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BUFFETT TO STEP DOWN

Abel will take over as Berkshire Hathaway’s CEO

Jonathan Stempel and Suzanne McGee REUTERS

OMAHA, NE – Warren Buffett is ending his career as perhaps the world’s most famous and revered investor, saying he will step down as chief executive of Berkshire Hathaway at the end of 2025, and hand over the reins to Vice Chairman Greg Abel. The move caps an era for Berkshire after Buffett’s extraordinary 60 years at the helm, which made him a household name, a multi-billionaire and an American success story.

“I think the time has arrived where Greg should become the chief executive officer of the company at year end,” Buffett, 94, said on May 3 as he wrapped up Berkshire’s annual meeting in Omaha, adding he would still “hang around and conceivably be useful in a few cases” but that the “final word” would be Abel’s.



Abel

The announcement prompted an outpouring of praise for Buffett from CEOs and investors. “Warren Buffett represents everything that is good about American capitalism and America itself – investing in the growth of our nation and its businesses with integrity, optimism, and common sense,” said Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Tim Cook, chief executive of Apple, in a post on X said: “There’s never been someone like Warren, and countless people, myself included, have been inspired by his wisdom. It’s been one of the great privileges of my life to know him.”

Buffett’s move will propel Abel into the spotlight at Berkshire.

Abel, who has long been identified by Berkshire to be Buffett’s successor, may not have the star power of Buffett although he is expected to preserve the culture of the conglomerate.

Buffett said Abel and most of Berkshire’s board of directors hadn’t been aware of his plans prior to the announcement, though Buffett had told his two children who are directors.

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ABOVE: Warren Buffett will step down as chief executive of Berkshire Hathaway at the end of this year. NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

Mexico rejects U.S. offer of troops

Sheinbaum: Trump had proposed deployment

Lucinda Elliott REUTERS

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum said on May 3 that President Donald Trump had proposed sending U.S. troops to Mexico to combat drug trafficking, but said she had rejected that offer because “sovereignty is not for sale.”

Sheinbaum’s comments were in response to questions about a Wall Street Journal report published on May 2 that said Trump was pressuring Mexico to allow deeper U.S. military involvement against drug cartels to combat trafficking across the shared border.

“In one of the calls, (Trump) said, ‘How can we help you fight drug trafficking? I propose that the U.S. Army come in to help you,’” said Sheinbaum, who was speaking at a university event near the capital on May 3.

“And you know what I told him? No, President Trump, the territory is sacrosanct, sovereignty is sacrosanct, sovereignty is not for sale, sovereignty is loved and defended,” the president said, adding that while the two countries can collaborate, “we will never accept the presence of the United States military in our territory.”

A spokesperson for the U.S. National Security Council said in response to a Reuters request for comment that Trump had been “crystal clear that Mexico must do more to combat these gangs and cartels and the United States stands ready to assist and expand the already close cooperation between our two countries.”

The council spokesperson added that Trump had worked closely with Sheinbaum to achieve the “most secure southwest border in history,”

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MEXICO PRESIDENCY VIA REUTERS

Texas governor signs largest U.S. school voucher law

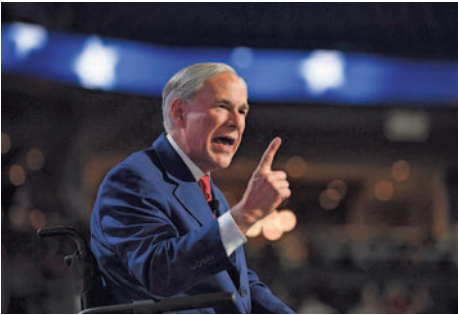
State allocates \$1B for program over two years

Brad Brooks REUTERS

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on May 3 signed a law making more than 5 million students eligible to use state funds for private schools, a watershed moment in the conservative campaign to remake public education in America.

Texas is allocating \$1 billion for the first two years of the program to offer parents vouchers to pay for school. It is the 16th state to make all students eligible to receive public funds for private education.

“Today is the culmination of a movement that has swept across our state



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said the law “empowers parents to choose the school that’s best for their child.”

CALLAGHAN O’HARE/REUTERS FILE

and across our country,” Abbott said during a signing ceremony at the governor’s mansion. “The day has arrived that empowers parents to choose the

school that’s best for their child.”

The so-called universal school choice programs are all in states whose legislatures are dominated by Republicans, who for years have accused public schools of indoctrinating children with liberal ideology.

Advocates say school vouchers put control of children’s education into the hands of parents. Opponents say they drain money from public schools and predominantly benefit wealthier children.

More than 1 million U.S. students use state money or benefit from tax credits to pay for private school, according to EdChoice, an advocacy group supporting vouchers.

The new Texas law means all 5.3 million children in the state’s elementary and high schools are eligible for vouch-


ers, far more than in any other state.

Texas has the country’s second-largest public education system. About 50 million students are taught in public schools across the country, according to federal data.

President Donald Trump signed executive orders in January that directed the Department of Education to prioritize federal funding for school choice programs and instruct states on how to use federal grants to support private and religious schools.

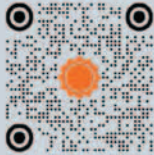

Trump strongly supported the Texas bill and repeatedly urged legislators to pass it. Most Texas students are now eligible for up to \$10,000 a year to attend private schools beginning in the 2026-27 school year.

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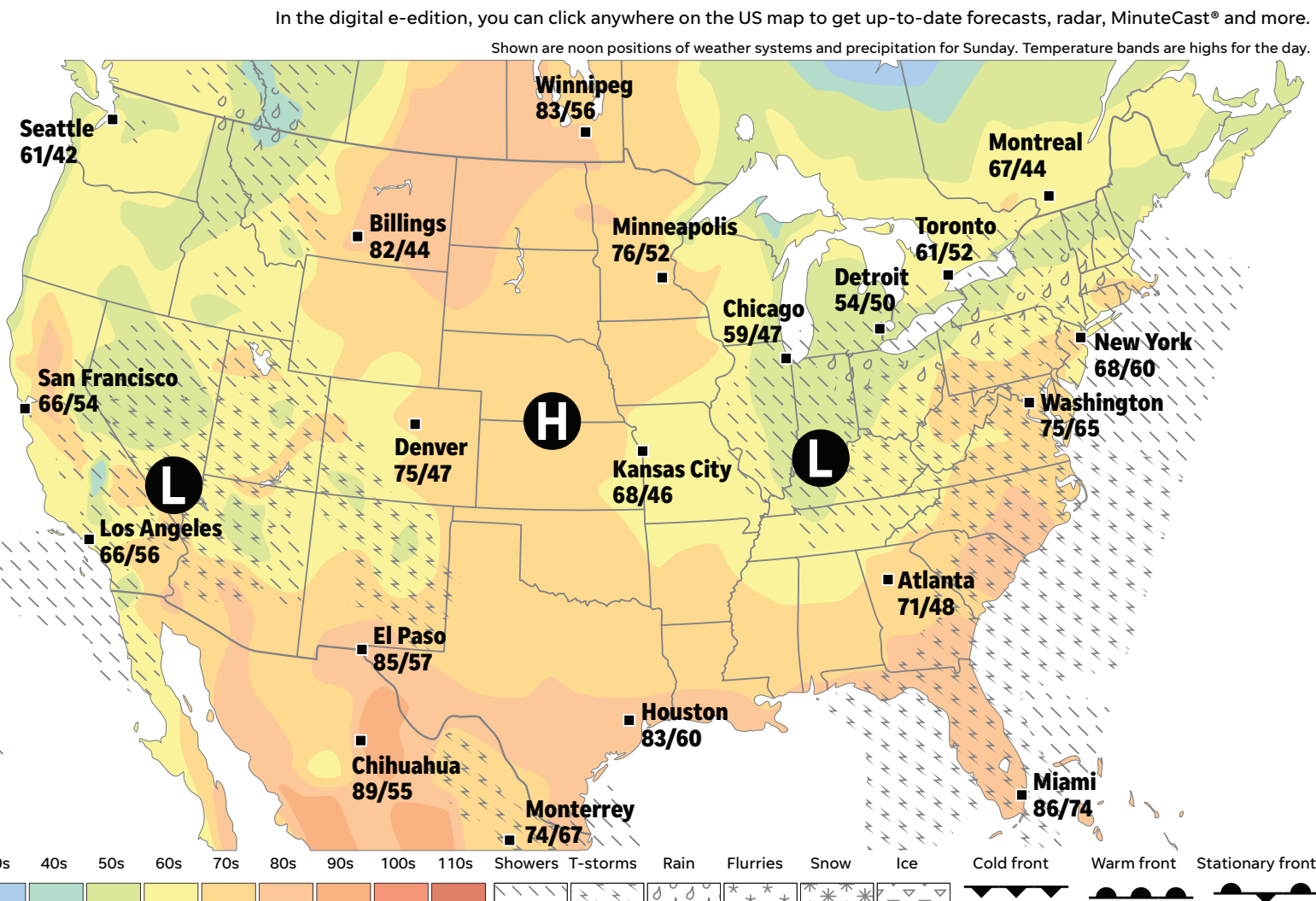
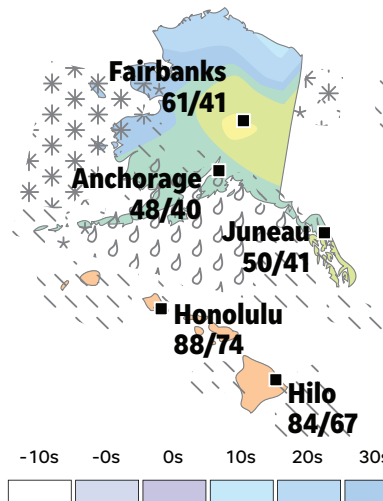
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NATIONAL SUMMARY

While rounds of rain and thunderstorms can cause flooding from the Ohio Valley to the Northeast today, storms will also be capable of producing damaging wind gusts and even a tornado along the mid-Atlantic coast. Across portions of the Southwest and Rockies, showers and thunderstorms can have gusty winds and small hail.



SATURDAY EXTREMES

NATIONAL (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 97 at Phoenix, AZ
Low: 20 at Leadville, CO
Precip: 2.99" at Biloxi, MS

INTERNATIONAL (excludes Antarctica)
High: 116 at Bandar-e Dayyer, Iran
Low: -16 at Kazachye, Russia
Precip: 4.15" at Rengat, Indonesia

TODAY IN HISTORY

Frost occurred as far south as Baton Rouge, La., on May 4, 1812, while snow accumulated from Philadelphia to Boston. Snow fell in Baltimore on May 4, 1893, and in northern Texas on the same date in 1917.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: In May, is the daylight period longer in Anchorage or in Miami?

NATIONAL CITIES SUNDAY

	High/low/W	Air Quality		High/low/W	Air Quality		High/low/W	Air Quality		High/low/W	Air Quality
Aberdeen, SD	78/47/s	48	Evansville, IN	53/48/sh	24	Levittown, PA	70/62/sh	38	Rochester, NY	53/51/r	23
Abilene, TX	77/58/s	49	Fall River, MA	69/58/c	29	Lincoln, IL	60/49/c	30	Rockford, IL	65/48/pc	39
Accomac, VA	69/64/sh	28	Farmington, NM	68/43/t	50	Louisville, KY	56/50/sh	23	Ruidoso, NM	62/41/t	84
Adrian, MI	53/49/r	24	Fayetteville, NC	79/58/t	33	Lubbock, TX	75/54/pc	61	Salem, OR	65/40/pc	37
Akron, OH	63/50/t	24	Fond du Lac, WI	66/45/s	34	Manitowoc, WI	57/43/s	30	Salina, KS	73/44/s	51
Alamogordo, NM	80/52/pc	100	Fort Myers, FL	87/71/t	28	Mansfield, OH	57/47/sh	31	Salinas, CA	62/47/pc	43
Alexandria, VA	75/63/t	34	Fort Smith, AR	73/48/pc	39	Marshall, NC	65/47/sh	28	Salisbury, MD	73/63/sh	30
Alliance, OH	64/52/t	26	Framingham, MA	74/54/sh	26	Marshfield, WI	70/41/s	39	San Angelo, TX	81/62/pc	46
Alamogordo, NM	74/49/s	48	Freeport, IL	66/45/s	40	Massillon, OH	63/51/c	33	Sarasota, FL	84/70/t	24
Ames, IA	72/45/s	52	Fremont, OH	52/49/r	28	McLean, VA	75/63/t	28	Savannah, GA	84/57/t	45
Anderson, SC	73/49/pc	30	Fort Collins, CO	77/48/s	56	Melbourne, FL	85/68/t	30	Sheboygan, WI	54/43/s	30
Appleton, WI	66/45/s	31	Gadsden, AL	66/44/s	31	Memphis, TN	66/52/s	38	Shelby, NC	75/48/t	40
Asheville, NC	70/45/sh	30	Gainesville, FL	83/60/t	28	Middletown, NY	65/58/r	28	Sherman, TX	74/50/pc	49
Ashland, OH	57/48/t	37	Galesburg, IL	64/46/c	37	Milford, MA	73/54/sh	27	Shreveport, LA	78/51/pc	52
Athens, GA	73/48/s	33	Gastonia, NC	77/49/t	49	Milwaukee, WI	57/44/s	35	Silver City, NM	72/39/s	49
Augusta, GA	80/51/t	42	Glen Rose, TX	76/54/s	52	Monroe, MI	55/49/r	28	Sioux Falls, SD	77/46/s	57
Austin, TX	81/57/s	65	Gonzales, LA	81/55/s	58	Monroe, LA	75/52/s	51	St. Augustine, FL	84/66/t	36
Bartlesville, OK	71/42/s	47	Great Falls, MT	66/37/pc	37	Montgomery, AL	74/50/s	37	St. Cloud, MN	77/47/s	49
Battle Creek, MI	57/48/r	31	Green Bay, WI	64/45/s	31	Muncie, IN	53/48/sh	18	St. George, UT	71/56/t	45
Bedford, IN	51/47/sh	27	Greenville, SC	74/48/c	39	Murfreesboro, TN	59/47/pc	23	Staunton, VA	73/53/t	36
Binghamton, NY	63/56/r	23	Hackensack, NJ	70/58/sh	52	Naples, FL	86/72/t	28	Stevens Point, WI	70/42/s	40
Bluffton, SC	82/60/t	39	Hagerstown, MD	73/62/t	24	Nashville, TN	59/49/pc	27	Stockton, CA	81/56/pc	47
Bremerton, WA	61/37/s	34	Hattiesburg, MS	77/50/s	46	Neptune, NJ	65/57/sh	47	Stroudsburg, PA	67/59/t	34
Brockton, MA	75/55/sh	26	Henderson, KY	52/48/c	26	New Bedford, MA	69/56/c	24	Stuart, FL	87/70/t	36
Brownwood, TX	80/55/s	49	Hendersonville, NC	70/44/sh	34	New Bern, NC	76/64/t	32	Sturgis, MI	53/48/r	29
Burlington, IA	66/48/c	41	Herkimer, NY	60/54/r	26	New Philadelphia, OH	65/50/t	29	Tallahassee, FL	86/54/t	38
Burlington, NC	77/49/t	31	Hillsdale, MI	53/46/r	24	Newark, OH	62/46/t	31	Thibodaux, LA	81/57/s	61
Burlington, VT	57/50/r	25	Holland, MI	63/50/r	38	Newton, NJ	67/60/sh	30	Topeka, KS	71/44/s	53
Cambridge, OH	67/50/t	26	Hornell, NY	55/52/r	20	New York, NY	68/60/sh	54	Tuscaloosa, AL	70/50/s	42
Camdenton, MO	66/45/s	34	Houma, LA	83/57/pc	60	Norwich, CT	71/59/sh	25	Utica, NY	60/53/r	33
Canandaigua, NY	54/52/r	24	Howell, MI	57/48/r	21	Ocala, FL	82/62/t	29	Ventura, CA	64/54/pc	34
Canton, OH	63/51/c	29	Hutchinson, KS	73/43/s	48	Oklahoma City, OK	72/49/pc	55	Victorville, CA	67/49/pc	38
Carlsbad, NM	77/57/t	99	Hyannis, MA	67/56/c	26	Opelousas, LA	78/53/s	45	Vineland, NJ	70/61/sh	27
Chambersburg, PA	72/61/t	27	Indianapolis, IN	52/48/sh	27	Oshkosh, WI	65/45/s	34	Visalia, CA	72/53/c	40
Cherry Hill, NJ	71/62/sh	44	Iowa City, IA	70/46/s	40	Palm Beach, FL	85/74/t	33	Washington, DC	75/65/t	34
Cincinnati, OH	56/48/t	28	Ithaca, NY	59/56/r	33	Palm Springs, CA	78/60/pc	57	Watertown, SD	76/47/s	61
Clarksville, TN	56/48/c	22	Jackson, MS	74/50/s	51	Panama City, FL	79/60/t	41	Wausau, WI	71/43/s	33
Coldwater, MI	54/47/r	27	Jackson, TN	64/47/pc	30	Pekin, IL	64/49/sh	34	Waynesboro, PA	72/61/t	25
Columbus, OH	62/49/t	26	Jacksonville, FL	84/59/t	38	Pensacola, FL	80/58/pc	36	White Plains, NY	67/57/sh	42
Corning, NY	59/56/r	21	Jacksonville, NC	76/63/t	36	Peoria, IL	62/49/c	36	Wichita Falls, TX	73/51/s	37
Corpus Christi, TX	83/74/s	63	Kent, OH	60/51/r	28	Petersburg, VA	74/61/t	26	Wilmington, DE	70/62/sh	32
Daytona Beach, FL	85/65/t	36	Kewanee, IL	66/47/c	38	Phoenix, AZ	77/59/t	84	Wilmington, NC	79/62/t	40
Deming, NM	80/47/s	76	Keyser, WV	74/56/t	27	Port Huron, MI	53/48/r	23	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	70/41/s	40
DeRidder, LA	78/52/s	46	Kinston, NC	77/61/t	31	Portsmouth, NH	60/52/r	26	Wooster, OH	61/50/t	21
Des Moines, IA	72/48/s	51	Knoxville, TN	65/48/sh	28	Poughkeepsie, NY	70/58/r	21	Worcester, MA	69/52/sh	24
Detroit, MI	54/50/r	33	Lafayette, IN	50/47/sh	24	Providence, RI	69/57/sh	25	York, PA	72/63/t	31
Devils Lake, ND	78/51/s	49	Lafayette, LA	80/56/s	49	Pueblo, CO	75/47/pc	52			
Dover, NH	59/51/r	33	Lakeland, FL	85/67/t	37	Quincy, MA	74/52/sh	33			
El Paso, TX	85/57/pc	129	Lansing, MI	59/47/r	31	Redding, CA	81/58/s	41			
Elmira, NY	61/57/r	19	Las Cruces, NM	81/51/s	85	Reno, NV	56/40/sh	41			
Erie, PA	54/49/r	24	Lebanon, PA	70/62/t	29	Ravenna, OH	61/52/r	29			
Eugene, OR	65/38/pc	30	Leesburg, FL	84/67/t	39	Richmond, IN	55/48/sh	33			

