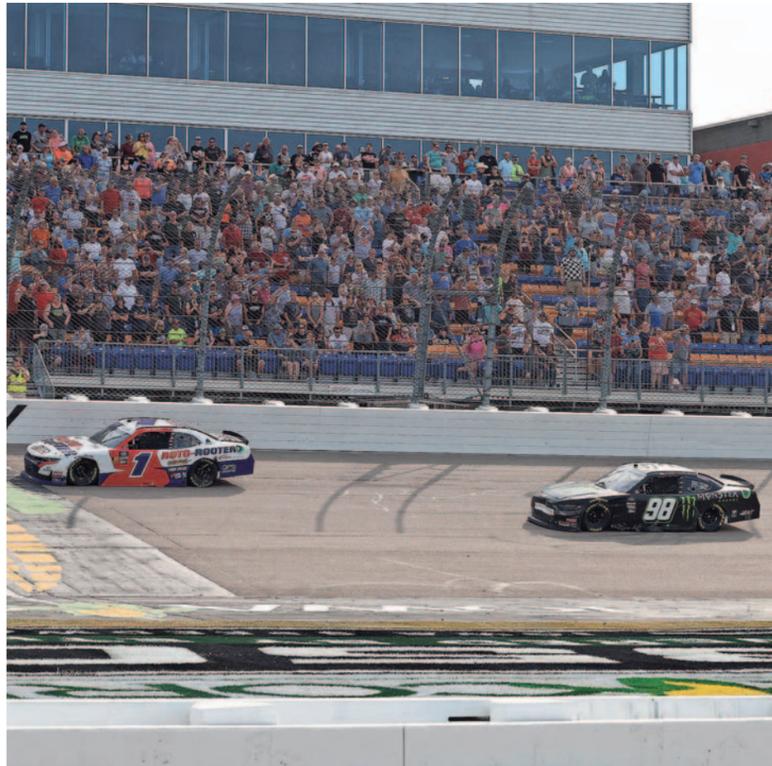
Mayer held the lead when John Hunter Nemechek slammed the outside wall in Turn 4 with his left front tire down, the result of close quarters racing with Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Sheldon Creed.

That accident on Lap 245 caused the ninth caution of the afternoon and sent the race three laps beyond its scheduled distance.

In the overtime, Mayer and Herbst took the green flag side-by-side and remained in that posture into Turn 1, but Mayer cleared the race runner-up off Turn 2 and held the top spot the rest of the way.

"I like racing Sam, but Stage 1 or 2 he just absolutely brooms me," Herbst said. "We were racing clean for fourth, and he takes us back to 10th and then doors me down the back straightaway before the green-white-checker.

"It's just frustrating the way he wants to do that, but all in all, it was fun. I'm happy to be back on ovals. The speed is



NASCAR Xfinity Series driver Sam Mayer, left, beats Riley Herbst to the finish line for the win at the Iowa Speedway on Saturday. JR Motorsports' Mayer won by 0.146 seconds over Herbst's Stewart-Haas Racing Ford.

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back in the 98."

Corey Heim finished a career-best third after starting 22nd because of the qualifying rainout. Sammy Smith was fourth, followed by Creed, who survived the dust-up with Nemechek after a restart on Lap 238.

Cole Custer, Matt DiBenedetto, Chandler Smith, Ross Chastain and Daniel Dye completed the top 10.

If any driver had cause for frustration, it was Chandler Smith, who led a race-high 131 laps and swept the first two stages. Smith restarted third to begin the final stage, but lack of short-run

speed quickly dropped him to 12th, and he never recovered.

Austin Hill likewise had reason to bemoan his result. Overcoming early handling issues, Hill charged into the top five in the final stage, but a cut left front tire sent him hard into the Turn 1 wall on Lap 218, causing the seventh caution.

Hill finished 29th and dropped to third in the series standings, 41 points behind Custer, the current leader and defending series champion. Chandler Smith, second in the standings, trails Custer by one point.

