

# NATION & WORLD EXTRA

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Renewed rioting sweeps British cities in wake of child murders. **5NN**



RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

## FIGHTING ON DIFFERENT FRONT

Wartime disinformation gets supercharged in era of smartphones, social media

Max Hunder | REUTERS

KHARKIV, Ukraine – In early April, some residents of Kharkiv received a series of chilling text messages from government officials telling them to flee the city before Russian forces surrounded it.

“Due to the threat of enemy encirclement, we urge the civilian population of Kharkiv leave the city by April 22,” said one alert, which bore the logo

of the State Emergencies Service of Ukraine and mapped out safe escape routes on a slick infographic.

It was fake. Volodymyr Tymoshko knew immediately.

He’s the police chief of Kharkiv region and would have been one of the first to find out about any official evacuation plans.

“Residents started getting these notifications en masse,” the 50-year-old told Reuters as he shared a screenshot of the alert, sent as Russian troops were massing at the border about 18 miles away.

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ELECTION 2024

## Trump, Harris spar over details of debate

GOP nominee seeking Fox News to replace ABC

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REUTERS

ATLANTA – Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump proposed to debate Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris on Fox News on Sept. 4, but the Harris campaign countered that Trump was trying to back out of a debate that had been set to run on ABC.

The rules would be similar to the first debate with President Joe Biden, who has since dropped his reelection bid, Trump said in a post on Truth Social late on Friday. But this time it would have a “full arena audience” and take place in the battleground state of Pennsylvania, Trump said.

Trump and Biden had agreed to a second debate on Sept. 10 on ABC News which the former president had suggested should be moved to Fox, the most popular network with his followers. Harris, who on Friday secured the delegate votes needed to clinch the Democratic nomination for the Nov. 5 election, said on Saturday that she plans to participate in the originally planned debate.

“It’s interesting how ‘any time, any place’ becomes ‘one specific time, one specific safe space,’” she wrote on social media platform X. “I’ll be there on Sept. 10, like he agreed to. I hope to see him there.”

Harris spokesperson Michael Tyler said Trump is “running scared” and that her campaign is happy to discuss further debates after the Sept. 10 one that “both campaigns have already agreed to.”

On Saturday, Trump said on Truth Social that Harris is “afraid to do it” and that he will see her on Sept. 4, “or, I won’t see her at all.”

At a rally in Atlanta on Saturday night, Trump again appeared to attack Harris’ racial identity. On Thursday, Trump falsely suggested to the country’s largest annual gathering of Black journalists that Harris had downplayed her Black heritage. Harris, who is of Indian and Jamaican heritage, has long self-identified as both Black and Asian.

In Atlanta on Saturday, Trump said there were “19 different ways” of pronouncing Harris’ first name, while also calling her a “lunatic.”

On Friday, he said that the ABC debate had been “terminated” in that Biden would no longer be in it and because he himself was in litigation with ABC. ABC on July 26 outlined qualification requirements for the debate but did not mention any candidates by name.

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Harris



Trump

CRISIS IN MIDDLE EAST

## Biden uncertain if Iran will stand down amid tensions

Diplomacy underway to prevent regional escalation

Stephanie Kelly and Ali Sawafta  
REUTERS

WILMINGTON, Del. – President Joe Biden expressed hope Iran would stand down despite its threat to avenge the assassination of Hamas’ leader in Tehran, as fears mounted that Israel’s war

against Palestinian militants in Gaza could escalate into a wider Middle East conflict.

Regional tensions have soared following the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, Hamas’ top leader, on Wednesday, a day after an Israeli strike in Beirut killed Fuad Shukur, a senior military

commander from the Lebanese group Hezbollah, which like Hamas is backed by Iran.

Iran and Hamas have blamed Israel for Haniyeh’s killing, and they, together with Hezbollah, have vowed revenge. Israel has not claimed or denied responsibility.

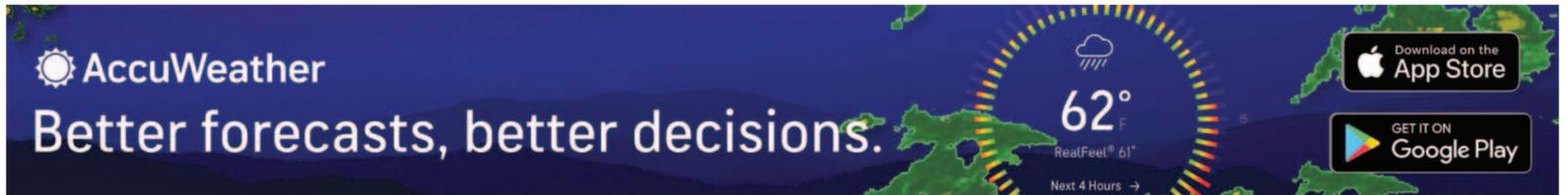
Asked by reporters whether Iran would stand down, Biden said on Sat-

urday in response to a shouted question, “I hope so. I don’t know.”

Seeking to bolster defenses in the Middle East in response to threats from Israel’s foes, the Pentagon said on Friday it would deploy additional fighter jets and Navy warships to the region.

Haniyeh’s death was one in a series

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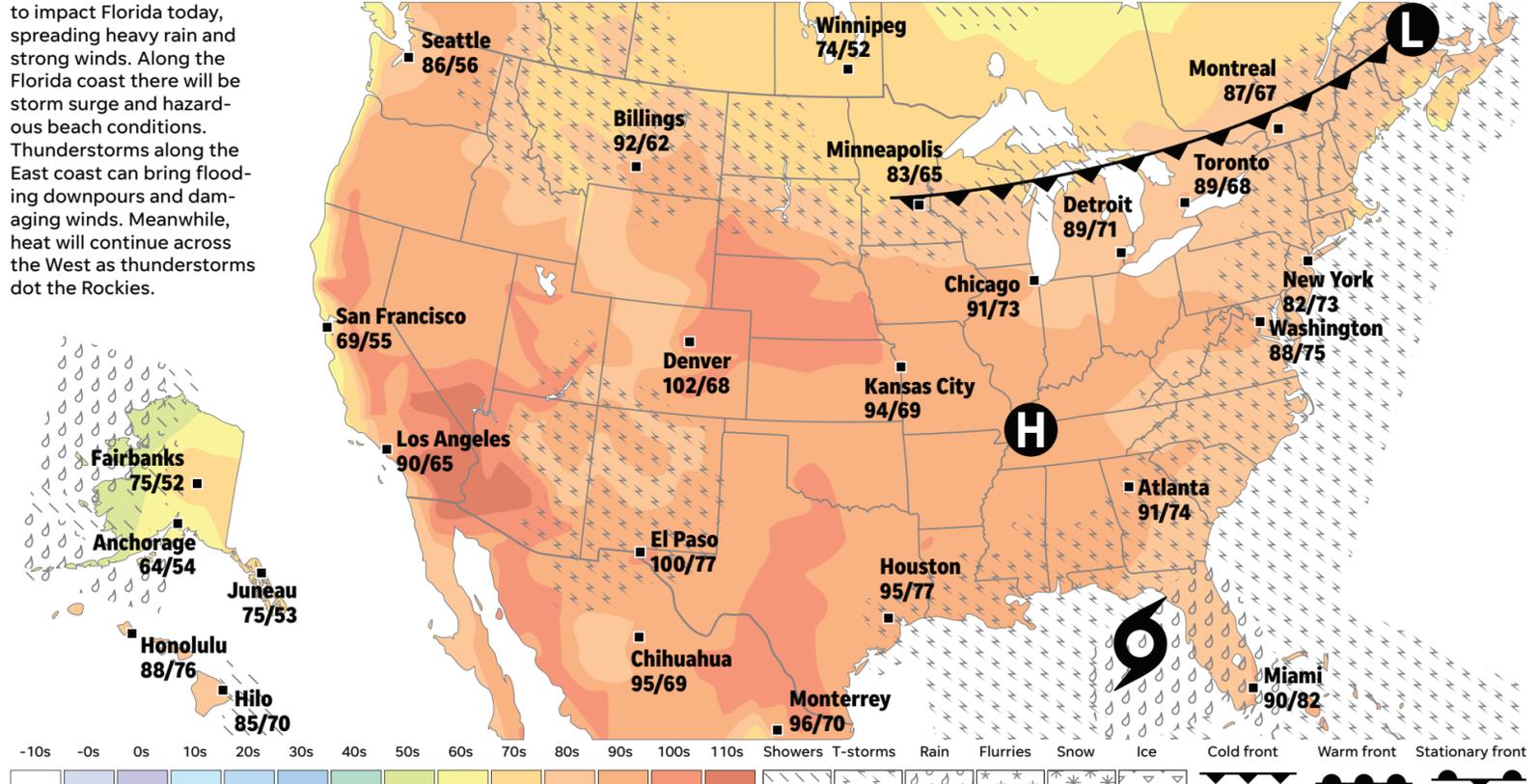


**NATIONAL SUMMARY**

A tropical storm will begin to impact Florida today, spreading heavy rain and strong winds. Along the Florida coast there will be storm surge and hazardous beach conditions. Thunderstorms along the East coast can bring flooding downpours and damaging winds. Meanwhile, heat will continue across the West as thunderstorms dot the Rockies.

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:** 117 at Palm Springs, CA  
**Low:** 37 at Gould, CO  
**Precip:** 4.25" at Canton, OH

**INTERNATIONAL** (excludes Antarctica)  
**High:** 118 at Hassi Messaoud, Algeria  
**Low:** 12 at Mount Cook, New Zealand  
**Precip:** 6.97" at Pakxan, Laos

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

Flooding struck Erie, Pa., on Aug. 4, 1915, killing 75 people, destroying bridges and inundating many streets. Such sudden local floods are major hazards in the summer, because routine thunderstorms suddenly erupt into flash flood-producing killers.

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**Q:** How does August rank in terms of Atlantic hurricane production?

Answer: Second; September is first and October is third.

**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	79/64/t	33	Evansville, IN	92/71/s	62	Levittown, PA	83/71/t	53	Rochester, NY	89/67/pc	49
Abilene, TX	100/75/pc	67	Fall River, MA	82/70/t	57	Lincoln, IL	92/69/pc	49	Rockford, IL	88/69/pc	48
Accomac, VA	84/73/t	69	Farmington, NM	96/66/pc	76	Louisville, KY	92/73/s	71	Ruidoso, NM	84/58/t	55
Adrian, MI	90/70/pc	47	Fayetteville, NC	84/73/t	58	Lubbock, TX	97/69/pc	66	Salem, OR	95/58/s	42
Akron, OH	88/68/s	52	Fond du Lac, WI	86/68/c	33	Manitowoc, WI	80/66/c	35	Salina, KS	101/71/s	61
Battle Creek, MI	98/72/t	48	Fort Myers, FL	83/78/r	44	Mansfield, OH	88/69/s	56	Salinas, CA	73/56/pc	59
Alexandria, VA	88/72/t	52	Fort Smith, AR	98/74/s	67	Marshall, NC	85/64/t	60	Salisbury, MD	86/73/t	61
Alliance, OH	88/68/s	49	Framingham, MA	83/68/t	49	Marshfield, WI	81/62/t	39	San Angelo, TX	100/71/c	55
Amarillo, TX	97/68/s	64	Freeport, IL	88/70/pc	43	Massillon, OH	89/68/s	51	Sarasota, FL	83/77/r	27
Ames, IA	91/69/pc	49	Fremont, OH	91/71/s	60	McLean, VA	88/71/t	51	Savannah, GA	86/77/t	49
Anderson, SC	92/73/t	56	Fort Collins, CO	99/66/pc	92	Melbourne, FL	88/78/r	32	Sheboygan, WI	83/70/pc	34
Appleton, WI	85/63/pc	34	Gadsden, AL	91/73/s	68	Memphis, TN	95/75/pc	79	Shelby, NC	88/70/t	60
Asheville, NC	85/68/t	55	Gainesville, FL	86/73/r	34	Middletown, NY	80/65/t	51	Sherman, TX	99/72/pc	60
Ashland, OH	88/69/s	53	Galesburg, IL	90/68/pc	51	Milford, MA	81/68/t	49	Shreveport, LA	98/74/pc	57
Athens, GA	91/71/t	61	Gastonia, NC	88/72/t	65	Milwaukee, WI	88/71/pc	39	Silver City, NM	93/68/pc	51
Augusta, GA	88/73/t	41	Glen Rose, TX	98/71/pc	77	Monroe, MI	89/71/pc	58	Sioux Falls, SD	85/70/t	45
Austin, TX	97/74/t	50	Gonzales, LA	96/77/t	61	Monroe, LA	96/73/s	63	Somerset, PA	84/63/s	67
Bartlesville, OK	97/64/s	60	Great Falls, MT	80/57/t	57	Montgomery, AL	93/75/t	62	Somerville, NJ	84/68/t	53
Battle Creek, MI	88/69/pc	48	Green Bay, WI	83/64/c	35	Muncie, IN	89/70/s	54	South Bend, IN	89/70/pc	47
Bedford, IN	89/68/s	65	Greenville, SC	91/71/t	58	Murfreesboro, TN	92/68/s	72	Spartanburg, SC	89/71/t	59
Binghamton, NY	86/65/t	48	Hackensack, NJ	84/72/t	60	Naples, FL	84/78/r	40	Springfield, IL	90/69/s	46
Bluffton, SC	84/76/t	54	Hagerstown, MD	88/70/t	51	Nashville, TN	93/72/s	71	Springfield, MO	94/70/s	57
Bremerton, WA	86/54/s	31	Hattiesburg, MS	94/75/t	58	Neptune, NJ	82/72/t	47	St. Augustine, FL	86/77/r	36
Brockton, MA	84/69/t	58	Henderson, KY	91/67/s	62	New Bedford, MA	83/70/t	58	St. Cloud, MN	80/61/t	32
Brownwood, TX	99/71/pc	66	Hendersonville, NC	85/66/t	55	New Bern, NC	85/74/t	53	St. George, UT	106/78/c	57
Burlington, IA	90/69/pc	51	Herkimer, NY	87/64/t	40	New Philadelphia, OH	89/66/s	52	Staunton, VA	86/63/t	61
Burlington, NC	86/71/t	68	Hillsdale, MI	87/68/pc	48	Newark, OH	91/66/s	53	Stevens Point, WI	83/63/pc	42
Burlington, VT	88/68/t	30	Holland, MI	85/69/pc	39	Newton, NJ	81/65/t	49	Stockton, CA	102/63/s	84
Cambridge, OH	90/67/s	54	Hornell, NY	88/62/pc	43	New York, NY	82/73/t	58	Stroudsburg, PA	81/65/t	43
Camdenton, MO	94/69/s	46	Houma, LA	93/75/t	65	Norwich, CT	82/68/t	57	Stuart, FL	89/79/t	37
Canandaigua, NY	89/66/pc	46	Howell, MI	88/68/pc	46	Ocala, FL	86/75/r	30	Sturgis, MI	87/68/pc	47
Canton, OH	89/68/s	52	Hutchinson, KS	99/67/s	58	Oklahoma City, OK	97/69/s	67	Tallahassee, FL	87/77/t	34
Carlsbad, NM	94/71/t	64	Hyannis, MA	81/71/t	56	Opelousas, LA	95/73/t	62	Thibodaux, LA	94/76/t	63
Chambersburg, PA	89/67/t	50	Indianapolis, IN	89/70/s	60	Oshkosh, WI	85/68/pc	34	Topeka, KS	98/69/s	56
Cherry Hill, NJ	84/71/t	54	Iowa City, IA	92/70/pc	52	Palm Beach, FL	88/82/t	36	Tuscaloosa, AL	93/74/s	67
Cincinnati, OH	90/70/s	70	Ithaca, NY	87/63/t	47	Palm Springs, CA	118/88/s	91	Utica, NY	86/63/t	42
Clarksville, TN	93/70/s	64	Jackson, MS	97/75/s	71	Panama City, FL	89/75/t	39	Ventura, CA	70/60/pc	69
Coldwater, MI	87/68/pc	48	Jackson, TN	94/70/s	74	Pekin, IL	93/71/pc	46	Victorville, CA	105/69/s	95
Columbus, OH	91/70/s	59	Jacksonville, FL	87/77/r	47	Pensacola, FL	93/77/t	47	Vineland, NJ	84/70/t	55
Corning, NY	90/61/t	40	Jacksonville, NC	83/74/t	60	Peoria, IL	91/71/pc	49	Visalia, CA	105/69/s	94
Corpus Christi, TX	97/77/s	37	Kent, OH	88/67/s	49	Petersburg, VA	86/72/t	61	Washington, DC	88/75/t	52
Daytona Beach, FL	87/77/r	31	Kewanee, IL	91/70/pc	48	Phoenix, AZ	116/92/pc	90	Watertown, SD	77/63/t	35
Deming, NM	99/72/t	51	Keyser, WV	91/65/t	65	Port Huron, MI	87/66/pc	41	Wausau, WI	80/60/pc	37
DeRidder, LA	95/75/t	56	Kinston, NC	86/74/t	46	Portsmouth, NH	82/68/t	50	Waynesboro, PA	88/68/t	52
Des Moines, IA	94/72/pc	53	Knoxville, TN	89/70/pc	69	Poughkeepsie, NY	81/66/t	46	White Plains, NY	81/69/t	55
Detroit, MI	89/71/pc	51	Lafayette, IN	89/69/s	51	Providence, RI	81/70/t	59	Wichita Falls, TX	100/72/s	69
Devils Lake, ND	68/57/pc	36	Lafayette, LA	96/78/t	58	Pueblo, CO	101/65/s	77	Wilmington, DE	85/72/t	54
Dover, NH	83/65/t	43	Lakeland, FL	85/74/r	39	Quincy, MA	84/71/t	55	Wilmington, NC	88/75/t	50
El Paso, TX	100/77/t	51	Lansing, MI	88/68/pc	47	Redding, CA	106/69/s	63	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	84/64/t	42
Elmira, NY	90/63/t	45	Las Cruces, NM	99/74/t	48	Reno, NV	98/66/s	73	Wooster, OH	88/66/s	53
Erie, PA	83/71/s	47	Lebanon, PA	87/67/t	50	Ravenna, OH	89/67/s	49	Worcester, MA	79/69/t	49
Eugene, OR	95/55/s	26	Leesburg, FL	85/75/r	31	Richmond, IN	89/67/s	64	York, PA	87/69/t	50