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

	Sunday High/low/W	Monday High/low/W		Sunday High/low/W	Monday High/low/W		Sunday High/low/W	Monday High/low/W		Sunday High/low/W	Monday High/low/W
Acapulco	90/75/s	90/75/s	Cape Town	78/49/s	75/52/pc	La Paz	54/38/sh	55/36/sh	San Jose	81/67/r	85/66/r
Addis Ababa	74/57/sh	72/56/sh	Caracas	89/75/r	90/75/r	Lagos	91/79/r	90/78/r	San Salvador	88/67/r	86/67/c
Algiers	78/59/s	76/55/pc	Casablanca	74/53/c	73/53/pc	Lima	70/62/c	71/64/pc	Santiago	75/45/pc	75/47/pc
Amman	71/54/t	68/53/t	Colombo	90/79/r	91/79/pc	Lisbon	66/55/r	68/54/sh	Sao Paulo	76/61/pc	78/62/s
Amsterdam	53/43/c	58/43/pc	Copenhagen	52/39/sh	54/45/s	London	57/41/c	58/42/c	Sarajevo	79/51/pc	75/54/pc
Ankara	70/40/s	73/42/s	Damascus	79/53/pc	77/50/s	Madrid	64/48/sh	65/43/sh	Shanghai	74/62/c	69/64/r
Asuncion	85/69/pc	85/71/pc	Dublin	53/42/c	52/33/pc	Manila	92/82/t	93/80/t	Singapore	88/77/sh	88/79/t
Athens	77/57/pc	76/61/pc	Geneva	66/49/sh	54/46/t	Mexico City	83/58/pc	82/59/pc	Stockholm	45/31/pc	54/37/pc
Auckland	66/46/s	64/48/s	Guatemala City	83/64/t	84/63/pc	Milan	74/58/t	67/55/t	Sydney	73/59/s	73/57/pc
Baghdad	99/73/pc	94/68/pc	Hanoi	95/79/pc	98/79/pc	Mombasa	88/75/t	86/75/t	Taipei	87/73/sh	89/75/t
Bangkok	95/80/t	95/81/t	Harare	72/50/pc	74/46/s	Montevideo	81/62/s	67/59/sh	Tegucigalpa	89/68/t	87/67/t
Beijing	77/51/pc	70/49/t	Havana	90/70/s	89/70/sh	Montreal	67/44/c	68/54/pc	Tehran	91/72/c	88/70/t
Beirut	73/63/t	74/61/sh	Helsinki	47/32/r	47/38/pc	Moscow	65/51/sh	58/32/pc	Tokyo	78/60/pc	73/60/pc
Belgrade	80/58/pc	78/58/r	Hong Kong	88/78/t	89/78/r	New Delhi	95/79/t	93/77/pc	Toronto	61/52/pc	59/51/sh
Berlin	58/40/c	57/36/s	Jakarta	88/76/sh	92/76/t	Panama City	87/74/t	87/74/r	Union	79/61/c	79/61/sh
Bogota	66/50/r	64/50/r	Jerusalem	66/53/sh	67/52/sh	Paris	62/44/pc	60/46/pc	Vancouver	59/44/s	61/46/pc
Brussels	57/41/pc	58/40/c	Johannesburg	62/41/pc	67/43/t	Port-au-Prince	90/72/s	89/71/r	Vienna	68/49/r	53/45/sh
Bucharest	85/56/c	85/59/c	Kabul	76/57/c	80/60/s	Rio de Janeiro	77/68/s	78/68/s	Warsaw	61/43/pc	55/35/c
Budapest	76/55/sh	60/50/sh	Khartoum	98/72/pc	96/71/pc	Riyadh	107/80/pc	102/77/pc	Yerevan	70/51/t	64/49/t
Buenos Aires	76/62/s	66/62/c	Kyiv	83/57/pc	62/46/c	Rome	72/62/c	73/57/t	Zagreb	80/55/s	60/49/sh
Cairo	76/62/t	83/65/s	Kingston	88/78/pc	90/78/t				Zurich	63/46/sh	48/44/r

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.

Catholic cardinals hope for speedy conclave again to select new pope

Swift pick signals unity; delays suggest discord

Crispian Balmer REUTERS

VATICAN CITY – If Roman Catholic cardinals have not picked a new pope by day three of this week’s conclave, then things are not going to plan.

Short conclaves wrapped up in a couple of days project an image of unity, and the last thing the red-robed cardinals will want is to give the impression that they are divided and the Church adrift after the death of Pope Francis last month.

“Maximum three days,” Salvadoran Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chavez confidently predicted last week ahead of the secret ballot, which will begin in the Sistine Chapel on May 7.

The average length of the last 10 conclaves was 3.2 days and none went on for more than five. The last two elections – in 2005 when Pope Benedict XVI was picked and in 2013 when Francis emerged – were wrapped up in just two days.

The conclave takes place over as many rounds of voting as needed until one candidate gets a two-thirds majority, triggering the billowing white smoke that tells the waiting world a new papacy has begun.

“Clearly the more ballots you have, the more difficult things have become. But the signs are that they want to proceed quickly,” said Giovanni Vian, a professor of Christian history at Venice’s Ca’ Foscari University.

Some of the 133 cardinals expected to enter the Sistine Chapel on May 7 have been “papabile” – a possible pope – for years. Others will rise to the fore only during the current daily meetings, known as general congregations, where cardinals discuss the Church’s future.

When Francis died, most Vatican observers saw Italian Cardinal Pietro Parolin and the Filipino prelate Luis Antonio Tagle as the obvious front-runners, with a multitude of other possible candidates following in their wake.

Serious choices

The initial vote, on the afternoon the conclave begins, often serves as an informal sounding board in which numerous names are widely dispersed.

Some of these are symbolic votes, offered as gestures of respect or friend-



Cardinals attend a mourning Mass for Pope Francis at St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican on May 3. The conclave begins May 7. ANDREAS SOLARO/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

ship before the serious balloting begins the next day, when the strength of the favorites can be gauged.

From the second day, two votes are held in the morning and two in the afternoon. According to conclave regulations, if no one has been chosen after the first three days, the cardinals should take a daylong “pause of prayer” before continuing.

It will soon become clear if there is a viable front-runner, or if a compromise candidate is needed.

“If we don’t get a new pope quickly, it will show that the push for the front-runners petered out very quickly,” said the Rev. Thomas Reese, a Jesuit priest and Vatican commentator.

“It will also reinforce the fact that there are a lot of cardinals in there and they just don’t know each other very well,” he added.

Francis appointed around 80% of the cardinal electors, many of them in far-flung dioceses as he sought to strengthen the Church in areas where it previously had limited reach.

This means it will be the first conclave for a vast majority of participants and also that many of those sitting beneath Michelangelo’s famed frescoes will have had little opportunity to get to know one another beforehand.

That could create space for so-called “grand electors,” who have emerged discreetly in previous years to promote candidates at the pre-conclave meetings and then help shape opinions as the contours of the vote come into focus.

Sworn to secrecy

All cardinals would deny campaigning for an election they believe is guided by the Holy Spirit. But while no discussion is permitted during the voting sessions themselves, cardinals are free to exchange views over meals at Santa Marta, the Vatican residence where most will be staying.

Successful electors can identify a compromise candidate able to pick up votes from all sides, said the historian Vian.

When cardinals met for their second conclave of 1978 after the sudden death of Pope John Paul I, Vienna’s Franz Koenig rallied German-speaking cardinals, and Polish American John Krol the U.S. prelates, to support the little-known Pole Karol Wojtyla, who became Pope John Paul II within three days.

With the focus seemingly on doctrinal disputes ahead of the coming conclave, German Cardinal Gerhard Mueller has been giving daily newspaper interviews rallying traditionalist ranks, while numerous voices, including Canadian Cardinal Michael Czerny, have been pushing for Francis’ moderate vision to prevail.

Cardinals are sworn to secrecy about how votes progress, but detailed accounts often surface in the aftermath.

“I wouldn’t panic if we don’t have a pope by the end of day two, but if there still isn’t any white smoke by the end of the third day, then we start to get worried,” Reese said.

RECENT DEATHS

Dick Barnett, 88, a Basketball Hall of Famer who played guard in both of the New York Knicks’ NBA championship seasons, has died, the team announced on April 27. Barnett died in his sleep overnight at an assisted living facility in Largo, Florida, according to multiple media reports. The Knicks won NBA crowns in 1970 and 1973 with large contributions from Barnett, a 6-foot-4 all-around player known for his unique “fall back, baby” shooting style. His legs flew backward when the left-hander shot jumpers.

Jiggly Caliente, 44, a Filipino-American TV personality and drag performer, died April 27 after fighting a severe infection and an amputation of “most of her right leg,” her family said in an announcement posted to her social media. The performer, whose real name was Bianca Castro, died “surrounded by her loving family and close friends,” her family wrote in a post on her Instagram. Castro was known for her appearance on Season 4 of “RuPaul’s Drag Race,” where she claimed eighth place. The drag queen also starred in Season 6 of “RuPaul’s Drag Race All Stars” in 2021.

Virginia Giuffre, 41, one of the most prominent accusers of late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, has died by suicide, her family said on April 25. She died in Western Australia, where she had been living for several years, the family said in an emailed statement. Giuffre, born Virginia Roberts, played a critical role in the investigations that eventually led to criminal convictions against the financier and his associate, Ghislaine Maxwell. Epstein was charged with sex trafficking in July 2019. Authorities say he died by suicide a few weeks later while imprisoned in New York’s Metropolitan Correctional Center. In March, Giuffre told followers on Instagram that she had gone into kidney failure and was close to dying after a school bus crashed into her car at roughly 68 mph.

Walt Jocketty, 74, three-time MLB Executive of the Year and former general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds, died April 25 in the Phoenix area. He had reportedly been battling health issues for several years. Jocketty was general manager of the Cardinals from 1995 to 2007. The franchise won the World Series in 2006, beating the Detroit Tigers in five games. Jocketty won top executive honors in 2000 and 2004 with the Cardinals and 2010 with the Reds. He was fired by the Cardinals after the 2007 season due to clashes with ownership. Cincinnati named him its GM in April 2008, and he served in the role for eight-plus seasons.

Priscilla Pointer, 100, an actor best known for her roles in the 1980s soap opera “Dallas” and horror film classic “Carrie,” has died. Pointer, whose children included actor Amy Irving and director David Irving, along with daughter Katie Irving, died of natural causes on April 28 at an assisted-living facility in Ridgefield, Connecticut, David Irving confirmed. During the 1970s, Pointer appeared on TV series including “McCloud,” “The Rockford Files,” “Kojak,” “Police Woman” and “Phyllis.” In 1976, she made the leap to the silver screen, where she had roles in “The Great Texas Dynamite Chase,” “Carrie” and “Nickelodeon.”

Ed Van Impe, 84, a two-time Stanley Cup champion and former Philadelphia Flyers captain, died the night of April 29. An original member of the Flyers, the Saskatchewan-born defenseman helped Philadelphia capture back-to-back Stanley Cups in 1973-74 and 1974-75. After arriving from the Chicago Blackhawks in the 1967 expansion draft, Van Impe spent nine seasons with the Flyers before finishing his NHL career with Pittsburgh.

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Israeli military issuing notices to reservists

REUTERS

TEL AVIV – The Israeli military was issuing call-up notices to thousands of reservists on May 3 to support an expansion of its offensive in Gaza, Israeli media reported, after the prime minister announced that his upcoming visit to Azerbaijan was postponed.

The reservists will be deployed to Israel’s border with Lebanon and in the occupied West Bank, replacing regular soldiers who will lead a new offensive in Gaza, the news site Ynet reported.

The military had no immediate comment.

Earlier, the prime minister’s office announced that Benjamin Netanyahu was rescheduling his May 7-11 visit to Azerbaijan, citing recent developments in Gaza and Syria.

The office, which also cited “the intense diplomatic and security schedule,” did not announce a new date for



Israeli tanks operate in the Gaza Strip, as seen from Israel, on May 3. AMIR COHEN/REUTERS

the visit. Netanyahu had been expected to meet with President Ilham Aliyev.

Israeli media reported on May 2 that the security cabinet had approved plans for an expanded operation in the Gaza Strip.

Israel broke a fragile ceasefire with Hamas in March after seeking to extend

it without engaging in talks to permanently end the war. Hamas says it would release the remaining hostages in Gaza only in exchange for an end to the war.

The military has since intensified its bombing campaign and carved out wide buffer zones in Gaza, squeezing the population of 2.3 million into an ever narrower zone in the center of the enclave and along the coast and shutting off aid supplies.

So far, 192 hostages have been released through negotiations and Israeli military operations since November 2023. Most had been abducted on Oct. 7, 2023, when Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, according to Israeli tallies. Israel’s retaliatory war has reduced much of the territory to rubble and killed more than 50,000 Palestinians, the majority of them civilians, according to officials in Gaza.

SUNDAY TALK SHOWS

Washington Journal (C-SPAN)

Washington Times national politics correspondent Susan Ferrechio and Vox senior politics correspondent Andrew Prokop discuss “President Trump’s first 100 days in office.” Jim Townsend, adjunct senior fellow at the Center for a New American Security, discusses “the Russia-Ukraine war and status of peace talks.”

This Week with George Stephanopoulos (ABC)

Former Gov. Chris Christie, R-New Jersey; ABC News senior White House correspondent Selina Wang; former DNC chair Donna Brazile; and former RNC chair Reince Priebus discuss Trump’s first 100 days in office. John Reed Stark, former chief of the SEC’s Office of Internet Enforcement; ABC News chief inves-

tigative correspondent Aaron Katersky; and New York Times investigative reporter Eric Lipton discuss Trump’s cryptocurrency business. Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of the Brown School of Public Health and former Biden White House COVID-19 response coordinator, and ABC News correspondent Jay O’Brien discuss federal budget cuts’ impact on health care. ABC News reporter Ines de La Cuetara previews the papal conclave.

Fox News Sunday with Shannon Bream (FOX)

Interviews with House Budget Committee Chairman Jodey Arrington, R-Texas; House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith, R-Missouri; Rep. Jim Himes, D-Connecticut, ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee; and DNC Chair Ken Martin. A political roundtable with Wall Street

Journal reporter Olivia Beavers; former DNC delegate Richard Fowler; Hans Nichols, author of the “Hill Leaders” newsletter; and Mollie Hemingway, editor-in-chief at The Federalist.

Meet the Press with Kristen Welker (NBC)

An interview, taped on May 2, with President Donald Trump. A political roundtable with Marc Short, former chief of staff for Vice President Mike Pence; MSNBC host Symone Sanders Townsend; NBC News chief White House correspondent Peter Alexander; and NBC News chief international correspondent Keir Simmons.

Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan (CBS)

Interviews with Sen. Tammy Duck-

worth, D-Illinois; Rep. Mike Turner, R-Ohio, former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee; Ukrainian Ambassador Oksana Markarova; former national security adviser H.R. McMaster; and NPR CEO Katherine Maher and PBS CEO Paula Kerger.

