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CASH BOOST FOR

Mayor, Council put back $514M for 3-K and other



Pre-K services and other education programs may be getting much needed funding, according to a City Hall source. SHUTTERSTOCK

BY CAYLA BAMBERGER AND CHRIS SOMMERFELDT
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Mayor Adams and the City Council restored $514 million in spending Friday to bolster 3-K and more than a dozen other education programs previously funded by expiring pandemic aid.

Close to $1 billion in federal stimulus is still propping up the public school system this year, including key Adams administration priorities such as dyslexia services, special education preschool programs and school safety partnerships with outside organizations.

Those initiatives and more – including some 3-K program slots, shelter-based Education Department staff and arts funding – will receive additional funds in the mayor's executive budget to be released next week, the Daily News first reported.

"We had to find a way to ensure that we can keep these programs in place," Adams said at a press conference at P.S. 34 Franklin D. Roosevelt in Alphabet City.

"Thanks to our strong fiscal management and a booming economy," he continued, "we have stabilized the city budget and our fiscal outlook."

While some funding for mental health staff and preschool special education programs is permanent, other temporary dollars for 3-K and the arts are only accounted for the upcoming school year.

"We are not using budgetary tricks," Adams said. "You can't have a cross-your-fingers government and hope for the best. You have to make smart decisions."

The announcement also included new funding to help connect families with young children to education programs. The city is earmarking $5 million for outreach efforts to boost preschool enrollment and $8 million toward the child care portal, MyCity.

Some councilmembers have blamed tens of thousands of vacant preschool seats on the Adams administration scaling back outreach initiatives.

Kim Sweet, executive director of Advocates for Children of New York, cheered the restorations, but said additional programs remain on the chopping block, such as preschool special education and free child care for undocumented immigrants.

"There's still work to do on our education budget, but today's announcement is surely a critical step forward," Council Speaker Adrienne Adams said at the press conference.

The city's public schools have received $7 billion in temporary funding since the pandemic.

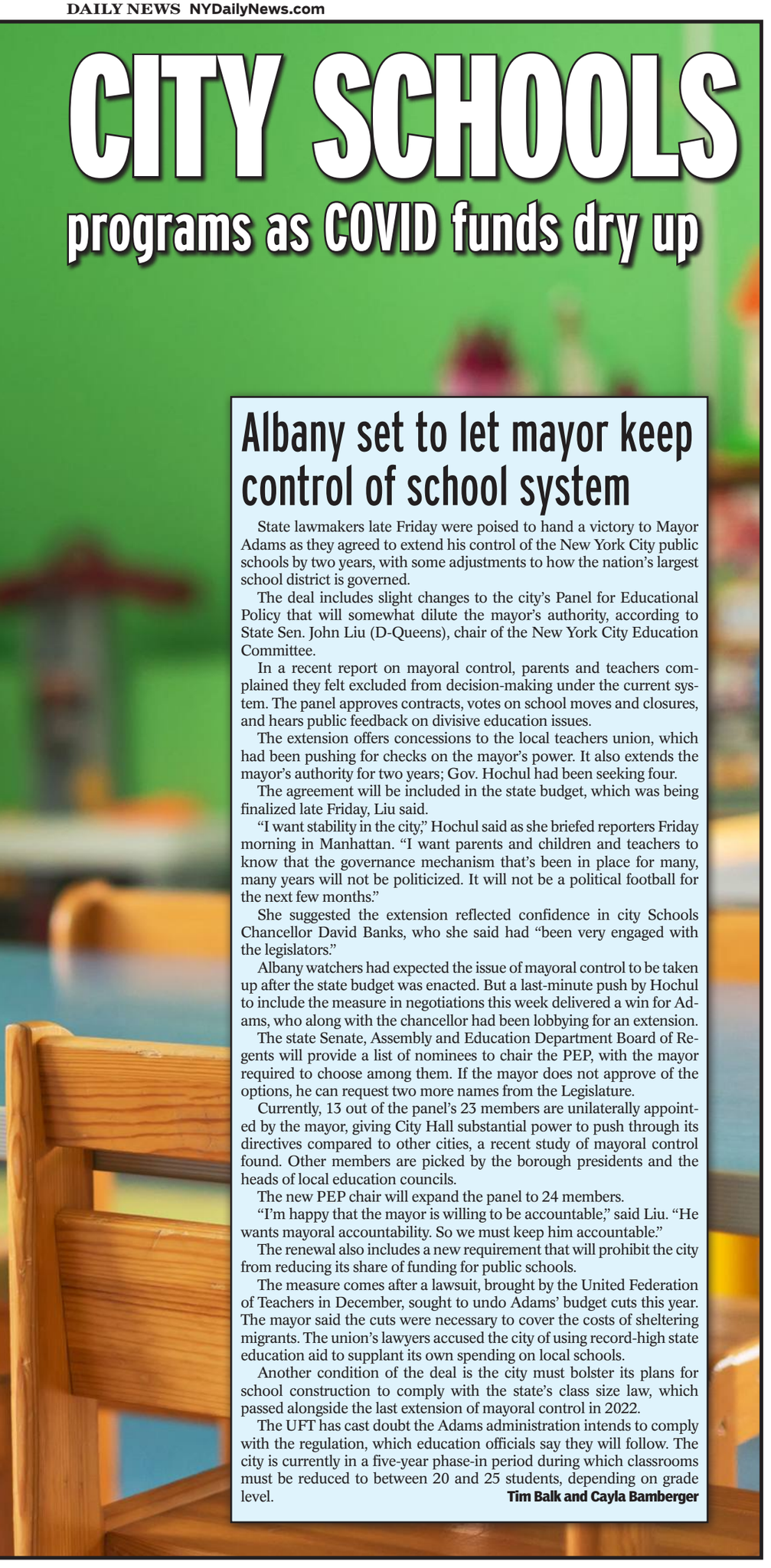
Parents who, in an increasingly unaffordable city, are wondering whether all families who want a free preschool seat will get one, have been rallying for the restoration of 3-K funding.

They joined members of the Council with young kids, who formed a "New Parents Caucus," outside City Hall on Thursday to push Adams to reverse the preschool cuts.

Some early childhood advocates said the $92 million allocated for 3-K is not enough.

"While the Mayor's decision to reverse some funding cuts is a step in the right direction, it falls entirely short of the investment and infrastructure needed to fund a truly universal 3-K and pre-K as so many parents in New York City thought they could rely on," said Rebecca Bailin, executive director of New Yorkers United for Child Care.

The Education Department's early childhood division faced two rounds of cutbacks for next school year that, combined with the looming fiscal cliff as federal pandemic aid expires, amounted to an almost $263 million funding gap.



CITY SCHOOLS

programs as COVID funds dry up

Albany set to let mayor keep control of school system

State lawmakers late Friday were poised to hand a victory to Mayor Adams as they agreed to extend his control of the New York City public schools by two years, with some adjustments to how the nation's largest school district is governed.

The deal includes slight changes to the city's Panel for Educational Policy that will somewhat dilute the mayor's authority, according to State Sen. John Liu (D-Queens), chair of the New York City Education Committee.

In a recent report on mayoral control, parents and teachers complained they felt excluded from decision-making under the current system. The panel approves contracts, votes on school moves and closures, and hears public feedback on divisive education issues.

The extension offers concessions to the local teachers union, which had been pushing for checks on the mayor's power. It also extends the mayor's authority for two years; Gov. Hochul had been seeking four.

The agreement will be included in the state budget, which was being finalized late Friday, Liu said.

"I want stability in the city," Hochul said as she briefed reporters Friday morning in Manhattan. "I want parents and children and teachers to know that the governance mechanism that's been in place for many, many years will not be politicized. It will not be a political football for the next few months."

She suggested the extension reflected confidence in city Schools Chancellor David Banks, who she said had "been very engaged with the legislators."

Albany watchers had expected the issue of mayoral control to be taken up after the state budget was enacted. But a last-minute push by Hochul to include the measure in negotiations this week delivered a win for Adams, who along with the chancellor had been lobbying for an extension.

The state Senate, Assembly and Education Department Board of Regents will provide a list of nominees to chair the PEP, with the mayor required to choose among them. If the mayor does not approve of the options, he can request two more names from the Legislature.

Currently, 13 out of the panel's 23 members are unilaterally appointed by the mayor, giving City Hall substantial power to push through its directives compared to other cities, a recent study of mayoral control found. Other members are picked by the borough presidents and the heads of local education councils.

The new PEP chair will expand the panel to 24 members.

"I'm happy that the mayor is willing to be accountable," said Liu. "He wants mayoral accountability. So we must keep him accountable."

The renewal also includes a new requirement that will prohibit the city from reducing its share of funding for public schools.

The measure comes after a lawsuit, brought by the United Federation of Teachers in December, sought to undo Adams' budget cuts this year. The mayor said the cuts were necessary to cover the costs of sheltering migrants. The union's lawyers accused the city of using record-high state education aid to supplant its own spending on local schools.

Another condition of the deal is the city must bolster its plans for school construction to comply with the state's class size law, which passed alongside the last extension of mayoral control in 2022.

The UFT has cast doubt the Adams administration intends to comply with the regulation, which education officials say they will follow. The city is currently in a five-year phase-in period during which classrooms must be reduced to between 20 and 25 students, depending on grade level.

Tim Balk and Cayla Bamberger

Budget takes aim at unlicensed weed shops

BY TIM BALK
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Gov. Hochul and Mayor Adams celebrated Friday after securing tools in the state budget to crack down on unlicensed cannabis shops, and offered a blunt message to the illicit sellers: City and state authorities are coming after them.

"This is your warning," declared Adams, carrying a padlock at a news conference with Hochul in Midtown Manhattan. "You will be locked out if you attempt to continue to sell illegal items."

Hochul vowed the city's sprawling gray market of cannabis shops would face a "reckoning," saying that illegal shops had correctly assessed they would largely face consequences for flouting the state's cannabis retailing laws.

"The insanity stops right now," said Hochul, a Democrat. "I'm using the power of the state budget to give us the tools we need at the state and local level to shutter these illegal shops once and for all."

Hochul and state lawmakers negotiated a package in the state budget that would deliver an arsenal of weapons to curb the spread of the illicit marijuana market.

It would allow the city to use its Police Department to close illicit shops; empower the state to revoke tobacco, liquor and lottery licenses from unlicensed cannabis sellers; and establish new fines for retailers that violate padlock orders.

Adams had pushed hard for the state to offer an explicit expansion of city authority to crack down on the shops. But he crowed that the legislative text allowing the revocation of various licenses – a plan targeted at bodegas violating the rulings – went further than he could have "ever imagined."

"This is a part of the bill that we could only have hoped for," Adams said.

To this point, the city and state have struggled mightily to fight off the illegal shops, which popped up across the city after the state legalized recreational cannabis in 2021. The state has licensed legal sellers at a glacial pace, allowing the illicit market to flourish.

City Hall has estimated that at least 2,800 illegal cannabis shops are operating citywide. As of earlier this month, there were 40 legal dispensaries in the city, according to the state Cannabis Management Office.

Many of the unlicensed shops target children and attract crime, according to officials.

Adams and Hochul acknowledged that New Yorkers are frustrated.

But they promised change.

The governor underlined that the state intends to accelerate the licensing process. Last month, she commissioned a comprehensive review of the state's licensing system that is now wrapping up.

"We'll weed out the illegitimate shops, and clear the way for the licensed owners so they can grow their budding businesses and realize their dreams," Hochul promised.

"Here in New York City, I have no doubt that enforcement will start immediately. "

Reprieve for B'klyn Downstate Hospital

New York State will not shutter a state-run central Brooklyn teaching hospital that had landed on the chopping block under a state budget draft, Gov. Hochul's office said Friday.

"It is not closing its doors in the near term," Kathryn Garcia, New York's director of state operations, told reporters in Manhattan.

The preservation of the medical center, University Hospital at Downstate, came after strong community pushback to a blueprint by the Hochul administration that could have closed the health care center and moved some of its services into a city-run hospital across the street.

More than 70% of residents who live near the hospital opposed efforts to close it and move its services, according to a poll released last month by labor interests lined up against the plan.

In late February, the Rev. Al Sharpton led a hundreds-strong rally in opposition to the planned closure. And lawmakers responded to the Hochul administration proposal with a blueprint of their own to safeguard the hospital.

The 342-bed medical center is nestled in the predominantly Black neighborhood of East Flatbush.

The area suffers from a shortage of health care options. A January state Health Department analysis reported that hospital quality is "generally low across Brooklyn and is lowest in communities with a large proportion of Black residents."

The Downstate Hospital houses the lone kidney transplant program in Brooklyn and one of two high-level perinatal care centers in the borough, according to the office of the local state senator, Zellnor Myrie.

Legislative text folded into the state budget creates a community advisory board for the "modernization and revitalization" of the hospital. It also provides for $100 million to cover operating expenses, and $300 million for the hospital's capital needs, according to Hochul's office.

Lawmakers were poised to pass the bill text Friday afternoon.

"It's a huge win for the community," said Brian Cunningham, the local assemblyman.

Tim Balk

Jury is assembled for Don hush money trial

BY MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN AND JOSEPHINE STRATMAN
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The action-packed first week of Donald Trump's Manhattan hush money trial ended Friday with 12 seated jurors and six alternates locked in – and a fourth failed bid by the former president to sabotage it, paving the way for prosecutors to begin presenting their case.

Four women and one man were selected as the final alternates around midday, completing the jury selection process after four days of hundreds of Manhattanites being surveyed about whether they could judge the evidence against Trump with an open mind. Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan told them to plan on coming back for opening statements on Monday.

The panelists – seven men and five women selected to serve – are poised to make history by weighing the first-ever criminal charges brought against an American president and determining whether Trump is a felon before voters head to the polls in November.

Their selection came as several prospective panelists said they felt unable to participate in such a high-stakes case, expressing fear after the gravity of the case sunk in.

"I think, possibly, I have really bad anxiety," one woman told the court. "The more days that go on and more and more people in my life know that I'm here without me even telling them, they just put pieces together."

Another woman said she had every intention of keeping an open mind when summoned to the downtown courthouse earlier this week for jury selection but no longer felt she could realistically be fair.

"I want to be, and I had every intention," she said. "I think after the questions posed to prospective jurors, and asking those questions to myself, I don't think I can be impartial."

Judge Merchan excused both women without either side objecting.

Just after the slate of alternates was chosen, disturbing news broke of a man setting himself on fire in front of the courthouse. The man, identified by authorities as Maxwell Azzarello, 37, reportedly threw pamphlets that contained a QR code linking to an online manifesto in the air, before dousing and lighting himself on fire. Despite the timing, there was no indication of any grievance against Trump or the trial.

The trial proceeded uninterrupted.

"The entire court is impacted by this. The court officers rushed to help aid the man. Everyone who works in this building every day, their heart goes out to this incident," courts spokesman Al Baker told the Daily News.

"The judge himself has expressed concern for him, but in terms of the timing, and the process is unchanged. The court proceeding will continue."

Later Friday, Judge Merchan heard arguments from both sides after jury selection regarding what evidence the jury could see, which he's expected to rule on next week. And a New York midlevel appeals court judge denied another of Trump's efforts to upend the trial timeline – the fourth in less than two weeks. After hearing a last-minute emergency motion, 1st Dept. Associate Justice Marsha Michael denied the request to pause the trial until Trump's request to move it out of Manhattan is decided.

Trump sat hunched over at the defense table most of the day, reading through paperwork as the potential jurors addressed the court. He did not answer questions about the self-immolation as he entered the courtroom.

Outside court, he slammed a gag order prosecutors say he's violated eight times alone this week.

"The gag order has to come off," Trump said. "People are allowed to speak about me and I have a gag order, just to show you how much more unfair it is."

Trump has pleaded not guilty to 34 felonies alleging he repeatedly and fraudulently falsified New York business records to cover up a hush-money scheme intended to hide damaging information from the voting public in 2016.

The charges relate to a $130,000 payment his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, made to adult film actress Stormy Daniels that he allegedly reimbursed him for in 2017, as well as payoffs to former Playboy model Karen McDougal and a Trump Tower doorman.

Daniels and McDougal, who are expected to testify, both allege they slept with Trump at a Lake Tahoe charity golf tournament in 2006, less than two years after he wed Melania and they became parents to Barron Trump. He denies both women's claims.

As he seeks the White House once again, Trump is facing a total of 88 felonies across four states, containing allegations of criminal conduct dating from the year before he took office to the year he left. The allegations run the gamut from falsifying records to plotting to overthrow democracy. He has decried all charges as part of a Democrat-led "witch hunt."

LIGHTS SELF

But Trump not the reason – Florida



Max Azzarello (left) getting ready to light himself on fire in Collect Pond Park outside the building where former President Donald Trump's hush money trial is underway. Azzarello was in the hospital in critical condition Friday.

BY MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN, JOSEPHINE STRATMAN, ROCCO PARASCANDOLA AND THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A Florida man, Max Azzarello, set himself on fire in a city park across from Manhattan Criminal Court where former President Trump's hush money trial was being held Friday to draw attention to an array of conspiracy theories including his belief that ivy league colleges were "fronts for the mob," authorities said.

There was no indication, however, Azzarello had any specific grievances related to the trial or Trump.

Court officers and cops monitoring the press outside the courthouse raced over to put out the pillar of fire that consumed Azzarello in a penned off section of Collect Pond Park across the street at about 1:30 p.m.

"I was about 20 to 30 feet from him. I started yelling, 'This guy's doing something, he might be doing something!' " Fred Gates, who witnessed the fire, told the Daily News. "When he… when the fire (broke out) it was just disbelief. I never saw anything like this."

Gates said Azzarello was quite calm as he took two gas cans out of his backpack.

"(He) put them down on the ground, just slow calm. Then he took a bunch of fliers out of his backpack, threw them into the air and then he picked up one can and dumped it on himself and then he picked up another and dunked the other half of himself and by that time I was running."

Authorities at a press conference identified the man as Azzarello, of St. Augustine, Fla. He remained in critical condition Friday.

Azzarello, described by authorities as a conspiracy theorist, posted a rambling manifesto just before the blaze began.

"I am an investigative researcher who has set himself on fire outside of the Trump trial in Manhattan," the 37-year-old Floridian wrote. "This extreme act of protest is to draw attention to an urgent and important discovery: We are victims of a totalitarian con, and our own government (along with many of their allies) is about to hit us with an apocalyptic fascist world coup."

A QR code on fliers he had on him directed people to where his manifesto was posted online, officials said.

Azzarello recently arrived in Manhattan from Florida, cops said. Investigators believe he was staying at the SoHo 54 Hotel, where an Arizona man beat sex worker Denisse Oleas-Arancibia to death in February, a police source with knowledge of the case said.

Dressed in a grey T-shirt and dark pants, Azzarello calmly

ON FIRE OUTSIDE COURT

man just wanted to publicize his conspiracy theories



walked to the center of the block-long park before he suddenly threw all his pamphlets into the air, NYPD Chief of Department Jeffrey Maddrey said.

"He then takes a canister and pours some kind of liquid on himself and lights himself on fire," Maddrey said. "The male takes a couple of steps while he's on fire and eventually falls into a police barrier and falls down to the ground."

Azzarello caught fire, as did a small patch of concrete where some of the accelerant, described as an alcohol-based liquid used for cleaning, had spilled, Maddrey said. The flames reached about 8 feet high as first responders tried to put out the blaze, images from the incident show.

"They used coats, they used fire extinguishers," Maddrey said. "Eventually, the FDNY responds and was able to extinguish the fire."

EMS rushed Azzarello to New York Presbyterian-Cornell Hospital where he was in critical condition Friday afternoon. Three cops and a court officer were also taken to area hospitals suffering from smoke inhalation, Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh said.

A 73-year-old man walking through the park heard a clattering of the papers when they hit the ground – then saw something he wished he hadn't.

"The papers were kind of stiff. That drew my attention," the man, who identified himself as Dave, said. "I saw him take out a can of liquid and put it over his head.

"He doused himself real good at which point I thought This is going to be awful," Dave said. "He then took out a lighter and lit himself on fire."

It took first responders a while to put out the blaze, Dave said. "He was fully aflame. It was pretty bad. I don't want to talk about it."

Word of the self-immolation occurred as prosecutors and Trump's attorneys finished selecting alternate jurors for the hush money trial involving porn actress Stormy Daniels, which is expected to continue on Monday.

An investigation into the incident was continuing Friday.

A LinkedIn page in Azzarello's name indicates he went to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill between 2005 and 2009. He earned a masters in city regional planning at Rutgers University.

His rambling screed touched on ponzi schemes, bank failures, the rise of cryptocurrency, the television show "The Simpsons" and Harvard University, which he called "one of the largest organized crime fronts in history."

"To my friends and family, witnesses and first responders, I deeply apologize for inflicting this pain upon you," Azzarello wrote about his alleged self-immolation. "But I assure you it is a drop in the bucket compared to what our government intends to inflict."

NYPD Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny said Azzarello's fliers were "propaganda based."

"(It was) almost like a conspiracy theory type of pamphlet," Kenny said. "It had information in regards to ponzi schemes and that some of our local education institutes are fronts for the mob. There's a bit of a conspiracy theory going on here."

Azzarello has no criminal record in New York and he wasn't on anyone's radar, cops said.

"We do not believe he was targeting any person or group," Kenny said. "He's a conspiracy theorist."

Surveillance cameras recorded Azzarello walking into the park. Detectives were investigating how he made his way to the park and were also looking for his car, Kenny said.

Detectives have reached out to Azzarello's family, who said they didn't know he was in the Big Apple, Kenny said.

The NYPD was expected to review security procedures both inside and outside the courthouse following Friday's fire. The park was open to the public Friday afternoon so Azzarello "did not breach the security protocols" the NYPD made with court officers and the secret service, Maddrey said.

"We will reassess our security with our federal partners."

Despite the horrific distraction, the Trump trial proceeded, said Al Baker, a spokesman for New York State Courts.

"The entire court is impacted by this. The court officers rushed to help aid the man," Baker said. "Everyone who works in this building every day, their heart goes out to this incident. The judge himself has expressed concern for him, but in terms of the timing, and the process that is unchanged, the court proceeding will continue."

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FEAR AMID PROTESTS ON COLUMBIA CAMPUS

Dozens of Jewish students says they feel threatened by renewed demonstrations, ask to take classes remotely



BARRY WILLIAMS FOR NYDN

BY CAYLA BAMBERGER
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Defiant students at Columbia University continued Friday to protest the war in Gaza as some Jewish students, citing ongoing tension on campus, requested permission to study remotely.

The Jewish students said they felt threatened by the large, unrelenting protests surrounding the campus gates. One masked protester reportedly vowed to a group of Jewish students passing through campus to repeat Oct. 7 "10,000 more times."

"We do not feel safe walking to nor around campus," read the open letter with 97 signatures as of Friday night. "We urge the administration to allow us to attend classes virtually until the situation has entirely de-escalated."

One day after university President Minouche Shafik tapped the NYPD to clear a campus encampment and arrest more than 100 demonstrators, dozens of students took over another campus lawn with blankets and Palestinian flags. They got up before the sun rose and called on their classmates to join them with warm clothes and blankets, social media posts from overnight show.

A large sign from the original series of tents, pitched earlier this week continued to advertise the "Gaza Solidarity Encampment."

Throughout the day, the protesters continued to chant and dance. The campus chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace, which was one of two student organizations suspended from campus last semester, was organizing a Sabbath celebration in the encampment zone.

One undergraduate student told the Daily News that the more university administrators try to "silence us," the more she and her classmates will fight back.

"Seriously, that's why we're here," she said. "Because you can't tell us to shut up."

The encampment went up shortly before Shafik earlier this week defended in front of Congress her handling of rising campus antisemitism amid the Israel-Hamas war.

Pro-Palestinian protesters, including students from CUNY and New York University, on the perimeter of Columbia, continued to show support for Columbia students. Campus gates were locked for the fifth day in a row.

Chapters of Students for Justice in Palestine throughout the country, including at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Miami University in Ohio, shared photos of their own tent demonstrations on social media to back Columbia.

"While the encampment has been dismantled, our community has had protest activity on campus since October, and we expect that activity to continue," a university spokesperson said.

"We have rules regarding the time, place, and manner that apply to protest activity and we will continue to enforce those. We remain in regular contact with our students and student groups and are committed to ensuring the core functions of the University continue."

NYPD said 113 people were arrested Thursday at Columbia, including several more protesters since Mayor Adams and top police brass held a press conference that night.

On Wednesday before sunrise, student protesters at Columbia set



Pro-Israel supporters and pro-Palestinian supporters carry on demonstrations at Columbia University.

up dozens of green tents on the main campus lawn, demanding the university divest its finances from companies and institutions that profit from Israel.

Columbia instructed participants to disperse by the late morning. When many students refused, university officials delivered an ultimatum: leave that night or face suspensions.

"During the suspension, you may not go to class or hand in work related to courses and therefore may not be able to complete your current courses. Your CUID will be deactivated, you will not have access to classrooms and other parts of campus and may not participate in University activities," read the notification.

After multiple warnings, cops in riot gear moved in early Thursday afternoon and arrested all demonstrators. Most were released with a summons for trespassing but told to return home.

Columbia officials said Friday that students who face suspensions in general will be able to return to their dorms. Some students at Barnard College lost access to residence halls as a result of the disciplinary action.

With just weeks left in the semester, it was unclear Friday if the suspensions would jeopardize students' chances of finishing their coursework.

"We faculty asked if students' devices could please be kept separately so that students might have a chance to finish their school work," said Rebecca Jordan-Young, a professor of women's, gender and sexuality studies at Barnard.