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
Acapulco	88/77/r	88/78/r	Cape Town	55/43/r	57/47/c	La Paz	60/29/s	57/30/s	San Jose	80/66/t	83/67/t
Addis Ababa	68/56/sh	68/57/r	Caracas	90/76/t	91/75/t	Lagos	83/74/sh	82/75/c	San Salvador	85/70/t	87/70/pc
Algiers	92/67/s	95/68/s	Casablanca	93/67/s	90/65/s	Lima	67/58/pc	66/59/pc	Santiago	60/44/c	52/41/r
Amman	91/71/s	91/71/s	Colombo	88/81/sh	85/80/t	Lisbon	91/66/s	85/67/s	Sao Paulo	84/64/s	85/63/s
Amsterdam	69/57/pc	75/62/pc	Copenhagen	68/57/t	72/57/c	London	73/57/c	77/63/s	Sarajevo	86/56/s	85/58/pc
Ankara	96/64/s	93/64/s	Damascus	100/67/s	101/67/s	Madrid	102/71/s	103/68/s	Shanghai	104/84/pc	104/84/c
Asuncion	85/68/t	83/68/t	Dublin	68/63/sh	73/50/c	Manila	90/79/t	89/79/t	Singapore	88/80/t	92/80/c
Athens	95/78/s	94/76/s	Geneva	82/61/c	85/62/s	Mexico City	75/55/c	74/56/r	Stockholm	68/54/pc	71/52/pc
Auckland	58/42/pc	57/44/pc	Guatemala City	78/61/t	79/63/t	Milan	91/74/pc	92/74/pc	Sydney	62/49/c	63/50/c
Baghdad	109/83/pc	111/83/s	Hanoi	95/79/t	95/80/t	Mombasa	84/69/pc	85/70/s	Taipei	99/80/pc	98/79/pc
Bangkok	92/79/t	94/81/t	Harare	83/50/s	87/55/s	Montevideo	60/48/c	63/55/s	Tegucigalpa	84/66/t	86/66/c
Beijing	90/73/t	95/75/pc	Havana	85/76/t	92/74/t	Montreal	87/67/t	74/60/t	Tehran	100/82/s	103/87/s
Beirut	89/78/s	89/79/s	Helsinki	69/62/sh	70/62/pc	Moscow	73/56/pc	75/58/r	Tokyo	94/80/t	94/81/t
Belgrade	85/65/c	86/66/s	Hong Kong	93/83/t	94/83/t	Nairobi	77/52/pc	79/54/s	Toronto	89/68/pc	82/64/t
Berlin	74/56/pc	75/55/pc	Jakarta	92/76/pc	91/75/pc	New Delhi	94/80/r	92/81/t	Tunis	96/75/s	94/73/s
Bogota	68/48/sh	67/49/r	Jerusalem	89/67/s	88/67/s	Panama City	87/76/t	87/76/t	Vancouver	77/61/s	78/58/s
Brussels	72/57/c	78/61/s	Johannesburg	74/47/pc	67/40/pc	Paris	77/57/c	85/62/s	Vienna	79/66/sh	76/56/pc
Bucharest	85/66/pc	88/65/pc	Kabul	88/67/s	89/66/s	Port-au-Prince	95/75/t	97/77/s	Warsaw	81/61/c	69/57/c
Budapest	83/63/c	81/57/pc	Khartoum	90/76/t	88/78/t	Rio de Janeiro	83/69/s	84/70/s	Yerevan	87/67/s	93/68/s
Buenos Aires	60/51/c	60/57/s	Kyiv	75/60/sh	80/63/s	Riyadh	110/87/pc	108/86/pc	Zagreb	83/64/pc	83/64/pc
Cairo	96/78/s	97/79/s	Kingston	93/81/pc	93/81/c	Rome	90/73/s	90/73/pc	Zurich	78/59/pc	82/58/pc

● 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

**Erica Ash**, 46, who appeared on Logo's "The Big Gay Sketch Show" in the mid-2000s before moving on to TV roles in "Mad TV," "Survivor's Remorse" and BET's "Real Husbands of Hollywood," has died.



Ash's family said in a statement to The Hollywood Reporter and Deadline on Monday that she died July 28 following a cancer battle. Ash also played dancer Kendra Brooks in 2013's "Scary Movie V," which saw her star opposite Ashley Tisdale.

**William Calley**, 80, who during the Vietnam War led his U.S. Army platoon into the Vietnamese hamlet of My Lai and carried out one of the worst war crimes in American military history, has died, according to media reports. The Washington Post on Monday first reported Calley's death, which happened in April, according to a death certificate the newspaper cited. The New York Times, citing Social Security Administration death records, also reported Calley's death. Neither paper reported a cause. American soldiers killed 504 people and committed many rapes on March 16, 1968, in a collection of hamlets known as Son My, in what came to be known in the West as the My Lai Massacre. Calley was sentenced to life in prison in 1971, but then-President Richard Nixon ordered him released under house arrest.

**Ismail Haniyeh**, Hamas' top political leader, was killed Wednesday in an apparent assassination at his residence in Tehran, Iran. Hamas has blamed Israel, which has not commented on Haniyeh's killing. Haniyeh, the former Gaza prime minister, was known for his tough-talking rhetoric as the face of the group. From his headquarters in Qatar, he was in charge of the group's international relations. At the time of his killing, Haniyeh was playing a leading role in negotiations to reach a cease-fire with Israel in exchange for freeing hostages held by Hamas in Gaza.

**Hailey Merkt**, 31, a former contestant on "The Bachelor," has died after a battle with cancer. News of Merkt's death was shared in a post on her Instagram page on Tuesday, which said she died "after a courageous fight for her life." According to a GoFundMe page for Merkt, she had been suffering from leukemia. Merkt was a contestant on the Nick Viall-led 21st season of "The Bachelor," which aired on ABC in 2017.

**Francine Pascal**, 92, author of the famed best-selling "Sweet Valley High" book series, died July 28 in Manhattan, according to reports from The New York Times and The Associated Press. Pascal's daughter Laurie Wenk-Pascal told the Times that her mother, a lifelong New Yorker, died of lymphoma at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. She started out as a freelancer for magazines. In the 1960s, she and her second husband, John Pascal, wrote for the soap opera "The Young Marrieds." Later she would go on to write young-adult books including the "Sweet Valley High" series.

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# Study: Meteorite impacts behind the moon's tenuous atmosphere

## Soil samples revealing process that drives it

**Will Dunham**  
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – The NASA astronauts who became the first people to land on the moon's surface in the 1960s and '70s also discovered a previously unknown lunar characteristic – it has an atmosphere, though quite tenuous. Soil samples they retrieved are now revealing the main physical process driving this atmosphere.

"Meteorite impacts generate high temperatures ranging from 2,000-6,000 degrees Celsius (3,600-10,800 degrees Fahrenheit). These extreme temperatures melt and vaporize rocks on the lunar surface, similar to how heat vaporizes water, releasing atoms into the atmosphere," said Massachusetts Institute of Technology planetary scientist and cosmochemist Nicole Nie, lead author of the study published on Friday in the journal *Science Advances*.

The lunar atmosphere is extremely thin and technically classified as an exosphere, meaning atoms do not collide with each other because their numbers are so sparse, in contrast to Earth's thick and stable atmosphere.

"The Apollo missions carried instruments to the lunar surface which detected atoms in the air," Nie said.

In 2013, NASA sent the robotic LADEE (Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer) spacecraft to orbit the moon to study its atmosphere and surface environment. It identified two processes, known as space weathering, at work – the meteorite impacts and a phenomenon called solar wind sputtering.

"Solar winds carry high-energy charged particles, primarily protons, through space. When these particles impact the moon, they transfer their energy to lunar surface atoms, causing them to be ejected from the surface," Nie said.

Solar wind refers to the constant stream of charged particles from the sun permeating the solar system.

LADEE did not determine the relative contributions of these two processes to the lunar atmosphere. The new study showed that impacts account for more than 70% of its composition, while solar wind sputtering contributes less than 30%.

The moon has been constantly bombarded by meteorites – early in its history by large ones that gashed the gaping craters visible on the lunar surface and more recently by smaller ones including dust-sized micrometeorites. Some of the atoms lofted by these impacts fly off into space. The rest remain suspended above the surface in an atmosphere regularly replenished as more meteorites land.

The lunar atmosphere contains mainly argon, helium and neon, along



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Lead author of the study

with potassium and rubidium and possibly other elements at lesser levels. It extends from the moon's surface to a height of about 62 miles. Earth's atmosphere extends to approximately 6,200 miles.

Instead of investigating the actual atoms in the lunar atmosphere, the researchers used lunar soil, called regolith, as a proxy. They used an instrument called a mass spectrometer to examine the ratio of different isotopes of potassium and rubidium in the soil. Isotopes are atoms of the same element with slightly different masses because of differing numbers of subatomic particles called neutrons.

"This is possible because the lunar surface soil is interacting with the exosphere since the formation of the moon, and the different processes leave distinct imprints on the isotopic composi-

tion of the lunar soil," said planetary scientist and study co-author Timo Hopp of the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research in Germany.

Three isotopes of potassium and two isotopes of rubidium exist.

After decades of studying the moon, scientists are still learning about some of its basic processes.

"Many important questions about the lunar atmosphere remain unanswered. We are now able to address some of these questions due to advancements in technology," Nie said. "When Apollo samples were returned from the moon in the 1970s, the isotopic compositions of potassium and rubidium in lunar soils were measured using mass spectrometers. However, at that time, no isotopic differences were observed. Today's mass spectrometers offer much greater precision."

## SUNDAY NEWS SHOWS

### "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" (ABC)

Interviews with Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., principal deputy national security adviser Jon Finer and Wall Street Journal publisher Almar Latour. A discussion with former Gov. Chris Christie, R-N.J., and Donna Brazile, former chair of the Democratic National Committee. A political roundtable with ABC News senior congressional correspondent Rachel Scott, USA Today Washington bureau chief Susan Page and Politico senior political columnist Jonathan Martin.

### "Fox News Sunday" with Shannon Bream (Fox)

Interviews with John Kirby, coordinator for strategic communications at the National Security Council; Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn.; Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.; and Supreme Court Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch, author of "Over Ruled: The Human Toll of Too Much Law." A political roundtable with Meghan Hays, former special assistant to President Joe Biden and director of White House message planning; Bob Cusack, editor-in-chief at The Hill; Rich Lowry, editor-in-chief at National Review; and Wall Street Journal White House reporter Catherine Lucey.

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

Interviews with Sens. Markwayne

Mullin, R-Okla., and Laphonza Butler, D-Calif. A political roundtable with former Georgia Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan; former Obama senior policy adviser Ashley Allison; Scott Jennings, former special assistant to President George W. Bush; and Shermichael Singleton, former aide to the Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney and Ben Carson presidential campaigns.

### "Sunday Morning Futures" with Maria Bartiromo (Fox News)

The second part of an interview with Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump. (The first part of the interview aired on Friday.) Interviews with Republican vice presidential nominee Sen. JD Vance; former Trump White House senior adviser and speechwriter Stephen Miller; Trump Media CEO and former Rep. Devin Nunes; and Kash Patel, former Defense Department chief of staff.

### "Fareed Zakaria GPS" (CNN)

Vali Nasr, professor of Middle East Studies and International Affairs at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and Robin Wright, a joint fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace and the Woodrow Wilson International Center, discuss "with Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah vowing revenge after targeted killings, will the war in Gaza widen?" Leopoldo Eduardo Lopez Mendoza, co-founder of the Primero Justicia Party of Venezuela,

discusses "Venezuela's President Maduro says he won last weekend's election...the U.S. says he didn't...what happens now?" William Browder, founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management, discusses "Inside the historic multi-nation prisoner trade with Russia."

### "The Hill Sunday" with Chris Stirewalt (News Nation)

Former Rep. William Cohen, R-Maine, a former member of the House Judiciary Committee, discusses the 50th anniversary of President Richard Nixon's resignation. Cohen, former defense secretary, also discusses "the historic prisoner swap and U.S./Russia relations amid the backdrop of the upcoming presidential election." Squared Communications CEO Michael Meehan and Whit Ayres, founder of North Star Opinion Research, discuss "recent polling in the race for the White House." A political roundtable with Olivia Nuzzi, Washington correspondent at New York Magazine; Noah Rothman, senior writer at National Review; Domenico Montanaro, senior political editor and correspondent at National Public Radio; and David Drucker, senior writer at The Dispatch.

### "Velshi" (MSNBC)

Interviews with Rep. Jasmine Crockett, D-Texas, and Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.

### "Meet the Press" with Kristen Welker (NBC)

Sunday's show will be preempted due to NBC's coverage of the Summer Olympics.

### "Face the Nation" with Margaret Brennan (CBS)

Interviews with Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark.; principal deputy national security adviser Jon Finer; Shawn Fain, president of the United Automobile Workers; and Paul Beckett, assistant editor at The Wall Street Journal. Other guests include CBS News senior White House correspondent Weijia Jiang; Semafor political reporter Kadia Goba; and Amy Walter, publisher of the Cook Political Report with Amy Walter. CBS News executive director of elections and surveys Anthony Salvanto discusses new political polls.

### Media Buzz (FOX NEWS)

The guests are Lucy Caldwell, former campaign manager for the 2020 Joe Walsh presidential campaign; Wall Street Journal reporter Eliot Brown; former Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah; Crowd PAC CEO Steve Hilton, former director of strategy for former British Prime Minister David Cameron; and radio host and former Democratic National Committee delegate Richard Fowler.

Reuters

## IN BRIEF

**Missouri police charge man with threatening NFL players**

Missouri prosecutors charged an Illinois man on Saturday with making a “terroristic threat” on social media, saying he planned to shoot two Kansas City Chiefs football players as they attended a country music concert.

The man, Aaron Brown, 23, of Winchester, Illinois, was arrested on Friday night at a Morgan Wallen concert at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, where two Kansas City Chiefs players also attended.

There was no violence reported at the event.

Brown told police that it was a “stupid, stupid, stupid mistake,” the NBC affiliate KSHB reported, adding that he deleted the post made on social media site X before he actually arrived at the concert.

The football players were not named in the release from the Jackson County, Missouri, prosecutors office.

The concert was delayed by 40 minutes as police went to detain the man, after the Kansas City FBI office obtained a waiver from X to find Brown’s name and cellphone number, the NBC affiliate reported.

Police called Brown, and he told them where he was sitting with his girlfriend.

His bond was set at \$15,000 early on Saturday.

**British Columbia on flood alert along river blocked by landslide**

TORONTO – British Columbia is on alert for flooding along the banks of the Chilcotin River after a landslide created a large natural dam and triggered evacuation orders in the remote region in Canada’s Pacific coast province, authorities said on Saturday.

British Columbia’s Minister of Emergency Management Bowinn Ma in an update said that in the worst-case scenario, flows in the Chilcotin River were expected to be well above peak spring levels, while it would likely be lower than normal freshet season along the Fraser River.

“Ultimately, this is an encouraging development for communities downstream, but we nevertheless continue to coordinate closely with communities along the rivers to ensure that we’re prepared to protect people from potential flooding,” Ma said.

The region has been under watch since Wednesday after a landslide blocked the river in British Columbia’s Cariboo region, creating worries about potential flooding as the water could surge through.