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

Interviews with Sens. Mark Warner, D-Virginia, and Ron Johnson, R-Wisconsin. A political roundtable with Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, D-Pennsylvania; Shermichael Singleton, former aide for the Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney and Ben Carson presidential campaigns; Ashley Allison, former national coalitions director for Biden-Harris 2020 presidential campaign; and Republican pollster and strategist Kristen Soltis Anderson.

Reuters

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. court halts ruling ordering Voice of America employees back

WASHINGTON – A federal appeals court on May 3 blocked a ruling that had ordered the Trump administration to return more than 1,000 Voice of America employees back to work.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth on April 22 ordered the administration to “take all necessary steps” to restore employees and contractors to their positions at the U.S. news service and resume radio, television and online news broadcasts and some grants.

The appeals court in a 2-1 decision suggested Lamberth lacked jurisdiction to order the employees to return to work and to require the restoration of \$15 million in grants for Radio Free Asia and Middle East Broadcasting Networks. The U.S. Agency for Global Media placed over 1,000 employees on leave and told 600 contractors they would be terminated after the agency abruptly shut down the broadcasts in March under a directive from President Donald Trump.

The appeals court noted the government did not challenge the aspect of Lamberth’s ruling requiring it to restore Voice of America’s “statutorily required programming levels.”

USAGM did not immediately comment.

Migrant mother who gave birth in U.S. avoids rapid deportation

A Guatemalan migrant who crossed the U.S. border while eight months pregnant and gave birth in Arizona has avoided fast-track deportation after intervention by the state’s governor, her lawyer and a federal official said on May 3.

The 24-year-old woman gained public attention after lawyer Luis Campos said federal agents denied him access to her in a Tucson hospital after she gave birth on April 30 and told him she was set for rapid removal after entering the country illegally.

The case raised concerns about the treatment of mothers and infants caught in the Trump administration’s immigration crackdown, prompting Democratic Gov. Katie Hobbs to contact federal officials, according to local media.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said the woman had been placed in normal deportation proceedings following her discharge from the hospital and given the right to contact an attorney. “The woman was transferred to ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations with a court date to appear before an immigration judge,” said a CBP spokesman. “The child remains with the mother.”

Singapore’s ruling party extends monopoly with decisive win

SINGAPORE – Singapore’s People’s Action Party won its 14th successive election on May 3 to extend its unbroken six-decade rule, delivering a strong mandate to its new premier as the city-state braces for economic turbulence from a global trade war.

The PAP, which has ruled since before Singapore’s 1965 independence, won 87 of the 97 parliamentary seats up for grabs, with victories by huge margins in many of the 33 constituencies as the opposition failed to extend gains in previous contests.

The election was a bellwether of the popularity of the PAP amid some signs of disenchantment with its tight grip on power in the Asian financial hub.

Though the PAP has consistently won about 90% of seats, its share of the popular vote is closely watched as a measure of the strength of its mandate, with Prime Minister Lawrence Wong eager to leave a mark on his first election in charge after one of the PAP’s worst performances on record last time.

The PAP had yet to be formally declared winner but took 65.57% of the vote, according to local media, surpassing its 61.2% in the 2020 contest.

Russia’s drone attack on Kyiv sets residential buildings on fire

KYIV, Ukraine – Russia’s overnight drone attack on Kyiv damaged several residential buildings and set cars on fire throughout the city, the military and officials in the Ukrainian capital said early on May 4.

Falling debris from destroyed drones sparked fires at residential buildings in Kyiv’s Obolonskyi and Sviatoshynskyi districts, Timur Tkachenko, head of Kyiv’s military administration, said on social media.

Mayor Vitali Klitschko said on the Telegram messaging app that medics were called to the Sviatoshynskyi district, west of the city center, where they provided assistance.

Reuters

Buffett

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Berkshire’s board of directors will meet on May 4 to discuss the transition, he said.

Abel, 62, has been a Berkshire vice chairman since 2018, and was named Buffett’s expected successor as chief executive in 2021.

“I couldn’t be more humbled and honored to be part of Berkshire as we go forth,” Abel told shareholders.

Buffett also said he had “zero” intention of selling any of his Berkshire stock, nearly all of which will be donated after his death.

“The decision to keep every share is an economic decision because I think the prospects of Berkshire will be better under Greg’s management than mine,” Buffett said.

Remarkable run

The decision to step down caps a remarkable 60-year run where Buffett transformed Berkshire from a failing textile company into a \$1.16 trillion conglomerate with businesses across the U.S. economy.

Buffett’s own fortune totals \$168.2 billion, according to Forbes magazine, nearly all of which is in Berkshire stock.

Cole Smead, chief executive of Smead Capital Management, said after Buffett’s announcement he turned to his father, Bill Smead, who founded the firm, and said: “Well, it’s the end of an era. It’s sad, but it’s life.”

Berkshire’s stock price has risen 19% this year, compared with a 3% drop in the Standard & Poor’s 500.

Many investors have viewed the conglomerate and Buffett’s stewardship as a safe haven from uncertainty about the economy and President Donald Trump’s tariff policies.

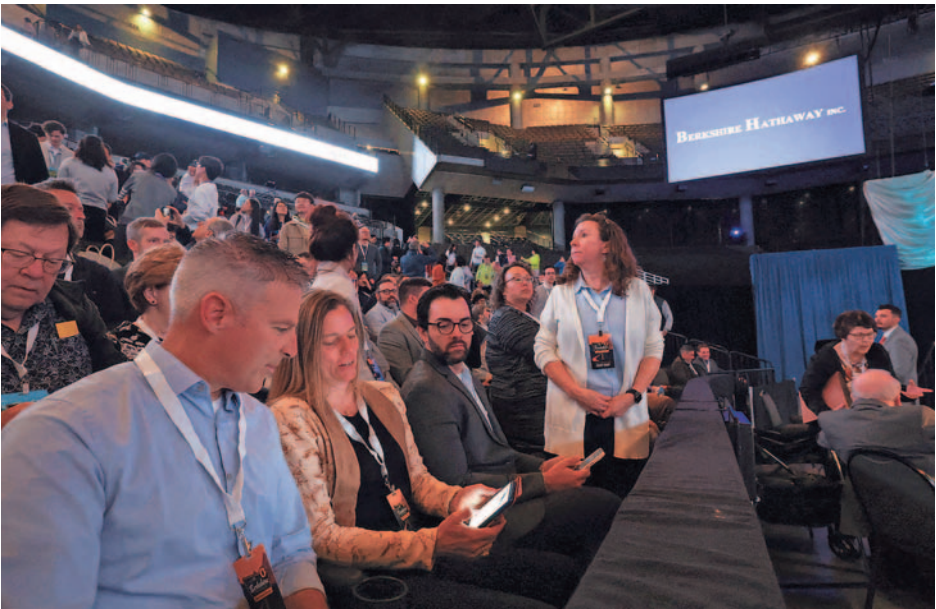
“The question going forward is: will Berkshire still have a Buffett premium when Buffett is not there?” said Cathy Seifert, an analyst at CFRA Research.

“You’re buying a stock and you’re also getting the investing prowess of a legend. With that legend gone, what is the value?”

‘Greg can do better’

Abel had already been taking on many of Buffett’s responsibilities, including for capital allocation.

Asked during the meeting how his



Shareholders attend the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 3. BRENDAN MCDERMID/REUTERS

oversight of Berkshire’s 189 operating businesses would differ from Buffett’s, Abel said: “More active, but hopefully in a very positive way.”

Buffett said Berkshire’s board could make arrangements for the transfer of power over the next few months.

“The fact that you can do pretty well doesn’t mean you couldn’t do better, and Greg can do better,” Buffett told shareholders before the announcement.

Berkshire’s annual shareholder weekend, which Buffett calls “Woodstock for Capitalists,” annually draws tens of thousands of people to Omaha for the meeting and for a series of shareholder events across the city, including shopping.

The company has said it intends to continue holding the weekends. Many shareholders have said they will keep attending after Buffett leaves, though many believe attendance will drop.

Buffett took over Berkshire in 1965 and with his longtime friend and business partner Charlie Munger, who died in November 2023, built it into an American success story.

Headquartered in Omaha, where Buffett and Munger grew up, Berkshire now has close to 200 businesses including Geico car insurance, the BNSF railroad, industrial and chemical companies, utilities, Dairy Queen ice cream, Fruit of the Loom underwear and See’s Candies.

It also ended March with \$264 billion of stocks including Apple, American Express and Bank of America.

Mexico

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however, “dangerous foreign terrorist organizations continue to threaten our shared security and the drugs and crime they spread threaten American communities across the country,” the spokesperson said.

The White House did not immediately respond when asked by Reuters whether Trump had raised troop deployments with Sheinbaum.

Trump has said publicly that the U.S. would take unilateral military action if Mexico failed to dismantle drug cartels. The two leaders have had several calls in recent months to discuss security issues, trade and immigration.

Sheinbaum went on to explain that during one of the calls she had asked Trump for help to prevent weapons,



A member of the U.S. military stands near the border wall separating Mexico and the United States in San Diego on March 21.

MIKE BLAKE/REUTERS FILE

which help fuel violence and trafficking, from entering Mexico from the United States.

“We can collaborate, we can work together, but you can do it in your territory, we can do it in ours,” Sheinbaum

‘Oracle of Omaha’

Buffett became known as the “Oracle of Omaha” for his investing success as well as his folksy wisdom and modest lifestyle.

While Berkshire stock rose 5,502,284% from 1965 to 2024, Buffett never moved from a home he paid \$31,500 for in 1958.

Buffett was a disciple of Benjamin Graham, the economist and his former professor, stressing the importance of company fundamentals and not overpaying for assets.

That approach often made it hard to deploy Berkshire’s ever-growing cash hoard, which reached \$347.7 billion at the end of March.

Abel joined the former MidAmerican Energy, now known as Berkshire Hathaway Energy, in 1992, eight years before Berkshire took it over. He later led that business for a decade.

Buffett’s fortune would have been much bigger had he not since 2006 given away more than half his Berkshire shares to charity. Nearly all of the rest is expected to go into a new charitable trust overseen by his daughter Susie and sons Howard and Peter.

Abel will face challenges including how to help Berkshire grow meaningfully without overpaying for acquisitions, whether to pay a dividend and how to deploy the cash.

Howard Buffett, 70, is expected to eventually succeed his father as Berkshire’s non-executive chairman, to help preserve the company’s culture.

said.

The Wall Street Journal reported on May 2 that tension between the two leaders rose toward the end of an April 16 telephone conversation when Trump pushed to have U.S. armed forces take a leading role in tackling Mexican drug gangs that produce and smuggle fentanyl to the U.S.

In February, the United States designated the Sinaloa Cartel and other Mexican drug cartels as global terrorist organizations, which some analysts have warned could be a stepping stone to such military action.

Airborne surveillance of Mexican drug cartels by the U.S. military has also increased, as part of efforts to collect intelligence to determine how to best counter their activities.

Sheinbaum has since proposed a constitutional reform aimed at adding protections to Mexico’s national sovereignty.

Texas

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The law requires private school students to take a nationally recognized standardized test, and annual audits of schools that accept vouchers. No more than 20% of the voucher program spending can go to families making 500% or more of the federal poverty limit, which amounts to a household income of about \$160,000 for a family of four.

Supporters have pushed for school vouchers in Texas for more than 30 years.

Until this year, Democratic opponents allied with rural Republicans who cited concerns that funding private schools would drain funds from public districts in small towns with few private schools.

Abbott organized pro-school choice Republicans to challenge anti-voucher Republicans in primaries in last year’s elections. His efforts helped unseat 15 incumbent Republican House members.

“No other governor has led on school choice like Gov. Abbott,” said Jorge Borrego, the K-12 education policy director at the conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Borrego noted that Abbott also pushed the legislature to hike public school funding. A separate bill passed by the Texas House and sitting before the Senate would hike funding for public schools by \$7.7 billion over the next two years.

The new funding would certainly be welcomed, said Libby Cohen, executive director of Raise Your Hand Texas, an education advocacy group long opposed to vouchers.

“But what’s important to keep in context is for public schools to simply keep up with inflation since 2019, they would need just shy of \$20 billion in new school funding,” she said.

Texas ranks 47th in the country in per-pupil spending, according to the National Education Association’s annual report released last week.

Texas schools receive funding based on how many students they have, as is typical across the country. If public schools lose students to private education because of vouchers, they will lose money, Cohen said.

Randi Weingarten, president of the

American Federation of Teachers union, said the Trump administration is “threatening to slash funding to the neediest students” by withholding federal money for schools that engage in diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

The Texas law will send “billions of dollars to private schools that can pick and choose who they educate,” she said.

Jon Valant, director of the Brookings Institution’s Brown Center on Education Policy, said the push for universal voucher systems in conservative states is more worrying than Trump’s effort to shut the Department of Education.

Voucher payments rarely cover the full cost of private schools, meaning only richer families can participate, he said. “That could mean we end up with a terribly stratified school system where those who can afford to pay the difference are in a wealthy private system, while the public school system is left to crumble.”

In a joint statement from the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank, Lindsey Burke, director of its Center for Education Policy, and research fellow Jason Bedrick said the law “empowers families to choose the learning environments that align with their values and work best for their children.”

SPORTS **EXTRA**

151ST RUNNING OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY



Sovereignty, center, with jockey Junior Alvarado aboard crosses the finish line to win the 151st running of the Kentucky Derby on May 3 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY IMAGES

SOVEREIGNTY REIGNS

Alvarado guides colt around muddy Churchill course for trainer Mott’s 2nd victory in Derby

Jason Frakes
Louisville Courier Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Bill Mott no longer needs an asterisk next to his Kentucky Derby victory. The Mott-trained Sovereignty rallied down the stretch to win Saturday’s \$5 million, Grade 1 Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs by 1½ lengths. On a cool and rainy evening in front of 147,406 fans, Mott picked up his second Kentucky Derby victory. His first came in 2019, when 65-1 shot Country House was put up following the disqualification of Maximum Security. “This is better,” the 71-year-old Mott said with his customary dry delivery.

“This one got here the right way. I mean, he’s done well. He’s a great horse. He comes from a great organization.” Ridden by Junior Alvarado, Sovereignty covered the 1¼ miles on a sloppy track in 2:02.31 and paid \$17.96 on a \$2 win wager. “Every move I was making, that horse was just there for me every single time,” said Alvarado, who got his first Kentucky Derby victory. “I made probably six to seven, eight little moves, and he was there for me each time. ... “I don’t think I’m going to be able to find the right word to describe this feeling right now.”

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Jockey Junior Alvarado celebrates atop of Sovereignty in winner’s circle after winning the Kentucky Derby on May 3 at Churchill Downs.

NBA PLAYOFFS NUGGETS 120, CLIPPERS 101

Denver throttles LA for Game 7 victory

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Aaron Gordon scored 22 points, Christian Braun had 21 and the host Denver Nuggets used a big third quarter to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 120-101 in Game 7 of their Western Conference quarterfinal series on Saturday night. Denver advances to face the top-seeded Thunder in the conference semifinals. Game 1 is Monday night in Oklahoma City. Nikola Jokic finished two assists shy of a triple-double, posting 16 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists along with three steals. “In the playoffs, we know that everybody needs to step up,” Jokic said. “Is it offensive? Is it defensive? Really, whatever. Energy-wise, in players, everybody needs to step up. And everybody who plays needs to contribute something, especially today ... everybody did that.” The Nuggets had six scorers reach double figures. Russell Westbrook had 16 points, five rebounds, five assists



Aaron Gordon celebrates after the Nuggets defeated the Clippers in Game 7 of a first-round playoff series on May 3. RON CHENOY/IMAGN IMAGES

and five steals, Jamal Murray also scored 16 points and Michael Porter Jr. finished with 15.

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS STARS 4, AVALANCHE 2

Rantanen propels Stars past the Avs in Game 7

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Mikko Rantanen had a hat trick and added an assist to help the Dallas Stars rally for a 4-2 win against the visiting Colorado Avalanche in Game 7 of their first-round series on Saturday. Dallas advanced to the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs and will face the winner of the Winnipeg Jets-St. Louis Blues series. Game 7 of that matchup is set for Sunday. Matt Duchene had two assists and Jake Oettinger made 25 saves for the Stars. Dallas coach Pete DeBoer improved to 9-0 for his career in Game 7s. Josh Manson and Nathan MacKinnon scored for the Avalanche. Mackenzie Blackwood made 15 saves. Down by two in the third period, Rantanen cut the deficit in half at 7:49. He cut to the middle just inside the blue line, holding the puck before wiring a wrist from the slot past Blackwood’s blocker. Rantanen tied it at 2 on the power play at 13:46. He collected the puck in the neutral zone and carried it up the middle. He powered around Colorado



The Stars’ Mikko Rantanen celebrates after he scored a goal against the Colorado Avalanche on May 3 in Dallas. JEROME MIRON/IMAGN IMAGES

defenseman Ryan Lindgren inside the zone and then looped around the net for a wraparound that went off the

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NBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS GAME 1: PACERS AT CAVALIERS, 6 P.M. ET, TNT

Haliburton leads Pacers against No. 1 Cavaliers

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Indiana Pacers point guard Tyrese Haliburton isn't resting on his laurels. After making the series-winning shot in overtime of Game 5 against the Milwaukee Bucks in the first round, he's ready for his next challenge.