But a photo of student belongings tossed in a pile went viral on social media.

"Their devices and all belongings were gathered up and thrown into trash bags and bins as if it was somehow a public safety emergency to get not just the students but all their belongings off that lawn," Jordan-Young said.

With Téa Kvetenadze and Thomas Tracy

Israel & Iran downplay attacks, hope for calm

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM – Israel and Iran on Friday both played down an apparent Israeli airstrike near a major air base and nuclear site in central Iran, signaling the bitter enemies are ready to prevent their latest eruption of violence from escalating into a full-blown regional war.

But the indecisive outcome of weeks of tensions – which included an alleged Israeli strike that killed two Iranian generals, an unprecedented Iranian missile barrage on Israel and the apparent Israeli strike early Friday in the heart of Iran – did little to resolve the deeper grievances between the foes and left the door open to further fighting.

"It appears we're closer than ever to a broad regional war, despite the fact that the international community will most likely make a great effort to de-escalate tensions," wrote Amos Harel, the military affairs commentator for the Israeli daily Haaretz.

Israel has long considered Iran to be its greatest enemy – citing the Islamic Republic's calls for Israel's destruction, its controversial nuclear program and its support for hostile proxies across the Middle East.

These tensions have risen since Hamas and Islamic Jihad, Iranian-backed Palestinian groups, attacked Israel on Oct. 7, sparking a devastating Israeli offensive in Gaza that has continued for more than six months. Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed proxy in Lebanon, immediately began striking Israeli targets, opening up tit-for-tat fighting along a second front, while Iranian-backed militias in Iraq, Syria and Yemen have also fired missiles and drones at Israel throughout the war.

While Israel and Iran have waged a shadow war for years, mostly in neighboring Syria, they have largely avoided direct confrontations.

That changed after an April 1 airstrike killed two Iranian generals at an Iranian diplomatic compound in the Syrian capital of Damascus. Although Israel did not comment, Iran blamed Israel for the strike and vowed revenge.

Iran responded with its first-ever direct attack on Israel, launching over 300 missiles and attack drones late last Saturday night. Israel, working with a U.S.-led international coalition, said it intercepted 99% of the incoming fire, though a handful of missiles managed to land, causing minor damage to an Israeli military base and wounding a young girl.

In Friday's attack, Iranian state television said that air defense batteries fired in several provinces over reports of drones in the air. Iranian army commander Gen. Abdolrahim Mousavi said crews targeted several flying objects.

"The explosion this morning in the sky of Isfahan was related to the shooting of air defense systems at a suspicious object that did not cause any damage," Mousavi said.

Authorities said air defenses fired at a major air base near Isfahan, which long has been home to Iran's fleet of American-made F-14 Tomcats – purchased before the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Isfahan also is home to sites associated with Iran's nuclear program, including its underground Natanz enrichment site, which has been repeatedly targeted by suspected Israeli sabotage attacks. The apparent attack Friday came on Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's 85th birthday.

State television described all Iranian atomic sites in the areas as "fully safe." The United Nations' nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, also said there was "no damage" to Iran's nuclear sites.

Iranian officials made no mention of possible Israeli involvement. That could be intentional, particularly after Iranian officials for days have been threatening to respond to any Israeli retaliatory attack.

Israel also had no comment on the attack, though one hard-line government minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, hinted at his dissatisfaction, with a one-word tweet early Friday, using a slang word for weak or lame.

But Italy's foreign minister, Antonio Tajani, said at a summit of Western leaders in Capri that the U.S. received "last-minute" information from Israel about the attack. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken did not dispute that, but said: "We were not involved in any offensive operations."

Yoel Guzansky, a former Iran expert in the Israeli prime minister's office, said Israel appears to have carried out the attack to "check off a box" by sending a message to Iran without doing anything too provocative that could upset the United States, which had urged restraint, or spark further Iranian retaliation.

"It seems very limited, to send a message that 'we can strike you inside of Iran,' " said Guzansky a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies, a Tel Aviv think tank.

He said "the current round" of violence appears to be over, but that "nothing has changed" with Israel still facing Iranian-backed threats on various fronts.

Woman dies when Jeep flips over in Bronx



THEODORE PARISIENNE FOR NYDN

Jeep is a mangled wreck after woman lost control and died on the Bronx River Parkway early Friday. A passenger in the vehicle was critically injured.

BY THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A 30-year-old woman was killed early Friday when the out-of-control Jeep she was driving crashed, flipped over and tumbled across a Bronx highway, police said.

A 34-year-old man riding in the Jeep was in critical condition at the hospital following the 3:15 a.m. crash, officials said.

The woman was heading north at a high rate of speed on the Bronx River Parkway when her 2007 Jeep Commander smashed into a guardrail just before the Boston Road exit, cops said.

The Jeep overturned repeatedly as it tumbled away from the guardrail onto a grass shoulder. The woman was thrown from the Jeep as it flipped and died at the scene, police said. Her name was not immediately disclosed.

Firefighters and emergency medical technicians freed her passenger from the mangled wreck and rushed him to Jacobi Hospital, where he is expected to survive but has suffered substantial internal and external injuries, cops said.

It was not immediately disclosed how fast the Jeep was going when it crashed.

Northbound lanes to the Bronx River Parkway were temporarily shut down as the NYPD Highway Collision Squad investigated the crash Friday.

Cops nab man in stab slaying

Victim died in dad's arms after dispute over parking in Bronx

BY THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Cops have arrested the 45-year-old Bronx man who knifed a neighbor to death in a fight over parking, leaving his victim to die in his father's arms, police said Friday.

Vladimir Lopez German was located and taken into custody Thursday evening, less than 24 hours after he allegedly stabbed Dominic Aguilera in the heart outside the apartment building where they both lived on Featherbed Lane near Inwood Ave.

Aguilera and his father Jose Cruz were getting ready to leave for work together when a downstairs neighbor, believed to be German, knocked on their door to demand the 19-year-old Bronxite move his vehicle, which was double parked and blocking his car.

Aguilera went downstairs and moved his silver Mercedes sedan a few feet away, but German, an Uber driver, was still enraged, the father told the Daily News Thursday.



Vladimir Lopez German (left) appears in Bronx Criminal Court to face charges of knifing Dominic Aguilera (right) to death on Wednesday. BARRY WILLIAMS FOR NYDN

German yelled at Aguilera and stabbed him across the chest – penetrating his heart – said Cruz, 52. The bleeding youth staggered at 8:23 a.m. into a nearby Morris Heights deli, where his father rushed to join him.

"I saw my son die. He passed away in my arms," said the dad, who employed Aguilera at his Mount Vernon auto body shop. "Our whole family is in shock. We never expected anything like this."

Paramedics rushed Aguilera to Lincoln Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, according to police.

The victim's dad was haunted by Aguilera's last words.

"Dad, don't let me die," he recalled the youth saying.

German jumped into his sedan and sped off before police arrived. Witnesses quickly identified German as the killer to police, who fanned out looking for the suspect.

Police charged German with murder, manslaughter and weapons possession. His arraignment in Bronx Criminal Court was pending Friday.

Double parking in the area happens all the time, said the manager of the deli where Aguilera died.

"People double-park cars and block people who are legally parked, so when you want to get out, you can't get out," Wendy Reinoso said. "That's what happened here."

Reinoso recalled seeing Aguilera staggering into her deli covered in blood.

"When the kid came in, he was bleeding and then I called 911," she said. "He was bleeding a lot."

Reinoso said the young man died on the floor of her bodega as workers applied pressure to his wound.

"He then fell down on the floor," Reinoso told The News as she pointed to the spot where Aguilera collapsed. "We hold the blood, but he passed right there."

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Ukraine aid bill moves

GOP House leader Johnson gets help from Dems on package

BY DAVE GOLDINER
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Congressional Democrats on Friday pushed a long-stalled aid package for Ukraine towards passage and gave House Speaker Mike Johnson a boost.

Led by Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Democrats took the unusual step of backing the Republican leader's effort to bring the desperately needed aid to embattled Kyiv up for a vote.

The measure passed 316-94 with 55 Republicans voting against it. The next step is a vote on the aid package itself, which is expected no later than Saturday.

"This is the best possible product … to take care of these very important obligations," Johnson told reporters after the vote.

With right-wing hardliners bitterly opposed to helping Ukraine, Johnson needs Democratic votes to pass the measure in the nearly evenly divided House.

"... It was pretty obvious to us, given the growing number of pro-Putin Republicans in the GOP, particularly in the House, that this was going to require substantial Democratic participation," said Jeffries, referring to Russian strongman Vladimir Putin.

A similar dynamic could unfold if MAGA critics follow through on threats to oust Johnson from the speaker's post, underlining Jeffries' newfound power amid deepening GOP divisions.



House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (above) led Democrats in support of Republican Speaker Michael Johnson (top) in his bid to pass a bill for aid to Ukraine, despite much right-wing opposition. AP

The House is also expected to pass aid to Israel, along with assistance for Taiwan. The measures largely mirror the provisions of a bill passed by the Democratic-led Senate months ago, but has been split up into separate bills to permit different coalitions to support the different efforts.

A healthy majority of the entire House supports helping Ukraine repel an invasion by Russia. But Republicans are split more or less down the middle, making it extremely controversial within the GOP caucus.

After dithering for months, Johnson came out strongly in favor of Ukraine aid this week, calling it a historical imperative to help the Western ally defend itself.

That sparked howls of outrage from his MAGA critics like Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, who has vowed to try to topple Johnson if he lets the Ukraine aid pass.

Another Republican hardliner, Rep. Paul Gosar, joined her effort to remove Johnson as speaker after the Ukraine vote, meaning three GOP lawmakers are now on the record calling for his ouster.

Republicans hold just a five-seat majority in the House and that edge will be reduced to four when a Wisconsin lawmaker's resignation becomes official this weekend.

That means Johnson could afford to lose just one GOP vote if all Democrats vote against him as would normally be the case.

Some Democrats say they are ready to save Johnson by sitting out any effort to oust him. But Jeffries warned lawmakers to let leaders negotiate any compromise, which would likely involve wringing concessions from the Republican leader in exchange for letting him survive.

LGBTQ PROTECTIONS GROW



Title IX expansion advocates Emma Grasso Levine (above left) and Lily James speak at a December rally in Washington in support of the new rules. U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona (right) hails the changes. GETTY

Title IX tent gets bigger, but trans athletes still left in cold

BY MURI ASSUNÇÃO
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The Department of Education on Friday announced new rules updating Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, the federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded schools.

The new regulations – which explicitly protect all students from discrimination, including survivors of sexual assault and those who identify as LGBTQ – advance the landmark civil law's promise of "ensuring that no person experiences sex discrimination in federally funded education," the Education Department said in a news release.

"For more than 50 years, Title IX has promised an equal opportunity to learn and thrive in our nation's schools free from sex discrimination," U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said Friday in a statement. "These final regulations build on the legacy of Title IX by clarifying that all our nation's students can access schools that are safe, welcoming and respect their rights."

But notably, the changes failed to address the participation of transgender students in sports activities. The administration had originally planned to include provisions to prohibit schools from enacting anti-trans sports bans. But the "rulemaking process" for a new Title IX regulation related to athletics is still "ongoing," officials said.

> "[It'll] help ensure LGBTQ+ students can receive the same educational experience as their peers: going to dances, safely using the restroom, and writing stories that tell the truth about their own lives."
>
> HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN PRESIDENT KELLEY ROBINSON

The highly anticipated update to Title IX, which comes after months of pressure from advocacy groups, codifies protections for LGBTQ+ students and reinstates protections for survivors of sexual assault and harassment that had been rolled back under the Trump administration.

Former Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who in May 2020 announced new protections for people accused of campus sexual harassment, took to social media Friday morning to criticize what she called Biden's "radical re-write of #TitleIX," adding the federal law will now be used to "harm women."

But the new rules were welcomed as "life-changing for so many LGBTQ+ youth," Kelley Robinson, president of the Human Rights Campaign, told the Daily News via email.

"[It'll] help ensure LGBTQ+ students can receive the same educational experience as their peers: going to dances, safely using the restroom, and writing stories that tell the truth about their own lives," Robinson said.

"School administrators should take note and immediately act to implement anti-bias and anti-bullying and harassment programs that ensure misgendering stops, that cruelty against LGBTQ+ students ends and that every student has access to an education free of discrimination."

Rep. Mark Pocan, a Wisconsin Democrat and the chair of the Congressional Equality Caucus, applauded Friday's announcement, praising the Biden administration's "commitment to defending LGBTQI+ students' right to a safe and affirming learning environment."

Casey Pick, director of law and policy at the Trevor Project, the nation's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ+ youth, said the new rules are an "important step" in the protection of LGBTQ students who face discrimination "simply for being themselves."

However, Pick added that protections for trans student athletes from discrimination "must be addressed."

Wherefore art thou, Romeo?

Camera catches creep stealing B'klyn woman's much-beloved Shih Tzu



Surveillance video shows the pooch prowler (below) who pilfered Romeo Rivera (right), who has been missing for a month. NYPD

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BY COLIN MIXSON, THOMAS TRACY AND LEONARD GREENE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A crooked cur gave new meaning to the term pooper scooper when he swiped a tiny Shih Tzu relieving himself in his owner's Brooklyn yard, police said Friday.

The dog's owner, who named her pooch Romeo Rivera, said she let it out into her gated yard on Jerome St. near Pitkin Ave. in East New York to do his business about 9:30 a.m. on March 18 when a man in a hooded black sweatshirt and gray sweatpants scooped the beloved pet up and ran off with it

Valerie Rivera, 74, told police she knew something was wrong when she went to her back door and called out for Romeo Rivera to come back inside, but the dog didn't return.

"That morning I was getting a delivery from the pantry. He was doing his business, so I went inside," Rivera said.

"He went and did his doo as usual. I had a parcel someone brought for me and I put it in the kitchen. So when I come back, I see he's taken a little time to come and he ain't coming. So I called him.

I said, "Romeo, Romeo, come home, where are you?' And Romeo didn't come."



Her neighbor's surveillance camera caught the small white-haired dog padding up to the thief as he walked past the gate with a small baby carriage or shopping cart.

The video shows the bowwow bandit reaching down to pet Romeo Rivera through the gate. Then the thief looks around him to make sure no one is watching before he makes off with the dog.

Romeo Rivera has been missing for more than a month, police said.

"My whole world is gone," Riviera said. "I cried a lot. I still cry. He means everything to me.

Rivera said the 9-year-old Shih Tzu was a gift from a friend whose landlord had complained about the dog in 2018.

She said he showers every Wednesday and is the boss of the house, often mediating disputes that arise between Rivera's cats.

"Romeo is the boss of me," she said. "I have the cats. He is the boss of the cats. He takes care of the cats and he takes care of me. If I go to the bathroom, he goes to the bathroom. If I stand, he stands. If I walk, he walks. He looks to see everything I'm doing."

If there was anything wrong with the dog, she said, it may have been that he was a little too friendly.

"Romeo loved everybody," Rivera said. "Everybody. He goes by the gate there, the children come from school, calling him Romeo and he puts his head against the wall and they play with his head. They know his name. They call him Romeo."

Rivera's sister, Magdalene Primus, 59, has been helping her distribute fliers in the neighborhood.

"She was so distraught. That dog was her companion and I really felt for her," Primus said. She loves animals. I was so heartbroken.

"I love Romeo. He's such a good dog. I would say to him, 'Romeo, Romeo, where art thou,' like in Shakespeare, and he would just wag his entire body, yapping. He's such a lovely dog."

Cops on Friday released surveillance images of the thief, as well as photos of Romeo Rivera in the hopes someone recognizes the pair.

Anyone with information regarding this theft is urged to call NYPD Crime Stoppers (800) 577-TIPS. All calls will be kept confidential.

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SHUTTERSTOCK

New York Post cuts news staffers in 'restructuring'

BY LEONARD GREENE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The New York Post is cutting newsroom staffers as part of what the company is calling a restructuring, Post reps confirmed Friday.

"Unfortunately, today's changes means some of our colleagues will be leaving us," staffers learned in a memo signed by CEO Sean Giancola and Editor-In-Chief Keith Poole that was posted by a CNN reporter. "Those impacted have already been contacted, and we want to thank each of them for their contributions."

The memo did not specify a number, but CNN reported that about a dozen staffers had been laid off, adding up to about 3% of the staff.

Poole, when contacted, had no comment, though a rep confirmed the cuts. The right-leaning tabloid's bosses, in the memo, said the restructuring would "serve our audiences and the business better."

The layoffs include well-known political reporter Nolan Hicks, who told his followers about the development in a post on X.

"Two mayors, two govs, two MTA chairs and god knows how many budgets – proud of the stories on billion dollar stations, unequal COVID and mpox vaccine access, kids left in lead-tainted apartments, and unsafe shelters," Hicks wrote in a post. "It's been a good run. Got laid off. Will be at the bar."

Last week, staffers at The Wall Street Journal were hit by another round of layoffs, according to The Daily Beast.

The cut impacted employees on the video and social media desks, accoring to the outlet.

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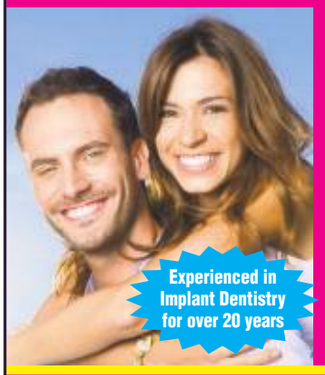
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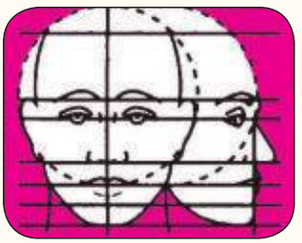
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Neo-Nazi gets 44 months

Federal prison for hater who hit journalist with death threats

BY LEONARD GREENE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A race-baiting neo-Nazi was sentenced on Friday to 44 months in federal prison for posting graphic death threats online against a Brooklyn journalist who wrote about his violent extremist hate group.

Nicholas Welker's social media post included a picture of the reporter with a gun aimed at his head and the words "Race Traitor" over the journalist's eyes.

The threat, which listed the journalist and his employer by name, stated JOURNALIST F[***] OFF! YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED," and was tweeted by two underage Welker followers who tagged the reporter in their posts.

Welker posted the image in both public and private groups in an online messaging app. A few days later, the two underage followers posted the image on Twitter, tagging the journalist to make sure he would see them.

Welker, 33, pleaded guilty last year. He faced up to five years in prison.

He had intended to frighten the journalist into dropping his reporting on Welker's hate group, federal prosecutors said in a statement.

"Welker tried to silence a journalist from reporting on his white supremacist group so that his fellow extremists could continue to commit violence against racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, and the LGBTQ+ community," U.S. Attorney Breon Peace said in a statement.

"There were real victims of this crime—the journalist and his news media organization," he added. "Today's sentence demonstrates that we will stand up for them and other journalists who bravely report on these violent hate groups."

In August 2021, Welker allegedly instructed one of the underage members of the group to photoshop a threatening graphic



featuring the journalist.

The journalist and news organization were not named in court filings.

Welker, who also goes by "King ov Wrath" and "ilovehate5150," was the leader of the Feuerkrieg Division – a White supremacist group.

Prosecutors said the group has a goal of "challenging laws, social order, and the government via terrorism and other violent acts" and "encourages attacks on racial minorities, the Jewish community, the LGBTQ+ community, the U.S. Government, journalists, and critical infrastructure."

Officials said the group's ideology is inspired by that of the larger Atomwaffen Division, a neo-Nazi terrorist group, and its members have been arrested in connection with planned attacks on synagogues and a CNN office.

"Freedom of both speech and the press are integral to our nation, and we will not allow it to be restricted through violence or intimidation," FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge Michael J. Driscoll said after Welker's arrest.

"Today's action serves as a reminder to anyone willing to attack these rights – the FBI will do everything in our power to fulfill our mission of protecting the American people and upholding the Constitution."

Welker was arrested in California on federal charges in March 2023.



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Police released surveillance images of two men (below), whom they said bashed a man in the head and face with a baseball bat while robbing him of his cell phone then taking off in a black Pontiac Grand Am (above).

ROBBED & BASHED IN QNS.

Two muggers wield a baseball bat to steal man's cell phone

BY THOMAS TRACY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

A 22-year-old man was bashed in the head with a baseball bat after two thieves robbed him of his cell phone on a Queens street, police said Friday.

The victim was heading to his Fresh Meadows home about 7 p.m. last Saturday when two men jumped him near the corner of 189th St. and Aberdeen Road, cops said.

The duo repeatedly hit their victim in the head and face with a baseball bat as they robbed him of his cell phone.

The two men then sped off in a black Pontiac Grand Am north on 109th St. toward Union Turnpike, cops said.

The victim was rushed by EMS to New York-Presbyterian Queens hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

At the hospital, the victim refused to cooperate with detectives and tell them what he was doing before the robbery, a police source said.

Cops on Friday released surveillance video of the two muggers in the hopes that someone recognizes them.

The two men are described as light-skinned and in their 20s. One was wearing a red-hooded sweatshirt, gray pants and brown boots. His accomplice had a beard and was wearing a black sweatshirt, black pants, black hat, and black sneakers.

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1,907-foot tower gets OK, despite gripes, including building it in 'Tornado Alley'





Legends Tower, set to be tallest skyscraper in the U.S., will be part of a mixed-use housing-commerce complex in Oklahoma City.

AO ARCHITECTURE

BY BRIAN NIEMIETZ
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

New York City will no longer be home to the tallest building in North America if a plan freshly approved by Oklahoma City officials stays on course.

However, some residents near the site of the proposed Legends Tower have expressed concerns over the 1,907-foot structure – a number representing the year Oklahoma officially became a state.

Three months after announcing plans to build the tallest skyscraper in the country, the Oklahoma City Planning Commission approved zoning for a building that will stand 131 feet taller than lower Manhattan's One World Trade Center. Once completed, Legends Tower will be a football field bigger than 1,550-foot Central Park Tower on W. 57th St., North America's second-tallest building.

According to the AO architecture firm behind the design, Legends Tower will be part of a mixed-use project called The Boardwalk at Bricktown, featuring nearly 2,000 apartment units, a Hyatt hotel, a sports arena, and 110,000 square feet of retail, dining and entertainment.

But while the planning commission gave its blessing on the height of the estimated $1.6 billion project, officials held off on approving bright signage that is not sitting well with locals, according to The Oklahoman newspaper.

"We're not Las Vegas," Oklahoma City resident Cynthia Ciancarelli told officials. "We're not Manhattan."

Ciancarelli and other Oklahomans worry proposed ad space on the building could cause sensory issues as well as appearing "a bit tacky."

She also expressed concern that Oklahoma City is already a "one-stop shop for disasters," including earthquakes, tornadoes and terror attacks.

More than 160 people were killed when a domestic terrorist detonated a truck full of explosives outside a federal building in 1995 – but tornadoes are a far more regular occurrence. The National Weather Service reports the Oklahoma City area has been hit by more than one twister on the same day at least 30 times.

But a well-designed skyscraper could structurally survive in the area known as "Tornado Alley," the architecture firm said. At a planning meeting last week, the team offered reassurance that engineers will build a concrete core surrounding the skyscraper's elevator shaft, and that the windows will be capable of withstanding a tornado without damage.

Experts told The Oklahoman that once completed, Legends Tower and The Boardwalk at Bricktown could be a boon to continuing growth in Oklahoma City, which the U.S. Census Bureau says is the sixth-fastest growing city in the nation.

Construction is set to begin later this year on parts of the project, with Legends Tower coming later. If all goes according to the city's plans, Legends Tower will become the sixth-tallest building in the world, behind China's Ping An International Finance Centre.







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Oregon hotel starring in 'The Shining' burns



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Firefighters douse the burning Timberline Lodge, which was called the Overlook Hotel in the 1980 Stanley Kubrick horror film.

BY JESSICA SCHLADEBECK
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

An inferno erupted at the historic Oregon hotel featured in Stanley Kubrick's famous horror flick "The Shining," officials confirmed early Friday.

The three-alarm fire broke out late Thursday night in the attic of the Timberline Lodge, called the Overlook Hotel in the 1980 classic starring Jack Nicholson.

Firefighters across multiple agencies – including those from Hoodland, Clackamas, Gresham and Estacada – were called to the hotel and ski resort around 9:30 p.m. after employees spotted the flames, according to a post on X from the Clackamas Fire Department. They battled the blaze for hours before confirming it was under control by 11:12 p.m.

A spokesperson for the Lodge told The Oregonian newspaper that the fire was completely extinguished before midnight, adding that crews continued to douse the building with water afterward to keep it saturated amid high winds.

No injuries have been reported in connection with the flames. All guests and staff at the hotel, located about 60 miles east of Portland, were safely evacuated and have since been accounted for.

"The fire was kept to the roof and part of the attic, and didn't spread any further. Crews are clearing the scene," the Clackamas Fire Department said online. "The U.S. Forest Service will be conducting the investigation with the help of federal resources."

While a cause for the fire has yet to be determined, John Burton, marketing director for the lodge, speculated it could have been the result of embers from the chimney blowing in the wind.

Preservationists were called to the scene to remove artwork and furniture – drenched in the fire-fighting effort – out of the building, which was constructed in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration. It was designated a national historic landmark in 1977, and it is one of Oregon's most popular tourist attractions.

Timberline Lodge became a pop culture fixture after the late Kubrick used it for exterior shots in his 1980 film, "The Shining," which was based on Stephen King's book of the same name.