NASCAR Xfinity Series Race

Hy-Vee Perks 250

- (5) Sam Mayer, Chevrolet, 253.
- (12) Riley Herbst, Ford, 253.
- (22) Corey Heim, Toyota, 253.
- (17) Sammy Smith, Chevrolet, 253.
- (3) Sheldon Creed, Toyota, 253.
- (7) Cole Custer, Ford, 253.
- (24) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 253.
- (6) Chandler Smith, Toyota, 253.
- (28) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 253.
- (37) Daniel Dye, Chevrolet, 253.
- (10) Parker Kligerman, Chevrolet, 253.
- (15) Ryan Sieg, Ford, 253.
- (25) Leland Honeyman #, Chevrolet, 253.
- (20) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 253.
- (19) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, 253.
- (36) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 253.
- (31) David Starr, Chevrolet, 253.
- (29) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 252.
- (21) Kyle Sieg, Ford, 252.
- (27) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 252.
- (16) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 252.
- (34) Dawson Cram, Chevrolet, 22.
- (32) Patrick Emerling, Chevrolet, 252.
- (30) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 250.
- (33) Hallie Deegan, Ford, 250.
- (35) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 250.
- (8) John Hunter Nemechek, Toyota, Accident, 244.
- (14) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, Oil Line, 218.
- (1) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, Accident, 217.
- (4) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, Accident, 200.
- (9) Jesse Love, Chevrolet, Accident, 149.
- (13) Parker Retzlaff, Chevrolet, Electrical, 103.
- (23) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, Accident, 87.
- (2) Shane Van Gisbergen, Chevrolet, Accident, 86.
- (18) Blaine Perkins, Ford, Accident, 86.
- (26) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, Engine, 38.
- (11) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, Accident, 32.
- (38) Glen Reen, Chevrolet, Carburetor, 20.

NASCAR CUP SERIES IOWA CORN 350

Drivers expect fun, full house at Iowa

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Iowa Speedway gets its turn in the NASCAR Cup Series spotlight for the first time in Sunday night's Iowa Corn 350 Powered by Ethanol, and the prevailing feeling is that the inaugural event in the top series will reward fans with an eye-ful and ear-ful of excitement.

An earful would be just about right for the corn-themed state.

When NASCAR has branched out to new markets, the results have been generally fantastic, especially at the beginning, though some tracks fizzled out and are no longer listed as "present" when roll is called on the Cup Series' schedule.

Speedways in Kansas, Texas, Las Vegas and near St. Louis have made it work and do well in front of good crowds, while others in Chicago, California, Kentucky and Wisconsin had obstacles that couldn't be overcome and ultimately came to pit road and loaded up for the final time.

However, motorsports fans in the Midwest have deep roots and are plentiful. They show up in droves to harvest the bounty of tracks throughout the region, whether it is in a series governed by NASCAR, IndyCar, ARCA, or even the old K&N – including Iowa Speedway.

"I think what's exciting for me about (Iowa) is I remember going there in K&N and Xfinity," said Chase Elliott, who has won the series' Most Popular Driver honors six straight times. "I remember fans always talking about how they wanted a Cup race, so I'm excited. ... It's been a worthy facility for a long time. I think it's good."

Reigning series champion Ryan Blaney hasn't raced there in 10 years, but he's excited to be back because of the track being wide, racy and at a unique length of 7/8th-mile.

"The fans there were always like really dedicated to the event and the weekend, no matter if it was IndyCar, trucks, Xfinity, whatever it was," Blaney said. "It's good for the area around there."

When the central Iowa city of Newton threw its hat into the motorsports



Spotters watch from the grandstand during practice Friday for the Iowa Corn 350. Kyle Larson took the pole spot during Saturday's qualifying and will start on the front row with Ryan Blaney. LILY SMITH/DES MOINES REGISTER

ring in 2004 and decided to build a new race track, it enlisted the design services of a Midwesterner – former NASCAR great Rusty Wallace.

To no one's surprise, Iowa Speedway turned out to be something Wallace would certainly have liked to turn left on.

A winner of 55 Cup races and the 1989 championship, the Missouri native made it known throughout his career how much he enjoyed the 3/4-mile, D-shaped short track in Richmond. It bears a strong resemblance to the

speedway in Newton, a town where the Maytag Washing Machine Co. got its start in 1893.

"I do think that anytime we go to a new facility or a new town of any sort, it's been a home run," said Blaney's Team Penske teammate Joey Logano. "People show up. It's the unknown. People like change and new things. I think (adding a new track) to the circuit every year makes total sense. It's been healthy for the sport."

Among others involved in Iowa Speedway, Wallace helped build it.

The fans will come. On a dreary Saturday afternoon that threatened rain, Hendrick Motorsports driver Kyle Larson claimed the first Iowa pole in the Cup Series by speeding around the short track in 23.084 seconds (136.458 mph) for his fourth top starting spot of 2024.

Larson went out last and sizzled around the 0.875-mile oval for his 20th career pole. His time bumped Blaney's 23.109 seconds (136.311 mph) and created Sunday's front row that will feature the 2021 (Larson) and 2023 series champions.