Late Friday, the British Columbia government issued an emergency alert to evacuate anywhere on the Chilcotin River or along its banks from the Hanceville Bridge to the Fraser River.

The landslide could also impact wild salmon and other fish species that typically begin their migration starting in summer and early fall.

**Nigerian police fire tear gas at protesters, arrest dozens**

ABUJA, Nigeria – Nigeria’s police on Saturday arrested dozens of protesters and fired tear gas to disperse those trying to march to government offices in the capital Abuja on a third day of demonstrations over a cost of living crisis.

In northern Kano state, at least one person was shot in the neck and rushed to a hospital, witnesses said.

At least 13 people were killed on Thursday when protests turned violent, Amnesty International said, blaming police for using live rounds.

Police said on Saturday that in three days of protests seven people had died, but they denied responsibility. Nearly 700 people had been arrested during the protests and nine officers injured, police added in a statement. Police have sought to confine protesters to the outskirts of major cities to avoid disruptions to business and traffic.

On Saturday, demonstrators gathered at a major stadium in Abuja but police used tear gas to disperse them when they attempted to march on a major road into the center of the city.

“Many Nigerians are feeling the same pains, so I believe they will come out and protest. I will be here till midnight,” protester Julius Chidiebere said before police fired tear gas.

Dozens of protesters were arrested and driven away in police vans, Reuters journalists said.

Police and the army intensified patrols in Kano state where some protesters attempted to break into a police station. In the commercial hub of Lagos, more than 1,000 protesters gathered peacefully to denounce economic hardship worsened by President Bola Tinubu’s reforms that started last year with the removal of a popular gas subsidy and the devaluation of the currency, which sent inflation soaring.

Reuters



A fire crew takes a break from treating forest land ahead of the Park Fire in Mill Creek, Calif., on Saturday. FRED GREAVES/REUTERS

## Massive Park Fire has become 4th largest blaze in Calif. history

Rich McKay  
REUTERS

More than 6,000 firefighters in California’s Central Valley continued to battle the largest blaze in the U.S. on Saturday, which burned its way into the history books as the state’s fourth largest conflagration on record.

There was barely a taste of rain on Saturday from thunderstorms that brought wind and rainfalls of zero to a 10th of an inch of precipitation, forecasters said.

The 100-degree heat along with winds up to 25 mph or more in some spots, offered little relief to the firefighters, trying to contain the Park Fire, scorching the wilderness terrain some 100 miles north of Sacramento, the state capital. “We had some thunderstorms that just brought us down-drafts, that’s a problem,” said Christopher Young, a spokesman for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire. “Lightning is a factor we worry about,” he said.

Blazes from the Park Fire, started by an alleged arsonist who pushed a flaming car down a 60-foot gully near Chico, California, on July 24, has since burned more 400,000 acres or more than 600 square miles, an area larger than the city of Los Angeles.

The 42-year-old man arrested hasn’t entered a plea as of Saturday,



A firefighter feeds a deer while taking a break amid the Park Fire in Mill Creek, Calif., on Friday. FRED GREAVES/REUTERS

but was charged with arson and held without bail, officials said.

More than 560 homes and other structures were destroyed since the blaze started 11 days ago, feeding off of downed timber and tinder dry grass and brush. The fire was 27% contained on Saturday, officials said.

The rough, wilderness terrain means it takes two to three hours to reach the fire lines, officials said.

Some firefighters are being flown to the front lines by helicopters, some expected to stay there for days with supplies also flown in. The national wildfire season has had an intense start, raising the risk of stretching firefighting resources too thin. The center has already requested help from firefighters in Australia and New Zealand, who will arrive starting Aug. 7 and deploy to Oregon and Washington.

## Near hurricane-force tropical storm headed toward Florida’s Gulf Coast

Rich McKay  
REUTERS

A tropical storm with near hurricane strength winds and life-threatening storm surges is expected to crash into Florida’s Big Bend area on the northern Gulf Coast shoreline by Monday morning, the National Hurricane Center said.

The storm was still a broad, sloppy system on Saturday, shoving off Cuba’s northern coast and whipping up rain squalls, winds of 40 mph and surging tides in Key West, Florida, on Saturday.

It’s expected to turn into a tropical storm, named Debby, early on Sunday with near hurricane-force winds around 70 mph, forecasters said.

“By Sunday evening it is predicted to still be over Gulf waters and is expected to make landfall early Monday morning,” National Hurricane Center Director Michael Brennan said at a media briefing on Saturday.

“Time to make your preparations in

case of evacuations is now,” Brennan said. “Prepare for possible hurricane conditions late Sunday night into Monday morning.”

It could dump 15 inches of rain and bring “life-threatening” storm surges of three to five feet above ground level along the coasts, Brennan said, before the storm cuts across Central Florida and aims up to Savannah, Georgia, and then toward Charleston, South Carolina.

Powerful ocean surges are forecast for Bonita Beach northward to Tampa Bay. Those surges could send powerful sea waves further inland than normal, damaging structures and threatening anyone in their path.

Parts of three Gulf Coast Florida counties, Pasco, Hernando and Citrus, have issued mandatory or voluntary evacuation orders on Saturday.

A tropical storm warning is in effect for extreme southern Florida and stretching as far north as the Fort Myers area, which was crushed by Hurri-

cane Ian in 2022.

Gov. Ron DeSantis has put most of the state’s cities and counties under emergency orders ahead of the expected landfall.

U.S. forecasters expect a large number of Atlantic hurricanes to form in the 2024 season, which began June 1, with four to seven major hurricanes forming out of 25 named storms. That is more than the record-breaking 2005 season that spawned hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Only one hurricane, Beryl, has formed in the Atlantic so far this year. The earliest Category 5 storm on record, it ravaged the Caribbean and Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula before rolling up the Gulf Coast of Texas as a Category 1 storm, with winds up to 95 mph.

The storm is expected to follow a similar track as the deadly 2022 Hurricane Ian, which killed at least 103 in Florida and did billions of dollars in damage as it made its way along the Gulf Coast.

## Debate

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Requirements include proving polling support and state ballot access by Sept. 3. Recent polls show a tight contest between Harris and Trump, who had enjoyed a bigger lead over Biden after the first debate.

ABC News had no comment about whether Trump had dropped out of the

debate, a spokesperson said.

Fox News did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Trump’s proposal for the debate on Fox came right after the Democratic National Committee launched an advertising campaign on Friday taunting him by saying “the convicted felon is afraid to debate” and questioning whether that is due to his stance on abortion.

David Plouffe, an adviser to former President Barack Obama who recently

joined the Harris campaign, posted on social media: “Now, he seems only comfortable in a cocoon, asking his happy place Fox to host a Trump rally and call it a debate. Maybe he can only handle debating someone his own age.”

Trump is 78 and Harris is 59.

Former Democratic President Jimmy Carter, who turns 100 on Oct. 1, said, “I’m only trying to make it to vote for Kamala Harris,” the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on Saturday.



Demonstrators take part in a protest against illegal immigration on Saturday in Leeds, England. HOLLIE ADAMS/REUTERS

## Anti-immigrant rioting sweeps across Britain

Child murders spark days of street violence

Amanda Ferguson and Belinda Jiao  
REUTERS

LIVERPOOL, England – Violent disorder swept across several British cities on Saturday, injuring police and damaging property in the most widespread rioting in the country for 13 years, following the murder of three young girls in northwest England.

Riots involving hundreds of anti-immigration protesters have erupted in towns and cities after false information spread rapidly on social media that the suspect in Monday's knife attack at a children's dance class in Southport was a radical Muslim migrant.

Police have said the suspect, Axel Rudakubana, 17, was born in Britain but protests by anti-immigration and anti-Muslim demonstrators have continued, descending into violence, arson and looting.

Violent disorder erupted in Liverpool, Bristol, Hull and Belfast – four cities located in different corners of the U.K. – with scuffles breaking out and bricks and bottles thrown as anti-immigration protesters faced groups opposed to racism.

Many police officers suffered injuries as they tried to keep several hundred rival protesters – largely young men who were chanting slogans – from clashing.

In Liverpool, two officers were in the hospital with suspected facial fractures while another was pushed from his motorbike and assaulted in the disorder involving some 750 protesters and a similar number of rival protesters, Merseyside Police, the force overseeing the northwestern city, said.

At least two shops in Liverpool were vandalized and looted, police added.

Similar scenes were witnessed in the southwestern city of Bristol although anti-racist protesters outnumbered anti-immigration groups, with TV footage showing them facing off with police in riot gear.



Protesters hold placards Saturday during the Stand up to Racism rally in Liverpool, England. BELINDA JIAO/REUTERS

**“I’ve lived here 35 years. My kids, my wife is from here. I don’t know what to say, it’s terrible.”**

Rahmi Akyol  
Belfast shop owner

In Belfast, some businesses reported damage to property while at least one was set on fire, according to police.

“I have no reason why they attacked us,” said Rahmi Akyol, standing outside the shattered glass doors of his cafe in Belfast, which he said was attacked by dozens of people with bottles and chairs.

“I’ve lived here 35 years. My kids, my wife is from here. I don’t know what to say, it’s terrible,” he said.

Across Britain, police have arrested dozens of individuals for offenses ranging from violent disorder to burglary and criminal damage.

Extra police have been deployed across cities while mosques across the country have been advised to strength-

en security following an attack on a mosque in Southport on Tuesday.

**‘Unforgivable violence’**

Prime Minister Keir Starmer, facing his first big test since his election a month ago, has condemned the “far right” for the wave of violence and backed police to take strong action. He discussed the disorder with senior ministers on Saturday, his office said.

The last time riots erupted in Britain was in 2011 when a much larger outbreak of violence took hold, with thousands of people taking to the streets for five nights after police fatally shot a Black man in London.

On Friday night, hundreds of anti-immigration demonstrators in Sunderland threw stones at police in riot gear near a mosque, before overturning vehicles, setting a car alight and starting a fire near a police station.

“This was not a protest. This was unforgivable violence and disorder,” Mark Hall, chief police superintendent of the Sunderland area, told reporters on Saturday.

Some further protests were planned for Sunday.

## Venezuelans march over contested election

Number of detained protesters increases

Mircely Guanipa and Vivian Sequera  
REUTERS

CARACAS, Venezuela – Thousands of Venezuelans marched across the South American country on Saturday over its contested election, as President Nicolas Maduro told supporters some 2,000 people had been arrested during protests against the results.

Venezuela's electoral authority, blasted by critics as favoring the ruling socialists, proclaimed Maduro the winner in last Sunday's vote, saying on Monday he obtained 51% compared to 46% for opposition candidate Edmundo Gonzalez. The authority reaffirmed a similar margin on Friday.

The published election result sparked widespread allegations of fraud and protests. Subsequently security forces cracked down on protests which Maduro's government labeled part of an attempted U.S.-backed coup.

“This time there will be no forgiveness,” Maduro told supporters in Caracas, where he said some 2,000 people had been detained in connection to “crimes” during the protests. He pledged “maximum punishment.”

Maduro's supporters said they were defending democracy.

“Today we are here heeding the call of our president to defend democracy,” Alfredo Valera, president of Venezuela's Fontur union, who took part in a pro-government caravan in Caracas, told state television.

Elsewhere, opposition supporters marched to demand justice, buoyed by the presence of leader Maria Corina Machado, who emerged from hiding on Saturday to join her demonstrations on the streets of Caracas.

“Just as it took us a long time to achieve electoral victory, now comes a stage that we take day by day, but we have never been as strong as today, never,” Machado told supporters in Caracas.

Supporters were happy to see Machado in the streets after the leader said in a Thursday op-ed for the Wall Street Journal that she was in hiding and feared for her life.

In addition to Caracas, demonstrations took place in cities including Valencia, Maracaibo and San Cristobal.

So far, at least 20 people have been killed in post-election protests, according to advocacy groups, including U.S.-based Human Rights Watch.

During the week, some Venezuelans have appeared outside police stations seeking news of their detained family members.



Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado speaks at a protest in Caracas on Saturday against the disputed election results.

LEONARDO FERNANDEZ VILORIA/REUTERS

## Vietnam's president takes top job as Communist Party chief

Lam promises to ‘fiercely’ continue anti-graft effort

Phuong Nguyen and Francesco Guarascio  
REUTERS

HANOI, Vietnam – Vietnamese President To Lam was named on Saturday to the nation's top position, general secretary of the ruling Communist Party of Vietnam, replacing Nguyen Phu Trong, who died two weeks ago.

Lam, 67, had temporarily taken on the party chief's duties on July 18, a day before Trong's death, as his health deteriorated.

Party delegates unanimously supported Lam's nomination, officials told a news conference.

Addressing the delegates, he vowed to inherit and promote Trong's legacy,



Vietnamese President To Lam, now general secretary of the ruling Communist Party, attends a news conference in Hanoi on Saturday.

NHAC NGUYEN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

make no changes to the country's foreign policy, focus on achieving its socio-economic development goals and continue a campaign against graft.

“In the coming time, the work on anti-corruption will be continued fiercely,”

Lam told the news conference. “Personally I feel fortunate that I have much experience in handling anti-graft campaign during the time I worked at the police ministry.”

Vietnam, a major destination for manufacturing investment, has long been favored by multinational corporations for its political stability, but experienced major turbulence in recent months that officials said was fueled by the anti-graft effort.

The nation does not formally have a paramount leader, but the head of the party has a more prominent role than others, after Trong beefed up its power during his 13-year tenure.

Lam, a career security officer, had been seen as long aiming to become party chief, with experts calling the presidency a stepping stone for the top job.

“It is a sign of a temporary halt of internal fighting within the party,” Nguyen

Khac Giang, a Vietnam expert at Singapore think tank the ISEAS-Yusuf Ishak Institute.

“Although Lam vowed to push forward the anti-corruption campaign, the campaign may slow down a little as he may prioritize stabilizing the party system before the party congress in 2026.”

It was not immediately clear whether Lam would keep both jobs until the legislative session ends in 2026, or whether a new president would be chosen.

Lam was elected president in May after leading the sweeping campaign of high-profile investigations against corruption as police minister. He replaced Vo Van Thuong, who had been in the job about a year when he quit amid accusations of unspecified wrongdoing.

Officials and diplomats said the party had discussed possibly naming a new president so that Lam could focus on the party chief job.



A resident reacts at the site of a Russian strike in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on May 22. Missiles and bombs fall on the city nearly every day. PHOTOS BY VALENTYN OGIRENKO/REUTERS

## Ukraine

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“This is a psychological operation, it triggers panic. What would an average citizen think when they receive such a message?”

Disinformation and propaganda, long mainstays of war, have been digitally supercharged in the battle for Ukraine, the biggest conflict the world has seen since the advent of smartphones and social media.

Tymoshko said he received about 10 similar messages via SMS and Telegram messenger in April and early May, the weeks leading up to Russia’s offensive in northeastern Ukraine that began on May 10 and opened up a new front in the war.

A Ukrainian security official, who requested anonymity to discuss sensitive matters, said the Russians frequently sent large numbers of text messages from devices attached to an Orlan-10 long-range reconnaissance drone which can penetrate dozens of miles into Ukrainian airspace.

The devices, known as Leer-3 systems, imitate cellular base stations that phones automatically connect to in search of coverage, he added.

The phone barrage was accompanied by a social media blitz as Russian troops advanced on Kharkiv, according to Andriy Kovalenko, head of Ukraine’s Center for Countering Disinformation, or CCD, a branch of the national security council.

The average number of social media posts classed as disinformation about the war by Ukrainian authorities spiked to over 2,500 a day when the Kharkiv offensive began in May, up from 200 a day in March, data compiled by the CCD shows.

The CCD chief told Reuters that Ukrainian intelligence had assessed that disinformation campaigns were primarily carried out by Russia’s FSB security service and military intelligence agency, commonly known as the GRU.

Russia’s foreign ministry and the FSB didn’t respond to a request for comment on the Ukrainian assertions, while Reuters was unable to contact the GRU.

Moscow has accused Ukraine and the West of unleashing a sophisticated information war against Russia, using the West’s major media, public relations and technology assets to sow false and biased narratives about Russia.

The Ukrainian security official acknowledged his country used online campaigns in an attempt to boost anti-war sentiment among Russia’s population, although he characterized this effort as “strategic communications” to spread accurate information about the conflict.

### Bots and microtargeting

Reuters interviewed nine people with knowledge of the information and disinformation war being waged in parallel with battlefield operations, including Ukrainian officials, disinformation trackers and security analysts.

The Ukrainian security official who requested anonymity said that since the full-scale invasion of 2022, intelligence



People take cover after the announcement of a Russian missile attack toward Kharkiv, Ukraine, on May 25. Ukrainians are increasingly familiar with living under attack.

agencies had shut down 86 Russian bot farms located in Ukraine which controlled a collective 3 million social media accounts with an estimated audience reach of 12 million people.