EPA marks 2 'forever chemicals' hazardous

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency on Friday designated two chemicals used in cookware, carpets and firefighting foams as hazardous substances, an action intended to ensure quicker cleanup of the toxic compounds and require industries and others responsible for contamination to pay for its removal.

Designation as a hazardous substance under the Superfund law does not ban the chemicals, known as PFOA and PFOS. But it requires that releases of the chemicals into soil or water be reported to federal, state or tribal officials if they meet or exceed certain levels. The EPA then may require cleanups to protect public health and recover costs that can reach tens of millions of dollars.

PFOA and PFOS, called forever chemicals because of their persistence in the environment, have been voluntarily phased out by U.S. manufacturers but are still in limited use and remain dangerous because they do not degrade over time. The compounds are part of a larger cluster of forever chemicals known as PFAS that have been used since the 1940s in industry and consumer products, including nonstick frying pans, water-repellent sports gear, stain-resistant rugs and cosmetics.

The term PFAS is short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The chemicals can accumulate and last in the human body for long periods. Evidence from animal and human studies indicates that exposure to PFOA or PFOS may lead to cancer or other health problems, including liver and heart damage, and developmental problems in infants and children.

President Joe Biden's administration "understands the threat that forever chemicals pose to the health of families across the country," EPA Administrator Michael Regan said. "Designating these chemicals under our Superfund authority will allow EPA to address more contaminated sites, take earlier action and expedite cleanups – all while ensuring polluters pay for the costs to clean up pollution threatening the health of communities."

The final rule issued Friday follows strict limits set by the EPA on certain PFAS in drinking water that will require utilities to reduce them to the lowest level they can be reliably measured. Officials say the drinking water rule, announced April 10, will reduce exposure for 100 million people and help prevent thousands of illnesses, including cancers.

The American Chemistry Council, which represents the chemical industry, said it opposes the EPA's action and believes it "will undermine overall remediation efforts" for PFAS contamination.

The 1980 Superfund law "is an expensive, ineffective and unworkable means to achieve remediation for these chemicals," the group said Friday. The 1980 law "is fraught with unintended consequences and will likely result in extensive, unnecessary delays for cleanups," the council said, adding that there are more effective and timely means to clean up PFAS sites "through existing regulatory processes."

Last year, three chemical companies announced they had reached a $1.18 billion deal to resolve complaints of polluting many U.S. drinking water systems with PFAS. DuPont de Nemours Inc., The Chemours Co. and Corteva Inc. said they would establish a fund to compensate water providers for contamination.

And earlier this month, chemical manufacturer 3M Co. announced it will begin payments to many U.S. public drinking water systems as part of a multibillion-dollar settlement over contamination with forever chemicals.

The EPA also issued a notice clarifying that the agency will focus enforcement efforts on businesses and people that significantly contribute to the release of PFAS chemicals into the environment, including firms that have manufactured PFAS or used it in the manufacturing process, as well as federal agencies and other responsible groups.

PFAS in firefighting foam has tainted groundwater on and near military bases where it's used in training exercises.

The Superfund law allows the EPA to clean up contaminated sites across the country and forces parties responsible for the contamination to either perform cleanups or reimburse the government for EPA-led cleanup work. When no responsible party can be identified, Superfund gives the EPA money and authority to clean up contaminated sites.

The EPA's action follows a report by the National Academies of Science that calls PFAS a serious public health threat worldwide. The EPA said in 2022 that PFOA and PFOS are more dangerous than previously thought and pose health risks even at levels so low they cannot currently be detected.

David Uhlmann, the EPA's assistant administrator for enforcement and compliance, called the Superfund designation "a major step toward holding polluters accountable for significant releases of PFAS into the environment." Officials "intend to exercise our enforcement discretion to focus on significant sources of PFAS contamination," he said, not farmers, municipal landfills, water utilities, municipal airports or local fire departments.

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EDITORIAL

Sight unseen

In picking the final set of nameless jurors for Donald Trump's criminal hush money trial, Acting Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan ordered reporters to no longer publish employment details and other potentially identifiable information about the jury, including physical descriptions.

While Trump and his lawyers know this information, as do District Attorney Alvin Bragg's prosecutors, the objective is not to hide things from the public, but to protect the jurors from harassment and intimidation. Some legal scholars have questioned the legality of parts of this order, signaling the very high bar that prior restraint on the First Amendment must clear and it's uncertain if it would hold up if challenged.

We support full openness in court proceedings and the ability of the free press to report on what transpires, but recognize that Merchan has a legitimate goal in mind. It's been difficult enough as is for the judge to find jurors who can credibly claim to be remotely impartial in this matter without piling on the difficulties of a harsh public spotlight. One juror, known only as B280, was already dismissed at least in part due to concerns that news articles made her entirely identifiable.

This spotlight is more than just annoying, it's conceivably dangerous. The Jan. 6 prosecutions included members of the Oath Keepers paramilitary group, which had stashed weapons in preparation for an order from the president to actually take over the government by military means.

Pretty much everyone involved with efforts to hold Trump accountable for his conduct has faced barrages of death threats, and unlike some of the public officials at issue here, individual jurors won't have protective details.

It would have been better for Merchan to avoid having these details revealed in open court, because they can't be unsaid or unheard.

So is the judge ordering the press to withhold the details a reasonable measure? Under what circumstances would it be crucial for the jurors to be safeguarded from the real possibility of harm? For a trial of a mob boss or a terrorist? How about for a former (and possible future) president of the United States, and who has a credible shot at holding that office again?

Yes, it's Trump's rabid and fanatical followers and not the ex-president himself that represent a credible threat to the jurors, but that's only because Trump has openly embraced political violence and given tacit approval to this intimidation.

His frequent railing against those involved in the case, from the prosecutors to the judge and even the judge's family, has never explicitly strayed into advocating for violence, yet it's an implication his supporters can clearly read.

No one doubts that a mobster saying "it's a nice shop you've got here, real shame if something were to happen to it," is relaying a threat, and we shouldn't extend that benefit of the doubt to Trump, who already sent a mob to subvert a presidential election by force.

Hopefully, these jurors and those in Trump's other cases will finally dole out some real consequences to the man who has so rarely faced any, and establish once and for all that he is not truly above the law. If and until that happens, he will only get bolder in his authoritarianism, and more dangerous.

School fools

This week, more than 100 Columbia University students were suspended from school and then arrested after erecting an encampment on a campus lawn to, among other things, denounce Israel's war in Gaza and call for the school to divest from certain Israel-affiliated entities. This move was a betrayal of the principles of free expression that the university purports to hold so dear.

It's important to be clear about what the university is allowed to do legally and expected to do ethically. No one can reasonably contend that the students weren't violating university policies; as a private institution, Columbia is not bound by the First Amendment, and was within its rights to ask the NYPD to clear the encampment. The students were warned of the potential consequences, and the encampment was certainly disruptive.

Does that mean that this tough response, which bars students from campus and may imperil their ability to graduate was proper? No. The university has pointed to its interim protest policies, which limit where and when groups can demonstrate in ostensible furtherance of the university's functioning as, well, a university.

As a standalone principle this makes sense; civil disobedience carries consequences: break what you consider an unjust rule and face the repercussions, from fines to jail to even college suspensions. Columbia also has an interest in balancing student organizing against disruptions that shut down its capacity to operate.

Yet despite this argument and University President Minouche Shafik's even more dubious assertion, in her letter requesting NYPD intervention, that the demonstration constituted a "clear and present danger to the substantial function of the University," Columbia has been unable to provide any backing to the notion that this encampment posed any significant threat to operations.

The demonstrators set up on university lawns and, rhetoric aside, there's no indication they tried to interfere with other students' ability to get to classes or use campus facilities.

Rather, Shafik seems to be suggesting that the presence of the protesters and the content of their anti-Israel speech was jarring to other students, maybe made them uncomfortable, and this fact necessitated a swift and heavy-handed response. That's attacking the message, which unless it advocates violence, should be left alone.

The anti-Israel, anti-Zionist stand of the encampers is a wrongheaded political position that this Editorial Board firmly rejects. Yes, Israel has made some mistakes in pursuing Hamas and civilian casualties have been too high, but we would not support most of what these students are pushing for.

Yet a free speech commitment is worth little if it extends only to speech we agree with. It's hard not to read this as partly an effort to assuage the Republican members of Congress who had the day prior grilled Shafik about campus antisemitism (which does exist) and tried to box her into making the sorts of equivocations that had earlier cost fellow university presidents their jobs.

These are many of the same politicians who have been screaming about campus free speech for years, chastising college administrators for supposedly bowing to the censoriousness of politically left students. Color us unsurprised that many of these figures have whiplashed around so fast as to risk injury. In hoping to please these political opportunists, Columbia has turned its back on its principles.

A visit to Israel and seeing humanity

BE OUR GUEST

BY JENNIFER LUTZ

I've never wanted to visit Israel; I've rarely felt Jewish, apart from moments when people hated me for it, or I felt shame for it. When Bibi Netanyahu cut off water and power in the war's early days, I wrote an article decrying his acts; I attended protests and stayed silent when friends insisted Israel shouldn't exist. But six months into the war, I boarded a flight for the Holy Land.

"If you have any empathy, you'll know what to write when you get there," a man at my local coffee shop said, snapping his wallet shut for emphasis; it was decorated with the Palestinian flag.

Days later, in Jerusalem's Old City, Samuel, an Arab Christian told me, "People need not pay the bill for their government," I understood he wasn't speaking just about Israelis, but Palestinians too. "We want peace."

Maybe we have a harder time separating people from their government in democracies and maybe the weekly protests in Israel aren't enough to convince us otherwise, but Netanyahu has less support today than George W. Bush did when the United States invaded Iraq. Israel is under threat, not just from foreign enemies, but from its own government.

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With Iran's recent attacks, Netanyahu poses even more danger. But it's the people of Israel who took shelter when the missiles struck – Hayfa, who runs a cooperative for Palestinian women, Awni, a Muslim man who insisted that Jews and Muslims get along, and Mika, a Jewish woman who told me with a shrug, "the alarms went off and I went into my son's room and just laid on him. 'Mommy, what are you doing', he asked. I told him, 'I don't know.'"

Israel is a nation in recovery. Most of the evacuees have returned home, other than those displaced from the border with Lebanon due to ongoing attacks from Hezbollah. In Tel Aviv, shops are open, and families sit at cafes. Along the avenues, photos of Israeli hostages are taped to benches and trees; stickers telling Netanyahu to "go home," decorate light poles. Signs of normalcy are underscored by a mixture of unease and mourning.

On the six-month anniversary, I took my coffee at a café near Hostages Square, where I met two IDF soldiers just returned from Gaza. "You don't know the Middle Eastern culture, and so you try by Western eyes to judge what's happening in the Middle East, and you're wrong – you have no idea how it works," they told me.

I thought back to my conversation with Dan Miran, whose son, Omri, is a hostage in Gaza. "Can you take a baby from an animal?" he'd asked. "Of course not," I answered, not understanding his point. "Imagine if that animal tried to get his baby back, and all the other animals in the jungle said to him, 'What are you doing? Stop it.'" I couldn't imagine. "I'm just trying to get my baby back," he said.

We don't understand Israel; we attack the people rather than challenge the government. We don't bother to know its diversity or learn its history.

"People think Hamas is like Black Lives Matter," Or Tom, from Tel Aviv's LGBTQ Center told me. "But it's not; it's a terrorist organization. I can be empathetic to Palestinians and empathetic to Israelis; it doesn't have to be in a clash. But when people say, 'from the river to the sea,' they're saying there's no place for us here." I thought of the man back at my local coffee shop. Across the ocean, we'd picked our teams. Here, they lived with the consequences.

That night in Tel Aviv, I sat on a nearly empty beach, staring out into the Mediterranean with a Jewish Israeli man. "Netanyahu's government is supported by the settlers and the religious right, but they're not the majority. We need to stop financing them. We need to find a solution with the Palestinians," he said.

I asked if he'd ever leave Israel. "If Netanyahu keeps power, if we turn into a dictatorship, I'd leave because that would be the end of Israel. But where would I go? The world hates us. I'm safer within Israel than I am outside of Israel, even if Iran attacks."

Iran has attacked. While we pepper social media with hate, Israelis brace for missiles and Gazans face a growing crisis. I cannot imagine waking every day, knowing my son is held hostage, and I cannot imagine rocking my starving child amidst the rubble. In the West, we want it to be simple, but it isn't. It's war.

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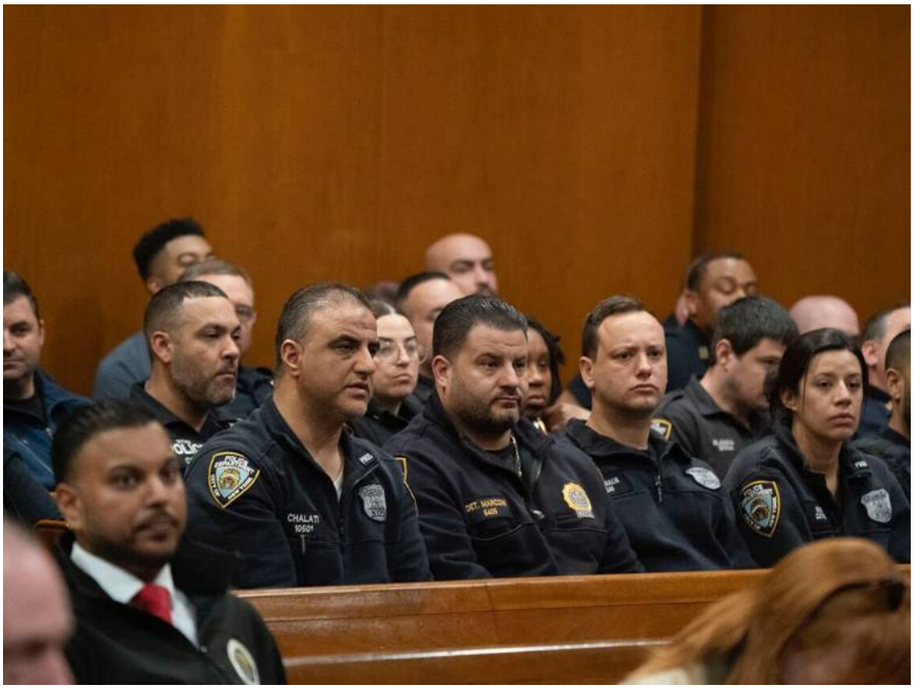
The officers' eyes reflect our collective anger

Middletown, N.J.: On Wednesday, you published a photo and an article about the senseless killing of NYPD Detective Jonathan Diller from the arraignment of Lindy Jones, the driver of the car that the "alleged killer," Guy Rivera, was riding in. Jones claimed he did not know Rivera and had just picked him up to give this "stranger" a ride. Yet, they both had illegal guns with them.

That is for the legal system to sort out, along with a jury of their peers! But if you look at the court officers and the many police officers who packed the courtroom (photo), you can clearly see the rage in their eyes.

It shows the rage that these officers rightfully should have for a suspect in the shooting and killing of one of their own. Jones might not have pulled the trigger but he was clearly involved in this travesty of justice. The officers are of all different races and probably creeds (though a photo can't show what religion they are), but that should not matter, as they lost one of their own, a young man who was married and had a 1-year-old son who will never get to know his dad.

Last month at the arraignment of Rivera on first-degree murder, the police were there in force also, and their eyes told the story. Every New Yorker, in fact every American, should feel the same way. Yes, the "ayes" are correct as their "eyes" show how all of us law-abiding citizens should feel about this travesty of justice and the loss of a young man who happened to be an NYPD officer. *Herb Hanrahan*



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Spurious critique

Palm Coast, Fla.: To Voicer Martin Posner and all you other far-left misguided souls: I'll say this once: Donald Trump was invited to the wake by the family! And you are the one "spewing garbage" with your ridiculous personal insults. How about you ignore personalities (I don't care for him personally, either) and actually compare their accomplishments in office. As far as I can see, President Biden has none. *Douglas Weinberg*

Price point

Carle Place, L.I.: To Voicer Anil Pandit: Charities ask for $19 per month because it is considered the "sweet spot," where they are likely to get the best bang for their advertising buck. Ask less and it costs too much to process the donation, and asking more will turn people off; $19 sounds so much better than $20. BTW, this took me all of 12 seconds to uncover, courtesy of a brand new invention: Google. *Rudy Rosenberg*

Carnival of cruelty

Fort Erie, Ontario: Re "Elephant on the loose after escaping circus in Montana" (April 16): It's reported that this is Viola the elephant's third escape attempt. How much more self-evident must it be before we accept that elephants do not want to live in chains and in fear of being smacked with bull hooks in circuses? This madness must end. *Philip Tripp*

Step up or shut up

Bronx: Marjorie Taylor Greene should either shut her big, stupid mouth or run for speaker of the House if she thinks she can do a better job. *Anna Maria McCorry*

Off the mark

Mineola, L.I.: To Voicer Peggy Smith, who asked where our American values have gone: You are seriously brainwashed and misled by your leftist liberal party. While you are questioning and condemning Jan. 6, you fail to mention the anti-American protests that are going on right here in America. You conveniently don't mention Dearborn, Mich., and Chicago, where chants of "Death to America" are being spoken loudly. But let me guess, you probably believe "Bidenomics" is working, too. What a joke that is! *James Formato*

Still at it

Bronx: There's a lot of talk about being able to do your job in your senior years. Johnny Gilbert, the "Jeopardy!" announcer every night, is 95. *John Cirolia*

T.M.I.

Manhattan: I am so very tired of seeing Donald Trump's mug day in and day out. You include a picture of him in every article you print (either scowling or in shooting-off-his-mouth mode). I truly can't stand the sight of this man any longer. Then, Sunday morning, I'm reading the lowdown on the characters in his hush money trial ("Brace yourself, NYC, it's Don vs. porn star," April 14) in which you proceeded to describe his private parts in way too much detail; my breakfast promptly came up. In the future, I beg that you save those gory details for those interested enough to read Stormy Daniels' book. As an aside, I bet he rues the day he decided to take that trip down the golden escalator. Megalomania at its best! *Patricia N. Ravel*

Just a taste

Redondo Beach, Calif.: Why not start with putting Trump in jail for an hour? *John Chevedden*

Unfair criticism

New Port Richey, Fla.: When Israel defends itself against others that attack it first, all you hear are negative comments from other people and countries. They order Israel to stop, to give warnings before attacking (which they do) and to provide "sustenance" to people who hate them. When they try to negotiate with the enemy, the enemy rejects the negotiations but Israel gets the blame. I don't understand this at all. How come the same provisions are not being demanded from the Russians and Vladimir Putin in regards to their invasion of another country? Would the United States give in to those demands if another country attacked it? I don't think so. Therefore, I will definitely stand by Israel, the most maligned country on the face of this Earth. *Denise Goldsmith*

Conditions apply

Sanford, Fla.: I agree with much, if not most, of Rabbi Joshua Davidson's excellent piece "Why this rabbi stands by Israel" (op-ed, April 18). I thoroughly disagree with the premise of his statement regarding support for Israel: "It only tilts towards Israel when Israel is vulnerable or compliant." Support for Israel has always been U.S. policy. The fact that Israeli vulnerability has been significantly reduced is due to that very policy. The Iron Dome is one example. The conditional caveat: He who pays the piper calls the tune. U.S. support and aid is conditioned upon the use and potential misuse of that aid as determined by America. The U.S. has a large seat at the table of Israeli military policy. If Israel resents that influence, the solution is simple: Don't ask for, or accept, military and other aid. *Bruce McMenemy*

Disabled disrespect

Staten Island: I'm tired of seeing cars without disability decals or license plates continuously parked in disability parking spaces. Most of Staten Island is unique in that there's very little parallel parking by stores, and the ingrates (you know who you are) who park in disability spaces without the proper decals make it difficult for those of us who have a disability to find a spot close to the store. What do you think the city gives out disability decals for? After living in all the boroughs except for Manhattan, I can honestly say that Staten Islanders are the worst violators of this. But it doesn't come as a complete shock. Most Staten Islanders voted for Trump. Own up to it, folks. *Frank DeLeo*

Meager fee

Bronx: There are approximately 280,000 New York notaries counting on our state legislators to push Senate Bill S4166 to Gov. Hochul's office so that the notary fee can be raised to $5 in the current legislative session. A backward state such as Alabama has raised the notary fee there from 50 cents to $5. New York notaries deserve at least $5 for the vital work they do in the face of modern-day, post-pandemic pressures. Most customers even admit that the current $2 fee is too little. Also, most signers still prefer to do traditional in-person notarizations in the Bronx and lower Westchester over the more expensive remote online notarization process. In the Bronx especially, it is quite difficult to find an in-person notary since most banks here no longer perform notarizations. *Stephen Reich*



Fish Creek wends its way through the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. The Biden administration, on Friday, restricted oil leases on the 13 million acre reserve in order to protect wildlife. USGS VIA AP

13 million acres of wilderness in Alaska gain protection from oil biz

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JUNEAU, Alaska – The Biden administration said Friday that it will restrict new oil and gas leasing on 13 million acres of a federal petroleum reserve in Alaska to help protect wildlife such as caribou and polar bears as the Arctic continues to warm.

The decision – part of a yearslong fight over whether and how to develop the vast oil resources in the state – finalizes protections first proposed last year as the Democratic administration prepared to approve the contentious Willow oil project.

The approval of Willow drew fury from environmentalists, who said the large oil project violated President Biden's pledge to combat climate change. Friday's decision also completes an earlier plan that called for closing nearly half the reserve to oil and gas leasing.

A group of Republican lawmakers, led by Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan, jumped out ahead of Friday's announcement about the new limitations in the National Petroleum-Reserve Alaska before it was publicly announced.

Sullivan called it an "illegal" attack on the state's economic lifeblood, and he predicted lawsuits.

"It's more than a one-two punch to Alaska," Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said, "because when you take off access to our resources, when you say you cannot drill, you cannot produce, you cannot explore, you cannot move it – this is the energy insecurity that we're talking about."

The decision by the Interior Department doesn't change the terms of existing leases in the reserve or affect currently authorized operations, including Willow.

The Biden administration also recommended the rejection of a state corporation's application related to a proposed 210-mile road in the northwest part of the state to allow mining of critical mineral deposits, including copper, cobalt, zinc, silver and gold. There are no mining proposals or current mines in the area, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management determined that the road-building alternatives analyzed "would significantly and irrevocably impact resources," the agency said in a statement. A final decision on the recommendation is pending.

Brian Ridley, chief of Tanana Chiefs Conference, an Alaska Native nonprofit corporation, said the administration's "choice to reject the Ambler Road Project is a monumental step forward in the fight for Indigenous rights and environmental justice." The tribes of the Tanana Chiefs Conference had expressed concerns that a road would harm their communities, land and wildlife.

Sullivan accused the administration of undermining U.S. national security interests with both decisions. Alaska political leaders have long accused the administration of harming the state with decisions limiting the development of oil and gas, minerals and timber.

"Joe Biden is fine with our adversaries producing energy and dominating the world's critical minerals while shutting down our own in America, as long as the far-left radicals he feels are key to his reelection are satisfied," Sullivan said Thursday at a Capitol news conference with 10 other GOP senators. "What a dangerous world this president has created."

Biden defended his decision regarding the petroleum reserve.

Alaska's "majestic and rugged lands and waters ... among the most remarkable and healthy landscapes in the world" are critical to Alaska Native communities and "demand our protection," he said.

Nagruk Harcharek, president of Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat, a group whose members include leaders from across much of Alaska's North Slope region, in a statement said the decision "does not reflect our communities' wishes." The group's board of directors previously passed a resolution opposing the administration's plans for the reserve.

The American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's top lobbying group, called the rule "misguided" and said it sharply limits future oil and natural gas development in the petroleum reserve, "a region explicitly intended by Congress to bolster America's energy security" and generate revenue for Alaskan communities.

"At a time when the world is looking for American energy leadership, this is yet another step in the wrong direction," said Dustin Meyer, an API senior vice president.

The petroleum reserve, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) west of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, is home to caribou and polar bears and provides habitat for millions of migrating birds. It was set aside around a century ago as an emergency oil source for the U.S. Navy, but since the 1970s it has been overseen by the Interior Department. There has been ongoing, longstanding debate over where oil and gas development should occur.

Most existing leases in the petroleum reserve are clustered in an area that's considered to have high development potential, according to the Bureau of Land Management, which falls under the Interior Department. The development potential in other parts of the reserve is lower, the agency said.

The rules announced Friday would place restrictions on future leasing and industrial development in areas designated as special for their wildlife, subsistence or other values and call for the agency to evaluate regularly whether to designate new special areas or bolster protections in those areas. The agency cited as a rationale the rapidly changing conditions in the Arctic due to climate change, including melting permafrost and changes in plant life and wildlife corridors.

Environmentalists were elated.

"The Biden administration's actions for America's Arctic shows a commitment to conservation that meets the needs of the region's outsized vastness and ecological value," said Kristen Miller, executive director at Alaska Wilderness League.