MLS ROUNDUP

Fire finds offense for first road victory

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Hugo Cuypers and Mauricio Pineda scored in a three-minute stretch of the second half Saturday night as the Chicago Fire earned their first road win of the season, beating Toronto FC 4-1.

Cuypers put Chicago (4-8-6, 18 points) ahead for good in the 57th minute, stealing the ball deep in Toronto's defensive zone. He dribbled into the middle, warded off his defender and slotted a left-footed shot just inside the left corner for his team-leading sixth goal.

Lorenzo Insigne tallied Toronto's only goal just before halftime but it wasn't enough to prevent it from falling to 7-8-3, good for 24 points.

Real Salt Lake 0, Montreal 0

Real Salt Lake extended their unbeaten streak to 14 matches, tying a club record, in a 0-0 draw against host CF Montreal on Saturday.

Real Salt Lake (9-2-7, 34 points) is 8-0-6 during their current run.

Montreal (4-7-6, 18 points) pushed its unbeaten streak to four games.

Real Salt Lake had their best chance to break the deadlock in the 70th minute.

Sirois denied Arango on a short-side strike from the left of the goal. Seconds later, Diego Luna hit the right post on a shot from just outside the box after intercepting a Montreal clear attempt.

Inter Miami 2, Philadelphia 1

Despite being down to nine men, Inter Miami CF picked up a surprising 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Union behind a stoppage-time goal from Leo Afonso.

Alonso's match-winner, in the fourth minute of second-half stoppage time, came with Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez missing from the Miami lineup ahead of Copa America. Miami (11-3-5, 38 points) also saw David Ruiz and Tomas Aviles each sent off in the second half as both were shown their second yellow cards.

The loss by the Union (4-5-8, 20



Philadelphia Union forward Mikael Uhre, left, battles for the ball against Inter Miami midfielder Sergio Busquets on Saturday. KYLE ROSS/USA TODAY SPORTS

points) sent them to a seventh straight winless result at home.

L AFC 3, Orlando City 1

Denis Bouanga scored his 11th and 12th goals of the season and streaking LAFC pulled away late to a 3-1 victory at struggling Orlando City on Saturday night.

Mateusz Bogusz added his seventh goal to put the visitors in front for good on a night they saw their five-match shutout streak halted, but earned their sixth consecutive victory.

The win moved second-place LAFC (10-4-3, 33 points) within a point of Western Conference leaders Real Salt Lake, who settled for a 0-0 draw at Montreal on Saturday.

Martin Ojeda had drawn level 11 minutes before Bogusz's tally for Orlando (4-8-5, 17 points), which is winless in its last four matches (0-3-1) and has only won once at home all season (1-5-3).

New York Red Bulls 0, Nashville 0

The New York Red Bulls couldn't capitalize on a significant offensive advan-

tage in a 0-0 draw with Nashville SC on Saturday night in Harrison, N.J.

The Red Bulls outshot Nashville (4-5-8, 20 points) 22-6, also leading 5-1 in shots on target. However, after several near-misses and one overturned goal, New York (8-4-6, 30 points) had to settle for the tie.

Nashville goalkeeper Joe Willis made five saves for his fifth shutout of the season.

New England 3, Vancouver 2

Noel Buck, Giacomo Vrioni and Esmir Bajraktarevic each scored first-half goals to lead the New England Revolution to their third straight victory, 3-2, over the Vancouver Whitecaps on Saturday night in Foxborough, Mass.

It marked the first time this season that the Revolution (5-10-1, 16 points) scored more than two goals in a match. Aljaz Ivacic made six saves.

Ryan Gauld scored both goals for Vancouver (7-6-4, 25 points), which had a two-match win streak snapped. Yohei Takaoka finished with four saves.

Charlotte 1, D.C. United 0

Kerwin Vargas scored in first-half stoppage time as Charlotte FC topped visiting DC United 1-0 on Saturday night, winning for the fifth time in their last eight matches.

Charlotte (8-6-4, 28 points) hasn't allowed a goal in five consecutive home matches. Goalkeeper Kristijan Kahlina was credited with one save for his eighth clean sheet of the season despite picking up a late yellow card.

DC United (4-7-7, 19 points) has a six-match winless streak, losing four of those outings.

Atlanta 2, Houston 2

Latif Blessing made the most of his 30-plus minutes as a substitute by scoring the match-tying goal in the waning moments of the second half, lifting the visiting Houston Dynamo to a 2-2 draw with Atlanta United on Saturday in the first meeting between the sides since 2019.

The Dynamo (6-6-5, 23 points) have played to ties in back-to-back matches, while Atlanta (4-8-5, 17 points) has won just once in its past 12 matches (1-6-5). Rob Valentino made his interim coaching debut on Saturday for Atlanta United.