The top-seeded Cleveland Cavaliers are next for fourth-seeded Indiana in the Eastern Conference semifinals, which begin Sunday night in Cleveland.

"If you want to be the best, you gotta beat the best," Haliburton said. "So yeah, we're looking forward to it."

Cleveland demolished the Miami Heat in the opening round, winning all four games by an NBA-record 122 combined points. The Cavaliers completed the sweep with a 138-83 victory in Miami, setting another league record for the largest margin in a closeout game.

The Pacers had a much more competitive series with the Bucks, highlighted by their 119-118 overtime triumph in the finale. Haliburton's game-winning basket completed an epic comeback that saw Milwaukee build a 118-111 lead with 40 seconds remaining.

Indiana's underrated depth shined throughout the battle with Pascal Siakam, Haliburton, Myles Turner, Andrew Nembhard, Aaron Nesmith, Benedict Mathurin and T.J. McConnell all averaging double figures. Siakam led the way at 19.8 per game.

"It's hard to replicate what they do in practice because they're a tough team to prepare for," Cavaliers center Jarrett Allen said.



Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton reacts during Game 5 of a first-round NBA playoff series against the Bucks on April 29. TREVOR RUSZKOWSKI/IMAGN IMAGES

len said. "They're all perimeter players and they're apparently the fastest transition team in the league."

NBA field-goal percentage champion Allen admitted Turner presents a unique problem with his ability to make 3-pointers at one end and block shots at the other, given that he doesn't typically defend outside of the paint.

"I'm not really comfortable doing it, so I just have to try and mitigate the

damages out there," Allen said.

Cleveland power forward Evan Mobley – the NBA Defensive Player of the Year – believes he can flip the table in a similar way against Siakam. The first-time All-Star averaged a somewhat quiet 16.3 points and 6.5 rebounds against Miami but is capable of much more.

"I'm going to use my length on him," Mobley said. "He goes to his shot and knocks them down, so my job is stop-

ping him from getting there."

The status of Cavaliers point guard Darius Garland is the largest question mark on either squad.

The All-Star missed the final two games against Miami after injuring his left big toe and is listed as questionable for Game 1.

Sixth Man of the Year finalist Ty Jerome would start if Garland cannot play, but coach Kenny Atkinson said a decision won't be made until just before tipoff.

"We're just in this kind of area where we'll just kind of see day to day, see how he feels tomorrow morning," Atkinson said. "I've seen Darius in the ice bucket and I've seen him in the warm bucket. We've got to find out the D.G. situation tomorrow and we'll kind of go from there."

Though Cleveland went 64-18 in the regular season, which was the second-best mark in the league, Indiana won three of their four meetings. Neither coach, however, puts much stock in those results.

"When you get to the second round of the playoffs, things elevate," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "The level of competition, the stage. A lot of things to be excited about."

Cleveland has won two of its previous three postseason series against the Pacers, most recently in 2018 when LeBron James carried the Cavaliers to a Game 7 win in the opening round. Indiana is 6-9 in playoff games against the Cavs.



Nuggets center Nikola Jokic (15) shoots over Los Angeles Clippers center Ivica Zubac on May 3 in Denver. RON CHENOY/IMAGN IMAGES

Nuggets

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Kawhi Leonard led Los Angeles with 22 points, Ivica Zubac had 10 points and 14 rebounds, Bogdan Bogdanovic scored 12 off the bench and Derrick Jones Jr. also had 12.

James Harden was held to seven points on 2-for-8 shooting but dished out 13 assists for the Clippers, who lost in the first round of the playoffs for the third straight season.

"I haven't thought about the offseason, to be honest," Clippers coach Tyronn Lue said. "I thought about OKC; that's what I was thinking. But it didn't work out that way. ... It's frustrating losing, but I'm not frustrated with the guys in the locker room."

The Nuggets outsourced Los Angeles 37-21 in the second quarter to take an 11-point halftime lead and came out hot in the third.

Jokic hit a fall-away 16-footer, Gordon fed Braun for a 3-pointer then dunked to make it 65-50 and prompt a Clippers timeout.

Harden missed a short jumper and Norman Powell had a turnover and lay-up blocked, while Porter drained a pair of 3-pointers. Gordon tipped in Murray's miss to make it 75-50 with 8:12 left in the third quarter.

Jokic converted a three-point play and Gordon dunked off a lob pass from Braun to give Denver a 28-point game with 5:40 left in the third.

"I don't think this team was 30

points better than us, and we've seen it throughout the first six games of this series," Leonard said. "But you got to give them credit. They came out and fought, ran hard in transition, got easy points, and they made shots."

Jokic picked up three fouls in 48 seconds late in the third and went to the bench with five and the Nuggets leading 89-61. Murray's two buckets got Denver to the fourth quarter leading 93-66.

The Nuggets pushed the lead to as much as 35 to open the fourth. Bogdanovic scored six points in an 8-0 run, but Los Angeles cleared the bench with 6:53 left.

The Clippers reserves, led by Kobe Brown's 13 points, cut the deficit to 17 but never threatened.

"This was a memorable series," Nuggets interim coach David Adelman said. "We just don't have time to remember it."

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WARRIORS AT ROCKETS, 8:30 P.M. ET, TNT SERIES TIED 3-3

Warriors let themselves down with poor effort

Lorenzo Reyes

USA TODAY

This did not look like the Golden State Warriors team NBA fans have come to know.

The Houston Rockets stole the will of the Warriors in Game 6 at the Chase Center in San Francisco, winning 115-107 and pushing back Golden State for the second consecutive time when the Rockets were facing elimination.

So, now, it's the Warriors who must go on the road in a winner-take-all Game 7 against a young Houston team that is playing with extreme confidence. All the while, Golden State will try to avoid becoming the 14th team to blow a 3-1 series lead in the NBA playoffs.

Credit the Rockets and coach Ime Udoka for unlocking schematic advantages the Warriors simply cannot answer. For one, the double-big lineup that features centers Alperen Sengün and Steven Adams on the floor at the same time attacks the most glaring weakness the Warriors have – a lack of height and interior presence. For another, Houston has deployed its speed and athleticism to harass the Warriors on the ball, forcing turnovers and creating easy transition opportunities. Udoka has also sprinkled in a zone defense that Golden State has had a tough time solving.

But beyond that, the Warriors let themselves down with their effort and intensity. Multiple times on May 2, Golden State appeared lethargic, slow and, oddly, unmotivated or defeated.

When Golden State opted to intentionally foul Adams, a 46.2% free-throw shooter, to put him on the line, it gave up two offensive rebounds to Sengün despite expecting Adams misses.

After the Warriors fought back to close the deficit to two points at the end of the third quarter, Golden State was

slow to line up after the break, leading to a Fred VanVleet four-point play six seconds into the period. Golden State's lack of effort spiraled, and it trickled into its offensive operation; the Warriors missed 15 of their first 16 shots in the fourth quarter, allowing the Rockets to build a 17-point lead.

Although Warriors coach Steve Kerr said after the game he did not think fatigue played any role in the loss, Golden State looked very much like a team with multiple aging veterans. Although he stopped short when asked about his team's effort, Kerr instead pointed to that play at the beginning of the fourth.

"I didn't like our first half with the turnovers – I think we had 10 – and that's the key to the whole series, our ball security," Kerr told reporters. "And so (that) got us off to a rough start in the first half."

"With that said, we're down two going into the fourth. I thought the key play was the four-point play to start the quarter. That's on us as a staff. We've got to make sure they're matched up. ... That felt like a game-changing play because, like I said, a two-point game and right where we need to be, despite not playing well and turning it over quite a bit."

The Warriors had been impressive down the stretch of the regular season after trading for Jimmy Butler in February. But another one of their shortcomings has been the lack of offensive support Stephen Curry and Butler get at times from teammates. The two combined for 56 points; the next leading scorer was Moses Moody with 13.

In the 2016 NBA Finals, the Warriors held a 3-1 series lead over LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Kerr was the coach and Curry was the star player. That Golden State team squandered the series lead and the Cavaliers took the championship in Game 7.



Warriors guard Stephen Curry reacts after being fouled in Game 6 against the Rockets at Chase Center on May 2. CARY EDMONDSON/IMAGN IMAGES

NHL: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

BLUES AT JETS, 7 P.M. ET, TBS SERIES TIED 3-3

Will team with home ice win yet again?

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The last time the Winnipeg Jets hosted a Game 7, their opposition was the San Diego Mariners. In 1977. In the now-defunct World Hockey Association.

The Jets won that clash en route to the league final. They hope history repeats itself Sunday when they play host to the St. Louis Blues in a winner-take-all clash for their Western Conference first-round playoff series.

“We’re going to have to focus on Game 7,” said Jets forward Cole Perfetti. “It’s a one-gamer, winner moves on, and we got the home ice and we got our fans behind us and our barn rocking.”

The Blues forced Game 7 with a 5-2 victory Friday in St. Louis. The home team has won all six games in this series. That’s one reason for the Jets to be confident.

“We’ve got to go home,” said Jets coach Scott Arniel. “Take care of our business at home.”

The Jets, winners of the Presidents’ Trophy that goes to the regular-season leader in points, finished 20 points ahead of the Blues in the regular season. But they have struggled mightily to dispatch the eighth-seeded upstarts who needed a late winning spree to claim the conference’s second wild-card spot.

St. Louis won all three of its home games by at least three goals and chased Winnipeg star goaltender Connor Hellebuyck in each of them.

Winnipeg has one Stanley Cup play-offs Game 7 in its franchise history – a 5-1 victory over the Nashville Predators in 2018 when Hellebuyck made 38 saves and Mark Scheifele scored twice.

Scheifele missed Friday’s Game 6 due to injury, but he skated on Saturday and will be a game-time decision Sunday.

Regardless, the Jets have all the pressure on them.

“We know what we’re capable of,” Perfetti said. “We know what kind of team we are.”

The Blues are well aware they are facing their last chance to beat the Jets in Winnipeg during their matchup. But St. Louis has all the momentum after breaking open Friday’s game with four goals in the second period and pushing the series to the distance.

“We’re in Game 7 of the playoffs. It’s what we’ve all dreamed of,” said Blues coach Jim Montgomery said. “You don’t think about winning Game 1 when you’re playing in your basement or you’re playing street hockey or you’re playing knee hockey with your best friend or brother, whatever the case may



Winnipeg Jets center Cole Perfetti (91) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal against the Blues during the second period in Game 6 of a first-round Stanley Cup playoff series on May 2 in St. Louis. PHOTOS BY CONNOR HAMILTON/IMAGN IMAGES

be. It’s Game 7, it’s overtime and it’s about us seizing an opportunity. It’s an opportunity that we’ve earned and now we have to go seize it.”

The Blues have a 10-8 franchise mark in Game 7 clashes, the most recent when they beat the Boston Bruins in the 2019 Stanley Cup Final.

Goaltender Jordan Binnington has won both of his Game 7 opportunity in his career – including the aforementioned Stanley Cup victory – and surrendered only one goal in each of those contests.

The Blues also beat the Jets the only other time they met in the playoffs – in the opening round in 2019.

Now it’s time to see whether the Blues can take their successful show on the road and complete the upset.

“It’s what you play for,” Blues captain Brayden Schenn told NHL.com. “It’s one of those things where you have to have the ability to go enjoy the moment and take your work seriously, but enjoy the moment while you’re there. It’s going to be a tough building to play in, we know that, but we feel like we haven’t had our best there yet, and we’re looking forward to it.”



Blues goaltender Jordan Binnington defends the net against the Winnipeg Jets during Game 6 of a first-round Stanley Cup playoff series on May 2 in St. Louis.

Stars

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skate of defenseman Samuel Girard and into the net.

Less than three minutes later, Wyatt Johnston took a cross-crease pass from Duchene and snapped it past Blackwood’s blocker side on the power play to make it 3-2 Dallas.

Rantanen completed the hat trick with an empty-net goal at 19:57 for the 4-2 final.

MacKinnon put Colorado ahead 2-0 on a delayed penalty just 31 seconds into the third. MacKinnon, who jumped on as the extra attacker, took a feed from Lindgren at the right point and carried it down the right side before cutting the net and snapping a shot under Oettinger’s right arm.

Manson scored short-handed to give Colorado a 1-0 lead at 9:50 of the second period. Logan O’Connor created a turnover in the defensive zone and won a race to the puck at the other end, spinning around at the half wall for a centering pass to Manson, who fired a wrist shot from the slot over Oettinger’s left pad. The puck hit the post and bounced off Oettinger and into the net.

Dallas 4, Colorado 2

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First Period—None. Penalties—Kelly, COL (Holding), 2:15. Benn, DAL (High-sticking), 8:28.

Second Period—1, Colorado, Manson 2 (O’Connor), 9:50. Penalties—Malinski, COL (Interference), 9:06.

Third Period—1, Colorado, MacKinnon 7 (Lindgren, Nichushkin), 0:31. 1, Dallas, Rantanen 3 (Back, Lyubushkin), 7:49. 2, Dallas, Rantanen 4 (Harley, Duchene), 13:46. 1, Dallas, Johnston 3 (Duchene, Rantanen), 16:04. 3, Dallas, Rantanen 5 (Seguin, Lindell), 19:57. Penalties—Duchene, DAL (Tripping), 10:49. Makar, COL (Tripping), 12:02. Drury, COL (Holding), 15:47.

Shots on Goal—Colorado 5-9-13-27. Dallas 4-6-9-19.

Power-play opportunities—Colorado 0 of 3; Dallas 2 of 4.

Goalies—Colorado, Blackwood 3-4-0 (18 shots-15 saves). Dallas, Oettinger 4-3-0 (27-25). A-18,532 (18,532).



Stars goaltender Jake Oettinger stops a Colorado Avalanche shot during the first period in Game 7 of a first-round Stanley Cup playoff series on May 3 at American Airlines Center in Dallas. JEROME MIRON/IMAGN IMAGES

MLB

SATURDAY’S ROUNDUP

Marlins’ Stowers sinks A’s with walk-off slam

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Kyle Stowers turned around a 102-mph fastball for a walk-off grand slam with two outs in the ninth inning as the Miami Marlins rallied to defeat the Athletics 9-6 on Saturday afternoon.

Stowers’ homer off All-Star closer Mason Miller (0-1) was a 396-foot, opposite-field shot to left center that snapped Miami’s six-game skid.

With the A’s leading 6-4, Miller started the ninth by hitting Matt Mervis. Connor Norby and Dane Myers struck out, but Javier Sanoja doubled and Mervis scored on a wild pitch to make it 6-5.

After walks to Ronny Simon and Xavier Edwards loaded the bases, Stowers hammered Miller’s first pitch.

Stowers, who boosted his average to .324 and slugging percentage to .552, finished the game with two homers and six RBIs to continue his hot week. He swatted two home runs and drove in four runs Wednesday against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The A’s JJ Bleday continued to terrorize his former team, homering for the second straight game.

Guardians 5, Blue Jays 3

Daniel Schneemann drove in all of Cleveland’s runs with two homers, highlighted by a go-ahead, ninth-inning grand slam, as the visiting Guardians stunned Toronto.

Trailing 3-0, Schneemann – who doubled his season home run total Saturday – clubbed a solo shot well into the right field seats in the eighth off Chad Green. After Yimi Garcia (0-1) gave up Steven Kwan’s single and two walks in the ninth, Schneemann stepped up with two outs and crushed a 1-1 fastball to give Cleveland the lead.

Emmanuel Clase (six saves) retired the side in the ninth for the Guardians, who evened the three-game set by winning for the fourth time in five games.

The loss snapped Toronto’s three-game winning streak and spoiled a stellar start from Kevin Gausman, who yielded only Kwan’s third-inning bloop single, struck out nine and walked only one batter over six sharp innings.

Guardians starter Gavin Williams allowed seven hits and walked five while throwing 100 pitches over four innings.

Phillies 7, Diamonbacks 2

J.T. Realmuto hit a three-run homer in support of Aaron Nola’s first win of the season as Philadelphia topped visiting Arizona.

Max Kepler added a two-run home run for Philadelphia, which improved to 6-1 over its last seven games. Nola (1-5) allowed four hits and one walk over six scoreless innings, matching his season high with eight strikeouts.

Lourdes Gurriel Jr. hit a two-run homer for the Diamondbacks, who have lost seven of their last 10 games. Arizona starter Brandon Pfaadt (5-2), who had won his previous five starts, was charged with seven runs (six earned) and nine hits in 4⅓ innings.

Philadelphia opened the scoring in the second inning as Nick Castellanos led off with a single and Kepler followed with a homer into the right field seats. It was the fifth homer of the season for Kepler, who also went deep in Friday’s series-opening 3-2 win.