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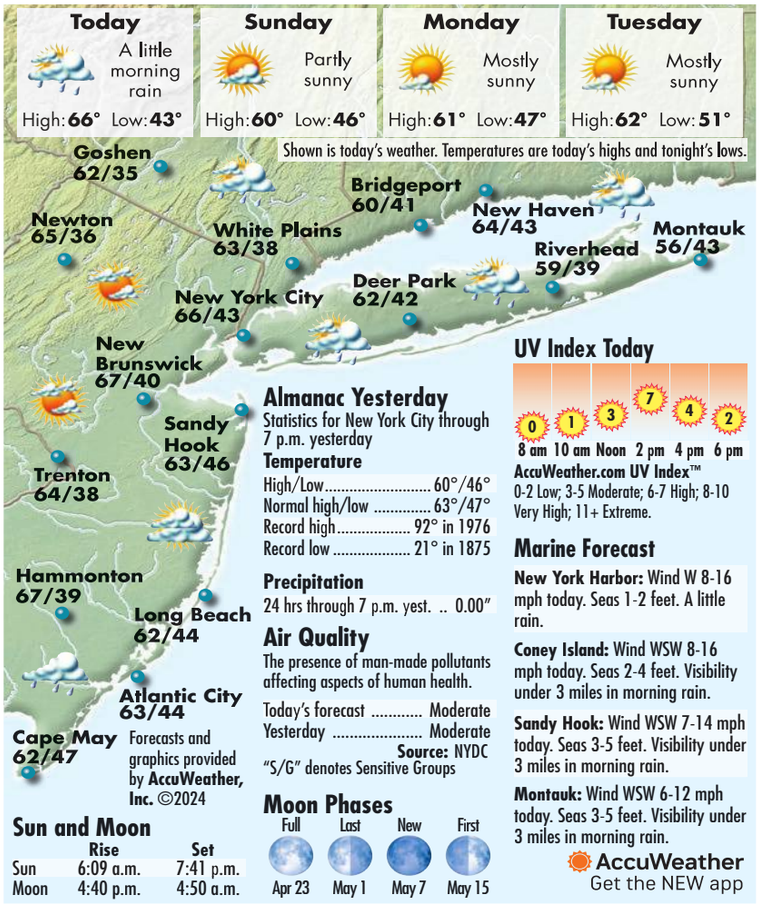
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DAILY NEWS

Your HOROSCOPE

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For Saturday, April 20

Expect the unexpected! The sensitive Moon opposes frustrating Mars and confusing Neptune, creating tension and stress for you out of practically nothing. Much of the stress is potentially internal — or even imagined. Beneficial Jupiter conjoins surprising Uranus, an erratic energy that brings widespread change, rebellion and sudden freedom. Finally, the Moon moves into balanced Libra, helping to right anything that's gone awry after the intense shifts from earlier.

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 19

Hidden enemies could make you want to start over. It might be that you've realized someone close to you doesn't have your best intentions at heart. All the while, you've likely been sticking up for them. Make sure you're looking out for yourself instead of giving up on all you've built.

TAURUS

APRIL 20-MAY 20

Your creativity may struggle with any worries swirling in your head. They're likely making it difficult to focus on what makes you feel alive and other things that bring joy into your life. They could cause all sorts of creative blocks for you. This doesn't have to be connected to art or music. Look for time to calm your mind.

GEMINI

MAY 21-JUNE 20

Secrets revealed can make it difficult to know whose side to be on. You may have been, at one time, in support of a particular person or side. You may feel as if you need to apologize at this time to the side that you were against before. You can do so, but in the future, it'd be wiser to withhold judgment.

CANCER

JUNE 21-JULY 22

Communication struggles may cause confusion. Everyone approaches life with unique insecurities and biases, so it'll be difficult to know if what you're saying is being understood. They could be hearing it in the context of a past wound. Communicate as clearly as you can today.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG. 22

Your inner security could be threatened by attachments to others. You might be required to depend on another person. Regardless of the context, no one is infallible. Do what you must to ensure the necessary tasks get checked off. In the end, though, make sure you ask for the credit.

VIRGO

AUG. 23-SEPT. 22

Tension between you and someone else could be playing on your mind. You might notice that they're drifting apart from you. While this may be hurtful, ultimately, everyone who is meant to be in your life will be in your life. You can attempt to work things through with them, and you can decide whether to confront the issue or step back.

LIBRA

SEPT. 23-OCT. 22

Certain stressors are all in your head. You might have been putting a lot of burdens on yourself. No matter what's bringing you down, this is something you have to look inside to solve. The answers are within you, so try not to be too hard on yourself. Dig deep within yourself.

SCORPIO

OCT. 23-NOV. 21

Other people's recklessness may be stressing you out. A roommate could be up making noise until the wee hours of the morning. It's unlikely the problems cropping up today are ones you could have prevented, but you can control how you respond to them. Reevaluate who you're depending on.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 22-DEC. 21

On the surface, you may be keeping cool, but underneath, you could be fighting to stay afloat. Remember that others can't help you if you don't let them. If it feels like you're like a duck, seemingly sitting peacefully on top of the water but paddling furiously to stay afloat, reach out.

CAPRICORN

DEC. 22-JAN. 19

New information could have your head spinning. Hiding your head in the sand is practically the worst thing you could do. If you don't know what's happening in your life, you won't know the best way to handle it. Understanding the problem clearly will be crucial for success.

AQUARIUS

JAN. 20-FEB. 18

Worries regarding your personal security could encroach upon your day. Even so, do your best to get back up whenever such concerns knock you down. You can also avoid future issues by paying attention to any problems you learn about.

PISCES

FEB. 19-MARCH 20

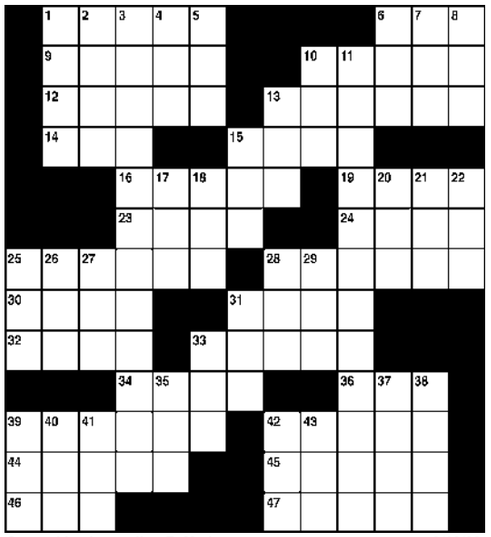
You might be more focused on another person than you are on yourself. While it's important to be kind and thoughtful, you could be putting this person's well-being above your own. If they aren't acting like they're going to reciprocate your efforts, you're ready to acknowledge that. Don't forget to take care of yourself.

BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search and other tests to help you pass the time at home

TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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ACROSS
1 "__ Judy"
6 Actress Arthur
9 "Have __!"; words of welcome
10 Film critic Roger
12 "Yabba __ Doo!"
13 "Requiem for __"; Ellen Burstyn film
14 Egypt's continent: abbr.
15 Ricky Ricardo's portrayer
16 "Pac-Man" maker
19 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
23 Actress Winningham
24 "My __ Is Earl"
25 Actor Mitchum
28 John Dye's "Touched by an Angel" role
30 Lincoln & Vigoda
31 Actor Morales
32 Farrow & Kirshner
33 Pantyhose shade
34 "__ Man"; Robert Downey Jr. movie
36 __ Leoni
39 "__ the Menace"
42 Actress Debi __
44 Friend south of the border
45 Turn aside, as one's eyes
46 Pecan or pistachio
47 Difficult to teach

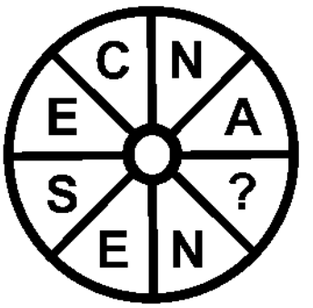
DOWN
1 Actress __ Pinkett Smith
2 Branch of the military: abbr.
3 "Will & Grace" actress
4 Chatter
5 Greek letter
6 Mayberry resident
7 Pitcher's stat.
8 Source of quick cash
10 Bradley & Begley
11 Actor on "NCIS"
13 Start of a vowel list
15 Role on "Black-ish"
17 __ Heels; Univ. of No. Carolina athletes
18 Mr. Linkletter
20 Spoil; deface
21 __ Ikwuakor of "Marvel's Inhumans"
22 "__ Amsterdam"
25 Crash into
26 Geisha's sash
27 "Who Wants to __ Millionaire"
28 "__ walked out in the streets of Laredo…"
29 Unpleasant spouse
31 Suffix for eight or velvet
33 Derek & Diddley
35 "Bless This Mess" role
37 Dumbo's "wings"
38 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
39 Role on "The Conners"
40 Large awkward bird
41 Word attached to pick or wit
42 "__ About You"
43 Fifth or Pennsylvania: abbr.



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WORD WHEEL

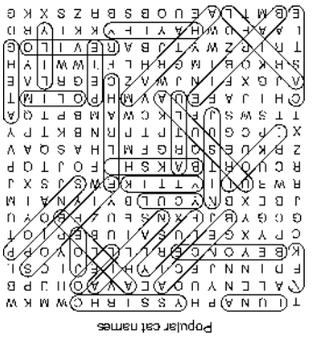
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

ENHANCES

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Popular cat names

Wordsearch: Popular cat names

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Reac backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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BEYONCÉ
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CHARLIE
CHRISSY
FURY
GRETA
HAYLEY
JOE
JUSTIN
KEN
KITTY
LEO
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MILO
OLIVER
PETE
SNOOP
SOPHIE
ULTRA
URSULA

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Level 1 **2** 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit from 1 to 9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visit ***sudoku.org.uk.***

4	1	8	5	7	6	3	2	9
5	9	2	1	3	4	8	6	7
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2	8	9	4	6	5	7	3	1
6	7	3	9	2	1	4	5	8
3	6	7	2	5	8	6	1	4
9	4	5	3	1	7	2	8	6
8	2	1	6	4	9	5	7	3

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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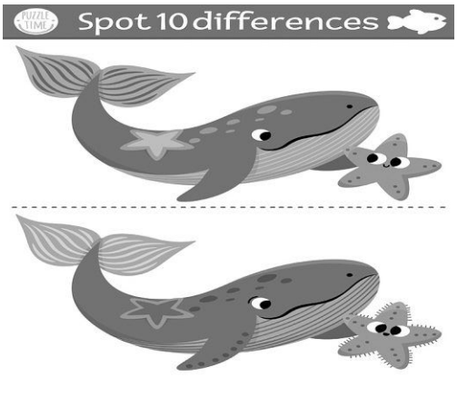
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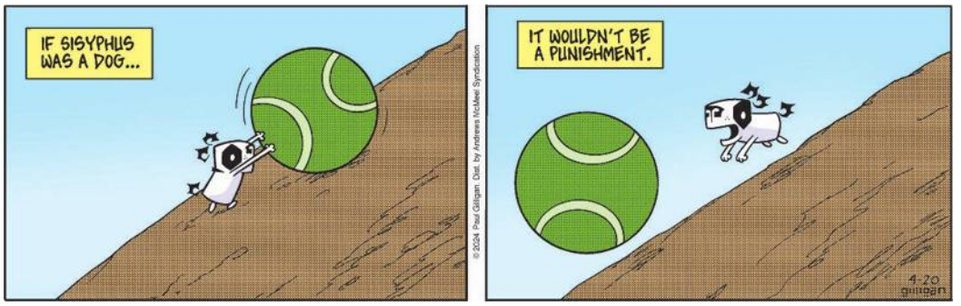
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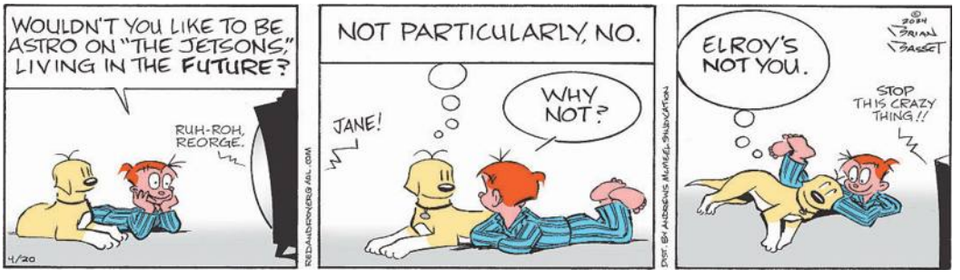
One Big Happy



Pooch Café



Red & Rover



Sudoku

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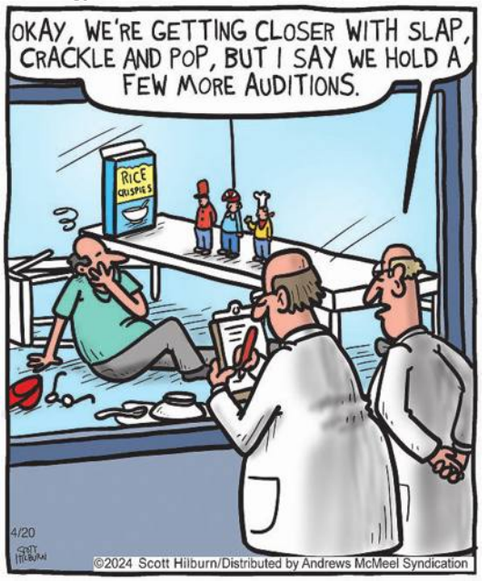
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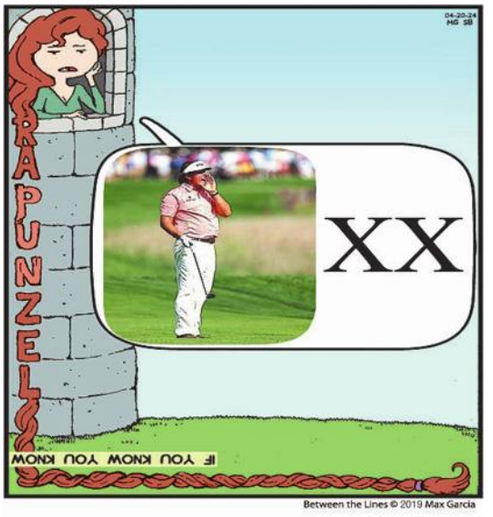
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The Argyle Sweater



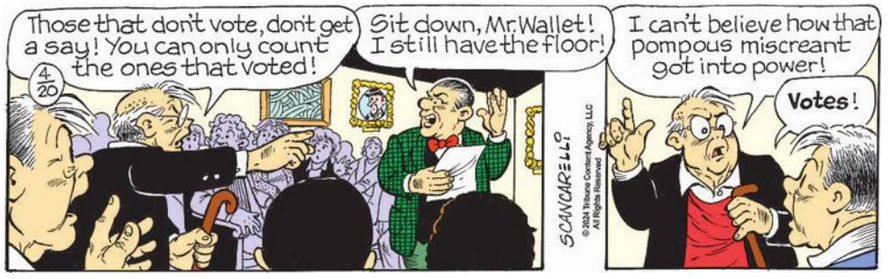
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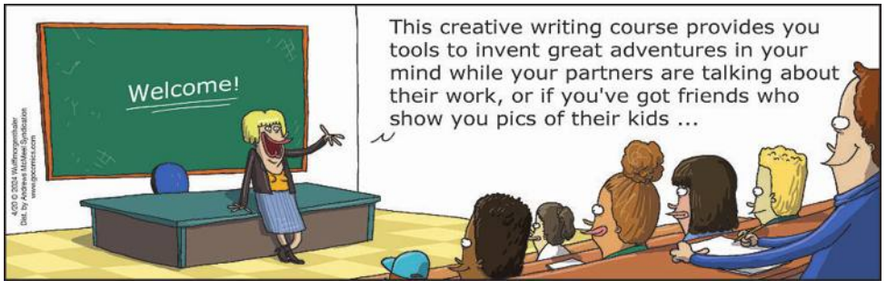
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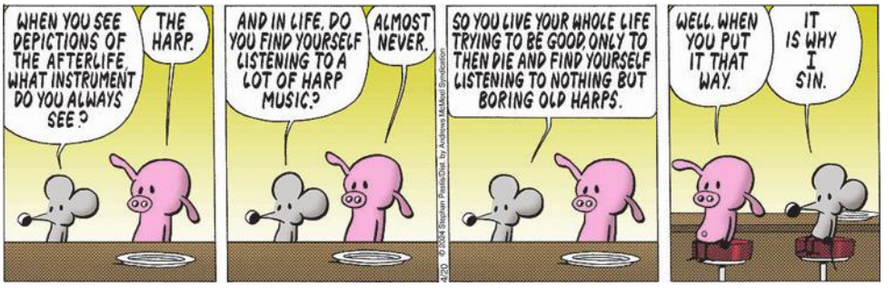
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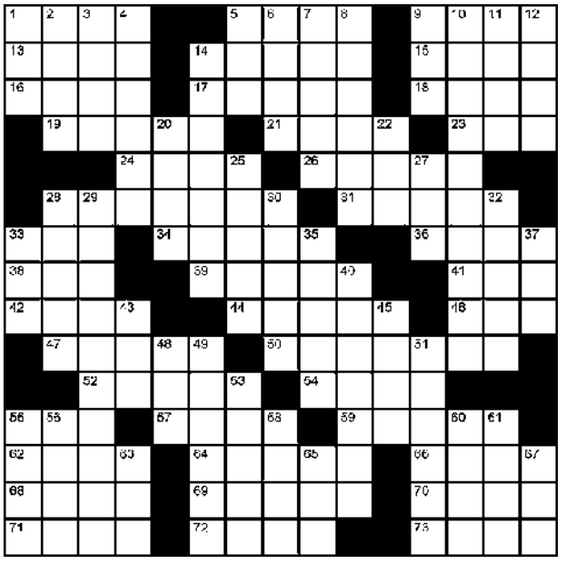
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Mutts



Today's Crossword



ACROSS
1 — -a-brac
5 Head honcho
9 Lhasa —
13 Letter after theta
14 Expanse of wasteland
15 Sign gas
16 Hatch
17 Occur as a result
18 Shrinking lake in Asia
19 Play
21 Special agent (hyph.)
23 Exclaim
24 Unyielding
26 Everyday language
28 Uncommon
31 Pilfer
33 Jolt
34 Render invalid
36 Get top billing
38 Kimono sash
39 Category in biology
41 Anger
42 "— Will Hunting"
44 Mystical card
46 Puzzle
47 Blond lock
50 Like father and son
52 Metal mass
54 Ready to serve
55 Popular
57 Legal wrong
59 "— — — kick out of you ..."
62 Eager
64 Fasteners
66 Fourth planet
68 Like a goldbrick
69 Brilliance
70 Pennsylvania port
71 Leave
72 Depend
73 Nap

DOWN
1 Money offered
2 Crucifix
3 "Use — — lose it"
4 Bottle
5 London's Big —
6 Kiln
7 Baffle
8 Gardening tool
9 Santa —, CA
10 Discerning
11 Go high
12 "— time will tell"
14 Legal proceeding
20 Isinglass
22 "Apocalypse —"
25 French painter
27 — -boom-bah
28 Stiff shoe
29 Put first
30 Eclipse type
32 — seal
33 Bit of exercise
35 Enticed
37 "Toy Story" dinosaur
40 Featured singer
43 Private place
45 Chinese dynasty
48 Mil. rank
49 Oklahoma resident
51 Abounded
53 Vestige
55 Game period
56 Athletic track
58 Money box
60 Cocoyam
61 State near Nev.
63 Henna
65 Put down
67 Catch sight of

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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JUMBLE by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

ZGAEL

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer as suggested by the cartoon.

ANSWER

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CARTOON — The newsperson had arrived on the scene and was ready to — REPORT FOR DUTY

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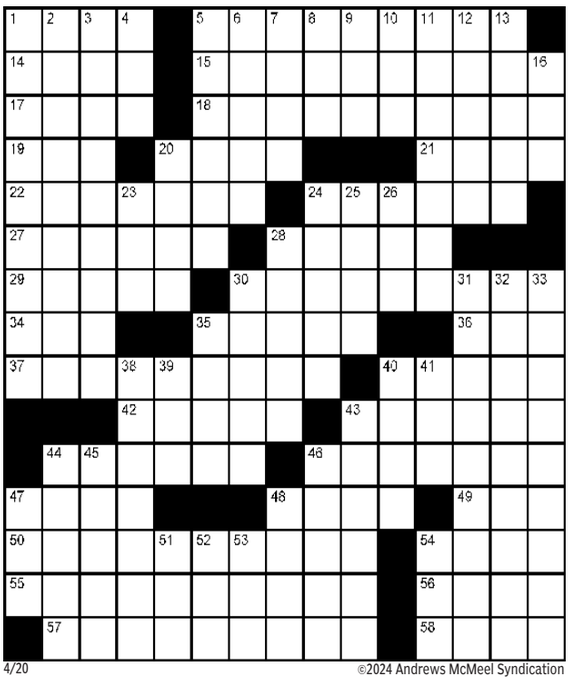


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Philadelphia backup Paul Reed suggested the 76ers were happy to draw the Knicks in the opening round of the playoffs. AP

IT FUELED



Knicks 'don't give a f--k' what 76ers backup Reed says

BY KRISTIAN WINFIELD
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The Knicks saw Paul Reed's comments. Cue viral Stephen A. Smith clip: They don't care.

Reed, a backup center on the Philadelphia 76ers team the Knicks will host in Game 1 of the playoffs on Saturday, went on a podcast after his Sixers beat the Miami Heat in a Play-In Tournament game Wednesday night.

By beating the Heat, the Sixers earned the right to face the Knicks in a No. 2 vs. No. 7 Eastern Conference quarterfinal matchup in the first round.

They also avoided the East's No. 1-seeded Boston Celtics, who now face the winner of Friday's play-in finale between the Heat and Atlanta Hawks.

It all went according to plan, said Reed, who went on FanDuel's NBA show "Run It Back" on Thursday to say his Sixers "wanted" the Knicks in the first round all along.

"I feel like we ain't ducking no smoke, but yeah we wanted the Knicks matchup of course," he said. "That's the easier team, I guess, but it's gonna be fine. We match up pretty well with them. They've got a great guard. We've got a great guard. We've also got Joel [Embiid] – the MVP. He's one of the most unstoppable guys in the league right now, so they're gonna have to send triple teams, and he's gonna get everyone else involved for sure."

Reed's words were just another attempt at a distraction for a Knicks team laser-focused on securing the first of four victories needed to advance past the Sixers into the second round, where last season's playoff run came to a halt.

"That's his thoughts at the end of the day. We're focused on what we've got to do," starting center Isaiah Hartenstein said after Thursday's practice. "That's what podcasts do: They get you comfortable, and then people just say s–t. At the end of the day, we're focused on us. Whatever comments they have, they have, but we're focused on our team, focused on getting better every day and getting focused for the Sixers."

"I don't give a f–k about what he said," Josh Hart added after Friday's practice. "I could really care less."

The Knicks won their season series against the Sixers, 3-1, though reigning league MVP Embiid only played in one of those games this season.

The Knicks are three-point favorites to protect home court and win Game 1 against the Sixers on Saturday.

They are locked into what's happening on the court – not what someone has to say off the floor.

"[We are] focused and just eager to get things started," said Jalen Brunson. "Very eager to get things started."

THE TWEETS

It's crystal clear how much Jalen Brunson means to the city of New York, and likewise, how much the city and the team mean to him. He's fully aware that he's the leader of the Knicks and is prepared to give it his all.
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BRUNSON'S FIRE



Jalen Brunson committed a late turnover that essentially ended the Knicks' hopes against the Heat in Game 6 of the playoffs last season, a moment he is using as motivation heading into tonight's opener against Philadelphia at the Garden. AP

Jalen using costly playoff turnover against Heat as motivation in postseason

BY KRISTIAN WINFIELD
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The only time Josh Hart spoke about it was to poke fun at Jalen Brunson.

After all, Brunson's 2023 playoff run ended in similar fashion to the brutal ending to Hart's Villanova career.

With a turnover.

Hart and Brunson were teammates on the 2017 Wildcats team bumped from the NCAA Tournament's second round by the Wisconsin Badgers.

And when the Badgers denied Brunson on a crunch-time inbounds play, Donte DiVincenzo passed the ball to Hart, who drove to the rim before Wisconsin's Vitto Brown stole the ball, forcing DiVincenzo to foul for a pair of game-sealing free throws.

Fast forward to last year's second-round playoff series against the Miami Heat, and Brunson and Hart are teammates once again.

It's Game 6, the Knicks are down two with less than 25 seconds left in the fourth quarter, and Brunson has the ball in his hands.

Jimmy Butler is guarding him.

You know what happens next: the nightmare ending to last season's unexpected Cinderella playoff run.

Brunson drives baseline into a double team, Julius Randle cuts from the opposite wing, Brunson passes to a cutting Randle, and the Heat deflect the pass and recover the loose ball.

Game over. Knicks lose in six.

"The only time I talked about it was just to let him know that I was open at the top of the key. Wide-open. We've made jokes about it," Hart said after practice at the Knicks' Tarrytown training facility on Friday. "Because the way my college career ended, I think I lost the ball or got stripped, and we lost, and that's how my college career ended. He said he was open. And then last year, it was the other way around. I was open. So sometimes we talk about it, but that's something I know he thinks about."

Brunson thinks about this moment. A lot more than one would think he does, he says. His Knicks were in position to force Game 7, which would have been at Madison Square Garden. Who knows what would have happened in front of the rowdy New York fans with the season on the line on their home turf.

The blunder is clear fuel for a player whose ascent to All-NBA status and MVP consideration can only be further crystallized by a brilliant playoff run for a Knicks team finishing second in the East.

"I made a terrible decision and I had to live with that throughout the whole summer," Brunson said Friday.

It's not mid-training fuel – he doesn't curse the play with every rep on the floor.

"But that moment creeps back in your mind," he said. "You see it all over social media … it's impossible not to see things like that."

The Knicks believe Brunson is better equipped to handle a playoff defense this time around.

For starters, Randle was limited in last year's run due to an ankle injury he sustained at the end of the season. Brunson immediately assumed more responsibility with Randle playing as a shell of himself.

This year, Randle has been out since Jan. 27 after dislocating his shoulder.