Such facilities are rooms filled with banks of specialized computing equipment that can register hundreds of fake accounts daily on social media networks to pump out false information, the official added.

Kovalenko said that at present, the most significant sources of online Russian disinformation were TikTok in Ukraine and Telegram in Europe. Both are widely used in Ukraine.

He said that earlier this year, TikTok had shut down about 30 of the 90 accounts that Ukraine had flagged as Russia-affiliated disinformation spreaders, adding that new accounts often popped up to replace those taken down.

TikTok told Reuters its guidelines prohibited false or misleading content, adding that it had closed down 13 covert influence networks operating from Russia in recent years.

Disinformation networks are groups of accounts controlled by the same entity, and often used to push a coordinated narrative.

Telegram said it was developing a tool to add verified information to posts.

Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov told Reuters that the Russians were trying to sow panic and distrust, citing an example of social media posts claiming the main road to Kyiv was being resurfaced so that the mayor could flee faster when the Russians came – something he dismissed as a lie.

“They are trying to frighten the population so that people feel uncomfortable and leave the city,” he said in an interview in Kharkiv in late May.

Maria Avdeeva, a Kharkiv-based se-



Iryna, from the village of Prykolotne, Ukraine, cries while she waits with her 1-year-old son, Mikhaïlo, for an evacuation bus to Kharkiv due to Russian military strikes on May 14.

curity analyst who focuses on Russian disinformation, showed Reuters an infographic map, bearing Ukraine’s state emblem of a trident, posted on Facebook in early April – around the same time as police chief Tymoshko was sent a different evacuation map in a direct Telegram message. Unperturbed by a loud explosion from a glide bomb a few miles away, she explained how the map and accompanying text included fake road closures and claims that missile strikes were expected in specified areas around the city soon.

Microtargeting – which analyzes people’s online data to target particular individuals and audiences with specific messages, much like targeted advertising – is complicating the CCD’s task of

tracking influence campaigns and countering false narratives, Kovalenko said.

“This activity is notably very tactical,” said John Hultquist, chief analyst at U.S. cybersecurity firm Mandiant, referring to Russian disinformation campaigns in Ukraine.

“We’ve seen targeting all the way down to the Ukrainian soldiers in the trenches.”

### Airstrike takes out TV tower

Ukrainians are particularly vulnerable to digital disinformation; more than three-quarters of the population get

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their news from social media, far more than any other source of information, according to a study commissioned by USAID in 2023.

That is considerably higher than in any of the 24 European countries surveyed by a 2024 Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism report, which averaged a rate of 44%.

In late April, as Moscow's forces massed on the border near Kharkiv, a Russian airstrike took out Kharkiv's main television tower, hindering the

city's access to information.

Dramatic footage obtained by Reuters showed the main mast of the television tower breaking off and falling to the ground.

While the Kharkiv offensive led to a significant spike in disinformation activity, there have been similar Russian campaigns over the course of the war, according to the people interviewed.

The head of the CCD highlighted a Russian campaign in October 2023 aimed at driving home the idea that Ukraine was facing a tough winter and defeat in the war.

According to Kovalenko, the sheer scale and frequency of Russian influence operations meant Ukrainians were

becoming more suspicious of the information they receive, blunting their impact.

The disinformation push during Russia's initial advance toward Kharkiv at the start of the invasion in 2022 – when they got much closer to the city – contributed to the panic and shock that led to hundreds of thousands of residents fleeing, several officials and experts said.

This time around, only a small number left Kharkiv, even though the amount of disinformation messaging aimed at the city was double the level in March 2022, according to CCD data.

Despite the near-daily missiles and bombs falling on the city, 1.3 million

people remain, according to Kharkiv Mayor Terekhov, roughly the same as before Russia's latest military incursion in the region.

The comparative lack of panic also reflects Ukrainians' increasing familiarity with living under attack.

Reuters spoke to nearly two dozen Kharkiv residents in the second half of May, when the city was being hit by several bombs or missiles a day.

Most said they felt no desire to leave and shrugged off the danger, saying they had become used to it. Several said they had stopped following the news.

"This is a psychological mechanism, we get used to danger," said Kharkiv-based psychologist Iryna Markevych.



Rockets fired from southern Lebanon are intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome air defense system over northern Israel early Sunday. JALAA MAREY/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Mideast

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of killings of senior Hamas figures as the Gaza war nears its 11th month, and it fueled concern that the conflict in Gaza was turning into a wider Middle East war.

Hamas said it had begun a "broad consultation process" to choose a new leader three days after the assassination of Haniyeh, who was the face of the group's international diplomacy.

The U.S. and international partners including France, Britain, Italy and Egypt continued diplomatic contacts on Saturday seeking to prevent further regional escalation.

The U.S. urged its citizens who wish to leave Lebanon to start making plans immediately, and the British government advised its nationals to "leave now." Canada warned citizens to avoid all travel to Israel, saying the regional armed conflict endangered security.

### Violence in Gaza, West Bank

Violence continued on Saturday in the Palestinian territories.

An Israeli airstrike on a school sheltering displaced persons in Gaza City killed at least 15 Palestinians on Saturday, hours after two strikes in the occupied West Bank killed nine militants including a local Hamas commander, Hamas said.

The Israeli military said the first of two West Bank airstrikes hit a vehicle in a town near the city of Tulkarm, targeting a militant cell it said was on its way to carry out an attack.

A Hamas statement said one of those killed was a commander of its Tulkarm brigades, while its ally Islamic Jihad claimed the other four men who died in the strike as its fighters.

Hours later, a second airstrike in the area targeted another group of militants who had fired on troops, Israel's military said, during what it described as a counterterrorism operation in Tulkarm.

Palestinian news agency WAFA said four people had died in that strike, and Hamas said all nine of those killed in the two Israeli attacks in the West Bank were fighters.

At least 39,550 Palestinians have



Palestinians inspect the site of Israeli strikes on a school sheltering displaced people in Gaza City on Saturday. MAHMOUD ISSA/REUTERS

been killed in the Israeli military campaign in Gaza, according to Gaza health officials.

The offensive was triggered by a Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on Oct. 7 in which 1,200 people were killed and 250 abducted, according to Israeli tallies.

A high-level Israeli delegation made a brief visit to Cairo on Saturday in an attempt to resume Gaza cease-fire negotiations, Egyptian airport authority sources said.

The Israeli officials returned to Israel hours later, Israeli media said.

Chances of a breakthrough appear low following the latest incidents in Lebanon and Iran.

Israel has not said whether it was behind Haniyeh's assassination. But Netanyahu said last week that Israel had delivered crushing blows to Iran's proxies of late, including Hamas and Hezbollah.



Israeli protesters in Tel Aviv on Saturday demand an end to the war in Gaza and the immediate release of the hostages kidnapped by Hamas.

RICARDO MORAES/REUTERS

# SPORTS **EXTRA**

## PARIS OLYMPICS



American Simone Biles celebrates on the podium after winning the vault on Saturday at the Paris Olympics. JULIAN FINNEY/GETTY IMAGES



The United States' Katie Ledecky shows off her gold medal after winning the women's 800-meter freestyle on Saturday. QUINN ROONEY/GETTY IMAGES

# A GOLDEN SATURDAY

## Biles soars to 3rd win in Paris with vault triumph

Rory Carroll  
REUTERS

PARIS – Simone Biles won the vault final on Saturday to clinch her third gold medal at the Paris Olympics, dominating the competition with her signature Biles II vault to beat Brazilian silver medallist Rebeca Andrade with American Jade Carey taking bronze.

Biles soared high into the air as she performed her explosive Yurchenko double pike for a massive score of 15.700 for her opening vault.

Her coach Laurent Landi was seen leaping up and punching the air in delight as soon as he saw that Biles had completed a safe landing, albeit with a small hop backwards.

Wearing a radiant red leotard, the American also impressed with her second effort.

She powered down the runway and

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Team USA's Caeleb Dressel swims during a heat race for the mixed 4x100-meter medley relay on Friday. The U.S. won the final Saturday, giving Dressel a ninth career gold medal. ROB SCHUMACHER/USA TODAY SPORTS

## Ledecky, Dressel add 9th golds to their collections

Ian Ransom  
REUTERS

PARIS – Katie Ledecky tore up the record books again at the Paris Games by claiming a ninth career gold medal, while teenager Summer McIntosh put her name among the greats as Canada's first triple champion at a single Olympics.

Caeleb Dressel joined compatriot Ledecky with a ninth gold without diving into the La Defense Arena pool when his United States teammates swept to the mixed medley relay title in world record time.

But home hero Leon Marchand tasted defeat for the first time despite the ear-splitting support of another packed house when France finished fourth in the relay.

With four golds, Marchand has been the meet's preeminent champion – but

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## PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

# Gradishar glad long road ended at Hall

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

One more hour was nothing for Randy Gradishar, the former Broncos' linebacker who waited decades to take the stage at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Gradishar grew up an hour from Canton, but no member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2024 waited longer for an induction ceremony.

A four-time finalist in his 35th year of eligibility, Gradishar took the stage at last on Saturday to celebrate the men that helped him get there. The Hall of Fame Senior committee approved Gradishar for this class. He said his journey to defeat doubters, starting at Ohio State, was the real reason he made it even after a knee injury.

"Coach (John) Ralston took a chance on me and drafted me back in 1974. The rest is history," Gradishar said. "Broncos

coaches Red Miller, Dan Reeves, Stan Jones, Joe Collier and Myrel Moore believed in me and encouraged me. That encouragement was the greatest gift those coaches would give to me, and to our team."

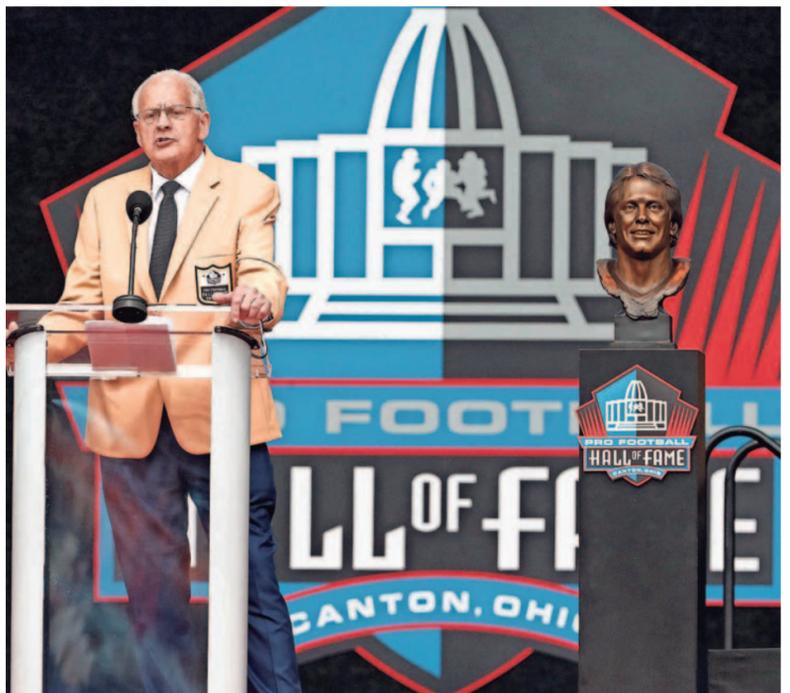
A five-time All-Pro in 10 seasons, Gradishar was presented by "Orange Crush" teammate Tom Jackson. Several other members of Denver's 1980s teams were in attendance to celebrate.

"His character is built around his family, his faith and hard work. That, to me, is the reason he's in Canton, Ohio," Jackson said.

Return specialist Devin Hester, who also was enshrined Saturday, said too often players can be enamored with what they want to be.

"I wanted to be a running back, but

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Randy Gradishar speaks during Saturday's Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony in Canton, Ohio. CHARLES LECLAIRE/USA TODAY SPORTS

## NFL

## NOTEBOOK

## Hill, Dolphins agree to reworked \$90M deal

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Star wide receiver Tyreek Hill and the Miami Dolphins agreed to a restructured contract worth \$90 million over the next three years with \$65 million guaranteed, his agent confirmed to The Associated Press on Saturday.

Hill, however, did not add any years to his contract. His four-year total of guaranteed money is \$106.5 million, the most for any wide receiver.

"I'm here to stay," Hill posted on social media.

Hill, 30, was slated to make \$19.665 million in 2024 prior to Saturday's agreement negotiated by agents Drew and Jason Rosenhaus.

The Dolphins have been busy signing their stars of late.

Quarterback Tua Tagovailoa recently agreed to a four-year, \$212.4 million contract extension. It includes \$167.1 million guaranteed and a \$42 million signing bonus.

Also, the Dolphins signed wide receiver Jaylen Waddle to a three-year, \$84.75 million contract extension through the 2028 season.

Hill posted a career-high, NFL-leading and franchise-record 1,799 receiving yards in 2023.

He became the first player in league history to record 1,700-plus receiving yards in multiple seasons.

An eight-time Pro Bowl selection, Hill has 717 catches for 10,139 yards with 76 touchdowns in 124 career games with the Kansas City Chiefs (2016-21) and Dolphins.

**Report: Cardinals LB Ojulari tears ACL, out for season**

Arizona Cardinals outside linebacker BJ Ojulari suffered a torn ACL and will miss the upcoming season, NFL Network reported on Saturday.

Ojulari, 22, reportedly sustained the injury to his left knee during Friday's practice.

In 17 games this past season, Ojulari had 40 total tackles (23 solo) and four sacks. He was selected by Arizona in the second round of the 2023 NFL Draft out



Miami Dolphins wide receiver Tyreek Hill works out during training camp on July 24 at Baptist Health Training Complex in Miami Gardens, Fla. SAM NAVARRO/USA TODAY SPORTS

of LSU.

Ojulari played in 31 games in three years at LSU, logging 129 total tackles (80 solo), 16.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

**Titans WR Hopkins out 'several weeks' with knee injury**

Tennessee Titans star wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins is expected to miss "several weeks" but will not need surgery for a left knee injury sustained in practice, head coach Brian Callahan said Saturday.

"It's not a surgical issue, so the timeline could vary on those injuries," Callahan said. "So it will be a few weeks probably until he's back and ready to roll."

Hopkins wore a wrap on his left leg early in the team practice on Wednesday before leaving the field with vice president of sports medicine Todd Toriscelli, according to reports.

The team didn't have practice on Thursday and Friday's session was closed to the media.

A five-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time first-team All-Pro, Hopkins

led the Titans with 75 catches, 1,057 yards and seven touchdowns in 2023.

Hopkins, 32, has 928 career receptions for 12,355 yards and 78 TDs in 162 games (161 starts) for the Houston Texans (2013-19), Arizona Cardinals (2020-22) and Titans.

The Texans selected him 27th overall in the 2013 NFL draft out of Clemson.

Tennessee could turn in Hopkins' absence to Treyton Burks, a 2022 first-round pick, as well as free-agent signings Calvin Ridley and Tyler Boyd.

The Titans open the regular season on Sept. 8 at the Chicago Bears.

## Hall of Fame

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God's plan wasn't that for me," Hester said. "I embraced God's plan for me. And mostly I accepted it. I accepted my calling. By me embracing it, it made me the best returner to ever walk the face of the Earth. At least – as of right now."

Hester was one of three Chicago Bears to be enshrined, along with Julius Peppers and Steve McMichael. Peppers spent most of his career with the Carolina Panthers.

Hester holds the NFL record with 20 overall return touchdowns, as well as the league record with 14 punt return TDs.

Hester's highlights include returning the opening kickoff of Super Bowl XLI for a touchdown against Indianapolis. He also caught 255 passes for 3,311 yards and 16 touchdowns during his career.

Dwight Freeneey's size (6-foot-1, 268 pounds) didn't deter the Colts from drafting him with the 11th pick in the 2002 draft, nine spots behind Peppers.

He was on the Colts' Super Bowl XLI championship team with numerous Hall of Famers and retired after 16 NFL seasons with 125.5 sacks, 148 quarterback hits and 128 tackles for loss. His 47 forced fumbles tied for third on the NFL's all-time list.

The first of the class in attendance to speak Saturday, Freeneey's personal guest list included another Hall of Famer – Michael Jordan – and Colts CEO Jim Irsay.

Freeneey briefly spoke to youth dreaming of reaching their own Gold Jacket moment one day, advising them the journey can seem impossible and is not easy. He thanked his Hall of Fame predecessors and teammates for paving his path.

"Peyton Manning, I watched how you prepared day in and day out so you could be your best. That taught me the importance of preparation, so that I was never surprised by my opponent. Marvin Harrison, I watched you practice full speed every day, which taught me that practice was a place to master my craft. You made every route look the same, which helped me be a better pass rusher, try to make all my moves look the same," Freeneey said. "Edgerrin James,

you taught me how to be a true pro on and off the field. You're a great teammate, and a pretty good roommate before the games, even though you wouldn't let me adjust the temperature above 59 degrees, man. I'll never forget that."