Realmuto followed with a double and came around to score two batters later on Brandon Marsh’s double.

Giants 6, Rockies 3

Matt Chapman capped a five-run sixth inning with a grand slam and the San Francisco bullpen threw four innings of shutout relief as the Giants overcame visiting Colorado.

After the Rockies had scored three times in the top of the sixth to go up 3-1, Colorado starter Bradley Blalock issued walks to Luis Matos and Mike Yastrzemski to set the stage for San Francisco’s comeback.

Reliever Jake Bird (0-1) took over at that point and walked Willy Adames to load the bases. Jung Hoo Lee singled to center to drive in Matos and draw the hosts within 3-2.

Two pitches later, Chapman teed off on Bird for a 402-foot bomb to center field – clearing the bases and putting San Francisco in front, 6-3.

The grand slam was the third of Chapman’s career.

Three of the inning’s five runs were charged to Bird. Blalock also was charged with three runs over his 5⅓ innings, during which he allowed just two hits. He walked two and struck out four.



The Marlins’ Kyle Stowers (28) celebrates his walk-off grand slam against the Athletics on May 3 in Miami. JIM RASSOL/IMAGN IMAGES

Astros 8, White Sox 3

Jake Meyers tied a franchise record with 13 total bases to help visiting Houston to a win against Chicago in the second contest of a three-game series.

Meyers homered twice, tripled, doubled and drove in a career-high seven runs while hitting in the No. 9 spot.

Jeremy Pena had two hits in the lead-off spot, and Yainer Diaz had two hits and scored a run for the Astros, who ended a two-game skid.

Astros right-hander Hunter Brown (5-1) overcame a rough start to go six innings, allowing three runs and four hits. He struck out the final four batters to finish with nine punchouts and he walked three.

Andrew Vaughn had two hits and two RBIs for Chicago, which was trying to win a season high three in a row.

White Sox starter Davis Martin allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings. He struck out five and didn’t walk a batter.

Rays 3, Yankees 2

Zack Littell tossed seven strong innings and earned the win when visiting Tampa Bay scored twice in the eighth inning and edged New York in the middle game of a three-game series.

Curtis Mead and Jose Caballero had the RBIs in the eighth for the Rays, who snapped a four-game losing streak in which they were outscored 17-3. Taylor Walls lofted a sacrifice fly in the second.

Aaron Judge homered in the first and Austin Wells hit a tie-breaking shot in the fifth for the Yankees, who have alternated wins with losses in their last six games.

Judge finished 2-for-4 to raise his average to .432, though he grounded out against Edwin Uceta to end the eighth and strand runners at the corners.

Littell (2-5) gave up three hits and walked none while striking out three but was in line for the hard-luck loss until the Rays rallied vs. Mark Leiter Jr. (2-3).

Padres 2, Pirates 1

Fernando Tatis Jr. doubled to lead off the ninth and scored on a wild pitch to lift San Diego to a comeback win over host Pittsburgh.

Tatis Jr.’s heroics followed a game-tying solo home run by Manny Machado in the top of the seventh inning off Pirates starter Bailey Falter to propel the Padres to their fourth consecutive victory and eighth in a row over Pittsburgh.

Just one day after being hit by a pitch, causing a contusion on his left forearm, Tatis Jr. started in right field and hit in his usual leadoff spot.

After hitting his double in the ninth off David Bednar (0-3), Tatis Jr. stole third. He then took a chance on a Bednar pitch that bounced and was blocked by catcher Joey Bart, bounding only a couple of feet away. Tatis Jr. got a great jump, raced home and just sneaked under the tag of Bart. The play was reviewed and the original safe call was upheld giving San Diego its eventual winning margin.

Twins 4, Red Sox 3

Kody Clemens hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning, and visiting Minnesota held on for a win over Boston to knot the three-game series at a game apiece.

Minnesota was outhit 12-10, with Byron Buxton, Ryan Jeffers and Harrison Bader each recording two.

The late-game relief trio of Griffin Jax, Cole Sands and Jhoan Duran

pitched 2⅓ scoreless innings to clinch a win for Bailey Ober (4-1), who struck out six and worked around seven hits in six innings of one-run ball. Duran recorded his third save of the season despite Cedanne Rafaela hitting a leadoff single in the ninth.

Boston left 10 on base – including two in both the sixth and ninth innings – and went 2-for-8 with runners in scoring position. Leadoff hitter Jarren Duran went 2-for-5 with a double, triple, RBI and two runs, while Rafael Devers (two RBIs) and Romy Gonzalez each had three hits.

Royals 4, Orioles 0

Kris Bubic threw five shutout innings and three relievers completed the six-hitter in Kansas City’s victory against host Baltimore.

Cavan Biggio, Kyle Isbel and Vinnie Pasquantino all hit solo home runs as the Royals won for the 10th time in 12 games. Maikel Garcia went 3-for-3 with a walk and an RBI.

Daniel Lynch IV, Lucas Erceg and John Schreiber worked in relief of Bubic (3-2), who gave up four singles, issued a walk and struck out three during his 72-pitch outing. Lynch logged two innings, while Erceg struck out two of the four batters he faced.

Gunnar Henderson had half of Baltimore’s hits. The Orioles, who dropped to 8-8 in home games, were without an extra-base hit. They grounded into a double play and stranded seven runners on base.

Nationals 11, Reds 6

Amed Rosario had three hits, including a tie-breaking three-run homer in the sixth, to help visiting Washington claim a win over Cincinnati.

James Wood had four hits and scored twice, Nathaniel Lowe delivered three hits, two RBIs and a run and CJ Abrams had two hits and scored three times for the Nationals, who had lost four of five.

Nationals right-hander Trevor Williams (2-3) allowed four runs and nine hits in 5⅓ innings, striking out four and walking two.

Reds left-hander Nick Lodolo (3-3) allowed seven runs (six earned) and 10 hits in 5⅓ innings. He struck out four and walked two.

Santiago Espinal had three hits, Spencer Steer had two hits and two RBIs and Jake Fraley homered and scored twice for Cincinnati, which had won two in a row.

Cubs 6, Brewers 2

Pete Crow-Armstrong hit a three-run homer and Jameson Taillon threw six quality innings Saturday, propelling visiting Chicago over Milwaukee.

Taillon (2-1) allowed two earned runs on three hits and a walk while striking out five, as the Cubs clinched the week-end series against their National League Central foes.

Dansby Swanson and Kyle Tucker also homered for Chicago.

Jose Quintana (4-1) surrendered six runs on seven hits across five innings, absorbing his first loss as a member of the Brewers. The 36-year-old veteran also struck out six and walked one.

Rhys Hoskins homered and Brice Turang tallied a pair of hits and an RBI as the Brewers lost their third straight game and seventh in their last 10.

After Justin Turner’s RBI single in the first gave Chicago a 1-0 edge, Milwaukee evened the score in the home half of the third. Jackson Chourio doubled with two outs and scored on Turang’s single.

Mariners 2, Rangers 1

Rowdy Tellez’s pinch-hit run-scoring single in the ninth inning was the difference as Seattle’s offense was slowed a bit but still beat swooning Texas in the second of a three-game American League West series in Arlington, Texas.

The Mariners have won six straight games and nine of their last 10 and clinched their eighth straight series win and second against Texas this season.

Tellez’s one-out RBI came off Texas reliever Chris Martin (0-4), the fourth Rangers’ pitcher. The last-at-bat uprising made a winner out of Seattle’s Gabe Speier (1-0).

Andes Munoz, the AL relief pitcher of the month for March/April, allowed a one-out walk in the ninth inning before striking out Adolis Garcia with two outs and a runner on second to earn his 12th save of the season.

Texas has lost four straight games and seven of its past eight and dropped its fourth consecutive series. The Rangers, who had five hits Saturday, have scored a combined three runs in their past four contests.

Angels 5, Tigers 2

Kyle Hendricks allowed only one run and four hits in 7⅓ innings and host Los Angeles beat Detroit.

Nolan Schanuel was 3-for-4 with a run scored and Travis d’Arnaud 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a walk for the Angels, who snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Spencer Torkelson homered for the Tigers, who had won three in a row.

Hendricks (1-3), who didn’t walk a batter and struck out three, retired 16 of the first 17 hitters.

Riley Greene led off the second with a single for Detroit, but he was erased on a double play. Dillon Dingler managed a two-out bloop single in the sixth, but Hendricks retired Kerry Carpenter on a soft fly to left to end the inning. The Tigers struggled to make solid contact.

After allowing one unearned run and striking out seven in the first five innings, Detroit starter Jack Flaherty (1-4) couldn’t survive the sixth. He yielded five runs (four earned) on eight hits, walking one and striking out seven in 5⅓ innings.

Dodgers 10, Braves 3

Shohei Otani and Freddie Freeman both hit home runs and rookie Roki Sasaki earned his first career win as visiting Los Angeles beat Atlanta and extended its winning streak to seven games.

The start was delayed 3 hours and 6 minutes because of heavy rain.

The Dodgers have won the first two games of the series and improved to 5-0 against Atlanta this season. Los Angeles has won 10 of its last 12 games against the Braves.

The top three hitters in the Dodgers’ order went 8-for-13, scored eight runs and drove in six. Ohtani hit his eighth homer and Freeman hit his sixth, a three-run shot in the eighth that put the game away. Ohtani and Freeman each had three hits.

Sasaki (1-1) pitched five innings and allowed three runs on six hits and two walks and notched four strikeouts.

Atlanta starter Spencer Schwellenbach (1-3) was knocked out after 3⅓ innings and allowed six runs on eight hits, one walk and four strikeouts.

Mets-Cardinals, ppd.

The Saturday game between New York and the Cardinals in St. Louis was rained out Saturday, with the makeup scheduled for Sunday in a split double-header.

Game 1 will be played at 12:15 p.m. with the second game scheduled for 5:15 p.m.

Mets right-hander Blade Tidwell, making his major league debut, is expected to start Game 1 against righty Andre Pallante (2-2, 4.13 ERA).

The teams have not announced the pitching matchups for Game 2.

Taylor Megill (3-2, 1.74 ERA) was scheduled to start Saturday for New York against fellow right-hander Erick Fedde (1-3, 4.68) as the Mets look to win their 10th straight over the Cardinals dating back to last season.

Brandon Nimmo and Francisco Alvarez both enjoyed three-hit games on Friday in the Mets’ 9-3 romp over the Cardinals. Juan Soto, Pete Alonso and Jesse Winker had two hits each as part of a 17-hit attack by manager Carlos Mendoza’s National League East-leading squad.

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SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES

Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 2									
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Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Diaz dh	3	0	0	0	2	1	.242
Morel lf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.239
b-Simpson pr-cf	1	1	0	0	0	1	.286
Lowe 2b	4	1	0	0	1	2	.202
Camrnero 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Jankowski lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Mead 1b	3	0	2	1	1	0	.186
Caballero rf-3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.232
Misner cf-rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.291
Jansen c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.147
Walls ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.151
Totals	32	3	5	3	6	8	
N.Y. Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Bellinger cf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.198
Judge rf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.432
Rice 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Goldschmidt dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.349
Wells c	4	1	1	1	0	0	.208
Volpe ss	3	1	0	0	0	0	.223
Dominguez lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.223
Grisham cf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Cabrera 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Vivas 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Reyes ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.176
Totals	32	2	5	2	0	4	

a-struck out for Vivas in 8th. b-ran for Morel in 8th.
E: Volpe. **HR:** Judge (11), Wells (6). **RBI:** Mead (3), Caballero (11), Walls (7), Judge (33), Wells (18). **SB:** Simpson 2 (5), Lowe (1), Mead (1), Caballero (8), Misner (2). **SF:** Walls. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 5 (Diaz, Lowe, Camrnero, Misner, Jansen), N.Y. Yankees 1 (Judge). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 1 for 10.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Littell W, 2-5	7.0	3	2	2	0	3	81	4.61
Cleavinger H, 2	0.2	2	0	0	0	1	19	2.19
Uceta H, 5	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.46
Fairbanks S, 7	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2.19

N.Y. Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yarbrough	4.0	1	1	1	3	2	64	3.72
Hamilton	1.0	1	0	0	1	3	30	1.74
Cruz H, 5	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	27	1.45
Leiter Jr. L, 2-3 BS, 3	0.1	2	2	2	1	1	27	.95
Hill	1.2	0	0	0	1	1	15	2.76

Inherited runners: Uceta 2-2, Hill 2-2. **Umpires:** HP-Ramos, 1B-Marquez, 2B-Barrett, 3B-Torres. T: 2:44. A: 44,051 (46,672).

Houston 8, Chi. White Sox 3								
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Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Pena ss	5	0	2	0	0	0	.283
Altuve lf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.268
McCormick lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Paredes 3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.250
Walker 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.190
Diaz c	5	1	2	0	0	1	.218
Caratini dh	4	1	1	0	2	2	.250
Dezenzo rf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.256
Rodgers 2b	3	2	1	0	1	1	.230
Meyers cf	4	2	4	1	0	0	.295
Totals	39	8	13	6	2	9	
Chi. White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Meldroth ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	.289
Vargas 3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.219
Benintendi lf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.232
Robert Jr. dh	4	0	1	0	0	4	.182
Palacios rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.182
Vaughn 1b	4	0	2	2	0	1	.174
Thaiss c	4	0	0	0	1	1	.212
Sosa 2b	4	0	0	0	2	2	.252
Baldwin cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.234
Totals	32	3	6	3	4	13	

E: Meyers. **2B:** Caratini (3), Dezenzo (3), Meyers (5). **3B:** Meyers (1). **HR:** Meyers 2 (2). **RBI:** Dezenzo (4), Meyers 7 (13), Benintendi (12), Vaughn 2 (14). **SB:** Dezenzo (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 4 (Pena, Altuve, Walker 2), Chi. White Sox 1 (Baldwin). **RISP:** Houston 4 for 11, Chi. White Sox 2 for 6. **GIDP:** Paredes, Walker, Meldroth. **DP:** Houston 1, Chi. White Sox 2.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown W, 5-1	6.0	4	3	3	3	9	99	1.67
King H, 9	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	1.72
Abreu	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	15	.193
VanWey	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	18	1.35

Chi. White Sox	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martin	5.0	8	3	3	0	5	88	3.52
Ellard L, 0-2	0.2	0	2	2	2	2	25	6.75
Murfee	1.1	2	1	1	0	0	14	7.82
Shuster	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	28	5.87

Inherited runners: Murfee 2-0. **Umpires:** HP-Dreckman, 1B-Livensparger, 2B-Tomlinson, 3B-Wegner. T: 2:37. A: 20,874 (40,615).

Cleveland 5, Toronto 3									
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Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.328
Jones cf-rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.160
Santana 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.225
d-Arias pr-3b	0	1	0	0	0	0	.242
Manzardo dh-1b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.206
Noel rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.169
c-Naylor ph	0	1	0	0	0	3	.214
Schneemann	4	2	2	5	0	0	.276
2b-3b-2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.188
e-Martinez ph-2b-cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.313
Rocchio ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.185
Hedges c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.133
Totals	31	5	4	5	3	16	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Bichette ss	4	1	1	1	1	1	.284
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.272
Santander dh	4	1	2	0	1	1	.184
Springer lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.322
Vashro cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.214
Barger 3b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.147
a-Clement ph-3b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.225
Lukes lf	0	0	0	0	1	2	.268
b-Straw ph-lf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.280
Heinemann c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.206
Gimenez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.179
Totals	33	3	8	3	5	12	

a-doubled for Barger in 5th. b-flied out for Lukes in 5th. c-walked for Noel in 9th. d-ran for Santana in 9th. e-struck out for Wi.Wilson in 8th.
2B: Santander (5), Springer (8), Clement (4). **HR:** Schneemann 2 (4), Bichette (1). **RBI:** Schneemann 5 (9), Bichette (14), Lukes (8), Heinemann (6). **CS:** Lukes (2). **SB:** Gimenez (9). **SF:** Heinemann. **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 6 (Guerrero Jr., Vashro, Barger 2, Gimenez 2). **RISP:** Cleveland 1 for 2, Toronto 1 for 10. **DP:** Cleveland 1.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Williams	4.0	7	2	2	5	9	100	5.06
Allard W, 2-0	4.0	1	1	1	0	3	53	1.64
Clase S, 6	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	6.28

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gausman	6.0	1	0	0	1	9	94	3.83
Flaherty H, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	24	.208
Green H, 3	1.0	1	1	0	0	3	17	.420
Garcia L, 0-1 BS, 2	0.2	4	2	2	2	3	28	2.45
Roqueez Jr.	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	6	5.54

WP: Williams. **Umpires:** HP-Beck, 1B-Barry, 2B-Bacon, 3B-Bucknor. T: 2:53. A: 40,507 (41,500).