"He's played a lot of different roles. He can effectively play without the ball. He knows how to move without the ball. He's obviously great with the ball in his hands," said head coach Tom Thibodeau. "But I think all those different roles – and I think he's been in a lot of big moments. And I think he's shown how well he handles those moments. He has the unique ability to go up a level. So that's what makes him who he is. I think each experience teaches him something. And I think he's grown, he continues to grow. I think all the things he's done is part of his development."

Randle is out for the season, and the Knicks – as they've done all season –will lean heavily on their All-Star point guard.

They won't just lean on him to score. The Sixers will deploy a variety of defenses tailored to getting the ball out of his hands.

The last time the ball left Brunson's hands in the playoffs, the Knicks' season came to an end as a result.

Brunson and Hart both have crunch-time blunder post-traumatic stress disorder. They hope to avoid repeating past mistakes.

"Whenever you lose to a team, you think about everything. This summer, I know he thought about it," said Hart. "This summer, all I thought about was Miami, and then obviously I was with Spo [Erik Spoelstra] and USA Basketball. So all we thought about this summer was what we could have done against Miami to move on. That's what we've got to fuel us to now in terms of what can we do, what can we do better against Philly to move on to the second round."

KNICKS NEED THE NEW GUYS

OG and Bojan critical to team's playoff success



KRISTIAN WINFIELD

This Knicks' first-round playoff series against the Philadelphia 76ers won't come down to just Jalen Brunson.

It won't come down to head coaching chops in a dogfight between Tom Thibodeau and Nick Nurse.

It won't come down to limiting Philly's All-Star guard in Tyrese Maxey or limiting Joel Embiid, the league's reigning MVP.

The Knicks will win this series on the margins, the margins they struck a pair of mid-season trades to improve for this very playoff run.

If the Knicks are to win this series, they will do so because of OG Anunoby and Bojan Bogdanovic, and the offensive burst the pair of stars will need to provide when the Sixers force the ball out of Brunson's hands.

There's no secret the Sixers' defensive game plan against the Knicks' All-NBA bound guard is two-fold: deploy lanky wings against the 6-1 Brunson, and throw two, sometimes even three, defenders at him to force the ball out of his hands.

From the blitz, the ball will likely go from Brunson to either Josh Hart or Isaiah Hartenstein, who will have a four-on-three advantage on offense.

And with the Sixers both unlikely to help off Donte DiVincenzo, who holds the franchise record for threes made in the season, and unlikely to help off the player in the dunker's spot (either Hart or Hartenstein), which would cede an instant two points via an uncontested finish at the rim, the ball is bound to find Anunoby: a total eraser on defense who is a modest scorer on offense.

Modest until he becomes aggressive, which is how the Knicks will need both Anunoby and Bogdanovic to play to take some of the defensive pressure off of Brunson.

"Yeah, [I'm] definitely being more aggressive with my shot more [in the playoffs]," Anunoby said after Thursday's practice. "Just making the right play."

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Thibodeau suggested it was a coincidence.

With just a handful of games remaining on their schedule before the April 12 regular-season finale against the Chicago Bulls, the Knicks began hunting more shots for Bogdanovic.

It's something both wings acquired via a pair of in-season trades have dealt with on the fly this season: adjusting to new roles, new teammates, hell, a new coach, after an abrupt end to their stints elsewhere.

Yet this is why you make a mid-season trade, then strike another hours ahead of the February NBA trade deadline.

It's why you take the gamble and move on from three young players with promising futures.

RJ Barrett, Immanuel Quickley and Quentin Grimes each needed more time and higher usage to develop. A playoff-bound Knicks team battling a rash of injuries needed immediate help.

And it needed a better fit than two players in Barrett and Quickley who provided an offensive spark but were net negatives on the defensive end. Grimes, a capable defender, airing his grievances with his role offensively didn't help matters, either.

Anunoby and Bogdanovic were equal parts immediate impact and perfect fit.

The Anunoby acquisition improved the spacing and gave the Knicks a legitimate perimeter stopper capable of guarding all five positions on the court.

And adding Bogdanovic, particularly as both Anunoby (elbow) and Julius Randle (shoulder) were set to miss significant time, gave the Knicks more bodies and bolstered one of the league's worst bench scoring units.

The deal wasn't only a perfect fit for the Knicks. For two seasons in a row, Bogdanovic toiled away on a Detroit Pistons team with the worst record in basketball.

"We are winning the games. We are fighting for something, for the highest possible seed that we can get and then have home-court advantage as long as we can," Bogdanovic said after defeating the Celtics on April 11. "So it's a different story and different feeling to be out there."

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Bogdanovic started 143 out of 144 possible games before his trade to the Knicks. He is the sixth man in New York, even if Mitchell Robinson comes off the bench first. He is the scoring punch the Knicks lost when they traded Quickley to the Toronto Raptors.

Which made it of great importance to get him into a shooting rhythm in the weeks leading into the first round of the playoffs.

Bogdanovic averaged 11.4 points off the bench through eight April games and scored in double figures in five of those games.

For reference, he posted double-digit scoring just five times in all of March against nine games with less than 10 points in the month.

What changed? Bogdanovic gained a better understanding of his role: when he would come into the game in the first quarter, how many minutes he would play on a nightly basis, who would be on the floor with him in those minutes and where he could expect to find his shots.

Eventually, Thibodeau began drawing up more plays to get Bogdanovic involved in the offense. Thibodeau often says the Knicks start things with the end in mind, but said he didn't intentionally hunt Bogdanovic shots in April to get him into a better playoff groove.

"I've been confident," Bogdanovic said after the April 11 win in Boston. "Even with a lot of up and downs that I've had with the Knicks, I'm feeling more comfortable in my role right now. Kind of adjust a little bit because it's not the same. I've been a starter for 10 years, but here going into the playoffs, I hope that I'm starting to play way better and keep my level up."

Bogdanovic's impact is largely on offense. He is a 20 point-per-game scorer who has averaged 18 points in each of his last two playoff runs.

Anunoby's chief impact is on defense, where he'll be expected to guard Embiid, Maxey and any Sixer in-between.

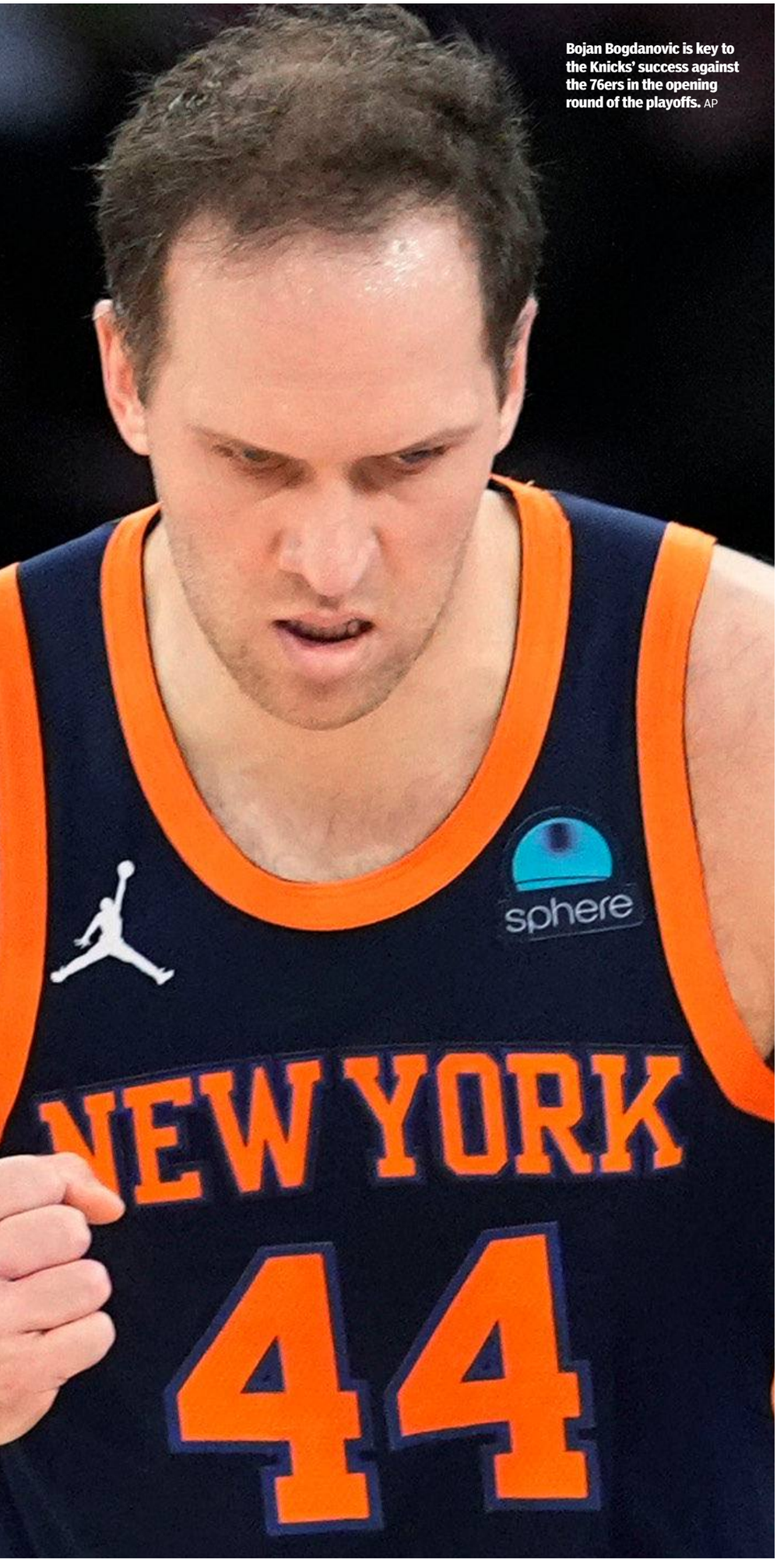
He will also need to assume a larger offensive role as a swarming Philadelphia defense coached by the creative Nurse targets Brunson, the head of the Knicks snake.

Anunoby's offense can come in a variety of ways: He's a dead-eye corner shooter. You can't leave him open. He's a smart cutter, too, getting quality offense through the back door. He can put the ball on the floor and score in the mid-range, and if he leaves his feet to dunk the ball, he's strong enough to finish through contact.

A late January elbow injury cost Anunoby a month-and-change worth of action, but the injury appears to be in the past.

The future holds a first-round playoff matchup between the Sixers and Knicks, and though the focus – and rightfully so – will be on the headliners, the Embiids, Brunsons and Maxeys, it's where the Knicks improved around the margins – Anunoby and Bogdanovic – who'll be key in dictating how this series plays out.

"They're high-character guys, they care about the team," Thibodeau said of Anunoby and Bogdanovic after the finale against the Bulls. "And that's important to us as an organization. I think Leon and his staff have identified those types of players, and I think they come in, they fit in."



Bojan Bogdanovic is key to the Knicks' success against the 76ers in the opening round of the playoffs. AP

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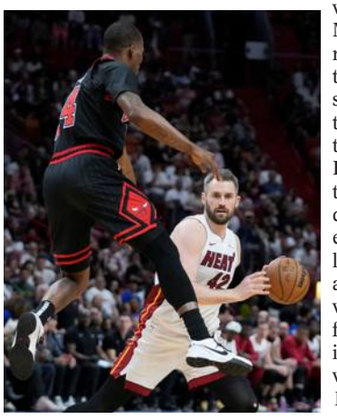
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MIAMI – The chants started raining down in the fourth quarter. "We want Boston," the Miami Heat crowd kept shouting, over and over.

The fans got their wish. And a rematch of the last two Eastern Conference finals awaits in Round 1 this year.

Miami – even with Jimmy Butler sidelined for several weeks with a sprained knee – is back in the playoffs. Tyler Herro scored 24 points and was an assist shy of a triple-double, rookie Jaime Jaquez Jr. added 21 points and the Heat grabbed the last spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs by beating the Chicago Bulls 112-91 in a play-in tournament elimination game Friday night.

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Kevin Love and Heat get past Javonte Green and Bulls in play-in game. AP

"I have an appreciation for the things you can't buy, the things that you have to earn," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We had to earn this. You can't influence it. You can't pay money for it. You actually have to collectively come together to earn it – and we had to do it the hard way, just to get this first ticket punched for the invitation to this dance."

Kevin Love scored 16 and Bam Adebayo added 13 for Miami, which is now set to be huge underdogs against a Celtics team that is the big favorite to win the NBA title. The Heat are the No. 8 seed again, just like last year when they survived the play-in and went all the way to the NBA Finals.

"Ultimately, we've just got to bring that Miami Heat culture and that toughness," Jaquez said. "We've got two games in Boston. We've got to set the tone extremely early, impose our will on them and make it real physical."

They took control over the Bulls with a 19-0 run in the first quarter, and a 14-0 run midway through the second half ended all doubt. Herro finished with 10 rebounds and nine assists, and the Heat eliminated the Bulls in the last East play-in game for the second straight year.

DeMar DeRozan scored 22 points for the Bulls, who got 16 points, 14 rebounds and five assists from Nikola Vucevic. Coby White scored 13 for Chicago, which was trying to become the fifth team in the last 35 years to make the playoffs after not spending a single day all season over the .500 mark.

Chicago shot only 38%, with the Heat defense carrying the day.

"These games, they're going to be like that," Bulls coach Billy Donovan said. "It's going to be ugly, grind-out. Could we have been better in those areas? Probably. I wouldn't say we were perfect. I thought our guys were trying to compete."

The 19-0 run – which matched Miami's longest run of consecutive points all season, done two other times – put the Heat on top, turning an 11-6 deficit into an early 25-11 lead. Jaquez and Nikola Jovic combined for 11 points in the burst, which fueled Miami taking a 17-point lead after one quarter and pushing it to 20 in the second quarter.

It was a rare stretch of decent offense on a gritty, gutty, win-or-go-home night.

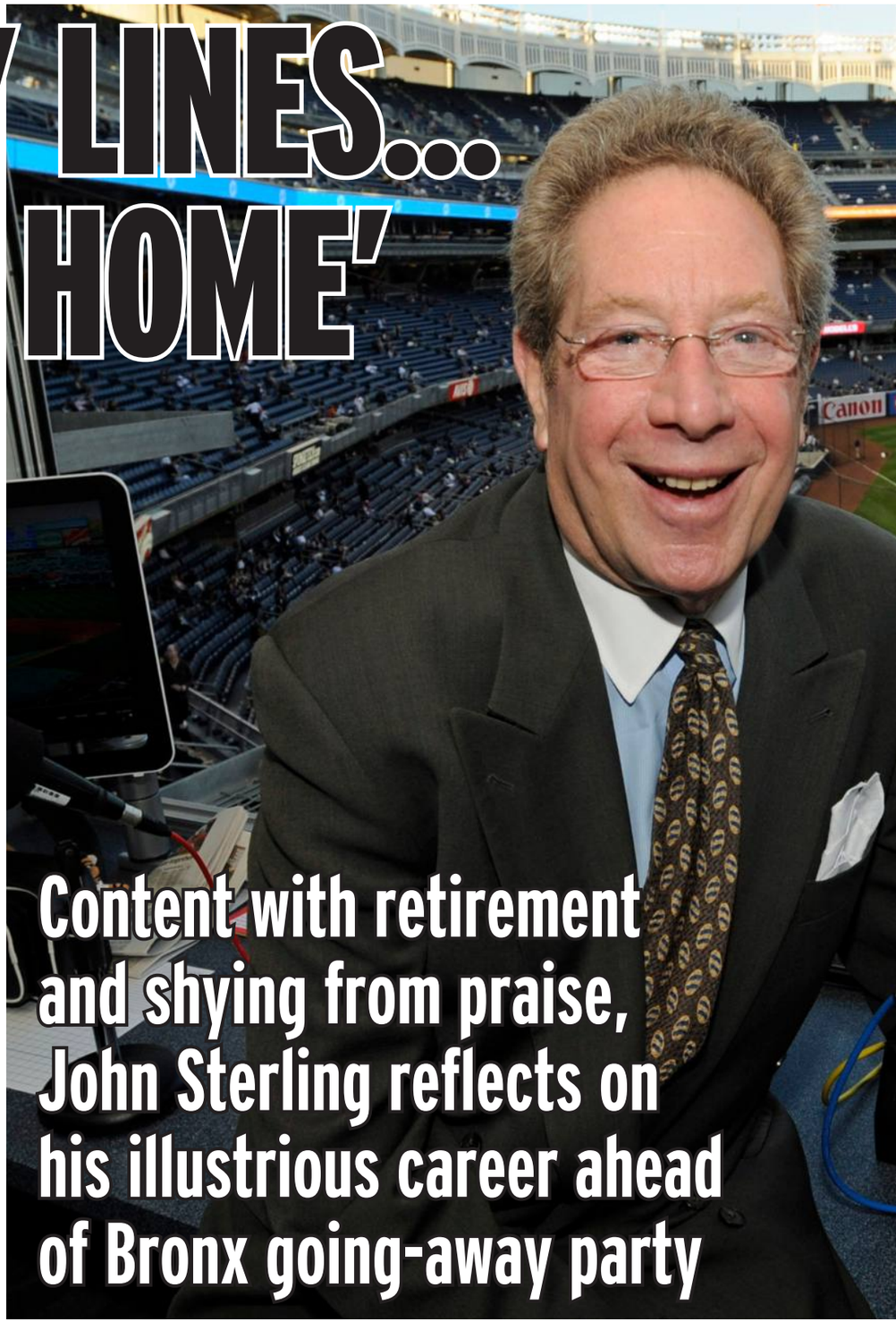
The Heat managed only 13 points in the second and still went into the half with a 47-37 lead, because the Bulls were even colder from the field. Chicago started 4 for 5, then went 8 for 39 over the rest of the half. The Heat started 8 for 9, then finished the half by going 9 for 35.

This is how bad it was: Chicago missed 14 of 15 shots in one stretch, while Miami had spans of 0 for 8 and 0 for 6. But the Heat had the two big runs – and now are back as the No. 8 seed, the one they rode all the way to the NBA Finals last season.

It'll be far more difficult this time against a Boston team that won an NBA-best 64 games this season and is likely still smarting from losing a Game 7 of last year's East finals to the Heat at home.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to be in the playoffs," Spoelstra said. "I'm grateful for this locker room to have this opportunity. And I think they're appreciative of it, as well."

‘I SAY MY LINES... AND I GO HOME’



Content with retirement and shying from praise, John Sterling reflects on his illustrious career ahead of Bronx going-away party

BY GARY PHILLIPS
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Speaking from his apartment in Edgewater, N.J., John Sterling goes off a tangent.

“There’s an old British actor named Arthur Treacher,” he told The Daily News earlier this week. “He used to have a fish and chips thing.”

The two-sentence, incomplete biography seemingly comes out of nowhere, but Sterling isn’t done quite yet. After a brief pause, he continues: “Anyway, Arthur Treacher was in a whole lot of movies. He summed up what he did, and it sums up what I do.

“Treacher said, ‘I come, I hit my marks, I say my lines, I take my money, and I go home.’”

This is Sterling’s way of saying that he doesn’t want to make a fuss over his retirement, which he announced Monday. Or his legendary run as the radio voice of the Yankees, which began in 1989 and covered over 5,600 games. Or how his broadcasting career, which has spanned 64 years, came to be.

For all the color he provided with his quirky home run calls, unmistakable voice and boisterous broadcasts, “I don’t analyze too well,” the now former play-by-play man says of his life.

“If you want to sum it up, I’m very lucky,” the 85-year-old said before adding, “I don’t make as much out of things. I just do it and then leave.”

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Growing up on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, Sterling loved the Yankees. He used to play sports and attend games whenever he could. But he had passions outside of athletics.

He remembers desperately wanting to watch a baseball game one day as a young kid, but his sister and mother “dragged” him to a production of *Kiss Me, Kate.*

“Cole Porter’s greatest score,” Sterling now says. “I totally fell in love. I love music. I love melody, and I don’t know how you could find a better show. And then, because I had a love for it, I started seeing I was in the Golden Era. *Guys and Dolls* and *South Pacific* and on and on and on.

“I’ve never gotten over it.”

Sterling’s reverence for Broadway would go on to impact how he called a game, which he always did with a performative streak. The fancy suits he donned were his wardrobe. The booth served as his stage.

Yet Sterling never considered an acting career. His other love, radio, had a stronger hold on him.

Between ages nine and 11 – so long ago that he can’t fully remember – Sterling determined that his future would be on the air. He came to this realization pre-puberty, he notes, before his booming baritone developed.

While sports broadcasts influenced those ambitions, Sterling said something else set him on his path.

“The radio was on and this announcer says: ‘Live from Hollywood, it’s *The Eddie Bracken Show*,’” Sterling recalled before humming the show’s tune. “Well, I didn’t want to be Eddie Bracken. I wanted to be that guy with the voice.”

Sterling said that his pursuit of a broadcasting career “saved” him. He called himself a “terrible student,” but he never worried about school because he knew what he wanted to do.

Believe it or not, the Yankees had nothing to do with his original dream job.

“I really wanted to be a disc jockey at WNEW AM, which was then a great station,” Sterling said. “Kind of the darling of Madison Avenue.”

Sterling landed his first job at 21 and worked as a DJ until hosting a talk show in Baltimore in the 1960s. Other gigs, including play-by-play opportunities in Baltimore, followed before Sterling began hosting a show for WMCA in New York in 1971. From there, Sterling lent his voice to Islanders and Nets games while also doing pregame host work before Yankees broadcasts.

Sterling then headed to Atlanta, where he hosted a show and called the Braves and Hawks. In 1987, however, he returned to New York as a guest host on WFAN. That’s where he met the pioneering Suzyn Waldman, his future broadcast partner.

Her first impression? “This is a really interesting human being,” Waldman said.

Sterling took over as the Yankees’ radio voice in 1989. He missed two games that season after his sister, Jane, died. From there, he trounced Cal Ripken Jr.’s consecutive games streak, calling 5,058 contests without an absence until 2019.

“I had an incredible run,” Sterling said, but “I never thought of it like that. ‘Oh, I gotta go add to the record.’ Nah, that’s my job. I’m supporting my family and that’s what I do.”

Still, the Yankees and their fans haven’t known anything else for decades. Which is why, despite Sterling’s attempts to downplay the significance of his retirement, he will be honored before Saturday’s game against the Rays in the Bronx.

“There will never be another one,” said Waldman, who spent two decades in the booth alongside Sterling. “There’ll never be another person like that. To have that kind of love for a team and that kind of love for his fanbase – I hope Saturday that everybody shows him that because there’s three generations who know nothing about Yankee baseball except for John Sterling.”

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Travel had gotten tougher for Sterling in recent years, and he planned on doing fewer road games this season prior to announcing his retirement. Even before the campaign began, he had toyed with walking away.

Then, during the Yankees’ season-opening road trip to Houston and Arizona, Sterling realized he simply didn’t want to do it at all anymore while chatting with Aaron Boone.

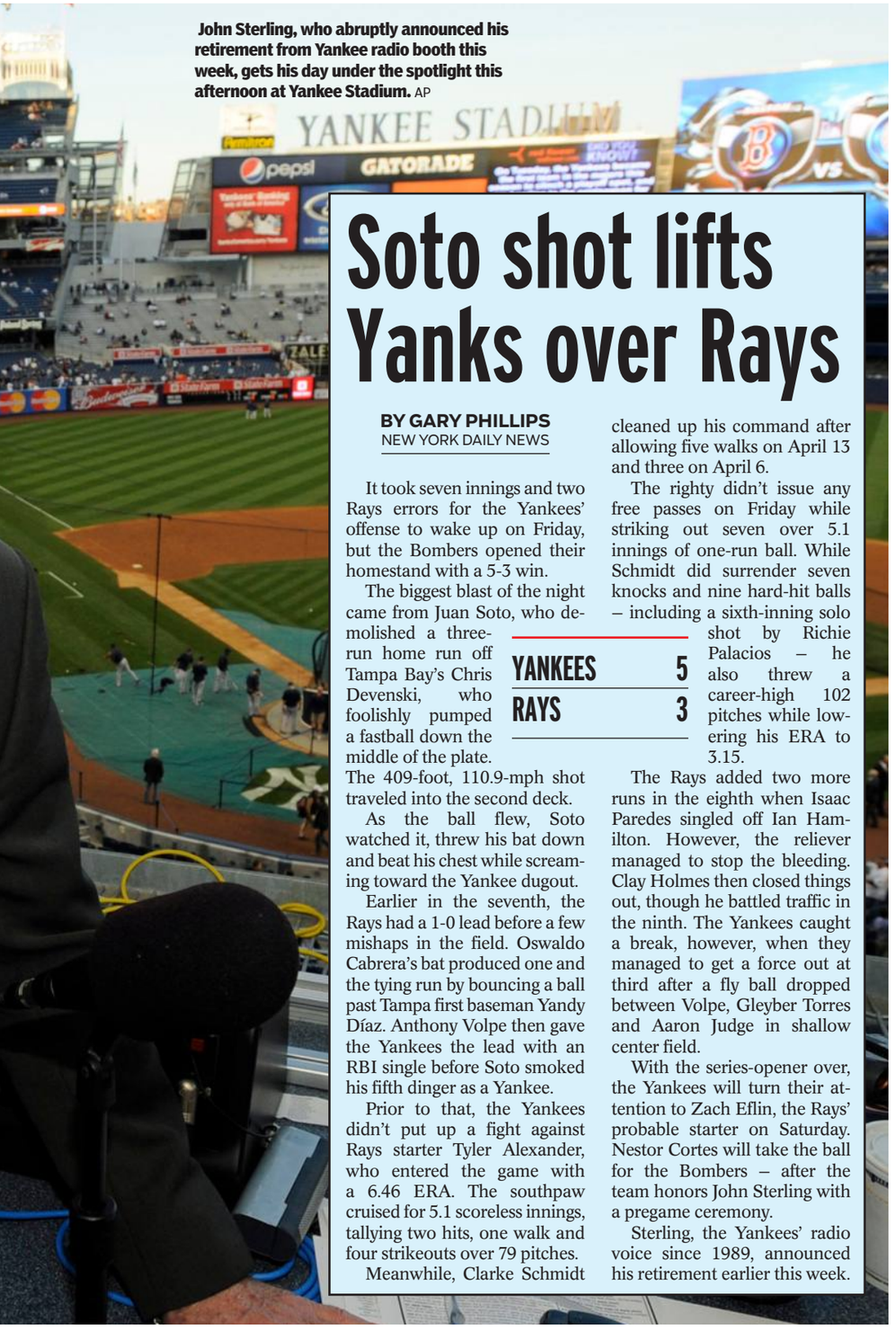
“I was talking with Boonie and he said, ‘How are you?’” Sterling said. “And I said, ‘I’m starting to feel my age.’ And he said, ‘Well, you’re old.’ So this has been on my mind to do for a while, and I figured what am I waiting for?