Peppers was the lone first-ballot entry in the '24 class, starring for 17 seasons with the Panthers (2002-09, 2017-18), Bears (2010-13) and Green Bay Packers (2014-16).

He is fourth on all-time sacks list with 159.5 and the only player in NFL history with at least 100 sacks and at least 10 interceptions.

A two-sport athlete at North Carolina before being selected No. 2 in the 2002 draft, Peppers acknowledged Jordan, a fellow Tar Heel and said his lasting lesson has nothing to do with football.

"Whatever it is that you do – do it with respect, integrity, passion, resilience, dedication and gratitude. That alone will make you a Hall of Fame person," Peppers said.

Andre Johnson is the first player from the Houston Texans' franchise to enter the Hall of Fame, giving all 32 current franchises an on-field representative in Canton. Johnson recorded 1,062 receptions for 14,185 yards and 70 touchdowns with 10 games with at least 10 interceptions and 150 yards.

The entire current roster of the Texans stayed in Canton since Thursday's

Hall of Fame Game and more than two dozen former teammates were on hand.

"I just wanted to be known as one of the best players to ever play the game, but now I get to go to football heaven, where I can enjoy the ultimate closure to my career," Johnson said.

A 270-pound nose tackle with a relentless motor and sneaky strength, McMichael was a member of the 1985 Super Bowl champion Bears. He was drafted by the New England Patriots but his most prominent seasons came at the heart of the Bears' defense on a line that included Dan Hampton and Richard Dent with Mike Singletary lined up behind him.

McMichael, bedridden and battling ALS at his Chicagoland home, was surrounded by former teammates and family when he was presented his jacket and bust on Saturday afternoon. His sister, Kathy, read a statement McMichael prepared:

"Hey Chicago, Bears fans and Mongo fans. Woo hoo! I'm in the Hall of Fame, baby! I want to thank the Hall of Fame, the Senior selection committee, the Chicago Bears and all the fans, the best fans in the world and the best city to play football in. I played 15 years in the NFL and loved every minute of every down. I played with the greatest players in the NFL and the greatest defense to this day, baby.

"I want to thank all my teammates.

It's an honor to join my teammates Walter Payton, Richard Dent, Mike Singletary, Dan Hampton, Jimbo Covert, coach (Mike) Ditka, coach (Buddy) Ryan and all the Bears before us. I'd like to say a special thank you to my pseudo-son Jarrett Payton for introducing me. I want to thank my family, my father Mac, my brother Richard, my sisters Sharon and Katherine Denise. To my wife Misty, thank you for giving me my beautiful daughter Macy. To Macy, you'll always be my little girl. Daddy loves you. And finally, to my mother, we made it, momma! Your baby made it! Bear down and hook 'em!"

49ers linebacker Patrick Willis finished with seven Pro Bowl selections in eight years with San Francisco. He was voted in and became the 378th member of the Hall of Fame on his fifth year of eligibility despite an injury-shortened career.

"To my family, friends, teammates, teachers, mentors, doctors, equipment managers, trainers and everyone else – you know who you are – thank you for always being there for me and with me," Willis said. "Because of all of you I stand here today honored to be wearing this gold jacket, standing shoulder to shoulder with the great ones in the National Football League. I am elated to now know that I will not be simply known as Patrick Willis, but as Hall of Famer, Patrick Willis, Mr. 378."



From left: Dwight Freeneey, Randy Gradishar, Devin Hester, Andre Johnson, Misty McMichael (representing husband Steve McMichael), Julius Peppers and Patrick Willis pose with their busts after the enshrinement ceremony at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium on Saturday in Canton, Ohio. CHARLES LECLAIRE/USA TODAY SPORTS

## GOLF

LPGA TOUR PORTLAND CLASSIC

## Lee fires 67 for lead entering final round

REUTERS

Andrea Lee fired a 5-under-par 67 to move into first place at 19 under Saturday after three rounds of the Portland Classic in Oregon.

Lee, who won the 2022 Portland Classic for her only win, bogeyed the par-4 first hole but then birdied five of the next eight to close the front nine at 18-under, then managed one birdie and all pars the rest of the way.

"Obviously, I love this golf course. I feel really comfortable out here," Lee said afterward. "Just played really steady golf. Managed to get some putts to drop on the front nine. I thought the pin locations on the back were a little trickier. Just tried to stay really patient."

Alexa Pano and Dewi Weber of the Netherlands ended the day tied for second, one shot off the lead.

Weber, who held a two-stroke lead after shooting a 62 on Friday, managed a 2-under 70 on Saturday, finishing with two bogeys and four birdies. She had one bogey and two birdies on the front and back nines at Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

Weber said her round "was more for me about doing the same things that I have been doing and just trying to keep making good swings, which honestly I was doing. I hit good putts, with the exception of maybe one or two.

"For me it was more like, 'Oh, I'm doing the right things. It's just not going in the hole.' So then it's easier, I think, to adjust as opposed to I'm hitting bad shots or hitting bad putts or whatever."

Pano's up-and-down round of 66 began with two bogeys, but she ran off five straight birdies. She ended with nine birdies and three bogeys, after her second-round 64.

"I feel like I get pretty focused on the golf course. I lost my focus a little bit on 16 (a bogey). We were put on the clock, and I rushed a little bit, and that's something I'm still learning to handle," Pano said.

Angel Yin (66 on Saturday) and Polly



Andrea Lee acknowledges the crowd on the 18th green during the third round of the Portland Classic at Columbia Edgewater Country Club on Saturday in Portland, Ore. ALIKA JENNER/GETTY IMAGES

Mack (69) of Germany go into Sunday's final round tied for fourth at 17 under. Mack led the first round after firing a 63 on Thursday.

Moriya Jutanugarn of Thailand and Nataliya Guseva of Russia each posted 64s for the low round of the day and were in a three-way tie for sixth, along

with South Korea's So Mi Lee (67). Defending champion Chantette Wannasaen (68) of Thailand is among a large group tied for 28th.

## TENNIS

ROUNDUP

## Cobolli pulls upset in DC Open semifinal

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Tenth-seeded Flavio Cobolli came from a set down to knock off second-seeded Ben Shelton 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in one semifinal of the Mubadala Citi DC Open at Washington D.C. on Saturday night.

In Sunday's final, Cobolli will face Sebastian Korda. The fourth seed defeated fifth-seeded Frances Tiafoe 6-4, 6-4 in a matchup of Americans that lasted 85 minutes.

Cobolli, who is looking for his first ATP Tour victory, jumped ahead 3-0 in the third set. Shelton came within 4-2 and 5-3 before the 22-year-old Cobolli won all four points in the final game to wrap up the match, which lasted just over two hours.

Korda, who will be looking for his second career title, led in aces 12-8 and nearly doubled Tiafoe in winners 29-15. Neither player led by more than two games in either set.

## Women

Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic upset top-seeded Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in a match delayed 3½ hours by rain to reach the final of the Mubadala Citi DC Open in Washington D.C.

Bouzkova will face Spain's Paula Badosa, who cruised to a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Caroline Dolehide in the other semifinal, played before storms arrived.

Bouzkova had an 8-4 edge in aces and saved 8 of 12 break points to advance to her second final of the season. Bouzkova's lone career title came in the 2022 Prague Open.

Sabalenka, from Belarus, committed a staggering 62 unforced errors despite having a 22-17 edge in winners. She led 2-1 in the third set when the match was paused and was soundly outplayed after the restart, losing five of the six games.

In the earlier match, Badosa won 24 of 27 first-serve points (88.9 percent) and now looks to win her first title since prevailing in Sydney in early 2022.



Sebastian Korda hits a backhand against Frances Tiafoe in their semifinal match at the Mubadala Citi DC Open at Rock Creek Park Tennis Center in Washington. GEOFF BURKE/USA TODAY SPORTS

## MLB

## SATURDAY'S ROUNDUP

## Judge clubs 41st HR as Yankees bash Jays

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Aaron Judge hit a two-run homer in the first inning to increase his major league-leading total to 41 as the host New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-3 on Saturday afternoon.

After reaching 40 homers for the third time in his career in the opening inning Friday, Judge blasted his 16th first-inning homer of the season on Saturday, tying the team record set by Hall of Famer Babe Ruth in 1927.

Judge gave the Yankees a 2-1 lead when he hammered an 0-1 pitch from Toronto's Jose Berrios (9-9) into the visiting bullpen beyond the left-center field fence. It was Judge's sixth homer in his past eight games and 38th of his career against the Blue Jays.

Trent Grisham and Anthony Volpe also hit two-run homers as the Yankees won for the sixth time in seven games following their 10-23 slide.

Gleyber Torres started after being pulled in Friday's 8-5 loss for not hustling and singled two batters before Volpe's homer put the Yankees ahead 6-1 in the fifth.

**Orioles 7, Guardians 4**

Zach Eflin allowed two runs over 6½ innings and Adley Rutschman delivered a pinch-hit, two-run triple during a breakout eighth inning for visiting Baltimore, which snapped Cleveland's five-game winning streak.

Gunnar Henderson had three hits with an RBI while Eloy Jimenez and Jackson Holliday each had two and a RBI for the Orioles, who recorded 15 hits after totaling nine hits and seven runs in losing the first two of this four-game set.

Eflin (7-7) yielded just a third-inning, two-run homer to rookie Angel Martinez, plus four other hits, to win his second straight start since being acquired from Tampa Bay by Baltimore, which won for the second time in seven road games.

Yennier Cano tossed a 1-2-3 ninth to record his fifth save of the season.

The Orioles, tied with the New York Yankees atop the AL East, led 3-2 entering the eighth when with two on, Rutschman lined a drive to right field that went to the wall after Cleveland's Jhonkensy Noel slipped. It scored both runners to highlight a four-run inning, with Ryan O'Hearn adding an RBI double and Holliday a run-scoring single.

**Reds 6, Giants 4**

Hunter Greene struck out 11 and allowed one hit over six shutout innings and Tyler Stephenson homered twice and drove in four runs to lead Cincinnati past visiting San Francisco.

Greene (8-4) picked up where he left off in July, when the right-hander allowed just one run over four starts and 27 innings.

Jonathan India crushed a 417-foot homer to the upper deck in left, and Stuart Fairchild drilled a line drive homer off the left field foul pole for the Reds, who were no-hit the night before by Blake Snell.

Alexis Diaz earned his 22nd save in 24 chances despite allowing a 423-foot solo homer to Matt Chapman to open the ninth.

San Francisco starter Kyle Harrison (6-5) could not repeat the complete-game shutouts posted by Logan Webb and Snell in the club's previous two starts.

**Tigers 6, Royals 5, 11 innings**

Wenceel Perez hit an RBI single with two outs in the 11th inning to give Detroit a home win over Kansas City.

Detroit snapped a five-game losing streak, while Kansas City had a five-game winning streak end.

Kansas City took a 5-4 lead in the 11th on an RBI single by Hunter Renfroe off Jason Foley (3-3), but Detroit answered in its half of the 11th on an RBI triple by Parker Meadows that tied the game at 5-5.

Following a double play, Perez hit a pitch from James McArthur (4-5) lined a ball off of the wall in right just over Renfroe to end the game.

The Royals took a 4-3 lead in the top of the 10th on an RBI sacrifice fly by Bobby Witt Jr., which would have been a single if not for a diving catch by Meadows.

**Rays 6, Astros 1**

Josh Lowe clubbed a pair of home runs while Zack Littell pitched effectively into the sixth inning as visiting Tam-



Yankees designated hitter Aaron Judge hits a two-run home run against the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday in New York. BRAD PENNER/USA TODAY SPORTS

pa Bay evened its three-game series against Houston.

Lowe, who went 4-for-5 with four RBIs, helped the Rays erase a 1-0 deficit with his sixth home run in the top of the fifth, a two-run shot that came with two outs on an 0-2 count. That 373-foot blast to right field came against Astros right-hander Ronel Blanco (9-6), who pitched in and out of trouble over his first four frames before he attempted to sneak a second consecutive fastball by Lowe with Brandon Lowe on first base.

Blanco allowed two runs on six hits and two walks with seven strikeouts over five innings. Blanco stranded base-runners in each of his first four innings including five in scoring position before surrendering the two-run home run to Lowe. He is winless over his last four starts and has just one winning decision over his last seven outings.

Jon Singleton spotted Blanco a 1-0 lead with his ninth homer, a one-out shot that just cleared the right-field wall in the bottom of the second. Littell (5-7) limited the damage to that run in the second and worked around two singles in the third before retiring the final 10 batters he faced.

After Littell allowed one run on four hits and one walk with three strikeouts over 5½ innings, four Rays relievers took the baton and stifled the Astros the remainder of the way by combining to retire the final 10 batters.

**Cardinals 5, Cubs 4**

Lars Nootbaar lofted a tie-breaking sacrifice fly in the ninth inning for visiting St. Louis, which overcame a three-run deficit to edge Chicago.

The Cardinals, who dropped the first two games of the four-game series, improved to 7-8 since the All-Star Break. The Cubs had their three-game winning streak snapped.

The Cubs raced out to a 4-1 lead by scoring two runs apiece in the first two innings, but a trio of Cardinals pitchers limited Chicago to two hits over the final seven innings to set up the St. Louis comeback.

The Cardinals tied the game in the eighth, when Alec Burleson scored from second after Cubs third baseman Isaac Paredes threw wide of first on a one-out grounder by Brendan Donovan. Nolan Arenado followed three pitches later with a two-run single.

St. Louis' Tommy Pham led off the ninth with a triple against Hector Neris (8-4) and trotted home on Nootbaar's fly to center.

**Nationals 6, Brewers 4**

Washington pounced on Milwaukee starter Aaron Civale early and held off a late-game push by the visiting Brewers to hang on for a win.

The Nationals ended a five-game losing streak and evened the three-game series with the Brewers that concludes on Sunday.

Washington's Luis Garcia Jr. finished 3-for-4, with one RBI, three runs, a double and his 12th home run of the year, a solo shot off Civale in the third inning for a 5-0 lead.

Milwaukee cut into a 6-1 deficit by scoring three runs across the seventh and eighth innings. Rhys Hoskins hit a solo home run, his 19th of the season. Jackson Chourio scored on a wild pitch and Gary Sanchez followed up with a two-out RBI single in the top of the eighth to make it a two-run game.

Chourio also accounted for the Brewers' first run with an RBI single in the top of the fifth inning.

**Twins 6, White Sox 2**

Max Kepler hit a go-ahead home run in the seventh inning and Minnesota pulled away for a win over Chicago in Minneapolis.

Ryan Jeffers also homered for Minnesota, which will go for a three-game sweep Sunday afternoon. Willi Castro and Brooks Lee drove in two runs apiece in the win.

Brooks Baldwin hit his first career home run for the White Sox, who extended their franchise record with their 19th loss in a row – the longest since the Baltimore Orioles lost 19 straight in 2021. Corey Lee tripled and drove in a run for Chicago.

Twins right-hander Bailey Ober (11-5) allowed two runs on two hits in seven innings. He walked two and struck out seven.

White Sox right-hander Touki Toussaint (0-1) gave up two runs on three hits in three innings out of the bullpen. He followed starter Garrett Crochet, who allowed one run on one hit and four walks in four innings.

**Marlins 4, Braves 3**

Jesus Sanchez finished 3-for-5 with a pair of RBI doubles, including a go-ahead hit in the seventh inning, as visiting Miami defeated Atlanta.

Jake Burger homered and also drove in two runs as the Marlins snapped a two-game skid.

Matt Olson went 2-for-4 with one RBI for Atlanta and Marcell Ozuna hit a solo home run, but the Braves had their four-game winning streak snapped.

With the score tied 3-3, losing pitcher Pierce Johnson (4-3) entered in the seventh and ran into immediate trouble, giving up a single to Nick Fortes and a walk to Xavier Edwards. Burger grounded into a double play, but Sanchez slashed his double to left field, scoring Fortes.

Atlanta began the scoring in the first inning against Miami starter Kyle Tyler when Olson laced a two-out single that scored Jorge Soler, who led off with a walk.

**Rangers 7, Red Sox 4**

Jonah Heim and Leody Taveras hit back-to-back home runs in the fourth inning to help Texas end a three-game losing streak by beating Boston in Arlington, Texas.

Heim hit a three-run homer against Boston starter Tanner Houck that tied the game at 3.

Taveras followed with a solo home run against Houck to put Texas in front, 4-3.

Josh Smith had three hits for Texas, which had 13 hits in the game.

Boston's Rob Refsnyder had two solo home runs, an RBI double and a single during a four-hit game. Refsnyder hit his sixth home run of the season in the first inning, and then collected home run No. 7 in the fourth. It was the first multi-homer game of his career.