Dallas 2, St. Louis 0

Jesus Ferreira and Nkosi Tafari scored goals and interim coach Peter Luccin won in his debut as FC Dallas notched a 2-0 victory over St. Louis City on Saturday night at Frisco, Texas.

Luccin was promoted when Nico Estevez was fired last Sunday, and FC Dallas (4-8-5, 17 points) seemed inspired by the change in leadership.

St. Louis City (3-5-9, 18 points) drops to 0-4-2 over their past six contests.

**Colorado 1, Austin 0 (Late)
LA Galaxy vs. Kansas City (Late)
San Jose vs. Cincinnati (Late)
Seattle vs. Minnesota (Late)**

NWSL ROUNDUP

Gotham FC dumps Louisville to extend its winning streak

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

NJ/NY Gotham FC made it four wins in a row at the expense of Racing Louisville FC, taking their NWSL contest 2-0 on Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

Gotham's hot streak has propelled them up to fourth in the current standings with 24 points (7-2-3), while Louisville (3-3-6, 15 points) saw its own two-game winning streak come to an end.

Midfielder Crystal Dunn found fellow midfielder Yazmeen Ryan, who fired a right-footed shot from outside the box into the bottom left corner for a 1-0 lead in the 21st minute. It was Ryan's first goal of the season.

That score held until Gotham was able to add to it in the 53rd minute. Forward Ella Stevens connected from the left side of the box into the bottom right corner after defender Mandy Freeman assisted with the cross. The goal was Stevens' fifth of the season.

Gotham nearly pocketed another goal in the 45th minute on multiple attempts from close range but couldn't connect. Louisville's best chance at an equalizer came two minutes into the second half when Emma Sears' shot from the box was saved.

Spirit 1, Wave 1

Croix Bethune scored in the sixth minute of second-half stoppage time to give Washington a tie against visiting San Diego.

Washington (9-3-1, 28 points) was on the verge of losing for the first time since May 4 before the late-game heroics. The Spirit are 4-0-1 over their past five matches.

Casey Krueger had the ball near the left centerline sideline when she unleashed a long ball. San Diego's Abby Dahlkemper headed the ball and it went directly to Bethune, who sent a left-footer past Wave goalkeeper Kailen Sheridan for her fifth goal of the season.

Jaedyn Shaw scored her third goal of



NJ/NY Gotham FC midfielder Rose Lavelle, right, dribbles away from Racing Louisville FC forward Emma Sears (13) during Saturday's match. EM DASH/USA TODAY SPORTS

the season for the Wave (3-4-5, 14 points), who are winless (0-1-4) in their past five matches. Maria Sanchez assisted on Shaw's goal in the 20th minute.

Pride 0, Courage 0

Orlando remained unbeaten in 13 matches this season but played to a draw for the second straight outing after setting an NWSL record with eight consecutive victories.

The match at Cary, N.C., marked the first time the Pride (8-0-5, 29 points) failed to score a goal this season. Orlando had two early chances but North Carolina goalkeeper Casey Murphy stopped Marta's left-footed shot in the fourth minute and Julie Doyle's right-footer in the eighth.

The Courage had a solid opportunity in the 33rd minute but Ashley Sanchez's left-footed shot was stopped by Orlando's Anna Moorhouse. North Carolina (5-7-1, 16 points) is 5-0-1 at home.

Dash vs. Angel City FC (Late)

WOMEN'S TENNIS ROUNDUP



Ons Jabeur returns a shot during her match Saturday against Karolina Pliskova in Nottingham, England. PETER CZIBORRA/ACTION IMAGES VIA REUTERS

Andreescu reaches final in Netherlands tourney

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Canadian Bianca Andreescu's comeback from a back injury continued Saturday with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Hungarian qualifier Dalma Galfi in the semifinals of the Libema Open in the Netherlands.

The 2019 U.S. Open champion, Andreescu was sidelined nine months with the injury before playing in the French Open last month. Ranked No. 228, she has won six of seven matches, losing only to Jasmine Paolini, a finalist at Roland Garros.

Andreescu converted 4 of 5 on break points while saving 3 of 4 against Galfi. Andreescu will face either second-seeded Liudmila Samsonova or two-time defending champion and third-seeded Ekaterina Alexandrova in the final.

Samsonova won the first set 6-3, then Alexandrova saved two match points to win the second set 7-6 (1) before their match was suspended by darkness. The Russians will continue the match Sunday before the final.