San Francisco 6, Colorado 3									
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Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Doyle cf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.237
Beck lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.265
McMahon 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.153
Goodman c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.266
Toglia 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.200
Martini dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.231
a-Bouchard ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.170
Farmer ss	4	0	2	1	0	0	.250
Moniak rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.190
Amador 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.179
Totals	33	3	5	3	3	9	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Yastrzemski rf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.275
Adames ss	2	1	1	0	1	0	.215
Lee cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.266
Chapman 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.205
Ramos lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Wade Jr. 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.125
Bailey c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.161
Matos dh	1	2	1	1	0	0	.167
Wisely 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Totals	27	6	5	6	6	7	

a-grounded into a fielder's choice for Martini in 8th.

E: Chapman. **2B:** Bailey (5). **HR:** Chapman (7), Matos (2). **RBI:** McMahon (6), Goodman (16), Farmer (7), Lee (19), Chapman 4 (21), Matos (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 2 (Moniak, Amador), San Francisco 2 (Lee 2). **RISP:** Colorado 3 for 7, San Francisco 2 for 5. **GIDP:** Wade Jr. **DP:** Colorado 2.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Blacklock	5.1	2	3	3	2	4	75	6.03
Bird L, 0-1 BS, 1	0.2	3	2	2	3	3	28	2.21
Herget	1.1	0	0	0	1	0	12	2.08

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Hicks	5.0	3	3	3	2	7	88	6.03
Rodriguez W, 2-0	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	15	1.23
Doval H, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1.72
Miller H, 5	1.2	0	0	0	0	1	15	.082
Walker S, 6	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	5.40

Hicks pitched to 3 batters in 6th. **Inherited runners:** Bird 2-0, Herget 3-3, Rodriguez 2-0. **WP:** Bird. **Umpires:** HP-Hanahan, 1B-Guccione, 2B-Rackley, 3B-Moscoco. T: 2:21. A: 40,049 (42,300).



The Cleveland Guardians' Daniel Schneemann celebrates hitting a grand slam in the ninth inning of a May 3 game against the Blue Jays at Rogers Centre in Toronto. NICK TURCHIARO/IMAGN IMAGES



Phillies pitcher Aaron Nola throws during the second inning against the Arizona Diamondbacks on May 3 in Philadelphia. BILL STREICHER/IMAGN IMAGES

Miami 9, Athletics 6									
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Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Butler lf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.242
Rooker dh	5	1	0	0	0	2	.250
Soderstrom lf	5	0	1	0	0	1	.277
Langeliers c	5	0	0	0	0	1	.223
Bleday cf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.231
Wilson ss	3	2	2	0	0	7	.257
Urias 2b	3	1	2	1	0	0	.259
Kurtz 1b	1	0	1	0	2	0	.250
Ursula 3b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.224
a-Schiemann pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	2	.344
Totals	35	6	11	6	4	7	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Edwards ss	2	1	0	1	2	1	.260
Stowers rf	5	2	2	6	0	1	.324
Ramirez c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Wagman 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Mervis dh	3	1	0	0	0	3	.195
Norby 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.220
Myers cf	2	1	0	0	2	1	.344
Sanoja 2b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.305
Simon lf	2	2	1	0	2	0	.250
Totals	30	9	5	8	6	9	

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

Hocevar wins 1st career Cup pole at Texas

Reid Spencer
SPECIAL TO FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

FORT WORTH, Tex. – Ride ‘em, cowboy.

Decked out in Texas-appropriate attire, Carson Hocevar put his No. 77 Spire Motorsports Chevrolet on the pole for Sunday’s WURTH 400 presented by LIQUI MOLY at Texas Motor Speedway (3:30 p.m. ET on FS1, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

With the second fastest lap in the era of the Gen 7 car, Hocevar toured the 1.5 mile track in 28.175 seconds (191.659 mph) to edge 2023 race winner William Byron (191.564 mph) for the top starting position by 0.014 seconds.

The Busch Light Pole Award is the first of Hocevar’s career, and at age 22, he’s the youngest-ever pole winner at Texas.

Clad in a firesuit designed as a cowboy outfit–courtesy of sponsor Chili’s–and sporting a black 10-gallon hat, Hocevar reveled in the moment after his lap stood up to all comers.

“Having the cowboy outfit–what better place to be on the pole,” Hocevar said. “I’m normally so hard on myself, and I didn’t think I nailed that lap at all, but I’m super proud of this team.

“I’m so proud, because I’ve never had



Carson Hocevar won the pole for the NASCAR Cup Series Würth 400 at Texas Motor Speedway on May 3 in Fort Worth, Texas. JAMES GILBERT/GETTY IMAGES

the No. 1 pit stall, and I’ve had a lot of issues with pit road and we’ve had a lot of bad luck. So I finally get the No. 1 pit stall, and I’m pumped about that.”

Austin Cindric, last Sunday’s Talladega winner, qualified third at 191.523 mph in a closely compacted field. Lar-

son, the last driver to make an attempt, was fourth at 191.421 mph.

With 10 drivers to go, Ty Gibbs topped the chart at 191.293 mph, but Michael McDowell, Hocevar’s teammate, eclipsed his time by 0.006 seconds in a lap at 191.333 mph.

NASCAR XFINITY SERIES



Kyle Larson celebrates after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Andy’s Frozen Custard 300 at Texas Motor Speedway on May 3. JEROME MIRON/IMAGN IMAGES

Super sub Larson battles to 20T victory at Texas

Reid Spencer
SPECIAL TO FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

FORT WORTH, Tex. – Crew chief Mardy Lindley called his shot.

“We’ve got to stop to win,” Lindley radioed to driver Kyle Larson, subbing for injured Connor Zilisch in the No. 88 JR Motorsports Chevrolet.

Lindley was right. Larson made a late pit stop and proceeded to win Saturday’s Andy’s Frozen Custard 300 at Texas Motor Speedway in two overtimes.

The victory was Larson’s second of the season, his second at Texas and the 17th of his career, with Larson charging from the seventh position on a Lap 194 restart – behind six cars that stayed out on older tires – to win in two extra periods.

On Lap 188, Larson was cruising to a probable win with a lead of more than six seconds when Corey Day – in the No. 17 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Larson drove to a dominating win at Bristol in mid-April – hit the tire barrier on the inside of Turn 3 to cause the ninth of 11 cautions.

That’s when Lindley made the call to bring Larson to pit road, and ultimately it paid off.

After moving from third to second on the first overtime restart, Larson took the lead from defending race winner Sam Mayer in the second overtime and pulled away to win by 1.265 seconds over Taylor Gray, who

“Thanks to JRM for letting me come run this thing here today. Obviously, I wish Connor was in the car, but it means a lot that they thought of me to call up to run this thing.”

As Larson worked his way through the field twice – once from the 20th starting position and again after an uncontrolled tire penalty sent him to the rear after the first stage break – Allgaier

led a race-high 99 laps and kept Larson at bay until a cycle of green-flag pit stops in the final stage scrambled the running order.

It was during that cycle that Allgaier’s race came to an untimely end. Running 12th after pitting on Lap 153, Allgaier closed fast on the No. 5 Chevrolet of Kris Wright near the exit from Turn 4.

Wright failed to hold the bottom lane and drifted up the track into Allgaier’s line. Allgaier made a move toward the inside but couldn’t avoid Wright’s car. The No. 7 JR Motorsports Chevrolet slammed into the outside wall in the tri-oval, slid down onto the infield grass and ended the race on a wrecker.

Allgaier, who had lost position to Larson during the pit sequence, was gracious in his assessment of the wreck that ended his day.

“The hard part is, ultimately it falls on my shoulders,” Allgaier said. “We’d about gotten crashed a couple laps before the green-flag stop there, and I think they had some damage and he (Wright) was having a bit of a tough time with his race car, and I’m trying to catch back to the 88 and trying to push and ultimately put myself in a bad position ...

“Kyle and I had a great battle, and I was having a lot of fun with it. Obviously, the guy’s ultra-fast in anything that he drives ... I think probably the most disappointing part about today is that it’s my mom’s birthday. I would love to get a trophy and celebrate her birthday with that, but instead I’m standing here talking to you guys.”

Allgaier’s exit opened the door for Mayer, Gray, Austin Hill and Nick Sanchez. Driving the No. 48 Big Machine Racing Chevrolet, Sanchez ran consistently in the top five until the second overtime, when he hit the wall and dropped to 20th at the finish.

FORMULA ONE MIAMI GRAND PRIX

New father Verstappen beats Norris to the pole

REUTERS

Podium like a win

MIAMI – New dad Max Verstappen showed he could be even faster as a father after storming to pole position at the Miami Formula One Grand Prix ahead of McLaren’s Lando Norris on Saturday.

Days after the Red Bull driver and partner Kelly Piquet welcomed daughter Lily, his first child, the four-time champion set a blistering lap of one minute 26.204 seconds around the Hard Rock Stadium.

The pole was an immediate and impressively firm response to being demoted to last in the wet earlier sprint race following a 10-second penalty for an unsafe release in the pitlane and collision with Mercedes’ Kimi Antonelli.

“Clearly it didn’t make me slower as well, being a dad, so that’s the positive,” said Verstappen.

“We can throw that out of the window as well for people mentioning it.”

Norris, winner in Miami last year after Verstappen also secured pole for that race, was 0.065 slower and possibly taking comfort in the knowledge that no driver has won from pole at the track since the race debuted in 2022.

Antonelli, the 18-year-old who became the youngest ever pole sitter in the sprint, qualified third fastest with McLaren’s championship leader Oscar Piastri completing the second row in fourth.

Norris had earlier won the sprint, trimming second-placed Australian Piastri’s advantage to nine points, and now has a great chance to make further inroads.

“Congrats to Max, especially being a dad now. I was hoping it would slow him down,” joked the Briton.

“Max did a Max lap once again and I can’t fault him. I’m happy and excited for tomorrow.”

George Russell qualified fifth for Mercedes with Williams’ Carlos Sainz sixth and teammate Alex Albon seventh to make up for the disappointment of being demoted from the points in the sprint.

“A podium would be a win tomorrow. Realistically, the McLarens are out of reach. Max’s race pace has been surprisingly good recently,” said Russell.

“We talk a lot about McLaren but Red Bull are still strong.

“Hopefully a bit more rain will spice things up a bit.”

Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc will start eighth, after missing the sprint race due to a crash on the way from the pitlane to starting grid, and Esteban Ocon qualified ninth for Haas with Red Bull’s Yuki Tsunoda 10th.

Seven-times world champion Lewis Hamilton, third in the sprint, came swiftly back down to earth when he qualified only 12th for Ferrari.

“We will keep trying. We are only six races in but we are struggling big time,” said the 40-year-old.

Further back, Jack Doohan made it to the second phase and outqualified Alpine teammate Pierre Gasly for the first time with 14th place.

Haas rookie Ollie Bearman qualified last while Aston Martin had another disappointing session with Fernando Alonso, who crashed in the sprint, 17th and Lance Stroll 19th.

Verstappen was fastest in the first phase, again ahead of Norris, but Piastri then made it a McLaren one-two in phase two with every likelihood of continuing that way in the final shootout.

Verstappen ripped up the script to secure his third pole in six races and second in a row, as well as becoming the first driver to take a repeat pole in Miami.



Max Verstappen drives around the Miami International Autodrome on May 3 during qualifying for the Miami Grand Prix. SAM NAVARRO/IMAGN IMAGES

GOLF

PGA TOUR

Scheffler enjoying big lead at Byron Nelson

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

World No. 1 golfer Scottie Scheffler stayed in position for his first victory of the year by shooting 4 under through 17 holes of the third round of the CJ Cup Byron Nelson before play was suspended because of darkness Saturday at McKinney, Texas.

Scheffler, at 22 under for the tournament, will have plenty of work to do on the final day of the tournament as he holds a seven-stroke lead on the TPC Craig Ranch course.

Adam Schenk and South Africa's Erik van Rooyen are at 15 under, both notching 65s for the third round.

Kurt Kitayama and Ricky Castillo are next at 14 under.

Scheffler birdied Nos. 14 and 15 to extend his lead.

Until a late wave of finishers, France's Antoine Rozner had the best score at 13 under following his third-round 63 among golfers to complete the third round. He had nine birdies and a bogey.

Rozner is tied with Colombia's Nico Echavarria (66), while Eric Cole, Sam Stevens, Venezuela's Jhonattan Vegas,

Denmark's Rasmus Hojgaard also are within range.

Scheffler carried a six-stroke advantage into the third round. He reached 20 under for the tournament before his first bogey of the week, taking a 4 on the fourth hole.

He had two more birdies before a bogey at No. 11.

The third round didn't begin until the afternoon after a large number of golfers had to finish play from Friday's suspended second round. Scheffler completed the second round Friday, while some golfers had yet to complete a hole in that round.

Seventy golfers made the cut. Among those failing to advance by one stroke was Canada's Taylor Pendrith, the defending champion who was at 4 under following a second-round 71.

Davis Riley had an eventful conclusion of the second round. He used an eagle putt to catapult passed the cutline. That came after earlier in the round he self-reported a two-shot penalty for using a distance-measuring device slope feature.

This is the third week the PGA Tour is testing the device.



Scottie Scheffler lines up a putt on the first green during the third round of the CJ Cup Byron Nelson on May 3 in McKinney, Texas. RAYMOND CARLIN III/IMAGN IMAGES

ROUNDUP

Ryu keeps lead entering final round at Black Desert

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

South Korea's Haeran Ryu, who has led the Black Desert Championship since the opening round, will take a two-stroke lead into Sunday's final round after posting a 4-under-par 68 on Saturday in Ivins, Utah.

Ryu leads China's Ruoning Yin, who is two back after vaulting up the leaderboard with an impressive bogey-free 10-under 62, the lowest round of this year's event at the Club at Carlton Woods' Nicklaus Course.

Esther Henseleit of Germany is three shots off the lead following her 4-under 68 on Saturday, with the trio of Thailand's Chanettee Wannasaen (67) and Ariya Jutanugarn (69) and Taipei's Wei-Ling Hsu (69) four shots back of Ryu.

China's Yan Liu (65 on Saturday), Japan's Rio Takeda (65) and Canada's Brooke M. Henderson (66) are six shots back of the lead.

Ryu, who is seeking her third victory on the LPGA Tour, opened her round with a bogey – one of three on the day – but added four of her five birdies on the front nine and sank an eagle on the par-4 11th hole.

“Today was such a long day because too many winds today and then the course is more firmer than last two rounds,” said Ryu, who sits at 18-under-par 198. “So I just want to keep staying on the fairway, but that’s too hard for me.”



Haeran Ryu hits a drive from the ninth tee during the third round of the Black Desert Championship on May 3 in St. George, Utah. SEAN M. HAFEEY/GETTY IMAGES

Yin, who was tied for 24th after two rounds, sank 10 birdies – five each on the front nine and back nine – to put herself into title contention. She hit four straight birdies on Nos. 12-15 and missed only one green and one fairway in regulation in the third round.

“I did not,” Yin said when asked if she thought she would shoot a 62. “Honestly, did not see that coming. But after the first day here and shoot pretty low, I was like, ‘OK, that’s doable.’ I just tried to put the ball on the fairway, green, and make some putts.”

Henseleit endured an up-and-down day, notching eight birdies – including four in a row on Nos. 10-13 – but also a pair of bogeys and an unfortunate double bogey on the final hole.

LIV Golf

Bryson DeChambeau fired a 6-under 66 to seize a four-stroke lead heading into the final round at LIV Golf Korea in Incheon.

DeChambeau improved to 13-under 131 after carding his second consecutive bogey-free round at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club. The Crushers GC captain is the solo leader after 36 holes for a record-setting third straight LIV Golf tournament.

The previous two tournaments didn't end well for DeChambeau, who led by two strikes entering the final round in Miami last month before falling to Australian Marc Leishman. He led by one shot last week in Mexico City before Joaquin Niemann rallied to victory.

DeChambeau said he plans to keep it simple when asked what he needs to do



Bryson DeChambeau putts on the fifth green during the second round of LIV Golf Korea on May 3 in Incheon, South Korea. CHUNG SUNG-JUN/GETTY IMAGES

to win this tournament.

“It’s just to play like a kid, have a lot of fun, be smart, execute like you know how to, and just solidify the motion, make sure I’m moving through it right, and keep playing the golf that I know how to play,” he said.

England's Richard Bland, the defending Senior U.S. Open and Senior PGA Championship winner, shot a 69 on Saturday to reside in second place at 9-under.

“This kind of course is tailor-made for him,” Bland said of DeChambeau, the reigning U.S. Open winner. “I’ve probably got to shoot something in double digits [under par] to get anywhere near

him.”

Bland sits one stroke ahead of the quartet of Charles Howell III (66), Jason Kokrak (67), South African Dean Burmeister (68) and first-round co-leader Talor Gooch (71).

As for the team competition, Smash GC resides in first place at 21-under – six strokes ahead of Torque GC, Range-Goats GC and DeChambeau's Crushers.

“Along with myself, I don't think (Brooks Koepka), Graeme (McDowell) or Gooch have gotten off to a very good start [to the 2025 season] at all team-wise, individual-wise, kind of collectively,” Kokrak said of his complete team.