Jose Leclerc (5-4) earned the win for tossing two-thirds of an inning of scoreless relief. Leclerc struck out Ceddanne Rafaela with the bases loaded to end the fourth.

**Padres 3, Rockies 2**

Xander Bogaerts' RBI single snapped a seventh-inning tie and San Diego eked out a win over visiting Colorado.

The Padres added another run in the seventh and made a winner of reliever Jason Adam (5-2), who was pitching in

his second game for San Diego after being acquired Sunday from Tampa Bay. Tanner Scott, another trade deadline acquisition, worked the eighth inning, and closer Robert Suarez pitched the ninth for his 24th save in 27 chances.

Peter Lambert (2-5) absorbed the loss in relief of rookie starter Tanner Gordon, who had the best outing of his four major league starts. Gordon allowed just one hit and one run over six innings, walking one and striking out four.

Padres left-hander Martin Perez, acquired Tuesday from Pittsburgh, matched Gordon pitch-for-pitch over six innings. Perez permitted three hits and a run, walking none and fanning seven.

**Pirates 4, Diamondbacks 2**

Bryan Reynolds broke a tie with a two-run homer in the sixth inning to help Pittsburgh to a win against visiting Arizona.

Joey Bart went 2-for-3 with a homer and two RBIs for Pittsburgh, which has won four of its past six games. Arizona lost for just the second time in the past 10 games.

Andrew McCutchen hit a lead-off single off reliever Slade Cecconi (2-7) and was replaced by pinch-runner Ji Hwan Bae due to injuring his left quadriceps. Reynolds then stepped up and knocked a 405-foot shot to center field for a 3-1 lead.

Connor Joe followed with a double, and Bart drove him in with a one-out single to left field, extending it to 4-1.

**Dodgers 10, Athletics 0**

Jack Flaherty made a splashy Los Angeles debut, Gavin Lux provided an early cushion with a two-run single and the National League West leaders rebounded from a series-opening loss to thump host Oakland.

Acquired earlier in the week from the Detroit Tigers, Flaherty (8-5) worked six innings and combined with three relievers – including position player Enrique Hernandez in the ninth inning – for the Dodgers' 10th shutout of the season.

The right-hander limited the A's to five hits and saved some of the best of his 99 pitches for the end, escaping a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the sixth with the Dodgers clinging to just a 2-0 lead.

Flaherty got Shea Langeliers to ground into a force play at the plate, struck out Seth Brown and induced a grounder to shortstop off the bat of Abraham Toro to take his shutout through six innings, during which he walked one and struck out seven.

**Angels 5, Mets 4**

Zach Neto's go-ahead three-run homer capped a wild seventh inning as Los Angeles edged New York in the middle game of an interleague series in Anaheim, Calif.

The Angels squandered an 2-0 lead before snapping a three-game losing streak. The Mets fell for just the fourth time in 12 games.

J.D. Martinez hit a grand slam in the top of the seventh against Hunter Strickland, before the Angels built a two-out rally against Huascar Brazoban (1-3).

The right-hander opened the bottom half of the inning by striking out Jo Adell and Matt Thaiss. Michael Stefanic singled and Nolan Schanuel walked before Neto won an eight-pitch battle with Brazoban by homering over the left field wall.

**Mariners 6, Phillies 5, 10 innings**

Mitch Haniger drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning as Seattle rallied from a five-run deficit to defeat visiting Philadelphia.

Haniger hit a solo homer in the fifth inning to spark the comeback. It was the sixth victory in the past eight games for the Mariners, who regained sole possession of first place in the American League West.

Alec Bohm drove in three runs for the National League East-leading Phillies, who lost their sixth in a row and dropped to 3-11 since the All-Star break.

With Randy Arozarena the runner at second to start the 10th, the Phillies intentionally walked Cal Raleigh.

With two outs, Carlos Estevez (1-4) hit Dylan Moore with a pitch to load the bases then missed high on a 3-2 count against Haniger to bring home the winning run.

## MLB

## SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES

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Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	ERA				
Springer dh	4	1	0	0	1	2	.227				
Loperofici cf-1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.242				
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	2	3	1	0	1	.318				
Kirk c	4	0	1	2	0	1	.239				
Horwitz 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.281				
Clement 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.265				
Schneider lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.214				
b-Varsho ph-cf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.201				
Jimenez ss	4	0	1	0	0	3	.219				
Berra Jr. rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.343				
a-Baerger ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.985				
Totals	34	3	8	3	3	13					
N.Y. Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	ERA				
Verdugo lf	5	1	0	0	0	0	.238				
Soto rf	5	1	0	0	0	0	.308				
Judge dh	3	2	2	1	1	1	.321				
Volpe c	4	0	2	1	1	2	.244				
Torres 2b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.233				
Chisholm Jr. 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.308				
Volpe ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.261				
Rice 1b	4	1	0	0	1	1	.200				
LeMahieu 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.182				
Grisham cf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.188				
Totals	36	8	10	8	5	8					

a-walked for S.Berra in 7th. b-struck out for Schneider in 7th.  
**E:** Horwitz, Jimenez. **2B:** Guerrero Jr. (28). **HR:** Guerrero Jr. (22), Judge (41), Volpe (11), Grisham (7). **RBI:** Guerrero Jr. (7), Kirk (2), Judge (2), Wells (28), Volpe (3), Grisham (2), Torres (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 3 (Springer, 2), Clement, N.Y. Yankees 4 (Torres, 2, Volpe, Rice). **RISP:** Toronto 2 for 5, N.Y. Yankees 3 for 8. **GIDP:** Kirk. **DP:** N.Y. Yankees 1.

St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 4											
STL	100	000	031	-	5	9	0				
CHC	220	000	000	-	4	5	1				
St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	ERA				
Winn ss	5	0	0	0	0	0	.279				
Burleson 1b	4	2	1	1	0	0	.278				
Contreras c	3	1	1	0	0	2	.258				
Goldschmidt dh	4	0	0	0	2	2	.234				
Donovan lf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.267				
Arenado 3b	4	0	2	2	0	0	.266				
Gorman 2b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.199				
Pham rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.471				
Siani cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.256				
Nootbaar cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.232				
Totals	35	5	9	4	1	6					
Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	ERA				
Happ lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.228				
Busch 1b	3	1	2	2	0	0	.260				
a-Wisdom ph-1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.200				
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	2	2	.272				
Bellinger dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.276				
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	2	1	.200				
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.257				
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	1	2	.222				
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.196				
Amaya c	2	0	0	1	0	1	.211				
Totals	31	4	5	4	1	8					

a-struck out for Busch in 8th.  
**E:** Paredes. **2B:** Pham (2), **3B:** Pham (1), Crow-Armstrong (5). **HR:** Burleson (19), Busch (15). **RBI:** Burleson (64), Arenado (2), Nootbaar (23), Busch (2), (43), Crow-Armstrong (22), Amaya (19). **SB:** Hoerner (19). **SF:** Nootbaar. **S:** Amaya. **Runners left in scoring position:** St. Louis 4 (Burleson, Arenado, Gorman), Chicago 1 (Crow-Armstrong). **RISP:** St. Louis 2 for 8.

St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 4											
St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Gibson	7.0	5	4	4	1	7	96	4.04			
Romero W, 5-1	1.0	0	0	0	1	10	2.38				
Helsley S, 3-4	1.0	0	0	0	0	9	2.64				
Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Tailon	6.0	6	1	1	0	4	88	3.25			
Smyly H, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	15	247				
Hodge BS, 2	1.0	2	3	2	1	1	24	2.74			
Nelis L, 9-4	1.0	1	1	0	0	13	3.00				

**HBP:** Contreras. **Balk:** Tailon (1). **Umpires:** HP-Wegner, 1B-Vondrak, 2B-Rehak, 3B-Dreckman. T: 2:21. A: 40,073 (41,649).

Washington 6, Milwaukee 4											
MIL	000	010	120	-	4	7	0				
WAS	401	010	00x	-	6	10	1				
Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	ERA				
Chourio lf	5	1	2	1	0	0	.263				
Perkins cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.257				
b-Mitchell ph-cf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.263				
Contreras c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.281				
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	2	2	.248				
Sanchez dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.226				
Hoskins 1b	4	1	1	0	2	2	.220				
Frellick rf	4	1	0	0	1	0	.267				
Ortiz 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.245				
a-Baers ph	1	0	0	0	1	0	.212				
Turung 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.263				
Totals	35	4	7	3	1	9					

**Washington 6, Milwaukee 4**  
**WAS**.....000 010 120 - 4 7 0  
**MIL**.....401 010 00x - 6 10 1

Milwaukee 4, Washington 6											
Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Cwale L, 0-2	4.0	7	5	5	1	3	80	5.40			
Wilson	3.0	1	1	0	0	31	3.93				
Mears	1.0	0	0	0	0	10	5.51				
Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Herz W, 2-4	5.0	2	1	0	1	6	77	4.27			
Adon	2.0	2	1	1	0	1	22	3.21			
Lewis	0.2	2	2	0	0	1	16	7.17			
Finnegan S, 2-9	11.0	2	0	0	1	18	3.38				

**Inherited runners:** Finnegan 2-0. **HBP:** Turung. **WP:** Herz, Finnegan. **Umpires:** HP-Baker, 1B-Issogna, 2B-May, 3B-Buckminster. T: 2:10. A: 30,577 (41,380).

Cincinnati 6, San Francisco 4											
SF	000	000	211	-	4	5	1				
CIN	011	400	00x	-	6	8	2				
San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	ERA				
Wade Jr. 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.286				
Ramos cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.285				
Encarnacion rf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.200				
Bailey c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.260				
Chapman 3b	4	2	2	1	0	1	.244				
Conforto lf	3	0	2	1	0	0	.224				
Fitzgerald ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.244				
Yastrzemski rf-cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.224				
Luciano dh	3	0	0	0	0	3	.324				
Smith 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.222				
a-Wisely ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.260				
Totals	32	4	5	3	1	3					

a-lined out for Schmitt in 8th.  
**E:** Chapman, Friedl, De La Cruz. **2B:** Chapman (29), Candelario (22). **HR:** Encarnacion (1), Chapman (16), Conforto (11), India (9), Stephenson (2), Fairchild (7). **RBI:** Encarnacion (1), Chapman (49), Conforto (4), India (41), Stephenson (4), Conforto (4), Fairchild (26). **CS:** De La Cruz (11). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 1 (Luciano), Cincinnati 1 (Friedl). **RISP:** Cincinnati 1 for 2. **GIDP:** India, De La Cruz. **DP:** San Francisco 2.

San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 6											
San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Harrison L, 6-5	3.2	6	6	6	1	4	73	4.09			
Hicks	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	19	3.78			
Helle	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	31	4.03			
Rogers	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	19	2.27			
Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Greene W, 8-4	6.0	2	2	0	1	11	20	2.83			
Wilson	1.0	2	2	0	2	17	5.10				
Diaz S, 2-2	1.0	1	1	0	0	13	4.35				

**HBP:** Perdomo. **Umpires:** HP-Whitson, 1B-Miller, 2B-Barry, 3B-Moore. T: 2:14. A: 32,602 (45,814).



Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Zach Eflin throws a pitch during the first inning of Saturday's game against the Guardians at Progressive Field in Cleveland. KEN BLAZE/USA TODAY SPORTS

Tampa Bay 6, Houston 1											
TB	000	020	202	-	6	13	0				
HOU	010	000	000	-	1	5	1				
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	ERA				
Diaz 1b	5	2	2	1	0	1	.274				
Lowe 2b	5	1	3	2	0	1	.254				
Morel dh	3	0	0	0	2	2	.156				
Lowe rf	5	2	4	3	0	0	.239				
Caballero 3b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.230				
Rortvedt cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.261				
Siri cf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.200				
Walls ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.156				
DeLuca lf	4	1	1	0	0	3	.181				
Totals	38	6	13	6	3	12					
Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	ERA				
Altuve 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.304				
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.251				
Alvarez dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	.298				
Diaz c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.297				
Pena ss	3	0	0	0	2	2	.274				
Singleton 1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.234				
Meyers cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.229				
Dubon lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.264				
Leon rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.333				
Totals	30	1	5	1	1	7					

**E:** Ort. **2B:** Diaz (23), Lowe (12), Alvarez (26). **HR:** Diaz (10), Lowe (2), Singleton (9). **RBI:** Diaz (50), Lowe (2), Lowe (3), Singleton (28). **CS:** Morel (1). **SB:** Walls (6). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 6 (Caballero, 2, DeLuca, 4), Houston 1 (Diaz). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 1 for 5, Houston 1 (Diaz). **GIDP:** Morel, Bregman. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1, Houston 1.

Tampa Bay 6, Houston 1											
Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA			
Littell W, 5-7	5.2	4	1	1	1	3	79	4.06			
Poche H, 14	1.0	1	0	0	0						

## OLYMPICS

## GOLF

## Schauffele, Rahm share lead after 3rd round

Gus Trompiz  
REUTERS

GUYANCOURT – Defending champion Xander Schauffele of the United States remained top of the men's Olympic golf leaderboard at 14-under after the penultimate round on Saturday, sharing first place with Spain's Jon Rahm.

Britain's Tommy Fleetwood, who held the overnight lead with Schauffele and Japan's Hideki Matsuyama, stayed in the medal hunt one shot behind the leaders in third place before Sunday's final round at Le Golf National near the French capital.

The 60-strong field in the Olympic golf competition will be reduced by one on Sunday after Britain's Matt Fitzpatrick retired injured.

Rahm improved from his overnight fourth position by hitting his second straight 5-under round of 66.

The 2023 Masters champion, who plays on the Saudi-backed LIV tour, referenced a good performance at the British Open followed by a win at LIV's British event in July.

"For this last month, to be playing as good as I have ... and give myself an opportunity this week as well, is very, very gratifying," he told reporters after his



Xander Schauffele hits his tee shot on the seventh hole in the third round of men's stroke play during the Paris Olympics on Saturday. MICHAEL MADRID/USA TODAY

round.

Like earlier in the week, Schauffele credited himself with steadying his

game when needed to make up for some loose shots, notably with an eagle on the par-5 14th.

Fleetwood called Saturday the hardest round so far, citing the wind and the layout of the pins on the greens.

The 18th hole again proved a tough test with its narrow fairway and water obstacle, with Schauffele and Fleetwood relieved to save par there, raising the prospect of a tense finale on Sunday.

Matsuyama, who narrowly missed bronze on home soil three years ago, fell slightly off the lead to end the day 11 under.

He shared fourth place with Denmark's Nicolai Hojgaard, who sprung the surprise of the day by equaling the course record with a 9-under round of 62.

U.S. world number one Scottie Scheffler was a further stroke back at 10 under, tied-sixth in a group also including world number three Rory McIlroy of Ireland.

"It's like a leaderboard that you'd expect at the Olympics and probably what the sport deserves, if you like, and happy to be a part of it," Fleetwood said.

For France, Matthieu Pavon endured more misery, culminating in a triple bogey on the 18th that left him in last position at 10 over. But Victor Perez kept home hopes alive in joint-13th place at 8 under.



The United States' Simone Biles competes in the vault on Saturday during the Paris Olympic Games at Bercy Arena. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY SPORTS

## Gymnastics

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launched into the Cheng vault, which incorporates a round-off, half-on entry with a one-and-a-half twisting flip to finish. She earned 14.900.

In the end the 27-year-old claimed a comfortable victory at the Bercy Arena with an average of 15.300 points.

Once the result confirmed that she had topped the eight-woman final, a jubilant Biles flashed a huge smile before sharing a hug with Carey.

"I am super excited, I landed my vaults really well, successfully, so I couldn't be more proud of myself for the work I have put in to get to this point," Biles told Eurosport.

Andrade once again had to make do with coming second best to Biles as she also finished second in the all-around final.

"I love that the athletes push me to be my best. We're all out there competing to the best of our ability so it definitely gives me a run for my money," added the champion who now owns an eye-popping 40 Olympic and world medals.

Biles arrived in Paris as the world's most decorated gymnast and she has reached new heights by claiming gold medals in all three women's events

contested so far in Paris. She now has 10 Olympic medals overall, with seven of them being gold.

She led the U.S. team to the top of the podium in the team final before claiming a second all-around Olympic title two days ago.

Biles' impact is not only confined to gymnastics as she also sparked a conversation about mental health after pulling out of the Tokyo Games in the middle of the team final three years ago.

Suffering with the "twisties" – a type of mental block where gymnasts get disoriented during their gravity-defying sequences – Biles took a two-year break from the sport.

Now that she is back, she is once again the dominant force in gymnastics.

"I put in therapy every week and that helps me manage it. I'm going to continue as soon as I go home because it's an important part of my daily routine," she said.