“I think you’d agree with me: It’s enough.”

Sterling added that “If I was smarter – which I’m certainly not – I would have announced it March 1 or March 15.”

The Yankees’ failure to make the playoffs last season left Sterling with extra free time over the offseason, planting another seed for this decision. “I loved it!” said Sterling, who is looking forward to being able to do “what I want every single day.”

He considers himself “a tremendous loner” who can entertain himself with ease, but his plans will consist of finally being able to sleep in late, fine dining with family and the scribes he’s come to know,



John Sterling, who abruptly announced his retirement from Yankee radio booth this week, gets his day under the spotlight this afternoon at Yankee Stadium. AP

Soto shot lifts Yanks over Rays

BY GARY PHILLIPS
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

It took seven innings and two Rays errors for the Yankees' offense to wake up on Friday, but the Bombers opened their homestand with a 5-3 win.

The biggest blast of the night came from Juan Soto, who demolished a three-run home run off Tampa Bay's Chris Devenski, who foolishly pumped a fastball down the middle of the plate. The 409-foot, 110.9-mph shot traveled into the second deck.

As the ball flew, Soto watched it, threw his bat down and beat his chest while screaming toward the Yankee dugout.

Earlier in the seventh, the Rays had a 1-0 lead before a few mishaps in the field. Oswaldo Cabrera's bat produced one and the tying run by bouncing a ball past Tampa first baseman Yandy Díaz. Anthony Volpe then gave the Yankees the lead with an RBI single before Soto smoked his fifth dinger as a Yankee.

Prior to that, the Yankees didn't put up a fight against Rays starter Tyler Alexander, who entered the game with a 6.46 ERA. The southpaw cruised for 5.1 scoreless innings, tallying two hits, one walk and four strikeouts over 79 pitches.

Meanwhile, Clarke Schmidt cleaned up his command after allowing five walks on April 13 and three on April 6.

The righty didn't issue any free passes on Friday while striking out seven over 5.1 innings of one-run ball. While Schmidt did surrender seven knocks and nine hard-hit balls – including a sixth-inning solo shot by Richie Palacios – he also threw a career-high 102 pitches while lowering his ERA to 3.15.

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The Rays added two more runs in the eighth when Isaac Paredes singled off Ian Hamilton. However, the reliever managed to stop the bleeding. Clay Holmes then closed things out, though he battled traffic in the ninth. The Yankees caught a break, however, when they managed to get a force out at third after a fly ball dropped between Volpe, Gleyber Torres and Aaron Judge in shallow center field.

With the series-opener over, the Yankees will turn their attention to Zach Eflin, the Rays' probable starter on Saturday. Nestor Cortes will take the ball for the Bombers – after the team honors John Sterling with a pregame ceremony.

Sterling, the Yankees' radio voice since 1989, announced his retirement earlier this week.

and watching lots of games on the two-screen setup he has at home.

Sterling also has a daughter that he wants to walk down the aisle in a year. His other children recently graduated college.

"I don't want him to be tired," Waldman said. "I want him to be able to see his kids get married and have kids. It's very important."

One factor Sterling did not consider when retiring is health.

"None," he emphatically replied when asked what role it played. "Health had absolutely no concern. I just came back from a doctor's visit and all the numbers were excellent. I am 85.5. But anyway, that's gonna be whispered. What can I do about it? I can't stop what people are gonna say. But the answer is no."

Outside of reports on his health, people have mostly said kind things about Sterling since he stepped away from the microphone.

Boone labeled him a "giant in the industry." Aaron Judge called him "a big part of the game." Others, including Derek Jeter and fellow media icons, tweeted tributes, broadcasted impressions and shared their favorite memories.

"I'm bummed out about it, sad about it, but certainly just want him to be in a good spot and healthy moving forward," Boone said. "I know that obviously this is the right time and the best thing for John. He'll be forever connected to the Yankees."

Sterling said he plans on watching or listening to every Yankees and Mets game going forward, but he doesn't think he'll come around Yankee Stadium much after Saturday's ceremony. He has a message planned for Yankees fans, which he will deliver from the field.

Even with a speech prepared, he finds this week's outpouring of support hard to believe. Unnecessary even.

"It's very flattering to say, 'Oh, they're gonna miss me.' But believe me, everyone is replaceable," Sterling said, citing Johnny Carson as an example.

Others, of course, have a different take.

"Nothing will ever be the same," Waldman said. "It can't be. Life goes on and we all go on, but nothing will be the same."



DJ LeMahieu's rehab assignment is pushed back. AP

DJ delayed after MRI result is 'not quite' what Yanks hoped

DJ LeMahieu planned on starting a rehab assignment at Double-A Somerset on Friday, but the versatile infielder found himself in the Yankees' clubhouse instead.

LeMahieu underwent a precautionary MRI on Thursday night. It showed that the non-displaced fracture in his right foot had healed, "but not quite what they were hoping for."

"A couple doctors just didn't feel comfortable yet," LeMahieu said.

Added Aaron Boone: "They do feel like he is ready to go play, but as we've kind of talked about from the beginning, we're not playing with this at all. We want to make sure DJ's in a good spot when he does come back."

The manager added that LeMahieu is "close to 100 percent," but the Yankees are being "conservative." The new plan is for LeMahieu to start a rehab assignment on Tuesday.

In the meantime, LeMahieu can keep doing baseball activities, including batting practice and groundballs.

"I feel ready to go," he said. "Ready to get out and get in some games, but it shouldn't be too much longer I guess.

"I'm frustrated, but I'm ready to go."

BYE BYE BURDI

Another Yankees reliever hit the shelf on Friday, as Nick Burdi is dealing with right hip inflammation.

The Yankees placed the right-hander on the 15-day injured list. The move is retroactive to April 17.

Burdi, who has a 0.00 ERA over 6.1 innings this season, first felt discomfort on the final pitch of his last outing on April 16. Boone said the injury is "fairly minor," but Burdi has a long injury history. With that in mind, the Yankees didn't want to put him in a position where his arm had to overcompensate.

Boone said Burdi has started taking some medicine, and the hope is that he'll start ramping up again in a "handful of days."

Another righty, Cody Morris, took Burdi's spot in the bullpen. Acquired from Cleveland for Estevan Florial over the offseason, Morris had a 1.93 ERA over 9.1 innings at Triple-A.

Boone said the pitcher, who has 13 games of MLB experience, could give the Yankees more length than Burdi could.

A NEW FACE

The Yankees also added outfielder Taylor Trammell to the active roster after claiming him from the Dodgers on Thursday. To make room on the 40-man roster, infielder Kevin Smith was designated for assignment.

A former top prospect, Trammell is a .165 career hitter over 121 MLB games with the Mariners and Dodgers. The left-handed swinger has some speed and has shown pop in the minors. He can also play all three outfield positions.

Boone said Trammell will fill a reserve role and could be used as a pinch-runner.

"It's an opportunity to get a talented player," Boone said. "This is a guy that's been a big-time prospect in his career. Hasn't really translated at the big league level yet, but it's a 26-year-old, talented kid."

NY insider
BY GARY PHILLIPS

Despite lack of playing time, Met infielders bonding

BY ABBEY MASTRACCO
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

LOS ANGELES – Zack Short realized a dream when he was named to the Mets' Opening Day roster, but sometimes your dreams don't turn out exactly how you imagined. A local kid out of Hurley who played college baseball at Sacred Heart, the utility infielder grew up rooting for the Mets thanks to his dad, hoping someday he could play for his favorite team.

But Short isn't exactly playing much. He's played in eight of the Mets' 18 games, making only three starts, all of them at third base. With the Mets currently carrying two utility infielders, Short and Joey Wendle, and Brett Baty playing his best baseball yet, playing time can be hard to come by.

"Everybody dreams about being in the big leagues," Short recently told the Daily News. "But you don't dream about not playing."

However, it's not in Short's DNA to sit around sulking about not playing. He'd rather be in the big leagues than in the minor leagues and he's doing what he can to ensure he does whatever he can to make the team better, even when he's not in the lineup. In this case, that means bringing energy in the dugout.

Short is as diligent about his pregame work as he is about bringing energy in the dugout.

"You feed off of good energy and if you're that bad egg, you can stick out like a sore thumb," he said. "That is, in my opinion, one of the worst qualities that you can have. I can make somebody feel good when they do something little throughout a game. I kind of try to be as genuine as I can and make sure that I'm trying to give off the best energy I can throughout the game. Being a spark plug in the dugout is something I take pride in because I'm trying to help maintain the great culture that we have here."

The Mets are exceptionally proud of the culture that exists right now and have attributed much of this 8-2 stretch to it. Players like Short and his counterpart, Wendle, have contributed to that. Despite competing for playing time, the two have also developed a friendship this season. It goes back to spring training when their lockers were next to one another in Port St. Lucie, but the 28-year-old Short found himself seeking advice from the 33-year-old Wendle.

"Talking to Joey has been huge," Short said.

A veteran infielder who has experienced failure and success in the major leagues, Wendle became a sounding board for Short. Since then, the two have a mutual appreciation for one another.

"We have such similar profiles, we play multiple positions and make a lot out of ourselves offensively," Wendle said. "We talk a lot about a lot of infield stuff, honestly, just a lot of baseball stuff and our thought processes. If he says he's learned a lot from me, I've also learned a lot from him."

Wendle isn't wrong, they do profile similarly. Wendle has more of a history offensively than Short does and so far this season he's gone 3-for-12 with a double and an RBI. Short is 1-for-8 with a walk, a run and four strikeouts. But Short has drawn praise from the other infielders for starting some tough double plays at third base and he's made some excellent diving stops on line drives.

The Mets are divvying up the playing time based on matchups. Manager Carlos Mendoza has continued to emphasize that they are both very important to the team and has lauded their preparation.

Short learned just how important preparation is as a reserve player for the Detroit Tigers last season. With a young, rebuilding team, the Tigers used pinch-hitters and defensive replacements frequently.

"I've dealt with it in the past, making sure that I take ground balls kind of at a different spot every day, and then take extra throughout BP or try to get as many live reads as I can," Short said. "It's the closest you're going to get to a game situation. Last year really prepared me and I learned so much of how to come off the bench and how to stay ready for, basically, any situation.

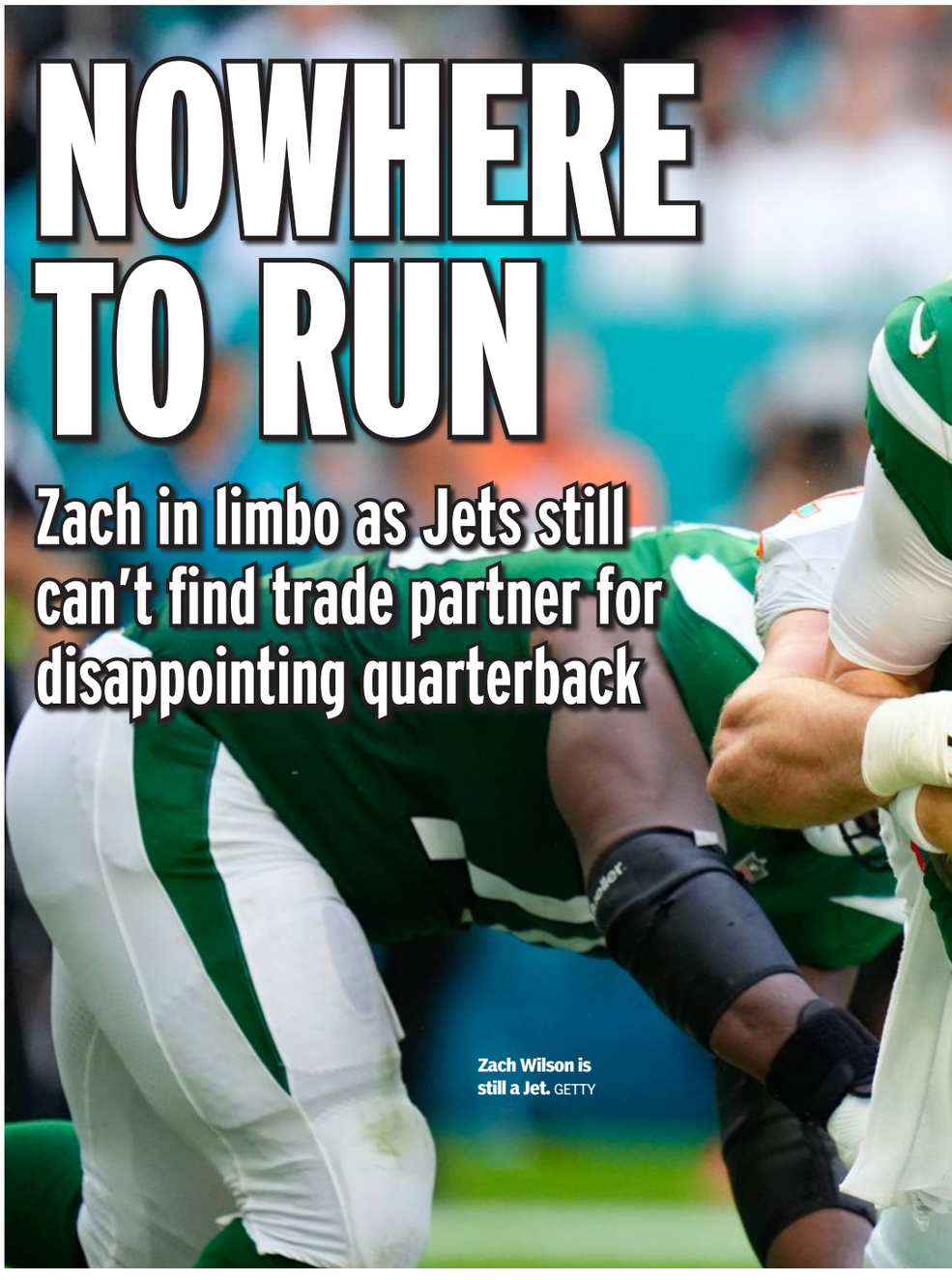
"You're not taught that in the minor leagues at all unless you go through it."

Short may eventually get squeezed out for someone like Mark Vientos and he isn't naive to that possibility. But for now, the Mets like what Short and Wendle are bringing on the field and in the dugout.

"You want to play like every player," Wendle said. "You have to have that desire to play. But there is going to be an opportunity at some point to get consistent at-bats, you just don't always know when that's going to be, so you have to be ready. It could happen mid-game at some point and if something changes, then you're the guy at that position."

NOWHERE TO RUN

Zach in limbo as Jets still can't find trade partner for disappointing quarterback



Zach Wilson is still a Jet. GETTY

BY ANTWAN STALEY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

No news is not good news for Jets quarterback Zach Wilson.

In February, GM Joe Douglas and the Jets gave Wilson permission to seek a trade. However, two months later, Wilson remains on Gang Green's roster.

Then last month, at the NFL Owners Meetings in Orlando, Jets owner Woody Johnson said they would not release Wilson if they could not find a trade partner. However, during the same media availability, Johnson said he wouldn't "speculate" and called Wilson a valuable asset.

Douglas echoed Johnson's sentiments when he spoke to the media on Friday during a predraft press conference.

"I know you guys talked to Woody about Zach and my thoughts are in line with Woody," Douglas said. "Zach is an asset and at that same time, we are obviously open to trading Zach.

"There have been discussions, nothing's really changed since we talked down in Florida. But we are open to trading him. There's just no news to report on that."

After being selected second overall in the 2021 NFL Draft, Wilson has struggled during his three seasons with the Jets. He was benched multiple times in 2022 before being relegated to backup quarterback after the Jets acquired Aaron Rodgers last year.

The thought was Wilson could take a step back and watch Rodgers for a few seasons. That, of course, didn't happen after Rodgers tore his Achilles four plays into the Jets season opener against the Bills.

Wilson played in 12 games last season and passed for 2,271 yards, eight touchdowns and seven interceptions. Gang Green went 4-7 in his starts. He missed the final three games of the season after suffering a concussion during the Jets' 30-0 loss against the Dolphins in December.

At the NFL Honors Red Carpet, Johnson lambasted Wilson and said the Jets didn't have a backup QB during the 2023 season. To address that need, the Jets signed Tyrod Taylor to a two-year contract in March that could be worth up to $18 million.

The Jets' voluntary offseason workout program began Monday. But Wilson is not in attendance, and his status on the team is in limbo. If the Jets release Wilson, they would take a dead money cap hit of $11.2 million. If Wilson is traded, the Jets would net $5.7 million in savings.

The Jets' biggest problem is many backup and third-string quarterback positions have already been filled this offseason. Many other teams will also select QBs during next week's draft.



"That's the magic trick, sort of speak," Douglas said. "Try to make sure that Zach is in a good spot but also doing right for the New York Jets. That is the line we're walking."

VERA-TUCKER DECISION

The deadline for teams to exercise fifth-year options on the rookie contracts of 2021 first-round draft picks is rapidly approaching.

Teams must decide by May 2 whether to keep those players for a fifth season or decline their options. The Jets have yet to determine if they will pick up guard Alijah Vera-Tucker's fifth-year option for 2025, which would be worth $15.3 million.

"We haven't talked about that yet," Douglas said. "But we have a little time after the draft. I'll definitely update you guys on that."

It's difficult to fathom the Jets not discussing picking up Vera-Tucker's option less than two weeks before the deadline. He is one of the best linemen on the team and a valuable piece to their offense. Vera-Tucker has played four of five offensive line positions during his three seasons with the Jets.

But it's easy to understand the Jets dilemma. Vera-Tucker has played in just 12 of 34 games the last two seasons because of two separate season-ending injuries.

In 2022, Vera-Tucker tore his tricep in a game at Denver and missed the rest of the season. Coincidentally, Vera-Tucker suffered a season-ending Achilles tear on the same field against the Broncos last season.

If Vera-Tucker's option is declined, 2024 would be the final year of his rookie contract. However, the franchise tag could be an option for Vera-Tucker if he remains healthy for the 2024 season.

Jets GM says: 'We definitely have 10 players that we're excited to take' in NFL draft

BY ANTWAN STALEY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Less than a week before the 2024 NFL Draft, there has yet to be a consensus on who the Jets will select with the 10th overall pick.

Some expect Gang Green to draft Georgia tight end Brock Bowers. Others believe the Jets need to address their offensive line depth.

No matter what the Jets decide to do, general manager Joe Douglas believes the team is in a great spot.

"A lot of great conversations, a lot of great meetings with our college scouts who were here last week," Douglas said during Friday's pre-draft press conference. "Our coaches got together and we just went through everybody. We had a lot of good discussions and talked through some interesting scenarios and a lot of great players.

"This week has been some more strategy meetings with people. I think we are in a good spot. Excited about next week and we've got definitely 10 players that we're excited to take, so we're ready to roll."

It is expected four quarterbacks (USC's Caleb Williams, North Carolina's Drake Maye, LSU's Jayden Daniels and Michigan's J.J. McCarthy) will be selected during the first nine picks of the first round. If that is the case, the draft board could set up nicely for the Jets.



Jets general manager Joe Douglas addressed the team's needs on Friday, just days ahead of a crucial NFL draft for him and his team. AP

Two of the Jets' primary needs are on the offensive line and at wide receiver. Ohio State's Marvin Harrison Jr. will likely be off the board by the time the Jets are on the clock. However, LSU's Malik Nabers or Washington's Rome Odunze could fall depending on what the teams in front of the Jets decide to do.

The problems on the Jets' offensive line have been well documented the last couple of seasons. Last season, the Jets used 14 offensive line combinations in 17 games. In 2022, 11 different players started games.

The Jets addressed the offensive line this offseason by signing left tackle Tyron Smith, left guard John Simpson and trading for right tackle Morgan Moses. However, Smith hasn't played an entire season since 2015, and Moses had offseason surgery on his torn pectoral muscle.

Upfront protection is even more of a priority, with Aaron Rodgers coming off a season-ending Achilles injury four plays into his Week 1 start against the Bills last September.

"That's obviously something we have to be mindful of," Douglas said. "We had 16 or 17 different offensive linemen play for us last year. I think the silver lining in all of that is we have a lot of battle-tested depth on our roster.

"Every one of our backups started games last year because of what happened. It is something we have to be mindful of. Not just offensive line, but at other positions."

But Gang Green will need to determine if adding a skill position player who can help out Rodgers outweighs drafting a long-term solution at tackle. Both Bowers and Odunze are outstanding players who would immediately improve the Jets offense, which finished 31st in yards (268.6) and 29th in points (13.9) per game in 2023. Of course, that was without Rodgers under center.

Wide receiver Garrett Wilson, running back Breece Hall, and tight end Tyler Conklin were the focal points, but the Jets could use more help offensively. Gang Green expected Allen Lazard to help elevate the offense after signing him to a four-year, $44 million contract last year. But he only registered 23 catches for 311 yards and one touchdown in 2023.

Douglas says the Jets staff is preparing for several scenarios next Thursday night.

"When we go over the strategy meetings … we're gonna try to make ourselves a little bit more uncomfortable the less quarterbacks go just to see what would we do in those scenarios," Douglas said. "The more quarterbacks go, that pushes more position players down the board.

"We'll be ready if one quarterback goes, two quarterbacks go, four quarterbacks."

The Jets could also select a third-string quarterback during the second or third day of the draft.

Rodgers, 40, is coming off a significant injury. Tyrod Taylor, 34, who the Jets signed in March, also has an extensive injury history. Zach Wilson is still on the Jets roster, but the team gave him permission to seek a trade in February.

On Monday, Florida State quarterback Jordan Travis visited the Jets facility.

Last season, Travis was one of the best players in the nation after passing for 2,756 yards, 20 touchdowns and two interceptions for the Seminoles. But injury struck last November when Travis dislocated his left ankle and missed the rest of the season. Florida State was undefeated and appeared to be headed to the College Football Playoff before Travis' season-ending injury.

Travis is projected to be selected in the fourth round of the draft. It's not uncommon for teams to select a QB in the draft to sit behind an established starter.

During the 1990s, when Brett Favre was their starting QB, the Packers still drafted Mark Brunell, Matt Hasselbeck and Aaron Brooks. Green Bay developed those players and later traded them for assets.

The Packers also, of course, drafted Rodgers in 2005, who eventually became Favre's successor.

"I've gone back and looked at some drafts where teams handled the quarterbacks and went back and looked at how the Packers handled the '90s," Douglas said. "I would love to be a quarterback factory like that.

"I would love to have quarterbacks that we take every year in the draft. Even if you get two or three like the Packers did, you can turn those into future picks or development starters elsewhere."



Wide receiver Darius Slayton is looking for more money from the Giants and is staying away from the start of the team's offseason program in order to get it. AP

SLAY AWAY

Darius the latest Giants player to stand his ground with early spring absence

BY PAT LEONARD
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Two years ago, the Giants shopped wide receiver Darius Slayton and squeezed him into an embarrassing pay cut when they couldn't find an adequate deal.

Now Slayton is returning the favor, staying away from the start of the Giants' 2024 offseason program and seeking a contract extension as he enters the final season of his two-year contract, as ESPN first reported.

Slayton, 27, has led the Giants in receiving yards in four of his five NFL seasons.

He locked in a $2.4 million roster bonus for this season already by being on the Giants' roster on the fifth day of this NFL year in mid-March. So he has nothing but time.

He could forfeit a $350,000 workout bonus if he doesn't complete 84.375% of the team's offseason workout program, but that's small potatoes compared to the roster bonus he already locked in that is scheduled to be paid out in late July.

On Thursday, Giants GM Joe Schoen called Slayton "uber consistent" but said "we haven't had conversations about any type of extension" and noted "I love Darius" but "we just signed the deal a little over 12 months ago. It was a two-year deal."

It will be interesting to see how this plays out.

Slayton is due $6.2 million this season with an $8.15 million cap hit and incentives available to earn more on the Giants' 2024 ledger.

Although he has been consistently productive in difficult conditions for the franchise that drafted him in the 2019 fifth round, it is difficult to believe Slayton would really expect Schoen to give him a raise, considering how the GM has judged his value previously – even with Schoen extending him following the playoff season of 2022.

Schoen even made a lighthearted crack at the NFL Owners meetings in March when he said he likes "the three young guys" he has at receiver, and then clarified with a laugh: "Well, Slayton's not young anymore. I actually had that conversation with him."