Rothsay Open

Sixth-seeded Karolina Pliskova

emerged from a three-set battle with top seed Ons Jabeur, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (3), 7-5 in the quarterfinals in Nottingham, England.

Pliskova of the Czech Republic saved 6 of 7 break-point opportunities while converting 2 of 4 chances. That helped offset Tunisia's Jabeur hitting more aces (11-7) while Pliskova recorded more double faults (7-4).

Their match, which lasted two hours and 39 minutes, was played after a rain delay.

An All-Great Britain semifinal match between Emma Raducanu and third seed and defending champion Katie Boulter was suspended by darkness after Raducanu took the first set 7-6 (13).

Earlier Saturday in the quarterfinals, Raducanu won in a walkover after fellow countrywoman Francesca Jones withdrew because of a shoulder injury.

Pliskova's semifinal match was postponed against France's Diane Parry - who earlier completed a 6-3, 7-6 (4) quarterfinal victory over Australia's Kimberly Birrell.

The two semifinals are slated for Sunday, with the final to follow.

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| Baltimore | 46 | 24 | .657 | 2½ |
| Boston | 36 | 35 | .507 | 13 |
| Toronto | 34 | 36 | .486 | 14½ |
| Tampa Bay | 33 | 38 | .465 | 16 |

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| Cleveland | 44 | 24 | .647 | - |
| Kansas City | 41 | 31 | .569 | 5 |
| Minnesota | 38 | 32 | .543 | 7 |
| Detroit | 34 | 36 | .486 | 11 |
| Chicago | 18 | 53 | .254 | 27½ |

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| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Seattle | 42 | 31 | .575 | - |
| Texas | 33 | 37 | .471 | 7½ |
| Houston | 32 | 39 | .451 | 9 |
| L.A. Angels | 28 | 42 | .400 | 12½ |
| Oakland | 26 | 46 | .361 | 15½ |

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| Atlanta | 38 | 30 | .559 | 8 |
| Washington | 34 | 36 | .486 | 13 |
| N.Y. Mets | 32 | 37 | .464 | 14½ |
| Miami | 23 | 47 | .329 | 24 |

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| Milwaukee | 41 | 29 | .586 | - |
| St. Louis | 34 | 35 | .493 | 6½ |
| Cincinnati | 34 | 36 | .486 | 7 |
| Chicago | 34 | 37 | .479 | 7½ |
| Pittsburgh | 33 | 37 | .471 | 8 |

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| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| L.A. Dodgers | 43 | 29 | .597 | - |
| San Diego | 37 | 37 | .500 | 7 |
| Arizona | 34 | 36 | .486 | 8 |
| San Francisco | 34 | 37 | .479 | 8½ |
| Colorado | 25 | 45 | .357 | 17 |

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

| Saturday's Scores | | | | |
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| Oakland at Minnesota, PPD Rain | | | | |
| Chicago 5, St. Louis 1 | | | | |
| Toronto 5, Cleveland 0 | | | | |
| Baltimore 6, Philadelphia 2 | | | | |
| Washington 4, Miami 0 | | | | |
| L.A. Angels 4, San Francisco 3 | | | | |
| Atlanta 9, Tampa Bay 2 | | | | |
| Detroit 13, Houston 5 | | | | |
| Milwaukee 3, Cincinnati 1 | | | | |
| N.Y. Mets 5, San Diego 1 | | | | |
| Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 4 | | | | |
| Seattle 7, Texas 5 | | | | |
| Colorado 16, Pittsburgh 4 | | | | |
| Kansas City 7, L.A. Dodgers 2 | | | | |
| Chicago (Fedde 4-1) at Arizona (McGough 1-3) | | | | |

| Sunday's Games | | | | |
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| St. Louis (Mikolas 4-6) at Chicago (Taillon 3-2), 1:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Philadelphia (Wheeler 8-3) at Baltimore (Burnes 7-2), 1:35 p.m. | | | | |
| Tampa Bay (Eflin 3-4) at Atlanta (Waldrep 0-1), 1:35 p.m. | | | | |
| Miami (Luzardo 3-5) at Washington (Parker 4-3), 1:35 p.m. | | | | |
| Cleveland (Lively 6-2) at Toronto (Berrios 5-5), 1:37 p.m. | | | | |
| San Diego (Cease 6-5) at N.Y. Mets (Megill 1-3), 1:40 p.m. | | | | |
| Detroit (Maeda 2-2) at Houston (Arrighetti 3-5), 2:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Oakland (Sears 4-5) at Minnesota (Paddock 5-3), 2:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Cincinnati (Montas 3-5) at Milwaukee (Rea 2-2), 2:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Pittsburgh (Skenes 3-0) at Colorado (Hudson 2-8), 3:10 p.m. | | | | |
| L.A. Angels (Suarez 1-1) at San Francisco (Barrison 4-3), 4:05 p.m. | | | | |
| Chicago (Thorpe 0-0) at Arizona (Montgomery 4-4), 4:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Kansas City (Singer 4-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Glasnow 6-5), 4:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Texas (Dunning 4-5) at Seattle (Gilbert 3-4), 4:10 p.m. | | | | |
| N.Y. Yankees (Stroman 6-2) at Boston (Crawford 2-6), 7:10 p.m. | | | | |
| Oakland (TBD) at Minnesota (TBD), 7:40 p.m. | | | | |