Biles also praised Carey, who made amends for her last-place finish in the Tokyo vault final by winning bronze on Saturday.

"Great day for me and Jade. We're excited about it so I'm sure we'll get some good food to celebrate," Biles said.

Biles can add to her medal tally further when she competes in the balance beam and women's floor finals Monday.

## Swimming

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Saturday night belonged to Ledecky as she won an unprecedented fourth 800-meter freestyle title to match former Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina's record of nine gold medals for a female Olympian.

Ledecky also joined fellow American great Phelps as the only swimmer to win four or more Olympic golds in the same event. She won the 800 in 8:11.04, a second clear of Australia's silver medalist Ariarne Titmus in a repeat of their Tokyo 2020 tussle.

Ledecky's teammate Paige Madden took bronze.

Ledecky's victory was exactly 12 years on from her first 800 title at the 2012 London Games at the age of 15.

"I knew that August 3rd is the day I won in 2012, and I didn't want August 3rd to be a day that I didn't move forward, so I kind of felt like I put a lot of pressure on myself," Ledecky told reporters. "But I'm just really happy that I could get the job done."

At the tender age of 17, McIntosh knows all about getting it done. She became Canada's first triple gold-medalist at the same Games when she won the 200-meter individual medley (IM), having already won the 400 IM and 200-meter butterfly.

"I'm always wanting more," said McIntosh, who will swim in the women's 4x100-meter medley relay on the final day on Sunday.

"I'm never satisfied, and I think that's one of my strengths."

American Kate Douglass took the 200 IM silver and Australian Kaylee McKeown was awarded the bronze after U.S. swimmer Alex Walsh, the 2021 silver medalist, was disqualified for an illegal turn.

McIntosh finished her individual

events at Paris with three golds and a silver, joining Michelle Smith, Katinka Hosszu and Kristin Otto with four individual medals from a single Games.

Only Australia's Shane Gould, who took five at Munich 1972, has more among women swimmers.

Deployed as a heat swimmer on Friday, Dressel was benched for the mixed medley final but will celebrate the gold anyway.

His ninth puts him level with Mark Spitz, second on the all-time list for men's swimming, with only Michael Phelps above them.

The U.S. final quartet of Ryan Murphy, Nic Fink, Gretchen Walsh and Torri Huske won the medley in three minutes 37.43 seconds, smashing the previous world record of 3:37.58 set by Britain during their gold-winning swim at Tokyo.

Hungary earlier celebrated a second gold of the meet as Kristof Milak took the men's 100-meter butterfly title in 49.90, 0.09 seconds ahead of Canadian runner-up Josh Liendo.

Ilya Kharun grabbed a second bronze for Canada, having also taken one in the 200-meter butterfly in Paris.

The Paris pool has been the throw-back Olympics in many ways, with evergreen Swede Sarah Sjöström claiming a stunning 100-meter freestyle gold after deciding very late to enter the event.

She will be strong favorite to add the 50-meter title on the final night on Sunday after resetting the Olympic record and falling only 0.05 of a second short of her world record (23.61) in a stunning semifinal swim.

Ireland's first Olympic champion Daniel Wiffen, the men's 800-meter freestyle gold medalist, will bid for the 1,500-meter crown to complete the distance double.

The meet will close with finals for the men's and women's 4x100-meter medley relays.



From left: Ryan Murphy, Torri Huske, Gretchen Walsh and Nic Fink celebrate Team USA's victory in the mixed 4x100-meter medley relay on Saturday in Nanterre, France. GRACE HOLLARS/USA TODAY SPORTS

## OLYMPICS

## ROUNDUP

## US to face Brazil in men's hoops quarters

REUTERS

LILLE, France – Reigning Olympic champions the United States will face Brazil in the quarterfinals of the Olympic men's basketball tournament after beating Puerto Rico 104-83 on Saturday to seal top spot in Group C with three wins out of three.

Hosts France will face Canada in the last eight, while Serbia takes on Australia and Germany meets Greece.

Puerto Rico took a surprise first-quarter lead over the mighty U.S., but the Americans rallied quickly to regain control of the contest, with Minnesota Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards leading the way with 26 points.

Joel Embiid added 15 points, with Kevin Durant, LeBron James and Anthony Davis also reaching double figures.

Debutants South Sudan was knocked out after losing 96-85 to Serbia in the final round of group matches, despite Marial Shakoy and Carlík Jones scoring a combined 34 points for the African team.

Bogdan Bogdanovic scored a game-leading 30 points for Serbia, with Nikola Jokic adding 22 points and 13 rebounds.

"My boys put their hearts and soul in the game. What a travesty. That's all I have to say," said South Sudan coach Royal Ivey.

On the women's side, Spain secured the top spot in Group A after a 70-62 win over Serbia, helped by the return from injury of Maria Conde, who scored 15 points.

Serbia is also into the quarterfinals after finishing as group runners-up, while China claimed their first win of the tournament and third place in the group with an 80-58 victory over eliminated Puerto Rico.

## Track and field

PARIS - Julien Alfred delivered a brilliant gun-to-tape performance to win the women's 100-meter final and claim Saint Lucia's first-ever Olympic medal, though the controversial absence of Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce left a cloud over the race.

Alfred made her usual slick start and remained clear in heavy rain on a sodden track to come home in a national record 10.72 seconds.

World champion and race favorite Sha'Carri Richardson took silver in 10.87 but the American never really threatened and her compatriot Melissa Jefferson claimed bronze in 10.92.

Double Olympic champion Fraser-Pryce, appearing in her fifth Olympics, was listed as 'Did Not Start' shortly before the semifinals and her lane remained empty.

Social media footage later emerged of her and Jamaican team members arguing with officials who appeared to be refusing to let her in.

Fraser-Pryce was heard saying "they've changed the rules, we always come through this gate".

However, Jamaican Chef de Mission Ian Kelly said her absence was due to injury.

• Norway's Markus Rooth captured a shock gold medal in the men's decathlon after defending champion Damian Warner's title defense ended when he failed to clear a height in the pole vault.

Rooth amassed 8,796 points, Germany's Leo Neugebauer won the silver with 8,748 and Lindon Victor of Grenada captured the bronze on 8,711.

• Femke Bol ran a stunning last lap to lead the Netherlands to victory in the Olympic 4x400-meter mixed relay, glorious redemption for the 24-year-old who fell just before the line in the same race at last year's world championships.

Bol got the baton in fourth place, around 20 meters behind the leading Americans, but ate up the ground in a spectacular 47.93-second leg before passing American Kaylyn Brown just before the line.

The Dutch team of Eugene Omalla, Lieke Klaver, Isaya Klein Ikink and Bol clocked three minutes 7.43 seconds, missing the world record time the Americans set in Friday's heats by just two-hundredths of a second.

The U.S. took the silver medal in 3:07.74 and Britain claimed bronze in 3:08.01.

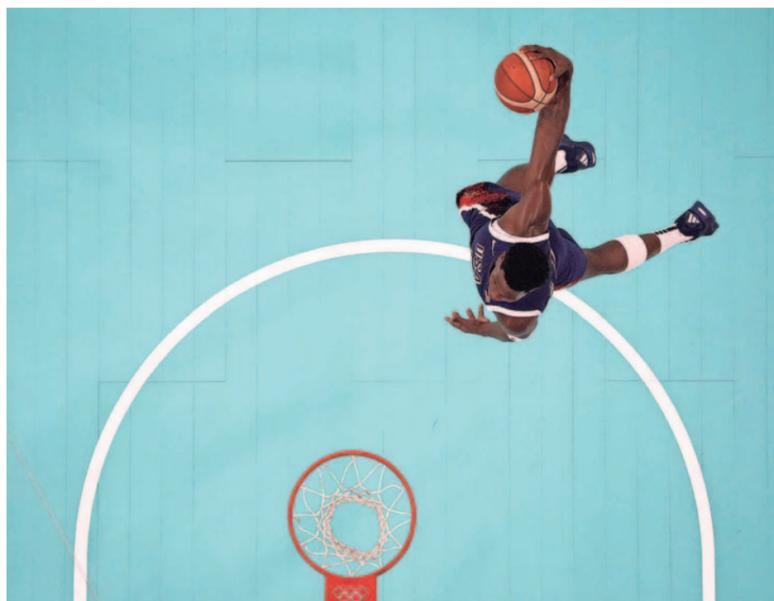
• American Ryan Crouser became the first man to "three-peat" in the Olympic shot put, adding another gold medal to his packed trophy cabinet with a mighty throw of 22.90 meters.

His compatriot Joe Kovacs won silver and Jamaica's Rajindra Campbell took bronze.

The world record holder battled with



The United States' Sha'Carri Richardson celebrates her second-place finish in the 100 meters on Saturday in Paris. CAMERON SPENCER/GETTY IMAGES



U.S. guard Anthony Edwards dunks during Saturday's game against Puerto Rico during the Olympic Games. JOHN DAVID MERCER/USA TODAY SPORTS

a nerve issue in his elbow this year but had no issues at the Stade de France as he produced his best throw of the season on his third attempt and clapped with satisfaction.

The win underlined the United States' total dominance of the event as they have now won 20 men's Olympic shot put gold medals. The next closest country is Poland with three.

## Basketball 3x3

The reigning champion United States, Spain, Germany and Canada qualified for the semifinals of the women's 3x3 basketball tournament.

Germany beat Spain 18-15 as they both earned places in the final four by finishing first and second in the pool stage and will next face Canada and the United States respectively.

The Tokyo Olympic champion U.S. beat China 21-13 in a playoff to seal its fifth straight victory, after defeating the same opponents 14-12 in a pool game earlier on Saturday.

Dearica Hamby, who came into the squad for the injured Cameron Brink before the Olympics started, made the difference for the Americans, scoring nine points, including all three of her two-point attempts from long range.

The U.S. lost its three opening pool games to Germany, Azerbaijan and Australia before finally finding its groove and embarking on a five-game roll.

"We needed those three losses to kind of wake us up and see that like although we may be more talented, we got to figure out a way to dig deep and pull off wins and compete," Hamby said.

"Gold is a standard for USA and we're trying to live up to that, but we started 0-3, so we kind of took the pressure off ourselves, we found our fun enjoying it and here we are."

Canada also went through a playoff with a 21-10 win over Australia, Kacie Bosch scoring a game-leading nine points, after earlier edging Azerbaijan 21-19 in their pool game.

France, which was already eliminated, ended its campaign with an 18-16 win over Australia in overtime, leaving

the arena to rapturous applause from the Place de la Concorde crowd.

The men's pool stage concludes on Sunday, with six teams still in with a chance of making the semifinals after defending champions Latvia locked up a direct spot on Friday.

## Cycling

Belgium's Remco Evenepoel had a heart-in-mouth moment as he claimed gold in the Olympic men's road race in impressive fashion to become the first male rider to achieve the double after also winning the time trial.

Evenepoel suffered a puncture less than 4 kilometers from the finish, on the Carousel du Louvre, raising his arm for assistance before clapping and waving at his team to deliver a new bike in a scene of sheer panic.

With race radio communication banned at the Games, the 24-year-old, who was cruising to victory, had no idea about the advantage he had over his rivals.

The change was made swiftly, however, and he powered to the line after he had made the decisive move 15km from the finish, in the run-in to the second of three punishing ascents of the Butte Montmartre.

Evenepoel's brutal attack left Valentin Madouas, who was hovering 1:15 behind when Evenepoel's incident occurred, gasping for air but the Frenchman hung on to take silver after 273km, one minute and 11 seconds off the pace.

Christophe Laporte won a small group sprint five seconds behind to take the bronze as France grabbed their first medals in the Olympic road race since 1956.

## Boxing

Imane Khelif beat Hungary's Luca Anna Hamori by unanimous decision in a welterweight quarterfinal fight to ensure Algeria's first Olympic boxing medal since 2000.

Khelif, a silver medallist at the 2022 worlds, and Taiwanese boxer Lin Yuting have been in the spotlight in recent

days as part of a gender row that has dominated headlines and been the subject of much discussion on social media platforms.

Both boxers were disqualified at the 2023 World Championships in New Delhi after failing the International Boxing Association's (IBA) eligibility rules preventing athletes with male XY chromosomes competing in women's events.

The boxing tournament in Paris is being organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), which stripped the IBA of international recognition in 2023 over governance and finance issues.

The IOC has said the women have every right to compete in Paris.

## Tennis

Zheng Qinwen became the first Chinese player to win an Olympic tennis singles gold medal when she held off Croatia's Donna Vekic for a 6-2, 6-3 win in a tense final.

The 21-year-old sixth seed was given enthusiastic backing by a sizeable Chinese contingent inside Roland Garros's Court Philippe Chatrier and responded with a composed performance.

Vekic, herself bidding to become Croatia's first Olympic singles champion, battled hard to try to turn around the match but failed to capitalize on her opportunities.

Zheng was not at her sparkling best but raised her game when required to come through several lengthy games to land the biggest prize of her career.

Serving for the match at 5-3, Zheng reached match points as Vekic drove a backhand wide and finished it off with a well-placed forehand winner before falling to her back with joy.

Earlier, Australia celebrated its first Olympic tennis gold medal since 1996 as Matthew Ebden and John Peers came from a set down to beat Americans Austin Krajicek and Rajeev Ram 6-7(6), 7-6(1), 10-8.

Americans Taylor Fritz and Tommy Paul also finished on the doubles podium, earning the bronze by beating Czech duo Tomas Machac and Adam Pavlasek 6-3, 6-4.

## Archery

South Korea's Lim Sihyeon won gold in the women's individual archery event.

South Korea's Nam Suhyeon took silver and France's Lisa Barbelin received the bronze medal.

## Badminton

China's Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan beat compatriots Liu Shengshu and Tan Ning to the women's doubles badminton gold at the Porte de La Chapelle arena.

Japan's Chiharu Shida and Nami Matsuyama bagged bronze after beating Malaysia's Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan earlier in the day.

## Table tennis

History repeated itself for China's defending champion Chen Meng when she beat teammate Sun Yingsha to win the women's singles table tennis gold medal, just as she had done at the Tokyo Games.

In the earlier bronze-medal match, Japan's Hina Hayata overcame injury to defeat South Korea's Shin Yu-bin in a hard-fought 4-2 victory that left her in tears.

## Rowing

Dutch rower Karolien Florijn powered to victory in the women's single sculls final in a time of 7:17.28, with Emma Twigg of New Zealand picking up silver and Lithuania's Viktorija Senkute bronze.

World champion Oliver Zeidler of Germany won the delayed men's race ahead of independent neutral athlete Yauheni Zalaty from Belarus and Dutch rower Simon van Dorp.

The women's eights final was won in dominant fashion by Romania, with Britain taking home the men's gold in the big boat with a tremendous performance from start to finish.

## Shooting

CHATEAUXROUX, France – South Korea's Yang Ji-in won the gold in the women's 25-meter pistol event. France's Camille Jedrzejewski won the silver, while Hungary's Veronika Major took bronze.

## OLYMPICS

### COMING UP

# What's happening on Day 9 of Paris Games

**Simon Jennings**  
REUTERS

PARIS – The curtain comes down on “Marchand mania” with the final swimming events at La Defense Arena on Sunday, just as the action at the Stade de France athletics track reaches fever pitch with the men’s 100-meter final.

Novak Djokovic takes on Carlos Alcaraz at Roland Garros in a blockbuster men’s singles tennis final, while Xander Schauffele will be hunting for back-to-back gold medals at the Le Golf National course.

Four gold medals are on offer in the pool, three Olympic titles will be decided in artistic gymnastics, while champions will also be crowned in shooting, archery, badminton, fencing and golf.

#### Lyles takes to field in 100 meters

Stade de France is the place to be for the fans as it stages the men’s 100-meter semifinal and medal race where American Noah Lyles is chasing a rare Olympic sprint double.

Lyles has Jamaican Kishane Thompson hoping to spoil the party, along with Kenyan Ferdinand Omanyala, the second-fastest man this year. Ukrainian Yaroslava Mahuchikh fights to add Olympic high jump gold to her World Championship title in the women’s event, after breaking the world record – a mark that had stood since 1987 – earlier this month with 2.10 meters.

#### Swimming competition ends

The swimming competition in Paris ends with four medal events after nine days of thrills, when the fastest woman in the pool will be crowned in the 50-meter freestyle final. World record holder Sarah Sjoestroem of Sweden is the favorite.

After winning gold in the 800-meter freestyle, Ireland’s Daniel Wiffen will look to complete the distance double having topped the 1,500-meter freestyle heats.

The night ends with men’s and women’s 4x100-meter medley relay finals, with the defending champion United States team under pressure from a Leon Marchand-inspired France.

#### Mouth-watering clash in tennis

The final day of the tennis competition at Roland Garros offers a mouth-watering men’s singles final as Serbia’s Djokovic tries to add a first Olympic gold medal to his 24 Grand Slam titles.