It's possible Slayton could be simply reading the room with the Giants poised to draft at least one receiver next week, potentially with their first-round pick at No. 6 overall.

Schoen said Thursday that this is a "deep receiver draft" and noted that there is "some added value" with "guys that can also do returns" given "the new kickoff rules."

Undersized Oregon State receiver Anthony Gould, a first-team All-Pac-12 return specialist in 2022, is one example of a late-rounder who could provide an NFL team that type of flex.

If Schoen fills the depth chart with enough of his own guys, that may limit Slayton's targets or make him expendable in the front office's eyes. So Slayton may just be getting a head start on greasing the skids for a potential trade out of town.

Slayton has been nothing but loyal to the Giants through thick and thin. But going to a better offense would position Slayton better to cash in again when he hits free agency a year from now.

Some of Schoen's negotiations have led to messy breakups or bad feelings in multiple situations during his tenure, including the departures of corner James Bradberry and running back Saquon Barkley, both to the rival Philadelphia Eagles.

Dexter Lawrence, on the other hand, stayed away from the 2023 spring program initially but landed a monster contract extension.

At the same time, he is a cornerstone player, second-team All-Pro and Pro Bowler. That's much different than Slayton's standing on the team, as much as he is well-liked and appreciated.

Now, a month after Barkley's saga resulted in his signing with the Eagles, a less-heralded skill player is standing his ground to start the spring in defense of his own value.

Time will tell what it means for Slayton's future with the team.

Texas sends Leiter back down to AAA

Texas Rangers rookie right-hander Jack Leiter was optioned to Triple-A Round Rock on Friday, one day after allowing seven runs in his major league debut.

The Rangers recalled right-hander Owen White from Round Rock to provide bullpen depth for the start of their weekend series against the Atlanta Braves.

Leiter, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2021 draft, allowed seven runs on eight hits in 3 ⅔ innings in Thursday's 9-7 win at the Detroit Tigers. He walked three and struck out three.

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Leiter, the son of Al Leiter, who won 162 games in 19 major league seasons, was promoted after he went 1-1 with 25 strikeouts and three walks in 14 innings over three appearances for Round Rock.

ROCKIE FLIGHT

Federal transportation officials are investigating an unauthorized inflight cockpit visit by a coach for the Colorado Rockies baseball team during a United Airlines charter flight last week from Denver to Toronto.

Video surfaced this week that appears to show Rockies hitting coach Hensley Meulens sitting in a pilot's seat while the April 10 flight was at cruising altitude. It is against federal regulations for unauthorized people to be on the flight deck.

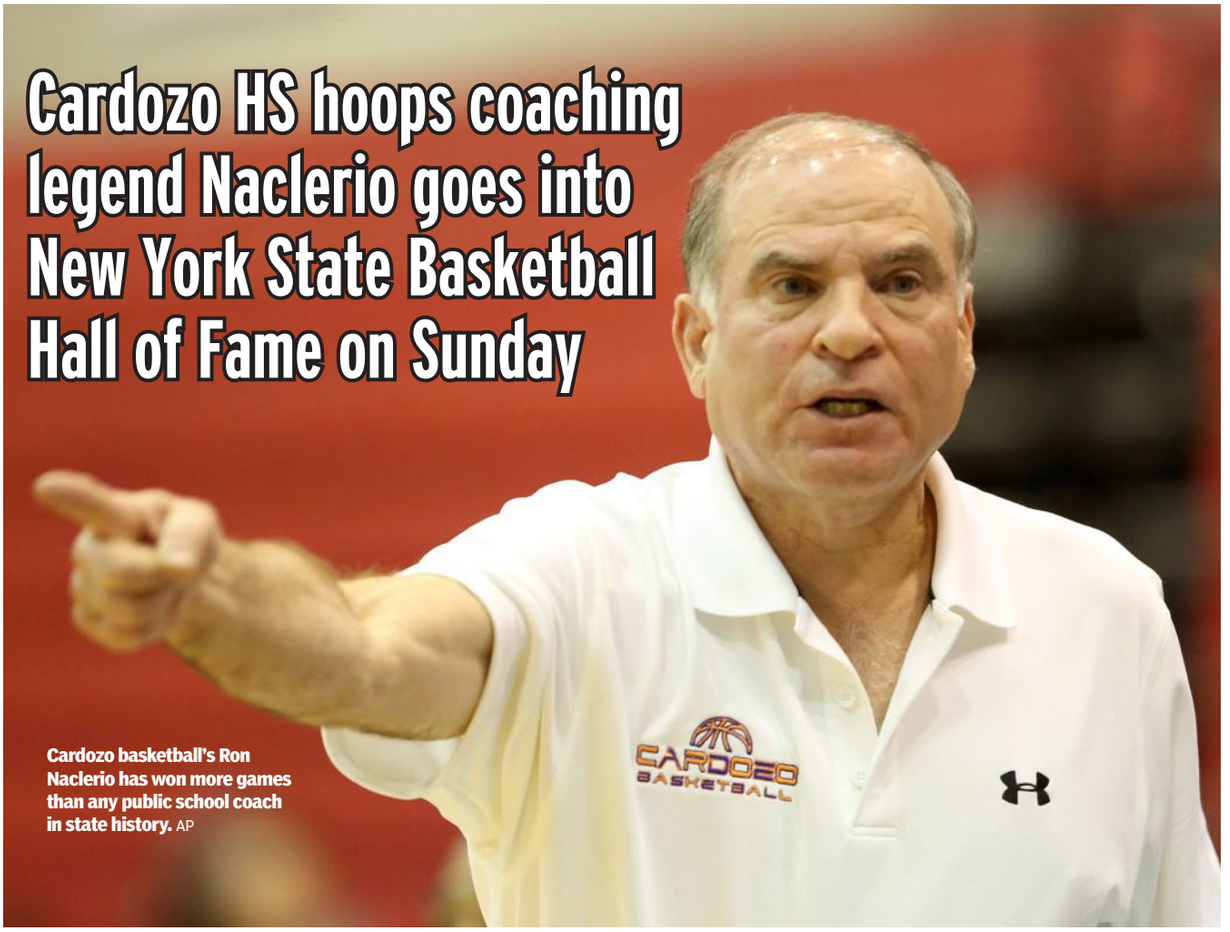
He can be seen and heard on the video joking with other people in the cockpit – including a person in a pilot's uniform and at least one other person who does not appear to be an airline employee – and says the plane is at 35,000 feet.

"Flying the plane, here to Toronto," Meulens says as he gestures toward the person in uniform sitting next to him.

"I'm going to land the plane tonight. So relax," he says. He then reaches toward the flight controls and pretends to take hold, saying, "I just press this button ... and it goes down."

Meulens posted the video on social media and later deleted it, but it had already gone viral and was reposted, The Denver Post reported.

United has suffered a series of problems in recent weeks including a piece of aluminum skin falling off a plane, a tire dropping off another during takeoff, and an engine fire. The Federal Aviation Administration has stepped up its oversight of the carrier, and the airline's CEO has sought to reassure travelers the airline is safe.



Cardozo basketball's Ron Naclerio has won more games than any public school coach in state history. AP

Cardozo HS hoops coaching legend Naclerio goes into New York State Basketball Hall of Fame on Sunday

KING OF QUEENS

BY C.J. HOLMES
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Ron Naclerio, one of the area's most influential and respected high school basketball coaches, will be inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame on Sunday in Troy.

Benjamin Cardozo High School's fearless hoops leader did not get into coaching for the accolades. But 49 years and 939 career wins later, the 67-year-old's accomplishments as a basketball tactician and mentor of young men will soon be enshrined forever.

"I've been lucky and unlucky," Naclerio told the Daily News. "I do it out of love. Every kid that played for me, I hope they lived the greatest life. If they think I had something to do with making it a great life, great… I'm one of those guys, no matter what I achieved, or the kids on my team achieved, I always want more. Like a skyscraper trying to build a skyscraper more and more."

Naclerio, an accomplished baseball player at St. John's University who would later spend three years in the Chicago White Sox system, began coaching at his alma mater in 1981. He has since become the winningest coach in New York State Public School history – which proved to be quite the climb considering his first team at Cardozo went just 1-21.

Naclerio's teams have made 40 playoff appearances, including 21 Elite Eight finishes, 10 Final Fours, six championship appearances and three city titles. No high school coach has ever won 1,000 career games. Expected to continue to roam the sidelines for years to come, that milestone appears to be within reach for the city's longest-tenured coach.

"It's a pleasure to see him get rewarded like this, going into the Hall of Fame," said Mike Blissett, who has coached with Naclerio for over 20 years. "It's been long overdue."

Rafer Alston. Royal Ivey. Duane Causwell. The list of notable New York players who Naclerio has coached during his tenure at Cardozo is extensive, many of whom have gone on to play at the collegiate and professional levels. But beyond his basketball knowledge and the talent he helped cultivate, his willingness to guide young men off the court is what has made him highly esteemed and beloved throughout the wider basketball community.

"Hustle, intensity and desire is what he taught me," Causwell said. "I learned those things well and he is well deserved of his induction."

Character development, academic success and instilling meaningful life lessons have always been Naclerio's top priorities. For him it is less about wins and losses, and more about shaping generations and sending them out into the world with the right tools to succeed. Many consider him to be a living legend in every sense of the phrase.

"Ron Naclerio is as unique a figure in New York City basketball as I think could possibly be constructed," said Travis Lee, who played for Naclerio from 1986-88. "He was, at the time, the only coach who on any given day, at any given playground, in any given section of New York, could pop up at a park and say, 'I got next'… He was basically a part of the landscape and tapestry of New York City basketball in a way that no other high school coach was at the time, especially the ones that were revered.

"He was the high school coach you could sit and have a soda pop and crack jokes with once practice was over. So, he was thoroughly relatable. He wasn't just hard to be hard. He was hard with a purpose, and so I think that's why he connected with kids. It didn't lead to resentment or push-back. It was always with a purpose.

Naclerio credited his desire to elevate others to his father, the late Dr. Emil Naclerio, who is a significant historical figure in his own right. He was a renowned heart and lung surgeon and once saved Dr. Martin Luther King's life when the civil rights leader was stabbed in 1958. Dr. King wrote Dr. Naclerio a personal letter thanking him for saving his life.

"You got 1958, sort of a time of divided, social, racial unrest in the country," Lee said. "And you have a crazy Black woman that stabs Dr. King and then you have a white surgeon that saved his life. And so, thrown into this mix, you have young Naclerio who's sort of watching. By osmosis, he's taking all this in and his way, his form, is through basketball, trying to bridge the social-societal gaps… This is sort of a unique space a guy like Naclerio occupies. In addition, of course, to being the winningest coach in New York City basketball history. There's just a deeper level of significance when you pull the layers back."

For more on Naclerio's legacy, keep an eye out for Lee's upcoming novel, "Naclerio: Anatomy of an NYC GOAT".

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	14	6	.700	—	—	6-4	W-2	5-2	9-4
Baltimore	12	7	.632	1½	+1½	7-3	L-1	8-4	4-3
Toronto	10	9	.526	3½	½	6-4	L-1	6-3	4-6
Boston	11	10	.524	3½	½	4-6	W-1	3-7	8-3
Tampa Bay	11	10	.524	3½	½	6-4	L-1	7-7	4-3

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	14	6	.700	—	—	6-4	W-2	4-3	10-3
Kansas City	13	7	.650	1	+2	7-3	W-1	9-2	4-5
Detroit	11	9	.550	3	—	5-5	W-1	4-7	7-2
Minnesota	6	12	.333	7	4	3-7	L-5	1-5	5-7
Chicago	3	16	.158	10½	7½	2-8	L-1	2-9	1-7

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	11	10	.524	—	—	5-5	L-1	5-5	6-5
Seattle	9	10	.474	1	1½	5-5	W-3	7-6	2-4
Los Angeles	9	11	.450	1½	2	3-7	L-2	2-4	7-7
Oakland	8	12	.400	2½	3	5-5	L-1	4-9	4-3
Houston	7	14	.333	4	4½	3-7	W-1	4-9	3-5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	13	5	.722	—	—	7-3	W-5	5-2	8-3
Philadelphia	12	8	.600	2	+1	7-3	W-4	8-6	4-2
New York	10	8	.556	3	—	8-2	W-4	6-6	4-2
Washington	8	11	.421	5½	2½	5-5	L-1	2-5	6-6
Miami	4	16	.200	10	7	3-7	L-2	2-11	2-5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	12	6	.667	—	—	6-4	W-2	4-4	8-2
Chicago	12	7	.632	½	+1½	6-4	W-2	6-1	6-6
Pittsburgh	11	9	.550	2	—	3-7	L-4	3-3	8-6
Cincinnati	10	9	.526	2½	½	5-5	W-1	5-5	5-4
St. Louis	9	11	.450	4	2	4-6	L-2	3-4	6-7

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	12	9	.571	—	—	4-6	L-1	8-6	4-3
San Diego	11	10	.524	1	½	6-4	L-1	5-6	6-4
Arizona	9	11	.450	2½	2	5-5	L-2	7-6	2-5
San Francisco	9	11	.450	2½	2	5-5	W-2	4-3	5-8
Colorado	4	15	.211	7	6½	2-8	L-5	2-4	2-11

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3
Cincinnati 7, L.A. Angels 1
Philadelphia 7, Chi. White Sox 0
Boston 8, Pittsburgh 1
Cleveland 10, Oakland 2
Houston 5, Washington 3
Atlanta 8, Texas 3
Kansas City 9, Baltimore 4
Detroit 5, Minnesota 4
Toronto at San Diego, late
Seattle at Colorado, ppd

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Pittsburgh, 1:35p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Philadelphia, 1:35p.m.
Houston at Washington, 1:35p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:35p.m.
L.A. Angels at Cincinnati, 1:40p.m.
Oakland at Cleveland, 1:40p.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 2:10p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 2:10p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 3:10p.m.
Toronto at San Diego, 4:10p.m.
Texas at Atlanta, 7:10p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Tampa Bay 2, L.A. Angels 1
Cleveland 5, Boston 4
Texas 9, Detroit 7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago Cubs 8, Miami 3
Cincinnati 7, L.A. Angels 1
Philadelphia 7, Chi. White Sox 0
Boston 8, Pittsburgh 1
Houston 5, Washington 3
Atlanta 8, Texas 3
Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1(10)
Toronto at San Diego, late
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, late
Arizona at San Francisco, late
Seattle at Colorado, ppd

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Pittsburgh, 1:35p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Philadelphia, 1:35p.m.
Houston at Washington, 1:35p.m.
L.A. Angels at Cincinnati, 1:40p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 2:15p.m.
Miami at Chicago Cubs, 2:20p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 3:10p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05p.m.
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10p.m.
Toronto at San Diego, 4:10p.m.
Texas at Atlanta, 7:10p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

San Francisco 5, Arizona 0
Miami at Chicago Cubs, ppd.

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Thursday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Altuve, Hou	20	80	31	15	.388
Kwan, Cle	18	82	29	18	.354
Soto, NYY	19	71	25	12	.352
Rosario, TB	17	62	21	6	.339
Turner, Tor	17	54	18	7	.333
O'Hoppe, LAA	17	54	18	7	.333
Peña, Hou	20	79	26	10	.329
Perez, KC	18	68	22	9	.324
Volpe, NYY	18	68	22	14	.324
J.Naylor, Cle	18	65	21	11	.323

HOME RUNS: Trout, LAA, 8; O'Neill, Bos, 7; Henderson, Bal, 6; Ward, LAA, 6; 9 tied at 5.

RBI: Ward, LAA, 21; A.García, Tex, 18; Perez, KC, 17; Soto, NYY, 17; Semien, Tex, 17; J.Ramírez, Cle, 16; 6 tied at 15.

PITCHING: Berríos, Tor, 3-0; Lugo, KC, 3-0; Rodriguez, Bal, 3-0; Detmers, LAA, 3-0; Bradford, Tex, 3-0; Weaver, NYY, 3-0; Cleavinger, TB, 3-0; Kimbrel, Bal, 3-0; Houck, Bos, 3-1; B.Miller, Sea, 3-1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

Through Thursday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG
Arcia, Atl	17	61	23	10	.377
Betts, LAD	21	84	31	22	.369
Winker, Was	17	55	20	12	.364
McMahon, Col	19	72	26	8	.361
Ohtani, LAD	21	86	31	15	.360
Willi.Contreras,Mil	17	67	24	16	.358
Ozuna, Atl	17	71	25	13	.352
W.Smith, LAD	18	69	24	7	.348
M.Winn, StL	17	49	17	6	.347
Merrill, SD	21	66	22	12	.333

HOME RUNS: Ozuna, Atl, 8; Busch, ChC, 6; Alonso, NYM, 6; Betts, LAD, 6; 8 tied at 5.

RBI: Ozuna, Atl, 23; Gurriel, Ari, 20; Steer, Cin, 18; T.Hernández, LAD, 18; Betts, LAD, 18; Willi.Contreras, Mil, 17; Burger, Mia, 15; Nimmo, NYM, 15; W.Smith, LAD, 15; 3 tied at 14.

PITCHING: R.Suárez, Phi, 3-0; Gallen, Ari, 3-0; Peguero, Mil, 3-0; Glasnow, LAD, 3-1; Minter, Atl, 3-1; 10 tied at 2-0.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2024			2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Bos	Crawford (R)		0-0	0.42	1-3	0-1	4.0	15.75	0-0	15.1	0.59
Pit	Keller (R)	4:05p	2-1	4.50	3-1	1-0	7.0	1.29	2-1	18.1	3.93
Hou	Blanco (R)		2-0	0.86	3-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	21.0	0.86
Was	Williams (R)	4:05p	2-0	3.45	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	15.2	3.45
ChW	Soroka (R)		0-2	6.98	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	14.1	6.91
Phi	Wheeler (R)	6:05p	0-3	3.00	0-4	1-0	5.0	7.20	0-3	18.0	4.00
LAA	Sandoval (L)		1-2	4.67	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	15.2	3.45
Cin	Ashcraft (R)	6:40p	2-1	4.15	2-1	1-0	7.0	3.86	2-1	17.1	4.15
Tex	Eovaldi (R)		1-1	2.92	2-2	0-0	7.0	3.86	1-1	18.2	2.89
Atl	Morton (R)	7:20p	1-0	5.29	2-1	1-0	6.2	0.00	1-0	17.0	5.29
Sea	Castillo (R)		0-4	5.82	0-4	1-0	7.0	0.00	0-3	16.2	5.40
Col	Freeland (L)	8:10p	0-3	13.21	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	13.1	8.78
Tor	Berrios (R)		3-0	1.05	4-0	0-1	6.0	3.00	2-0	19.2	0.46
SD	TBD	8:40p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2024			2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
TB	Eflin (R)		1-2	4.63	1-3	2-1	18.0	3.00	1-1	17.2	3.06
NYY	Cortes (L)	1:05p	1-1	4.50	2-2	0-0	4.1	12.46	1-1	17.0	3.71
Det	Olson (R)		0-2	3.86	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.1	3.86
Min	Ober (R)	2:10p	0-1	6.57	0-3	0-0	6.0	0.00	0-1	12.1	6.57
Oak	Wood (L)		0-1	8.10	2-2	0-1	3.1	16.20	0-0	13.1	6.08
Cle	Allen (L)	6:10p	2-0	5.06	3-1	1-0	5.0	5.40	1-0	16.1	4.96
Bal	Burnes (R)		2-0	2.28	4-0	0-0	5.2	3.18	1-0	17.2	2.55
KC	Ragans (L)	7:10p	0-1	1.93	1-3	0-0	6.1	0.00	0-0	17.1	1.56

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2024			2023 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Mil	Hall (L)		0-1	7.10	2-1	1-0	1.2	0.00	0-1	12.2	7.11
StL	Mikolas (R)	2:15p	1-2	5.82	1-3	1-1	12.0	4.50	1-1	17.1	4.67
Mia	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
ChC	Assad (R)	2:20p	2-0	2.16	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	16.2	2.16
Ari	Gallen (R)		3-0	1.64	3-1	2-0	18.2	4.34	2-0	17.0	1.59
SF	Harrison (L)	4:05p	2-1	4.70	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	5.29
NYM	Butto (R)		0-0	0.75	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	18.0	1.50
LAD	Stone (R)	4:05p	1-1	6.14	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	14.2	6.14
Mia	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
ChC	Imanaga (L)	7:40p	2-0	0.00	3-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	15.1	0.00

TEAM REC: Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS OPP: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Diaz 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.224
1-Siri pr	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Arozarena cf	4	1	1	0	1	.176
Palacios lf	4	2	2	1	0	.302
Paredes 3b	4	0	2	2	0	.286
Ramirez dh	4	0	2	0	1	.260
Rosario rf	4	0	1	0	0	.333
Mead 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.224
Caballero ss	4	0	2	0	1	.286
Rortvedt c	4	0	2	0	2	.345
TOTALS	**37**	**3**	**14**	**3**	**8**	

New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Volpe ss	3	1	1	1	1	.324
Soto rf	4	1	1	3	0	.347
Judge cf	3	0	1	0	1	.189
Stanton dh	4	0	0	0	1	.238
Rizzo 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.231
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	3	.197
Verdugo lf	3	1	0	0	0	.232
Trevino c	3	1	1	0	0	.242
Cabrera 3b	3	1	1	0	1	.310
TOTALS	**30**	**5**	**5**	**4**	**7**	

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New York	**000**	**000**	**50x**	**5**	**5**	**0**

1-ran for Diaz in the 9th. **E:** Mead (1), Diaz (1). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 9, New York 6. **2B:** Palacios (2). **HR:** Palacios (2), off Schmidt; Soto (5), off Devenski. **RBIs:** Palacios (3), Paredes 2(14), Volpe (9), Soto 3(20). **SB:** Judge (1), Rosario (2), Caballero (6), Ramirez (2), Verdugo (1). **S:** Volpe. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 5(Mead, Arozarena, Caballero, Rortvedt 2); New York 3(Judge, Trevino, Stanton). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 1for 10; New York 2 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Diaz. **LIDP:** Palacios. **GIDP:** Diaz, Paredes. **DP:** New York 3 (Torres, Rizzo; Torres, Volpe, Rizzo; Volpe, Torres, Volpe).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alexander	5⅓	2	0	0	1	4	4.79
Armstrong, H, 1	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	4.09
Devenski,L,0-1,BS,0-1	1	2	5	0	1	2	7.36
Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Schmidt	5⅓	7	1	1	0	7	3.15
Santana, W, 1-0	1⅔	2	0	0	0	1	3.00
Hamilton	1	3	2	2	1	0	3.55
Holmes, S, 8-9	1	2	0	0	0	0	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Santana 1-0.
HBP: Schmidt (Palacios), Alexander (Rizzo), Lopez (Verdugo). **Umpires:** Home, Rob Drake; First, Jonathan Parra; Second, John Libka; Third, James Hoye. **T:** 2:40. **A:** 36,055(47,309).

Boston 8, Pittsburgh 1

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran cf	5	0	0	0	0	.284
Abreu lf	5	2	3	1	0	.233
Refsnyder rf	5	2	2	2	0	.333
Casas 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.244
Wong c	5	0	2	0	2	.349
Yoshida dh	3	1	1	0	1	.221
Dalbec 3b	3	1	1	0	1	.045
Valdez 2b	4	0	1	2	0	.161
Rafaela ss	4	1	1	2	0	.167
TOTALS	**38**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**5**	

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	2	.222
Reynolds rf	2	0	0	0	1	.253
Hayes 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.261
Tellez 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.218
a-Williams ph	1	1	1	0	0	.348
McCutchen dh	4	0	0	0	2	.191
Suwinski lf	3	0	1	0	1	.180
b-Olivares ph	1	0	0	1	0	.261
Triolo 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.221
Taylor cf	3	0	1	0	1	.300
Davis c	3	0	1	0	1	.182
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**10**	

Boston	**210**	**021**	**200**	**8**	**12**	**1**
Pittsburgh	**000**	**000**	**001**	**1**	**4**	**1**

a-tripled for Tellez in the 9th. b-grounded out for Suwinski in the 9th. **E:** Rafaela (4), Priester (1). **LOB:** Boston 7, Pittsburgh 6. **2B:** Dalbec (1), Refsnyder (1), Valdez (2), Abreu (4), Suwinski (2). **3B:** Williams (2). **HR:** Abreu (1), off Priester; Casas (6), off Priester; Refsnyder (1), off Priester; Rafaela (1), off Contreras. **RBIs:** Abreu (4), Casas (10), Rafaela 2(8), Refsnyder 2(2), Valdez 2(9), Olivares (8). **SB:** Rafaela (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 4 (Refsnyder, Yoshida, Dalbec, Duran); Pittsburgh 4(Tellez, McCutchen, Davis, Hayes). **RISP:** Boston 1for 9; Pittsburgh 0for 10. **Runners moved up:** Hayes, Olivares.

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bello, W, 3-1	6	1	0	0	2	7	3.04
Anderson	2	2	0	0	0	2	3.27
Booser	1	1	1	1	0	1	9.00

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Priester, L, 0-1	4⅓	7	5	4	1	2	8.31
Fleming	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	1.93
Contreras	2	3	3	3	2	2	5.62
Stratton	2	1	0	0	0	1	4.35

HBP: Fleming (Yoshida). **Umpires:** Home, Paul Clemons; First, D.J. Reyburn; Second, Brennan Miller; Third, Brian O'Nora. **T:** 2:22. **A:** 17,959(38,753).