PGA Tour Champions

Sunday's final round of the Insuperity Invitational will feature a bunched-up leaderboard after several golfers turned in stellar second rounds at The Woodlands (Texas) Country Club.

Among those was South Africa's Retief Goosen, who shot a 5-under 67 to move into a tie for first place with Canadian Mike Weir (5-under 70 on Saturday), both at 9 under for the tournament.

Goosen sank seven birdies, four on the back nine, but he also bogeyed Nos. 11 and 17.

“I didn't get off to a great start, but then suddenly I started making a few birdies. I didn't play well at all, but my putter was red hot,” Goosen said. “I made everything, you know. I don't know how many meters of putts in the last two rounds.”

The 54-year-old Weir has one Champions Tour win, at this event in 2020 – his first year on the circuit. Goosen, 56, has three Champions wins, one each in 2019, 2022 and 2024.

However, there are plenty of others in contention.

Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez shot a 5-under 67 to move one stroke behind the leaders. South Korea's Y.E. Yang is also at 8 under following his 4-under 68 in the second round.

Three golfers lurk at 7 under: Australia's Steve Allen, who tied for the best round Saturday (65), Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee (70) and Stewart Cink (66).

Three more sit three strokes behind the leaders – Argentina's Angel Cabrera (70), Joe Durant (68) and Billy Mayfair (69), all at 6 under.

TENNIS MADRID OPEN



Aryna Sabalenka plays a backhand against Coco Gauff during the women's final at the Mutua Madrid Open on May 3. JULIAN FINNEY/GETTY IMAGES

Sabalenka beats Gauff for her 3rd Madrid title

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka withstood a second-set charge from No. 4 Coco Gauff to win 6-3, 7-6 (3) and earn her record-tying third Mutua Madrid Open title on Saturday.

Sabalenka started out strong, winning four straight games without conceding a point and building a dominant 4-1 lead. Gauff battled back with a break before the Belarussian broke again with her second set point to finish off the first set, 6-3, in 35 minutes.

The second set proved more of a challenge for Sabalenka. Gauff switched up her serve more and secured a break for a 3-1 advantage before saving two break points for a 4-2 lead.

However, when Gauff had a chance to put away the set at 5-4, she twice double faulted, allowing Sabalenka to break back and ultimately win in a tie-break on Gauff's eighth double fault.

"I'm super happy that I was able to handle my emotions at the end of the second set. It was really intense and it was a real fight over there," Sabalenka told the Tennis Channel after the match. "I'm very happy I was able to

close this match in two sets.

It was Sabalenka's fourth Madrid final in the past five years, having won in 2021 and 2023 and falling last year to Iga Swiatek, who was dominated by Gauff in a 6-1, 6-1 semifinal loss Thursday.

Sabalenka tied Czech Petra Kvitova for most Madrid titles. Kvitova won in 2011, 2015 and 2018.

Sabalenka's win marks her third WTA title of the year. She also won in Brisbane and Miami, joining Serena Williams (2013) as the only players to win Miami and Madrid in the same season.

"I saw she (Gauff) was struggling a bit in the beginning of the year and I'm happy that she made it to the finals and I'm happy she's finding her rhythm," Sabalenka said.

Gauff and Sabalenka now have an even head-to-head record with five wins apiece. Gauff beat Sabalenka in their only other meeting on clay, in 2021 in Rome.

"I'd like to congratulate Aryna on an incredible tournament. You're always tough to face," Gauff said after the match.

COMMENTARY

Should Ewers have played for the Buckeyes in 2025?



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Somewhat lost in the hysterics of Shedeur Sanders' slide in the NFL draft was Quinn Ewers' equally precipitous drop.

If Sanders' plummet into the fifth round was astounding – some draftniks predicted the Colorado quarterback would be a top-five overall pick – at least Deion's kid did not experience the dread of wondering if he even would get drafted. It was always going to happen.

Not so much with Ewers. Though not projected to be a first-day selection, the Texas quarterback could not have foreseen mingling with the unwashed "others" in the seventh round. The former five-star "can't miss" recruit – Ewers earned a perfect 1.0000 rating in the 247Sports composite – began his college career at Ohio State before transferring to Texas after one season. But the injury bug bit him hard in Austin, and his throwing mechanics need a serious tune-up.

Thank goodness Miami took him with the 231st pick overall or else ... wait a minute, in Ewers' case *not* getting drafted might have been the better option. Seventh-round picks average about \$4 million for a rookie four-year contract. Undrafted free agents get about \$850,000 but often sign only a three-year contract, meaning they can become free agents one year sooner, and free agency is where the big bucks are.

Undrafted rookies also get to choose their team, although landing with the Dolphins is not so terrible for Ewers. Miami starter Tua Tagovailoa has struggled to stay healthy and backup Zach Wilson has bounced around after getting picked second overall in the 2021 draft. Ewers could get on the field sooner than expected. Or he could languish on the bench for years. Or worse, get cut sooner than later.



Texas quarterback Quinn Ewers speaks to the media during the NFL Scouting Combine on Feb. 28. JUSTIN CASTERLINE/GETTY IMAGES

But let's back up a second and offer another scenario. What if Ewers had stayed in college? With another year of eligibility, he could have tested the open market by entering the transfer portal, where as a veteran quarterback who led Texas to back-to-back College Football Playoff semifinals, he would have commanded more in NIL money than what he will start off making with the Dolphins.

With Texas quarterback Arch Manning pushing hard to win the starting job, it's not outlandish to think Ewers could have left Texas and collected at least \$5 million, and probably much more, from a school with deep pockets in need of a tested high-caliber quarterback. A school like, say, Ohio State.

Wouldn't that be rich? Ewers could have returned to the Buckeyes for his final year and opened the season starting against his former school for the second consecutive game. Ohio State opens against Texas in 2025.

The Buckeyes defeated the Ewing-led Longhorns 28-14 in the Cotton Bowl en route to winning the national championship.

With Ewers, you know what you're getting: A gunslinger who at his best is capable of winning any game (but at his worst can lose any game).

Derby

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Journalism finished a neck in front of Baeza for second place. Final Gambit rounded out the superfecta in fourth.

The Bob Baffert-trained Citizen Bull led a quartet of early front-runners that also included Neoequos, Owen Almighty and American Promise.

As the leaders faded, Journalism took the lead off the final turn and dueling with Sovereignty down the stretch until the latter took over.

"I could feel turning for home he was going to get there," Alvarado said. "When we hit the eighth-pole, I knew there was no horse that was going to be coming."

Sovereignty earned \$3.1 million for Godolphin, giving Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum his first Kentucky Derby winner in 13 tries. It came one day after the Godolphin-owned Good Cheer won the Kentucky Oaks.

Sovereignty, a bay colt by Into Mischief, improved to 3-2-0 in six career starts and entered the Kentucky Derby off a second-place finish in the Florida Derby. Baffert's bid to become the winningest trainer in Kentucky Derby history was thwarted when Citizen Bull finished 15th.

"This is the first time he ran in the mud, and he didn't like it," Citizen Bull jockey Martin Garcia said. "He never felt comfortable and never fired."

Baffert remained tied with Ben Jones with six Kentucky Derby wins. It was Baffert's first trip to the Kentucky Derby since 2021 after suspensions forced him to miss the race from 2022-24.

Journalism became the seventh straight post-time favorite to not win the Kentucky Derby. Justify (2018) was the last favorite to win the Run for the Roses and went on to capture the Triple Crown.

"On the turn for home he opened up, but I saw the blue silks (of Sovereignty) coming at us," Journalism trainer Michael McCarthy said. "I knew that was the one we were going to have to be concerned about. (Journalism) ran on the best he could, and he ran a very good race. But the winner ran a better race."

Whether Sovereignty continues on the Triple Crown road — next up is the Preakness on May 17 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore — remains to be seen.



Jockey Junior Alvarado celebrates atop of Sovereignty after winning the 151st running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on May 3 in Louisville, Kentucky. ALEX SLITZ/GETTY IMAGES



Trainer Bill Mott poses with Tina Mott after Sovereignty won the the Kentucky Derby on May 3 at Churchill Downs. MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY IMAGES

Mott didn't get that chance in 2019, as Country House contracted a virus following his Kentucky Derby victory and never raced again.

Michael Bahanan, Godolphin USA's director of bloodstock, wasn't ready to

commit Saturday night to heading to the Preakness.

"He ran really hard today," Bahanan said. "Especially when you get a closer from off the pace, they have to lay their body on the line a little bit. We'll see how he comes out of it. If he responds well, maybe we look at that."

Mott wasn't thinking much, either, about the Preakness on Saturday night. He recalled listening to the Kentucky Derby for the first time in 1967 on AM radio "in the front seat of a GMC pickup" as a teenager in Fort Pierre, South Dakota.

He recalled arriving as a trainer at Churchill Downs in 1980, setting up shop at the same Barn 19 where he's still stationed this day.

"Churchill has really been special for me and my growth as a trainer," Mott said. "I've trained for so many really good people from Kentucky that have supported me, and it carried over to today."

"This is the icing on the cake, but I still want to win more."

SOCCER

MLS ROUNDUP

San Diego hands Dallas 1st road loss of season

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Hirving Lozano recorded two goals and two assists in San Diego FC's 5-0 rout over visiting FC Dallas on Saturday. San Diego (5-4-2, 17 points) decisively ended its three-match losing streak with the biggest margin of victory in its inaugural season. The previous high was a 3-0 win over the Seattle Sounders on April 5. FC Dallas (4-4-3, 15 points) sustained their most lopsided defeat of the season, as well as their first away loss. The Toros were 3-0-3 in their previous six road matches. San Diego goalkeeper CJ dos Santos made two saves for his fourth shutout of the season.

Columbus 4, Charlotte 2

Dylan Chambost scored his first MLS goal to help the Crew to a win over visiting Charlotte FC to move into first place in the Eastern Conference. Chambost got the Crew (7-1-3, 24 points) on the board in 25th minute and Diego Rossi added a penalty kick in the 39th before Wilfried Zaha made it 2-1 with a penalty in the 45+2. Aziel Jackson upped the lead to 3-1 in the 51st only to see Liel Abada counter 13 minutes later for Charlotte. Jacen Russell-Rowe, who started after Daniel Gazdag was injured during warmups, made it 4-2 in the 81st with a header from a cross by Max Arfsten.

Miami 4, NY Red Bulls 1

Luis Suarez and Marcelo Weigandt each had one goal and one assist to help Inter Miami record a victory over the New York Red Bulls in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Lionel Messi added his first MLS goal since April 6 and Fafa Picault also found the back of the net for Inter Miami (6-1-3, 21 points). Mohammed Sofo had the lone tally for the Red Bulls (4-4-3, 15 points), who remain winless (0-3-2) on the road this season. New York had allowed just nine goals in 10 matches before Miami put on an offensive show. The Herons have scored seven goals in their past two MLS matches but lost the first one, 4-3 to FC Dallas last Sunday.

Seattle 4, St. Louis 1

Obed Vargas and Nouhou Tolo each had a goal and an assist as the Sounders defeated visiting St. Louis City in a Western Conference match. Danny Musovski and Albert Rusnak also scored and substitute Ryan Kent had a pair of assists for the Sounders (4-3-4, 16 points), who extended their unbeaten streak to four matches (3-0-1). Marcel Hartel tallied for St. Louis (2-5-4, 10 points), which is winless in its past seven matches (0-5-2). Vargas broke a 1-1 tie in the 61st minute after a nifty give-and-go from Kent just outside the top left of the penalty area. Vargas' shot from 12 yards out de-



San Diego FC midfielder Hirving Lozano scores on a penalty kick against FC Dallas on May 3 in San Diego. CHADD CADY/IMAGN IMAGES

flected off defender Timo Baumgartl and inside the near post.

San Jose 4, Portland 1

Cristian Espinoza scored his third and fourth goals of the season for his first brace in nearly two years, and the Earthquakes defeated the visiting Timbers. Espinoza also had an assist, while Cristian Arango scored his seventh goal, tied atop MLS, and assisted two more as the Earthquakes (4-6-1, 13 points) snapped a three-match losing streak. Ousseni Bouda added a late insurance tally for San Jose on a night they were out attacker Josef Martinez to a lower body injury. Martinez is second on the team with six goals. DeJuan Jones had his first two assists since joining the Earthquakes from the Columbus Crew. Daniel made four stops for the Earthquakes.

Minnesota 3, Austin 0

Joaquin Pereyra scored one goal and assisted on another as Minnesota United rolled to a win over host Austin FC in a Western Conference match. The Loons (5-2-4, 19 points) won for the first time since April 6 but earned points for the third time in four matches. Minnesota is unbeaten in nine of its past 10 outings and rebounded from a 3-1 loss at home to West-leading Vancouver on April 27. Minnesota goalkeeper Dayne St. Clair stopped four shots for his sixth clean sheet of the year. Austin (5-5-1, 16 points) dropped its second straight match without finding the net and was held without a goal for the fifth time this season. Ten games into the season, the Verde have just seven goals, have scored more than one goal in a match just once and carry a goal differential of minus-6, next to last in the West.

Philadelphia 2, Montreal 1

Mikael Uhre scored the eventual match-winning goal in the 84th minute as the visiting Union defeated CF Montreal. Uhre, who entered as a second-half substitute with just over 15 minutes remaining, scored his second goal of the season for the Union (7-3-1, 22 points), who have won three matches in a row. Montreal (0-8-3, 3 points) snapped a three-match goalless streak in MLS play, but has lost back-to-back outings in the league campaign. Uhre's goal came after Jovan Lukic dispossessed Montreal's Mahala Opuku with Montreal looking to advance the ball forward.

D.C. United 2, Colorado 1

Hosei Kijima scored in stoppage time in the first half and D.C. United shut down the visiting Colorado Rapids the rest of the way in a 2-1 win on Saturday night. Returning to the lineup after missing a game with a quad injury, Christian Benteke also scored as D.C. United (3-5-3, 12 points) captured their second win in their last three matches. The goals for D.C. came three minutes apart after Colorado (4-3-4, 16 points) took a 1-0 lead in the 43rd minute on a header by Darren Yapi. It was just the third win for D.C. United in their last 19 all-competition matches at home.

Vancouver 2, Salt Lake 1

Despite missing a key player to injury, the Whitecaps defeated Real Salt Lake to run their unbeaten streak to six matches. Jayden Nelson and Tristan Blackmon provided the goals for Vancouver (8-1-2, 26 points). Salt Lake (4-7-0, 12 points) has lost three of its last four matches. Its

goal came on penalty kick by Diego Luna. Vancouver opened the scoring in the 20th minute. Nelson broke free of one of Vancouver's many counterattacks, evaded numerous Salt Lake defenders, and found himself with a somewhat open look on goal 12 yards from goal.

New England 2, Toronto 0

Carles Gil and Leo Campana scored first half goals, leading the visiting Revolution to a victory over Toronto FC. With the victory, New England (5-4-1, 16 points) stretched its win streak to four matches. The Revs also have four consecutive clean sheets and have surrendered just seven goals in 10 matches. New England keeper Aljaz Ivacic made two saves to preserve the clean sheet.

LAFC 2, Houston 0

Nathan Ordaz and Jeremy Ebobisse scored goals to lead Los Angeles FC to a victory over the visiting Dynamo. Denis Bouanga set up the second goal on his highly active night for Los Angeles FC (5-4-2, 17 points), which stretched its MLS unbeaten streak to four matches (2-0-2). Hugo Lloris notched his fourth shutout of the season during a quiet outing in which Houston didn't put a single shot on target. The Dynamo (2-5-4, 10 points) took four shots overall while seeing a four-match (2-0-2) unbeaten streak come to an end.

Nashville 1, Atlanta 1

Daniel Lovitz scored a game-tying goal in the 66th minute for visiting Nashville SC, helping the club rally for a draw against Atlanta United. Nashville (5-4-2, 17 points) finished with 12 shot attempts – five on goal – opposed to Atlanta's six shot attempts, two of which were on goal. After erupting for seven goals in its win against Chicago last week, Nashville has picked up at least one point in three of its last four games. Atlanta (2-5-4, 10 points) found the back of the net first on Miguel Almiron's goal in the 20th minute, snapping a three-game scoreless drought. The club also snapped a three-game losing streak but hasn't posted a victory since March 29.

Orlando 0, Chicago 0

Orlando City's Pedro Gallese made eight saves as his team settled for a draw at the 10-man Fire. Gallese's strong performance, particularly during the first half when the teams had even numbers, helped Orlando (4-2-5, 17 points) extend a shutout stretch to five matches (1-0-4). But the Lions' inability to take advantage of Chicago goalkeeper Chris Brady's 35th-minute dismissal meant Orlando had to settle for a fifth draw during an eight-match unbeaten run.