| Monday's Games | | | | |
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| St. Louis (Gray 8-4) at Miami (Garrett 2-2), 6:40 p.m. | | | | |
| Cincinnati (Spiers 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Falter 3-4), 6:40 p.m. | | | | |
| San Diego (Vasquez 1-3) at Philadelphia (Sanchez 3-3), 6:40 p.m. | | | | |
| Boston (Pivetta 3-4) at Toronto (Kikuchi 4-5), 7:07 p.m. | | | | |
| Detroit (Olson 1-8) at Atlanta (Fried 6-3), 7:20 p.m. | | | | |
| San Francisco (Hicks 4-3) at Chicago (Assad 4-2), 8:05 p.m. | | | | |
| N.Y. Mets (Peterson 2-0) at Texas (Gray | | | | |

2-2), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Paxton 6-1) at Colorado (Quattrini 6-4), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (TBD) at L.A. Angels (Soriano 4-5), 9:38 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Seattle (Miller 5-5) at Cleveland (McKenzie 3-3), 6:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 2-3) at Miami (Munoz 1-2), 6:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lodolo 7-2) at Pittsburgh (Keller 8-4), 6:40 p.m.
San Diego (King 5-4) at Philadelphia (Nola 8-3), 6:40 p.m.

Arizona (Ceconci 1-5) at Washington (Irvin 5-5), 6:45 p.m.
Baltimore (Suarez 3-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Poteet 3-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Houck 7-5) at Toronto (Bassitt 6-6), 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Mize 1-4) at Atlanta (Lopez 4-2), 7:20 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Civale 2-5) at Minnesota (Lopez 6-5), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Webb 6-5) at Chicago (Steele 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Severino 4-2) at Texas (Lorenzen 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Blanco 6-2) at Chicago (Cannon 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 1-4) at Colorado (Gomber 1-4), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Myers 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Canning 2-7), 9:38 p.m.
Kansas City (TBD) at Oakland (Harris 0-0), 9:40 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Detroit (Skubal 8-2) at Atlanta (Sale 9-2), 12:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Greene 5-2) at Pittsburgh (TBD), 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Gibson 5-2) at Miami (TBD), 12:40 p.m.
San Diego (Waldron 4-6) at Philadelphia (Suarez 10-1), 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (TBD) at Chicago (TBD), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Pfaadt 3-5) at Washington (Corbin 1-7), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (TBD) at Cleveland (Bibee 4-2), 6:40 p.m.

Baltimore (Irvin 6-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Bello 6-4) at Toronto (Gausman 5-5), 7:07 p.m.
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Thursday's Games
Arizona (Nelson 4-5) at Washington (Gore 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Castillo 6-7) at Cleveland (Allen 7-3), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Littell 2-5) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Brown 3-5) at Chicago (Flexen 2-6), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Yamamoto 6-2) at Colorado (Black 2-4), 3:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Ragans 4-4) at Oakland (Spence 4-3), 3:37 p.m.
Baltimore (Bradish 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Gil 9-1), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Winn 3-7) vs St. Louis (Pallante 2-2) at Birmingham, 7:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wilson 3-3) at San Diego (Mazur 0-1), 9:40 p.m.