He will be up against Spain’s Alcaraz, who will start favorite after beating Djokovic to win Wimbledon.

#### Artistic gymnasts on bars, vault

The gold medal in the women’s un-



Novak Djokovic returns a shot in a semifinal match against Lorenzo Musetti on Friday during the Paris 2024 Olympic Summer Games at Stade Roland Garros in Paris. AMBER SEARLS/USA TODAY SPORTS

even bars will be awarded on a night when Simone Biles will be watching, not competing. French-born Algerian Kayliah Nemour will be vying for gold.

The men’s rings final and vault also take place.

#### Badminton doubles gold on line

China take on Taiwan in what promises to be an electric encounter for gold in the men’s doubles final, while reigning men’s singles champion Viktor Axelsen faces relative newcomer Lakshya Sen from India.

#### Women’s skeet shooting gold final

Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Wei Meng of China will have to raise her level to make the final of the women’s skeet event, while Britain’s Amber Rutter looks safe behind Germany’s table-topper Nele Wissmer after three rounds of qualification.

Rutter has a point to prove, having missed out on the Tokyo Games after testing positive for COVID two days before the opening ceremony.

#### Hoops women seal knockout spots

The final women’s group games will be played at Pierre Mauroy stadium in

Lille, with eight of the 12 teams going through to the quarter-finals.

Canada take on Nigeria and Australia face already-qualified France, while the United States meet Germany, with both teams having also made it through to the knockout stages

#### Men on the mark in archery

The men’s individual medals are awarded in archery at Invalides. Turkey’s Mete Gazoz will seek to defend his gold from Tokyo against competitors from South Korea, who have won every archery gold medal in Paris so far.

#### Fox on the hunt at canoeing

Australia’s Jessica Fox resumes her quest for a clean sweep of the canoeing gold medals as she takes part in the kayak cross competition at the Vaires-sur-Marne Nautical Stadium.

#### Verdict out for 3x3 basketball men’s pool

The men’s pool stage delivers its final verdict after defending champions Latvia locked up a semifinal spot.

The other top team from the pool go straight to the semifinals, the next four teams play off for the other two spots in

the last four and the last two are eliminated.

#### Gold on offer in golf

The men’s golf competition concludes at Le Golf National near Paris, with the final round on Sunday.

American Schauffele is on track to repeat his Tokyo triumph, taking the joint lead with Spain’s Jon Rahm going into the final round, with Britain’s Tommy Fleetwood one shot back in third.

#### Rare contest in table tennis

China’s Fan Zhendong faces Swede Truls Moregard in the first table tennis men’s singles final since 2004 that is not between two Chinese players.

Home favourite Felix Lebrun will fight it out for bronze with Brazil’s Hugo Calderano.

#### Fair winds at the sailing

Kiteboarding makes its debut on a day filled with racing in the six remaining events in Olympic sailing.

With more wind than during the first phase of the Games, the races are faster and more physically demanding, but without the frustrations of long delays for sailors.

## WOMEN’S SOCCER

# Germany to face US, Spain gets Brazil in semifinals

**Janina Nuno Rios**  
REUTERS

PARIS - Germany will face the United States in the semifinals of the Olympic women’s soccer tournament, while Spain will take on Brazil after a frenetic day of quarterfinal action marked by late goals and plenty of shootout drama on Saturday.

Defending champions Canada’s rollercoaster ride at the Games ended with penalties heartbreak after a 0-0 draw with Germany in Marseille, with goalkeeper Ann-Katrin Berger saving twice and scoring the winner to send “Die Nationalelf” through.

Berger kept out Ashley Lawrence’s tame effort to give Germany the advantage and then made a sharp save to deny Adriana Leon, handing the initiative back to Germany after Sydney Lohmann had blazed her attempt over the bar.

The 5-foot-11 Berger then struck the winning spot-kick herself to spark wild celebrations in the stadium.

World champion Spain was given an almighty scare by unfancied Colombia, scoring an injury time equalizer to come from two goals behind before winning a penalty shootout of their own to reach the final four.

An early goal in each half put Colombia in control, with Mayra Ramirez scoring in the 12th minute before Leicy



U.S. forward Trinity Rodman celebrates during Saturday’s match against Japan in Paris. YUKIHITO TAGUCHI/USA TODAY SPORTS

Santos struck seven minutes after the interval to double their lead.

But Jenni Hermoso pulled a goal back

for world No. 1 side Spain in the 79th and Irene Paredes struck in the seventh minute of injury time to level proceed-

ings at 2-2.

The game went to penalties after two scoreless periods of extra time and it was Colombia which blinked first, with keeper Cata Coll keeping out Catalina Usme’s weak attempt to give Spain an early advantage they never relinquished.

Colombia’s Liana Salazar also missed her spot kick and Aitana Bonmati coolly converted Spain’s fourth in a row to send them through to their first Olympic semifinal.

Hosts France were beaten 1-0 by Brazil in the day’s late kick-off, after Gabi Portilho burst through two defenders to finish past keeper Constance Picaud in the 82nd minute with the South Americans’ first shot on target.

The four-time gold medalist U.S. beat Japan 1-0 courtesy of a Trinity Rodman strike in extra time in Paris to book the American’s semifinal spot in the day’s opening match.

A huge crowd at the Parc des Princes, with American former Ballon d’Or winner Megan Rapinoe and rapper Snoop Dogg among those in the stands, witnessed the hard-fought contest.

The U.S. had to wait until the final seconds of the first half of extra time to break the deadlock, with Rodman securing the win with an incredible finish that sailed into the top corner to set a semifinal date with Germany.

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## MLB

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	66	46	.589	-
N.Y. Yankees	66	46	.589	-
Boston	58	51	.532	6½
Tampa Bay	56	54	.509	9
Toronto	51	60	.459	14½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	67	43	.609	-
Minnesota	61	48	.560	5½
Kansas City	62	50	.554	6
Detroit	53	59	.473	15
Chicago	27	86	.239	41½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	59	53	.527	-
Houston	57	53	.518	1
Texas	53	58	.477	5½
L.A. Angels	48	63	.432	10½
Oakland	46	66	.411	13

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	65	45	.591	-
Atlanta	60	50	.545	5
N.Y. Mets	58	52	.527	7
Washington	50	61	.450	15½
Miami	41	70	.369	24½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	62	48	.564	-
St. Louis	57	54	.514	5½
Pittsburgh	56	54	.509	6
Cincinnati	53	57	.482	9
Chicago	54	59	.478	9½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	64	47	.577	-
San Diego	60	52	.536	4½
Arizona	59	52	.532	5
San Francisco	55	57	.491	9½
Colorado	41	71	.366	23½

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

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

Sunday's Games				
San Francisco (Ray 1-1) at Cincinnati (Spiers 4-2), 12:05 p.m.				
Miami (Cabrera 1-3) at Atlanta (Fried 7-5), 1:35 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Myers 6-4) at Washington (Parker 5-6), 1:35 p.m.				
Toronto (Rodriguez 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Cole 3-2), 1:35 p.m.				
Arizona (Nelson 8-6) at Pittsburgh (Skenes 6-1), 1:35 p.m.				
Baltimore (Burnes 11-4) at Cleveland (Williams 1-3), 1:40 p.m.				
Kansas City (Wacha 8-6) at Detroit (TBD), 1:40 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (TBD) at Houston (Arrighetti 4-9), 2:10 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Flexen 2-10) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 3-2), 2:10 p.m.				
Boston (Pivetta 5-7) at Texas (Eovaldi 8-4), 2:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Quintana 6-6) at L.A. Angels (Canning 3-10), 4:07 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Ryan 1-0) at Oakland (Bido 2-2), 4:07 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Wheeler 10-5) at Seattle (Gilbert 6-7), 4:10 p.m.				
Colorado (Quattrill 7-7) at San Diego (King 9-6), 4:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (Mikolas 8-8) at Chicago Cubs (Steele 2-5), 7:10 p.m.				

League Leaders				
<b>American League</b>				
<b>Batting Average</b> - Witt Jr., Kansas City 348; Kwan, Cleveland 332; Judge, New York 318; Guerrero Jr., Toronto 314; Soto, New York 309; Devers, Boston 308; Alvarez, Houston 304; Diaz, Houston 300; Altuve, Houston 296; Duran, Boston 293.				
<b>Home Runs</b> - Judge, New York 40; Santander, Baltimore 32; Ramirez, Cleveland 28; Henderson, Baltimore 28; Soto, New York 27; Rooker, Oakland 27; Devers, Boston 25; Naylor, Cleveland 23; Raleigh, Seattle 23; O'Neill, Boston 22.				
<b>RBI</b> - Judge, New York 101; Ramirez, Cleveland 91; Rooker, Oakland 79; Pasquantino, Kansas City 78; Witt Jr., Kansas City 78; Naylor, Cleveland 77; Soto, New York 77; Perez, Kansas City 75;				

Santander, Baltimore 75; Guerrero Jr., Toronto 71.

**Stolen Bases** - Thomas, Cleveland 28; Caballero, Tampa Bay 28; Garcia, Kansas City 27; Hamilton, Boston 26; Witt Jr., Kansas City 25; Rengifo, Los Angeles 24; Duran, Boston 24; Chisholm Jr., New York 23; Ramirez, Cleveland 20; Moore, Seattle 20.

**Wins** - Lugo, Kansas City 13; Rodriguez, Baltimore 13; Skubal, Detroit 12; Rodon, New York 11; Burnes, Baltimore 11; Gil, New York 11; Lively, Cleveland 10; Lopez, Minnesota 10; Valdez, Houston 10; Ober, Minnesota 10.

**ERA** - Burnes, Baltimore 2.47; Lugo, Kansas City 2.57; Skubal, Detroit 2.57; Houck, Boston 2.79; Singer, Kansas City 2.88; Blanco, Houston 2.95; Kirby, Seattle 3.04; Anderson, Los Angeles 3.05; Gilbert, Seattle 3.11; Gil, New York 3.20.

**Strikeouts** - Skubal, Detroit 162; Crochet, Chicago 160; Ragans, Kansas City 159; Ryan, Minnesota 145; Lopez, Minnesota 142; Kikuchi, Houston 143; Gilbert, Seattle 136; Flaherty, Detroit 131; Gil, New York 132; Bibee, Cleveland 132.

**Saves** - Clase, Cleveland 33; Kimbrel, Baltimore 23; Holmes, New York 22; Hader, Houston 22; Jansen, Boston 20; Fairbanks, Tampa Bay 20; Yates, Texas 19; Munoz, Seattle 18; McArthur, Kansas City 18; Duran, Minnesota 15.

**National League**

**Batting Average** - Ohtani, Los Angeles .308; Arraez, San Diego .307; Marte, Arizona .303; Profar, San Diego .301; Ozuna, Atlanta .300; Bohm, Philadelphia .297; Freeman, Los Angeles .288; Reynolds, Pittsburgh .286; Tovar, Colorado .285; Merrill, San Diego .283.

**Home Runs** - Ohtani, Los Angeles 33; Ozuna, Atlanta 31; Marte, Arizona 26; Harper, Philadelphia 24; Walker, Arizona 23; Hernandez, Los Angeles 23; Alonso, New York 23; Lindor, New York 22; Schwarber, Philadelphia 22; Toglia, Colorado 19.

**RBI** - Ozuna, Atlanta 85; Ohtani, Los Angeles 79; Marte, Arizona 74; Bohm, Philadelphia 73; Walker, Arizona 71; Hernandez, Los Angeles 71; Adames, Milwaukee 71; Profar, San Diego 70; Freeman, Los Angeles 67; Harper, Philadelphia 67.

**Stolen Bases** - De La Cruz, Cincinnati 55; Turang, Milwaukee 32; Ohtani, Los Angeles 28; Young, Washington 26; Stott, Philadelphia 23; Lindor, New York 22; Yelich, Milwaukee 21; Doyle, Colorado 21; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago 21; Kim, San Diego 20.

**Wins** - Sale, Atlanta 13; Nola, Philadelphia 11; Cease, San Diego 11; Gray, St. Louis 10; Wheeler, Philadelphia 10; Suarez, Philadelphia 10; Keller, Pittsburgh 10; Rea, Milwaukee 9; Gallen, Arizona 9; King, San Diego 9.

**ERA** - Sale, Atlanta 2.71; Suarez, Philadelphia 2.87; Wheeler, Philadelphia 2.94; Greene, Cincinnati 2.97; Imanaga, Chicago 3.09; King, San Diego 3.26; Keller, Pittsburgh 3.30; Fedde, St. Louis 3.34; Sanchez, Philadelphia 3.36; Abbott, Cincinnati 3.41.

**Strikeouts** - Cease, San Diego 174; Sale, Atlanta 155; Glasnow, Los Angeles 155; Peralta, Milwaukee 149; Gray, St. Louis 147; King, San Diego 144; Wheeler, Philadelphia 139; Greene, Cincinnati 138; Nola, Philadelphia 130; Gore, Washington 122.

## OLYMPICS

**Summer Olympics**

Medal Leaders Through Aug. 3				
	G	S	B	Total
Nation	6	5	3	14
United States	14	24	23	61
France	12	14	15	41
PR of China	16	12	9	37
Great Britain	10	10	13	33
Australia	12	8	7	27
Japan	8	5	9	22
Rep. of Korea	9	7	5	21
Italy	6	8	5	19
Canada	4	4	7	15
Netherlands	6	4	4	14
Germany	4	4	2	10
Brazil	1	4	5	10
Romania	3	3	1	7
Hungary	3	2	2	7
New Zealand	2	4	1	7
Israel	1	4	1	6
Switzerland	1	1	4	6
Ireland	3	0	2	5
Sweden	1	2	2	5
Spain	1	1	3	5
Croatia	2	1	1	4
Belgium	2	0	2	4
Hong Kong	1	0	2	4
Kazakhstan	1	1	2	4
South Africa	1	1	2	4
Greece	0	1	3	4
Poland	0	1	3	4
Georgia	1	2	0	3
Ukraine	1	1	1	3
Uzbekistan	1	0	2	3
Mexico	0	2	1	3
India	0	0	3	3
Azerbaijan	2	0	0	2
Individual				
Neutral Athletes	1	1	0	2
Czechia	1	0	1	2
Guatemala	1	0	1	2
DRP of Korea	0	2	0	2
Jamaica	0	1	1	2
Kosovo	0	1	1	2
Turkiye	0	1	1	2
Chinese Taipei	0	0	2	2
Moldova	0	0	2	2
Tajikistan	0	0	2	2
Argentina	1	0	0	1
Dominica	1	0	0	1
Ecuador	1	0	0	1
Norway	1	0	0	1
Philippines	1	0	0	1
Saint Lucia	1	0	0	1
Serbia	1	0	0	1
Slovenia	1	0	0	1
Uganda	1	0	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0	1
Ethiopia	0	1	0	1
Fiji	0	1	0	1
Mongolia	0	1	0	1
Tunisia	0	1	0	1
Austria	0	0	1	1
Egypt	0	0	1	1
Greenada	0	0	1	1
Lithuania	0	0	1	1
Portugal	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1

**Women's Pool Round:** Canada 21, Azerbaijan 19

**Women's Pool Round:** Germany 18, Spain 15

**Women's Pool Round:** France 18, Australia 16

**Women's Pool Round:** United States 14, China 12

**Women's Group Phase:** China 80, Puerto Rico 58

**Women's Group Phase:** Spain 70, Serbia 62

**Men's Group Phase:** United States 104, Puerto Rico 83

**Women's Pool Round:** United States 104, Puerto Rico 83

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HERMANNNOVA/STOCHLOVA 2, VIEIRA/CHAMEREAU 1

**Men's Preliminary Phase - Pool F:** HERRERA/GAVIRA 2, EVANS/BUDINGER 0

**Men's Preliminary Phase - Pool F:** BOERMANS/DE GROOT 2, KROU/GAUTHIER-RAT 0

**Women's Preliminary Phase - Pool E:** CAROL/BARBARA 2, STAM/SCHOON 1

**Men's Preliminary Phase - Pool B:** MOL/SORUM 2, VAN DE VELDE/IMMERS 0

**Men's Preliminary Phase - Pool E:** EVANDRO/ARTHUR 2, PERUSIC/SCHWEINER 0

**Women's Preliminary Phase - Pool C:** HUGHES/CHENG 2, MULLER/TILLMANN 0

**Field Hockey**

**Women's Pool A:** Germany 4, China 2

**Men's Pool A:** Netherlands 5, Spain 3

**Women's Pool A:** Netherlands 3, Belgium 1

**Men's Pool B:** India 3, Australia 2

**Men's Pool B:** Ireland 2, New Zealand 1

**Men's Pool B:** Argentina 3, Belgium 3

**Men's Pool A:** Germany 2, Great Britain 1

**Soccer**

**Men's Quarter-final:** Morocco 4, United States 0