NWSL ROUNDUP

Reyes' early strike leads Thorns to win over Pride

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Defender Reyna Reyes' goal in the 16th minute held up as the Portland Thorns earned a 1-0 victory over the visiting Orlando Pride on Saturday night. Portland (3-2-3, 12 points) controlled play from the outset and never gave the potent Pride (5-2-0, 15 points) much opportunity to threaten while securing a third straight match without a loss. The Thorns, who held a 7-4 advantage with on-target shots, have won six straight home matches versus Orlando, which has dropped two of three. The home side held a good chunk of possession out of the gate and was rewarded for its work Off a nifty touch pass from Reilyn Turner, Reyes found just enough of an opening at the top of the box to drill the ball past Orlando keeper Anna Moorhouse. Though the Pride modestly threatened at times in the first half, notably via star Barbra Banda, Portland nearly extended its lead just prior to the 40-minute mark. After Moorhouse came too far out of her goal, Pride center back

Zara Chavoshi stepped in front of the line to kick away Turner's strike. Moorhouse exited early in the second half for reported concussion observation. She was replaced by McKinley Crone. Meanwhile, Orlando's only true scoring chance of the night came just past the 60-minute mark. On the attack, Banda found Ally Watt in the box, but she didn't get enough on her shot to prevent Thorns keeper Mackenzie Arnold from making the save.

North Carolina 2, Utah 0

Buoyed by Ashley Sanchez's second goal of the season, the Courage claimed a victory over the Royals in Sandy, Utah. North Carolina (2-3-2, 8 points) won its second straight match after going winless through its first five contests. The Courage also earned their first road win and have lost just once in four road matches. Casey Murphy picked up her second clean sheet of the season. Utah (1-5-1, 4 points) dropped its second straight contest after struggling to



Thorns FC defender Reyna Reyes, center, celebrates after scoring a goal against the Orlando Pride on May 3 in Portland, Oregon. TROY WAYRYNEN/IMAGN IMAGES

generate sufficient scoring chances once again. The Royals have tallied only four goals through their first seven matches. They have been shut out in four of their five losses. North Carolina finished with a 16-9 advantage in total shots. The Courage generated six shots on goal while limiting Utah to only a single ball on frame.

Sanchez put North Carolina on the board in the 12th minute. She struck quickly after latching onto a ball deflected to the top of the box. Sanchez settled the ball and blasted it back down the middle. The Courage increased their lead in the 43rd minute after Kate Del Fava made a defensive mistake that led to an own goal.

SCOREBOARD

All times Eastern				
MLB				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees	19	14	.576	–
Boston	18	17	.514	2
Toronto	16	17	.485	3
Tampa Bay	15	18	.455	4
Baltimore	13	19	.406	5½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	21	13	.618	–
Cleveland	19	14	.576	1½
Kansas City	18	16	.529	3
Minnesota	14	20	.412	7
Chi. White Sox	9	24	.273	11½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	20	12	.625	–
Houston	17	15	.531	3
Athletics	18	16	.529	3
Texas	16	18	.471	5
L.A. Angels	13	19	.406	7
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Mets	22	11	.667	–
Philadelphia	19	14	.576	3
Washington	15	19	.441	7½
Atlanta	14	18	.438	7½
Miami	13	19	.406	8½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago Cubs	21	13	.618	–
Cincinnati	18	16	.529	3
Milwaukee	16	18	.471	5
St. Louis	14	19	.424	6½
Pittsburgh	12	22	.353	9
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	23	10	.697	–
San Diego	21	11	.656	1½
San Francisco	21	13	.618	2½
Arizona	17	16	.515	6
Colorado	6	27	.182	17
Thursday's Scores				
Chicago Cubs 8, Pittsburgh 3				
Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 1				
Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 2				
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 3				
Arizona 4, N.Y. Mets 2				
Chi. White Sox 8, Milwaukee 0				
Athletics 3, Texas 0				
Washington 4, Philadelphia 2				
Toronto 4, Boston 2				
Detroit 10, L.A. Angels 4				
Colorado 4, San Francisco 3				
Friday's Scores				
Cincinnati 6, Washington 1				
San Diego 9, Pittsburgh 4				
Philadelphia 3, Arizona 2				
Baltimore 3, Kansas City 0				
N.Y. Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 0				
Toronto 5, Cleveland 3				
Boston 6, Minnesota 3				
Athletics 6, Miami 1				
L.A. Dodgers 2, Atlanta 1				
Chi. White Sox 7, Houston 3				
Seattle 13, Texas 1				
Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 0				
N.Y. Mets 9, St. Louis 3				
Detroit 9, L.A. Angels 1				
San Francisco 4, Colorado 0				
Saturday's Scores				
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 2				
Houston 8, Chi. White Sox 3				
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, PPD Rain				
Cleveland 5, Toronto 3				
San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 1				
San Francisco 6, Colorado 3				
Minnesota 4, Boston 3				
Miami 9, Athletics 6				
Philadelphia 7, Arizona 2				
Washington 11, Cincinnati 6				
Seattle 2, Texas 1				
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 2				
L.A. Dodgers 10, Atlanta 3				
Kansas City 4, Baltimore 0				
L.A. Angels 5, Detroit 2				
Sunday's Games				
Kansas City (Lorenzen 3-6) at Baltimore (Gibson 0-1), 1:35 p.m.				
Minnesota (Paddock 0-3) at Boston (Crocket 3-2), 1:35 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Bradley 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 1-1), 1:35 p.m.				
San Diego (Pivetta 5-1) at Pittsburgh (Heaney 2-2), 1:35 p.m.				
Cleveland (Bibee 2-2) at Toronto (Francis 2-4), 1:37 p.m.				
Athletics (Lopez 0-1) at Miami (Cabrera 0-1), 1:40 p.m.				
Arizona (Rodriguez 1-3) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 2-1), 2:05 p.m.				
Houston (McCullers Jr.) at Chi. White Sox (Wilson 0-1), 2:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Imanaga 3-1) at Milwaukee (Peralta 3-2), 2:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Canning 4-1) at St. Louis (Pallante 2-2), 2:15 p.m.				
Seattle (TBD) at Texas (deGrom 1-1), 2:35 p.m.				
Colorado (Marquez 0-5) at San Francisco (Webb 3-2), 4:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Olson 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Kochanowicz 1-4), 4:07 p.m.				
Washington (Gore 2-3) at Cincinnati (Martinez 1-3), 4:10 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (TBD) at Atlanta (Elder 1-1), 7:10 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
L.A. Dodgers (May 1-1) at Miami (Alcantara 2-3), 6:40 p.m.				
Cleveland (Ortiz 2-3) at Washington (Irvin 2-0), 6:45 p.m.				
San Diego (King 3-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Rodon 4-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Ginger 4-0) at Atlanta (Smith-Shawver 1-2), 7:15 p.m.				
San Francisco (Roupp 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Boyd 2-2), 7:40 p.m.				
Chi. White Sox (Smith 1-1) at Kansas City (Cameron), 7:40 p.m.				
Houston (Blanco 2-2) at Milwaukee (Myers 0-0), 7:40 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Mlodzinski 1-3) at St. Louis (Mikolas 0-2), 7:45 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Peterson 2-1) at Arizona (Burnes 0-1), 9:40 p.m.				
Seattle (Miller 2-3) at Athletics (Severino 1-3), 10:05 p.m.				
MLB Leaders				
American League				
Batting Average – Judge, New York 430; Goldschmidt, New York 361; Bregman, Boston 331; Kwan, Cleveland 323; Wilson, Athletics 320; Springer, Toronto 314; Witt Jr., Kansas City 312; McKinstry, Detroit 311; Campbell, Boston 301; Aranda, Tampa Bay 298.				
Home Runs – Raleigh, Seattle 12; Judge, New York 10; O'Hoppe, Los Angeles 9; Soderstrom, Athletics 9; Trout, Los Angeles 9; Polanco, Seattle 9; Torkelson, Detroit 9; Bregman, Boston 8; Grisham, New York 8; Rooker, Athletics 8.				
RBI – Judge, New York 32; Bregman, Boston 27; Torkelson, Detroit 26; Polanco, Seattle 25; Soderstrom, Athletics 24; Raleigh, Seattle 23; Devers, Boston 21; Abreu, Boston 21; Mullins, Baltimore 20; Pasquantino, Kansas City 20.				
Stolen Bases – Robert Jr., Chicago 13; Duran, Boston 11; Witt Jr., Kansas City 9; Arozarena, Seattle 8; Gimenez, Toronto 8; Mangum, Tampa Bay 8; Ramirez, Cleveland 8; Story, Boston 7; Buxton, Minnesota 7; Garcia, Kansas City 7.				
Wins – Fried, New York 6; Mize, Detroit 5; Clase, Cleveland 4; Springs, Athletics 4; Sears, Athletics 4; Brown, Houston 4; Woo, Seattle 4; Rodon, New York 4; Buehler, Boston 4; Lorenzen, Kansas City 3.				
ERA – Fried, New York 1.01; Mahle, Texas 1.19; Brown, Houston 1.22; Crochet, Boston 2.05; Eovaldi, Texas 2.11; Skubal, Detroit 2.21; Smith, Chicago 2.23; Bubic, Kansas City 2.25; Woo, Seattle 2.58; Anderson, Los Angeles 2.67.				
Strikeouts – Rodon, New York 52; Crochet, Boston 50; Skubal, Detroit 48; Ryan, Minnesota 47; Eovaldi, Texas 46; Ragans, Kansas City 46; Gilbert, Seattle 44; Bassitt, Toronto 43; Brown, Houston 40; Fried, New York 39.				
Saves – Munoz, Seattle 11; Miller, Athletics 10; Estevez, Kansas City 9; Jackson, Texas 8; Hader, Houston 8; Hoffman, Toronto 7; Jansen, Los Angeles 6; Bautista, Baltimore 6; Fairbanks, Tampa Bay 6; Kahnle, Detroit 5.				
National League				
Batting Average – Tatis Jr., San Diego .345; Alonso, New York .345; Donovan, St.				

Louis .333; Stowers, Miami .320; Lux, Cincinnati .317; Naylor, Arizona .316; Turang, Milwaukee .315; Lee, San Francisco .314; Arraez, San Diego .313; Frelick, Milwaukee .307.				
Home Runs – Suarez, Arizona 10; Schwarber, Philadelphia 10; Carroll, Arizona 9; Wood, Washington 9; Hernandez, Los Angeles 9; Suzuki, Chicago 9; Edman, Los Angeles 8; Alonso, New York 8; Tucker, Chicago 8; Cruz, Pittsburgh 8.				
RBI – Hernandez, Los Angeles 32; Alonso, New York 30; Flores, San Francisco 29; Suzuki, Chicago 29; Tucker, Chicago 29; Perdomo, Arizona 26; Schwarber, Philadelphia 25; Lowe, Washington 25; Edman, Los Angeles 24; De La Cruz, Cincinnati 24.				
Stolen Bases – Cruz, Pittsburgh 14; De La Cruz, Cincinnati 13; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago 12; Scott II, St. Louis 11; Ohtani, Los Angeles 9; Tucker, Chicago 8; Turang, Milwaukee 8; Berti, Chicago 7; Tatis Jr., San Diego 7; Perdomo, Arizona 7.				
Wins – Pivetta, San Diego 5; Pfaadt, Arizona 5; Canning, New York 4; King, San Diego 4; Singer, Cincinnati 4; Yamamoto, Los Angeles 4; Greene, Cincinnati 4; Quintana, Milwaukee 4; Ray, San Francisco 4; Holmes, New York 4.				
ERA – Yamamoto, Los Angeles 0.90; Pivetta, San Diego 1.78; Luzardo, Philadelphia 1.94; King, San Diego 2.09; Lodolo, Cincinnati 2.25; Heaney, Pittsburgh 2.50; Peralta, Milwaukee 2.52; Greene, Cincinnati 2.53; Boyd, Chicago 2.70; Skenes, Pittsburgh 2.74.				
Strikeouts – Gore, Washington 59; Wheeler, Philadelphia 57; Greene, Cincinnati 55; Webb, San Francisco 50; Yamamoto, Los Angeles 49; Luzardo, Philadelphia 47; Meyer, Miami 47; Sale, Atlanta 46; King, San Diego 46; Gallen, Arizona 43.				
Saves – Suarez, San Diego 12; Finnegan, Washington 10; Pagan, Cincinnati 8; Scott, Los Angeles 8; Diaz, New York 7; Alvarado, Philadelphia 6; Iglesias, Atlanta 5; Doval, San Francisco 5; Walker, San Francisco 5; Pressly, Chicago 4.				
NBA				
Playoffs				
First Round (Best-of-7)				
Monday's Games				
Cleveland 138 Miami 83, Cavaliers win series 4-0				
Golden State 109, Houston 106				
Tuesday's Scores				
Indiana 119, Milwaukee 118, Pacers win series 4-1				
Detroit 106, N.Y. Knicks 103				
Boston 120, Orlando 89, Celtics win series 4-1				
Denver 131, L.A. Clippers 115				
Wednesday's Scores				
Houston 131, Golden State 116				
Minnesota 103, L.A. Lakers 96				
Timberwolves win series 4-1				
Thursday's Scores				
N.Y. Knicks 116, Detroit 113, Knicks win series 4-2				
L.A. Clippers 111, Denver 105				
Friday's Scores				
Houston 115, Golden State 107, series tied 3-3				
Saturday's Score				
Denver 120, L.A. Clippers 101, Nuggets win series 4-3				
Sunday's Games				
Indiana at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.				
Scoring Averages				
	GP	PPG		
Antetokounmpo, MIL	5	33.0		
Tatum, BOS	4	31.3		
Doncic, LAL	5	30.2		
Brunson, NYK	5	29.8		
Banchero, ORL	5	29.4		
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	4	27.8		
Edwards, MIN	5	26.8		
Wagner, ORL	5	25.8		
Cunningham, DET	5	25.4		
James, LAL	5	25.4		
Rebounds Per Game				
	GP	AVG		
Antetokounmpo, MIL	5	15.4		
Jokic, DEN	5	12.8		
Duren, DET	5	11.6		
Tatum, BOS	4	11.3		
Sengun, HOU	5	11.0		
Adebayo, MIA	4	11.0		
Carter Jr., ORL	5	10.8		
Allen, CLE	4	10.3		
Zubac, LAC	5	10.2		
Gobert, MIN	5	9.8		
Assists Per Game				
	GP	AVG		
Halliburton, IND	5	11.6		
Jokic, DEN	5	11.0		
Cunningham, DET	5	8.8		
Harden, LAL	5	8.6		
Brunson, NYK	5	8.4		
Antetokounmpo, MIL	5	6.8		
Mitchell, MIA	4	6.3		
Curry, GSW	4	6.3		
Edwards, MIN	5	6.3		
Hart, NYK	5	6.3		
Blocks Per Game				
	GP	AVG		
Holmgren, OKC	4	2.8		
Edey, MEM	4	2.5		
Turner, IND	4	2.2		
Duren, DET	5	2.0		
Horford, BOS	5	1.8		
James, LAL	5	1.8		
Towns, NYK	5	1.6		
Batum, LAL	5	1.4		
Cunningham, DET	5	1.4		
Harris, DET	5	1.4		
Steals Per Game				
	GP	AVG		
Trent Jr., MIL	5	2.6		
Allen, CLE	4	2.5		
Anunoby, NYK	5	2.4		
Caruso, OKC	4	2.3		
Dlvincozen, MIN	5	2.0		
Green, GSW	5	2.0		
James, LAL	5	2.0		
Jokic, DEN	5	2.0		
Bridges, NYK	5	1.8		
Hart, NYK	5	1.8		
NHL				
Playoffs				
First Round (Best-of-7)				
Tuesday's Scores				
Ottawa 4, Toronto 0				
Carolina 5, New Jersey 4, 2OT, Hurricanes win series 4-1				
Vegas 3, Minnesota 2, OT				
Edmonton 3, L.A. Kings 1				
Wednesday's Games				
Washington 4, Montreal 1, Capitals win series 4-1				
Florida 6, Tampa Bay 3, Panthers win series 4-1				
Winnipeg 5, St. Louis 3				
Thursday's Games				
Toronto 4, Ottawa 2, Maple Leafs win series 4-2				
Vegas 3, Minnesota 2, Golden Knights win series 4-2				
Colorado 7, Dallas 4, series tied 3-3				
Edmonton 6, L.A. Kings 4, Oilers win series 4-2				
Friday's Score				
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 2, series tied 3-3				
Saturday's Score				
Dallas 4, Colorado 2, Stars win series 4-1				
Sunday's Game				
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.				
SOCCER				
MLS				
Eastern Conference				
	W	L	T	Pts
Columbus	7	1	3	24
Philadelphia	7	3	1	22
Cincinnati	7	2	1	22
Inter Miami CF	6	1	3	21
Charlotte FC	6	4	1	19
Nashville	5	4	2	17
Orlando City	4	2	5	17
New England	4	5	1	16
NY Red Bulls	4	4	3	15
NY City FC	4	4	2	14
Chicago	3	4	4	13
D.C. United	3	5	3	12
Atlanta	2	5	4	10
Toronto FC	1	6	4	7
CF Montreal	0	8	3	5
Western Conference				
	W	L	T	Pts
Vancouver	8	1	2	26
Minnesota	5	2	4	19

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