Leaders
Batting Average — Witt Jr., Kansas City .325; Soto, New York .319; Judge, New York .301; Correa, Minnesota .298; Altuve, Houston .298; Perez, Kansas City .297; Smith, Texas .294; Rutschman, Baltimore .294; Alvarez, Houston .289; Pena, Houston .288.
Home Runs — Judge, New York 25; Henderson, Baltimore 21; Tucker, Houston 19; Ramirez, Cleveland 18; Soto, New York 17; Stanton, New York 17; Naylor, Cleveland 17; Santander, Baltimore 15; Seager, Texas 14; Alvarez, Houston 14.
RBI — Judge, New York 63; Ramirez, Cleveland 62; Soto, New York 54; Rutschman, Baltimore 51; Naylor, Cleveland 50; Witt Jr., Kansas City 50; Henderson, Baltimore 47; Pasquantino, Kansas City 46; Perez, Kansas City 45; Raleigh, Seattle 42.
Stolen Bases — Caballero, Tampa Bay 22; Witt Jr., Kansas City 19; Rengifo, Los Angeles 17; Garcia, Kansas City 16; Rodriguez, Seattle 16; Duran, Boston 15; Volpe, New York 15; Hamilton, Boston 14; Blanco, Kansas City 14; Mullins, Baltimore 13.
Wins — Rodon, New York 9; Lugo, Kansas City 9; Gil, New York 9; Skubal, Detroit 8; Houck, Boston 7; Burnes, Baltimore 7; Allen, Cleveland 7; Rodriguez, Baltimore 7; Stroman, New York 6; Lively, Cleveland 6.
ERA — Gil, New York 2.03; Houck, Boston 2.08; Burnes, Baltimore 2.08; Skubal, Detroit 2.20; Lugo, Kansas City 2.36; Anderson, Los Angeles 2.58; Blanco, Houston 2.67; Stroman, New York 2.82; Rodon, New York 2.93; Berrios, Toronto 2.93.
Strikeouts — Crochet, Chicago 116; Ragans, Kansas City 102; Skubal, Detroit 98; Gil, New York 96; Flaherty, Detroit 94; Castillo, Seattle 92; Ryan, Minnesota 90; Houck, Boston 89; Bibee, Cleveland 87; Lopez, Minnesota 84.
Saves — Clase, Cleveland 21; Holmes, New York 19; Kimbrel, Baltimore 16; Foley, Detroit 12; Munoz, Seattle 12; McArthur, Kansas City 12; Miller, Oakland 12; Estevez, Los Angeles 11; Jansen, Boston 10; Yates, Texas 10.

National League
Batting Average — Arraez, San Diego .329; Profar, San Diego .326; Ozuna, Atlanta .321; Ohtani, Los Angeles .309; Betts, Los Angeles .307; Contreras, Milwaukee .307; Diaz, Colorado .303; Winn, St. Louis .301; Freeman, Los Angeles .297; Tovar, Colorado .292.
Home Runs — Ozuna, Atlanta 19; Hernandez, Los Angeles 17; Ohtani, Los Angeles 17; Walker, Arizona 15; Harper, Philadelphia 15; Gorman, St. Louis 15; Marte, Arizona 14; Schwarber, Philadelphia 14; Alonso, New York 14; Tatis Jr., San Diego 13.
RBI — Ozuna, Atlanta 60; Bohm, Philadelphia 54; Hernandez, Los Angeles 50; Adames, Milwaukee 48; Contreras, Milwaukee 48; Walker, Arizona 46; Harper, Philadelphia 46; Profar, San Diego 45; Cronenworth, San Diego 45; Ohtani, Los Angeles 44.
Stolen Bases — De La Cruz, Cincinnati 34; Turang, Milwaukee 24; Stott, Philadelphia 18; Doyle, Colorado 18; Young, Washington 17; Acuna Jr., Atlanta 16; Thomas, Washington 16; Ohtani, Los Angeles 15; Kim, San Diego 14; Rojas, Philadelphia 14.
Wins — Suarez, Philadelphia 10; Sale, Atlanta 9; Gray, St. Louis 8; Wheeler, Philadelphia 8; Nola, Philadelphia 8; Keller, Pittsburgh 8; Lodolo, Cincinnati 7; Stone, Los Angeles 7; Paxton, Los Angeles 6; Neris, Chicago 6.
ERA — Lopez, Atlanta 1.69; Suarez, Philadelphia 1.77; Wheeler, Philadelphia 2.16; Assad, Chicago 2.81; Sale, Atlanta 2.98; Irvin, Washington 3.00; Yamamoto, Los Angeles 3.00; Stone, Los Angeles 3.01; Hicks, San Francisco 3.01; Gray, St. Louis 3.01.
Strikeouts — Glasnow, Los Angeles 116; Cease, San Diego 101; Sale, Atlanta 99; Peralta, Milwaukee 98; King, San Diego 95; Wheeler, Philadelphia 95; Gray, St. Louis 91; Suarez, Philadelphia 91; Gore, Washington 91; Greene, Cincinnati 89.
Saves — Helsley, St. Louis 23; Finnegan, Washington 19; Iglesias, Atlanta 18; Suarez, San Diego 17; Diaz, Cincinnati 15; Bednar, Pittsburgh 14; Alvarado, Philadelphia 12; Doval, San Francisco 12; Megill, Milwaukee 11; Neris, Chicago 10.

NBA

FINALS
(Best-of-7; x- if necessary)
No. 1 Boston Celtics 3, No. 5 Dallas Mavericks 1
June 6: Celtics 107, Mavericks 89
Sunday: Celtics 105, Mavericks 98
Wednesday: Celtics 106, Mavericks 99
Friday: Mavericks 122, Celtics 84
Monday: Mavericks at Celtics, 8:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: Celtics at Mavericks, 8:30 p.m.
x-June 23: Mavericks at Celtics, 8 p.m.

NHL
STANLEY CUP FINAL
(Best-of-7; x- if necessary)
Florida Panthers 3, Edmonton Oilers 1
Saturday: Panthers 3, Oilers 0
Monday: Panthers 4, Oilers 1
Thursday: Panthers 4, Oilers 3
Saturday: Oilers 8, Panthers 1
June 18: Oilers at Panthers, 8 p.m.
x-June 21: Panthers at Oilers, 8 p.m.
x-June 24: Oilers at Panthers, 8 p.m.

WNBA
Eastern Conference

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Connecticut | 12 | 1 | .923 | - |
| N.Y. Liberty | 12 | 2 | .857 | ½ |
| Atlanta | 5 | 6 | .455 | 6 |
| Chicago | 4 | 8 | .333 | 7½ |
| Parker Bell | 4 | 10 | .286 | 8½ |
| Washington | 2 | 12 | .143 | 10½ |

Western Conference

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|---|------|----|
| Minnesota | 10 | 3 | .769 | - |
| Seattle | 9 | 4 | .692 | 1 |
| Las Vegas | 6 | 6 | .500 | 3½ |
| Phoenix | 6 | 7 | .462 | 4 |
| L.A. Sparks | 4 | 9 | .308 | 6 |
| Dallas | 3 | 9 | .250 | 6½ |

Friday, June 14
Washington 83, Chicago 81
Minnesota 81, L.A. Sparks 76
Saturday, June 15
Connecticut 85, Dallas 67
N.Y. Liberty 90, Las Vegas 82
Sunday, June 16
Chicago at Indiana, noon
Seattle at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
L.A. Sparks at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Monday, June 17
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 18
L.A. Sparks at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Liberty at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, June 19
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.
Thursday, June 20
Dallas at Chicago, noon
L.A. Sparks at N.Y. Liberty, 7 p.m.

MLS
Eastern Conference

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Inter Miami CF | 11 | 3 | 5 | 38 | 44 | 26 |
| Cincinnati | 10 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 23 | 18 |
| N.Y. Red Bulls | 8 | 4 | 6 | 29 | 29 | 23 |
| N.Y. City FC | 9 | 6 | 2 | 29 | 26 | 20 |
| Charlotte FC | 8 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 19 | 18 |
| Columbus | 8 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 24 | 21 |
| Toronto FC | 7 | 8 | 3 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 25 |
| Nashville | 4 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 22 | 22 |
| D.C. United | 4 | 7 | 19 | 25 | 32 | 32 |
| Chicago | 4 | 8 | 18 | 21 | 30 | 30 |
| CF Montreal | 4 | 7 | 6 | 18 | 23 | 25 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 8 | 5 | 17 | 24 | 23 |
| Orlando City | 4 | 8 | 5 | 17 | 17 | 27 |
| New England | 5 | 10 | 1 | 16 | 15 | 29 |

Western Conference

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
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| Real Salt Lake | 9 | 2 | 7 | 34 | 36 | 19 |
| Los Angeles FC | 10 | 4 | 3 | 33 | 31 | 20 |
| Minnesota | 8 | 3 | 5 | 29 | 27 | 21 |
| L.A. Galaxy | 7 | 3 | 8 | 28 | 31 | 25 |
| Vancouver | 7 | 6 | 4 | 25 | 26 | 22 |
| Colorado | 7 | 7 | 4 | 25 | 31 | 31 |
| Houston | 6 | 6 | 5 | 23 | 20 | 20 |
| Austin FC | 6 | 7 | 5 | 23 | 21 | 27 |
| Portland | 5 | 7 | 6 | 21 | 32 | 32 |
| Seattle | 4 | 7 | 6 | 18 | 20 | 21 |
| Saint Louis | 3 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 23 | 27 |
| FC Dallas | 4 | 8 | 5 | 17 | 20 | 25 |
| Sporting KC | 3 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 26 | 32 |
| San Jose | 3 | | | | | |