Chicago Cubs 8, Miami 3

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.263
Brujan 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.100
De La Cruz dh	4	1	1	1	2	.286
Chisholm cf	4	0	2	0	2	.246
Bell 1b	3	1	0	0	0	.192
J.Sanchez rf	4	0	0	0	2	.167
Anderson ss	3	0	0	0	1	.254
Lopez ss	1	1	1	0	0	.286
Gordon lf	4	0	1	2	0	.211
Rivera 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.214
Fortes c	3	0	0	0	0	.088
TOTALS	**34**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**9**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Hoerner 2b	5	1	2	1	0	.258
Wisdom rf-3b	4	1	0	0	2	.000
Bellinger cf	4	1	2	1	0	.216
Morel dh	3	1	0	0	0	.208
Swanson ss	3	2	2	1	1	.254
Happ lf	2	0	0	0	2	.240
Canario lf	1	0	0	0	1	.333
Cooper 1b	3	0	1	1	1	.346
Madrigal 3b	1	2	0	1	0	.250
a-Tchmn ph-rf	2	0	2	1	0	.256
Amaya c	4	0	1	2	2	.278
TOTALS	**32**	**8**	**10**	**8**	**9**	

Miami	**000**	**100**	**002**	**3**	**6**	**0**
Chicago	**214**	**010**	**00x**	**8**	**10**	**1**

a-singled for Madrigal in the 5th. **E:** Wisdom (1). **LOB:** Miami 5, Chicago 6. **2B:** Chisholm (4), Hoerner 2 (4), Swanson (3), Amaya (2), Tauchman (4). **HR:** De La Cruz (4), off Taillon. **RBIs:** De La Cruz (11), Gordon 2 (12), Bellinger (13), Swanson (8), Hoerner (4), Cooper (5), Madrigal (5), Amaya 2 (8), Tauchman (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 2 (J.Sanchez 2); Chicago 4 (Wisdom 2, Hoerner, Happ). **RISP:** Miami 1 for 4; Chicago 5 for 16. **Runners moved up:** Bell, Morel. **GIDP:** Morel, Amaya. **DP:** Miami 2 (Anderson, Arraez, Bell; Anderson, Arraez, Bell).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Puk, L, 0-4	3	7	7	7	3	4	9.22
Cronin	2	2	1	1	1	1	2.45
Smith	2	0	0	0	0	2	4.82
Nardi	1	1	0	0	1	2	10.38

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Taillon, W, 1-0	5	3	1	1	0	4	1.80
Thompson	2	0	0	0	1	4	0.00
Brewer	2	3	2	1	0	1	4.50

HBP: Puk (Madrigal). **PB:** Amaya (2). **Umpires:** Home, Alex MacKay; First, Edwin Moscoso; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Vic Carapazza. **T:** 2:25. **A:** 29,595(41,363).

Philadelphia 7, Chi. White Sox 0

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Fletcher cf	3	0	0	0	1	.220
b-Pillar ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.200
Jimenez dh	4	0	0	0	1	.095
Sheets rf	4	0	1	0	0	.250
Vaughn 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.159
Benintendi lf	4	0	0	0	0	.164
DeJong ss	2	0	0	0	1	.262
Shewmake 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.179
a-L.Sosa ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	.152
Lopez 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.178
Maldonado c	2	0	0	0	1	.057
TOTALS	**29**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**8**	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	4	0	0	0	3	.218
Turner ss	4	2	3	0	1	.350
Harper 1b	2	2	1	0	0	.225
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	1	.246
Bohm 3b	4	2	2	6	0	.258
Castellanos rf	3	0	0	0	1	.153
Merrifield lf	3	1	1	1	0	.129
E.Sosa 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.300
Pache cf	3	0	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	**30**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**7**	

Chicago	**000**	**000**	**000**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Philadelphia	**303**	**100**	**00x**	**7**	**7**	**0**

a-struck out for Shewmake in the 8th. b-flied out for Fletcher in the 8th. **LOB:** Chicago 5, Philadelphia 1. **2B:** Turner (7). **HR:** Bohm 2(3), off Crochet; Merrifield (1), off Crochet. **RBIs:** Bohm 6(17), Merrifield (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 3(Jimenez, DeJong 2); Philadelphia 1(Bohm). **RISP:** Chicago 0for 4; Philadelphia 2for 5. **Runners moved up:** Benintendi, Realmuto. **GIDP:** Bohm. **DP:** Chicago 1(Lopez, Vaughn).

CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Crochet, L, 1-3	3	5	7	7	2	3	5.61
Flexen	4	1	0	0	0	4	6.75
Hill	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.75

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Turnbull, W, 2-0	7	1	0	0	2	6	1.23
Strahm	1	1	0	0	1	1	2.08
Kerkering	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

Umpires: Home, Carlos Torres; First, Charlie Ramos; Second, Chad Fairchild; Third, Ryan Wills.

T: 2:18. **A:** 39,069(42,901).





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Cincinnati 7, L.A. Angels 1

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rendon 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.257
Trout cf	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Ward lf	4	0	1	0	1	.294
Sano 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.256
Drury dh	4	0	1	0	1	.203
O'Hoppe c	4	0	0	0	2	.310
Rengifo 2b	4	1	2	0	1	.283
Adell rf	3	0	2	1	1	.276
Neto ss	3	0	0	0	2	.185
TOTALS	**33**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**9**	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
India 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.167
Steer 1b	4	1	1	0	1	.299
Fairchild cf	3	0	0	0	1	.229
Stephenson c	2	2	1	1	0	.209
Martini dh	3	1	0	1	0	.244
De La Cruz ss	4	2	2	3	0	.290
Fraley rf	2	0	0	0	0	.378
Espinal 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.121
Benson lf	4	0	0	0	1	.200
TOTALS	**28**	**7**	**5**	**5**	**3**	

Los Angeles	**000 010 000**	**1**	**7**	**1**
Cincinnati	**010 001 05x**	**7**	**5**	**1**

E: O'Hoppe (2), Espinal (2). **LOB:** Los Angeles 6, Cincinnati 5. **2B:** Ward (3), Rengifo (4). **HR:** Stephenson (2), off Anderson; De La Cruz (6), off Cisnero. **RBIs:** Adell (4), Stephenson (6), Martini (13), De La Cruz 3(14). **SB:** De La Cruz 2(10), Adell (5), Rengifo (6), Rendon (3). **S:** Fairchild. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 3(Sano, Neto 2); Cincinnati 1(Fraley). **RISP:** Los Angeles 2for 7; Cincinnati 1for 2. **Runners moved up:** Ward. **LIDP:** Sano. **DP:** Cincinnati 1(De La Cruz, India, De La Cruz).

LOS ANGELES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Anderson, L, 2-2	7	3	2	1	3	2	1.42
Cimber	⅓	1	4	4	2	0	4.35
Cisnero	⅔	1	1	1	1	1	8.00

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lodolo, W, 2-0	6⅓	7	1	1	0	6	0.75
Cruz, H, 4	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	2.25
Sims, H, 4	1	0	0	0	1	0	9.00
Farmer	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.22

Inherited runners-scored: Cisnero 3-3, Cruz 2-0. **HBP:** Cimber (Martini). **WP:** Cisnero. **Umpires:** Home, Larry Vanover; First, Brian Walsh; Second, Scott Barry; Third, David Rackley. **T:** 2:12. **A:** 22,539 (43,891).

Kansas City 9, Baltimore 4

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Henderson ss	4	0	0	0	2	.273
Rutschman c	5	1	3	4	1	.297
O'Hearn dh	5	0	0	0	1	.288
Santander rf	2	0	1	0	0	.211
Mountcastle 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.303
Mullins cf	4	1	1	0	0	.258
Cowser lf	2	0	0	0	1	.383
a-Hays ph-lf	1	1	1	0	0	.095
Westburg 3b-2b	4	1	1	0	1	.313
Holliday 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.037
b-Urias ph-3b	2	0	1	0	0	.192
TOTALS	**34**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**8**	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia 3b	5	0	1	0	1	.167
Witt ss	3	1	0	0	0	.309
Pasquantino 1b	3	3	1	1	0	.266
Perez c	3	1	1	0	0	.324
Melendez lf	4	2	2	4	1	.242
Velazquez dh	3	1	1	0	1	.295
Massey 2b	4	1	2	2	0	.500
Renfroe rf	4	0	1	2	1	.182
Isbel cf	4	0	0	0	1	.200
TOTALS	**33**	**9**	**9**	**9**	**5**	

Baltimore	**000 000 400**	**4**	**8**	**0**
Kansas City	**000 105 30x**	**9**	**9**	**0**

a-singled for Cowser in the 7th. b-popped out for Holliday in the 7th. **LOB:** Baltimore 8, Kansas City 4. **2B:** Santander (3), Massey (1), Renfroe (3). **HR:** Rutschman (2), off Smith; Pasquantino (4), off Kremer; Melendez (4), off Tate. **RBIs:** Rutschman 4(11), Pasquantino (11), Melendez 4(12), Massey 2(2), Renfroe 2(10). **SB:** Garcia (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 5(Mountcastle, Westburg, Santander, Cowser 2); Kansas City 2(Isbel 2). **RISP:** Baltimore 2for 10; Kansas City 4for 9. **Runners moved up:** O'Hearn, Mullins, Witt.

BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kremer, L, 0-2	5⅔	2	3	3	3	3	4.91
Akin	⅓	3	3	3	1	0	5.00
Tate	1	4	3	3	0	0	4.50
Baumann	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.00

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Marsh, W, 3-0	5⅔	3	0	0	2	6	3.22
Schreiber, H, 4	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Smith	1	4	4	4	0	1	14.14
Anderson	1	0	0	0	1	0	5.14
Sauer	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.00

Inherited runners-scored: Akin 2-2, Schreiber 1-0. **HBP:** Marsh (Henderson), Anderson (Hays). **Umpires:** Home, Bruce Dreckman; First, Ryan Blakney; Second, Sean Barber; Third, Alan Porter. **T:** 2:42. **A:** 17,073(38,427).

Houston 5, Washington 3

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	5	0	1	0	1	.376
Alvarez dh	5	0	0	0	1	.272
Bregman 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.232
Tucker rf	3	2	2	0	0	.275
Diaz c	4	1	2	1	0	.304
Pena ss	4	1	3	1	1	.349
McCormick lf	3	1	2	2	0	.241
J.Abreu 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.073
Dubon cf	4	0	3	1	1	.319
TOTALS	**37**	**5**	**13**	**5**	**5**	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Young cf	3	0	1	0	1	.237
a-Gallo ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	.133
Abrams ss	4	1	1	0	0	.292
Winker dh	3	0	0	1	2	.345
Thomas rf	4	0	1	0	2	.195
Garcia 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.296
1-Nunez pr	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Meneses 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.182
Rosario lf-cf	3	0	0	0	0	.130
b-Senzel ph	1	0	0	0	1	.167
Adams c	3	2	2	1	0	.306
Vargas 3b	3	0	2	1	0	.323
TOTALS	**32**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**8**	

Houston	**030 010 010**	**5**	**13**	**0**
Washington	**001 010 001**	**3**	**8**	**0**

a-struck out for Young in the 8th. b-struck out for Rosario in the 9th. 1-ran for Garcia in the 9th. **LOB:** Houston 8, Washington 4. **2B:** Tucker (6), Diaz (3), Pena (5), Adams (4). **3B:** Abrams (3). **HR:** Adams (2), off Verlander. **RBIs:** Diaz (9), Pena (9), McCormick 2 (7), Dubon (11), Vargas (4), Adams (5), Winker (6). SB: Altuve (3), Pena (3), Tucker 2 (4), Garcia (4), McCormick (2). **CS:** Vargas 2 (2). **SF:** McCormick, Winker. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 6 (McCormick, Pena, J.Abreu 2, Alvarez 2); Washington 2 (Rosario, Senzel). **RISP:** Houston 5 for 12; Washington 1 for 4. **GIDP:** Altuve. **DP:** Washington 1 (Abrams, Garcia, Meneses).

HOUSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Verlander, W, 1-0	6	4	2	2	0	4	3.00
B.Abreu, H, 2	1	1	0	0	0	1	5.40
Pressly, H, 3	1	1	0	0	0	1	8.22
Hader, S, 2-3	1	2	1	1	1	2	8.38

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gore, L, 2-1	4	7	3	3	1	4	3.60
Garcia	⅓	2	1	1	1	0	4.32
Law	1⅔	1	0	0	0	0	3.65
Floro	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.00
Barnes	1	2	1	1	0	0	3.68
Rainey	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.14

Inherited runners-scored: Law 3-1. **Umpires:** Home, Cory Blaser; First, Manny Gonzalez; Second, Nate Tomlinson; Third, Todd Tichenor. **T:** 2:52. **A:** 22,999(41,376).

Cleveland 10, Oakland 2

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Toro 3b	3	1	1	1	0	.255
Gelof 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.195
Bleday cf	4	0	1	0	0	.243
Brown lf	4	0	0	0	2	.203
Nevin dh	4	0	1	0	1	.297
Butler rf	2	0	0	0	0	.185
a-Rooker ph-rf	2	1	1	1	1	.219
Langeliers c	4	0	1	0	2	.196
Noda 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.167
N.Allen ss	3	0	0	0	1	.167
TOTALS	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**10**	

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kwan lf	4	1	1	2	0	.349
Gimenez 2b	4	1	1	2	0	.291
Ramirez 3b	4	0	1	1	0	.239
Arias 3b	0	0	0	0	0	.282
J.Naylor 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.319
Brennan rf	3	1	0	0	0	.196
Freeman cf	4	2	2	2	1	.214
B.Naylor c	3	2	0	0	1	.180
Florial dh	4	1	3	1	0	.235
Rocchio ss	2	1	0	0	0	.211
TOTALS	**32**	**10**	**9**	**9**	**3**	

Oakland	**100 000 001**	**2**	**6**	**1**
Cleveland	**020 050 03x**	**10**	**9**	**0**

a-struck out for Butler in the 6th. **E:** Brown (1). **LOB:** Oakland 7, Cleveland 2. **2B:** Noda (2), Kwan (3), Florial (1). **HR:** Toro (2), off McKenzie; Rooker (3), off Barlow; Freeman (3), off Boyle; J.Naylor (5), off Muller. **RBIs:** Toro (8), Rooker (6), Freeman 2 (10), Kwan 2 (7), Gimenez 2 (13), Ramirez (17), J.Naylor (14), Florial (5). **SB:** Gimenez (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Oakland 3 (Toro 2, N.Allen); Cleveland 1 (Gimenez). **RISP:** Oakland 0 for 2; Cleveland 4 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Kwan. **GIDP:** Kwan. **DP:** Oakland 1 (N.Allen, Gelof, Noda).

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Boyle, L, 1-3	6	5	7	7	4	3	7.23
Muller	2	4	3	1	0	0	2.35

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McKenzie, W, 2-2	5	3	1	1	3	6	5.00
Herrin	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.84
Beede	2	1	0	0	0	2	5.23
Barlow	1	2	1	1	0	0	4.82

Umpires: Home, Erich Bacchus; First, Laz Diaz; Second, Tripp Gibson; Third, Mike Estabrook. **T:** 2:15. **A:** 16,262(34,788).

Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Frelick lf	1	0	0	0	0	.303
a-Wiemer ph-lf	2	0	0	0	1	.167
Willi.Cntrrs c	5	0	2	2	2	.361
Adames ss	5	0	1	0	1	.300
Dunn 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.227
b-Ortiz ph-3b	0	0	0	0	0	.324
Hoskins 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.217
Turang 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.316
Sanchez dh	4	0	0	0	1	.107
Perkins cf	4	2	2	0	1	.341
Chourio rf	4	0	0	0	1	.215
TOTALS	**33**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**9**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Donovan dh-lf	4	0	0	1	1	.222
Goldschmidt 1b	5	0	0	0	1	.169
Nootbaar lf-rf	4	0	1	0	1	.227
Arenado 3b	5	0	1	0	0	.293
Wills.Cntrrs c	2	0	1	0	0	.308
Gorman 2b	5	0	0	0	4	.178
Winn ss	3	1	1	0	1	.346
Walker rf	3	0	0	0	2	.170
c-Burleson ph	1	0	1	0	0	.262
1-Siani pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	.067
Scott cf	3	0	0	0	1	.085
d-Herrera ph	0	0	0	0	0	.275
Helsley p	0	0	0	0	0	---
TOTALS	**35**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**11**	

Milwaukee	**001 000 000**	**1**	**2**	**5 0**
St. Louis	**000 000 001**	**0**	**1**	**5 0**

a-struck out for Frelick in the 7th. b-walked for Dunn in the 8th. c-singled for Walker in the 9th. d-hit by pitch for Scott in the 9th. 1-ran for Burleson in the 9th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 12. **2B:** Perkins 2 (2), Willi.Contreras (5). **RBIs:** Willi.Contreras 2 (19), Donovan (11). **SB:** Adames (2), Wills.Contreras (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 4 (Wiemer, Turang, Adames 2); St. Louis 6 (Goldschmidt 2, Gorman 4). **RISP:** Milwaukee 2 for 11; St. Louis 0 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Arenado. **GIDP:** Sanchez. **DP:** St. Louis 2 (Gorman, Goldschmidt; Arenado, Gorman, Goldschmidt).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peralta	6	4	0	0	2	7	1.90
Peguero, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.48
Megill, H, 2	1⅔	1	1	1	2	1	2.45
Payamps, W, 1-1	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	4.70
Milner, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	1	2	4.15

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gibson	6	3	1	1	4	3	5.04
Gallegos	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	4.70
Liberatore	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.61
Fernandez	1⅓	0	0	0	1	2	3.38
Helsley, L, 1-2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2.45

Inherited runners-scored: Payamps 2-1, Liberatore 1-0, Fernandez 1-0. **IBB:** off Milner (Wills. Contreras). **HBP:** Payamps (Herrera). **PB:** Willi. Contreras (2). **Umpires:** Home, Phil Cuzzi; First, Tony Randazzo; Second, Alex Tosi; Third, Dan Bellino. **T:** 3:02. **A:** 40,147 (44,494).

Atlanta 8, Texas 3

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	4	2	2	1	1	.295
Seager ss	4	0	1	0	1	.301
Langford lf	4	1	1	0	1	.253
Garcia rf	4	0	1	2	2	.308
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	.264
Duran 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.205
a-Jankowski ph	1	0	0	0	0	.235
Smith 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.302
Wendzel dh	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Taveras cf	3	0	1	0	1	.235
TOTALS	**33**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**9**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna rf	2	1	0	0	1	.286
Arcia ss	4	0	0	0	2	.354
Riley 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.273
Olson 1b	3	1	0	0	0	.250
Ozuna dh	3	1	1	1	0	.351
Duvall lf	4	0	0	0	2	.207
Harris cf	4	2	2	1	1	.289
d'Arnaud c	4	3	3	6	0	.245
Fletcher 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.000
TOTALS	**30**	**8**	**6**	**8**	**7**	

Texas	**100 002 000**	**3**	**6**	**0**
Atlanta	**110 014 01x**	**8**	**6**	**0**

a-grounded out for Duran in the 9th. **LOB:** Texas 4, Atlanta 3. **2B:** Garcia (5). **HR:** Semien (4), off Sale; d'Arnaud 2 (2), off Heaney; d'Arnaud (3), off Latz; Harris (3), off Pruitt. **RBIs:** Semien (18), Garcia 2 (20), Ozuna (24), d'Arnaud 6 (10), Harris (9). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 1 (Duran); Atlanta 1 (Duvall). **RISP:** Texas 1 for 3; Atlanta 3 for 6.

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Heaney	5	3	3	3	2	5	6.35
Latz, L, 0-1	⅔	2	4	4	2	0	4.35
Winn	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Pruitt	1	1	1	1	0	1	10.80

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sale, W, 2-1	7	5	3	3	1	7	4.38
Matzek	1	1	0	0	0	2	6.43
Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.72

Umpires: Home, Adam Beck; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Brock Ballou; Third, Ben May. **T:** 2:30. **A:** 40,810(41,149).

Detroit 5, Minnesota 4

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Canha dh	4	0	0	0	3	.219
Perez rf	5	2	3	2	2	.313
Carpenter lf	5	1	4	2	1	.328
Torkelson 1b	4	0	3	1	0	.244
Urshela 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.298
Vierling 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.265
b-Greene ph	1	0	0	0	1	.235
Baez ss	0	0	0	0	0	.172
Keith 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.188
McKinstry ss-3b	4	0	0	0	1	.206
Kelly c	4	0	1	0	2	.195
Meadows cf	3	2	1	0	0	.095
TOTALS	**37**	**5**	**12**	**5**	**11**	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Julien 2b	2	1	0	0	0	.169
a-Miranda ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	.269
Jeffers dh	4	1	0	0	1	.255
Kirilloff rf	3	1	1	0	2	.291
c-Margot ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	.179
Larnach lf-rf	4	1	2	2	1	.300
Buxton cf	4	0	1	2	3	.197
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.125
Castro ss	3	0	1	0	1	.135
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	1	.121
Farmer 3b-2b	3	0	0	0	2	.088
TOTALS	**32**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**12**	

Detroit	**102 001 001**	**5**	**12**	**1**
Minnesota	**200 002 000**	**4**	**5**	**1**

a-flied out for Julien in the 7th. b-struck out for Vierling in the 8th. c-flied out for Kirilloff in the 8th. **E:** Perez (1), Thielbar (1). **LOB:** Detroit 7, Minnesota 4. **2B:** Carpenter (4), Kirilloff (5), Buxton (5). **3B:** Perez (1). **HR:** Larnach (1), off Flaherty. **RBIs:** Torkelson (8), Perez 2 (2), Carpenter 2 (10), Larnach 2 (2), Buxton 2 (9). **SB:** Meadows (3), Perez (2), Castro (1). **S:** Vazquez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Detroit 2 (Carpenter, Keith); Minnesota 3 (Vazquez, Miranda, Santana). **RISP:** Detroit 6 for 11; Minnesota 2 for 8. **GIDP:** Keith. **DP:** Minnesota 1 (Julien, Castro, Santana).

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Flaherty	6	4	4	2	1	10	4.44
Vest	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	1.80
Chafin, W, 2-0	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.08
Foley, S, 6-6	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ryan	5⅓	7	4	4	1	6	3.57
Funderburk	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	1.17
Stewart	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Jax	1	2	0	0	0	2	3.38
Thielbar, L, 0-1	1	2	1	1	1	2	18.00

Inherited runners-scored: Chafin 1-0, Funderburk 2-0. **IBB:** off Thielbar (Canha). **WP:** Jax. **Umpires:** Home, Lance Barrett; First, Mark Ripperger; Second, Roberto Ortiz; Third, Alfonso Marquez. **T:** 2:32. **A:** 13,849 (38,544).

ON THIS DATE

APRIL 20

1910: Addie Joss of Cleveland pitched the second no-hitter of his career, a 1-0 win over the White Sox in Chicago.

1912: Fenway Park was opened in Boston and the Red Sox defeated the visiting New York Highlanders, later known as the Yankees, 7-6 in 11 innings. Tiger Stadium in Detroit also opened its doors as the Tigers defeated the Cleveland Indians 6-5.

1916: The Chicago Cubs played their first game at Weeghman Park — renamed Wrigley Field in 1926 — defeating the Cincinnati Reds 7-6 in 11 innings.

1920: Manager Gavvy Cravath of the Philadelphia Phillies inserted himself as a pinch hitter and beat the New York Giants with a three-run homer, 3-0. It was his last home run in the majors.

1937: Gee Walker hit for the cycle on opening day to lead the Detroit Tigers to a 4-3 win over Cleveland. Walker hit the cycle in reverse order — home run, triple, double, single.

1938: Cleveland's Bob Feller pitched the first of 12 career one-hitters, beating the St. Louis Browns 9-0.

1939: In his first major league game, Ted Williams hit a 400-foot double in four at-bats as the Boston Red Sox lost 2-0 to New York at Yankee Stadium.

1941: The Brooklyn Dodgers become the first major league team to wear protective headgear.

1967: Tom Seaver of the New York Mets recorded his first major league victory with a 6-1 triumph over the Chicago Cubs. Seaver went 7 2-3 innings and gave up eight hits and one run.

1982: The Atlanta Braves recorded their 12th consecutive victory from the beginning of the season — a 4-2 decision over Cincinnati in Atlanta — and eclipsed the major league record set a year earlier by the Oakland A's.

San Francisco 5, Arizona 0

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Marte 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.321
Carroll cf	4	0	1	0	3	.227
Pederson dh	4	0	0	0	1	.297
C.Walker 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.247
Suarez 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.222
Moreno c	3	0	0	0	0	.224
Peterson ss	3	0	0	0	0	.045
Grichuk rf	3	0	1	0	1	.233
McCarthy lf	3	0	0	0	0	.256
TOTALS	**29**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**8**	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lee cf	4	1	2	0	0	.282
Wade 1b	1	1	0	1	0	.370
Soler dh	4	1	1	0	1	.239
Conforto lf	3	0	0	0	0	.279
a-Flores ph	1	0	1	2	0	.244
1-Slater pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	.111
Chapman 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.200
Estrada 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.240
Yastrzemski rf	4	0	1	2	0	.135
Bailey c	4	1	1	0	2	.283
Ahmed ss	3	0	1	0	0	.271
TOTALS	**31**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**4**	

Arizona	**000 000 000**	**0**	**3**	**1**
San Francisco	**001 000 04x**	**5**	**8**	**0**

a-doubled for Conforto in the 8th. 1-ran for Flores in the 8th. **E:** Marte (2). **LOB:** Arizona 3, San Francisco 6. **2B:** Bailey (3), Ahmed (3), Flores (3). **RBIs:** Wade (6), Flores 2(8), Yastrzemski 2(4). **CS:** C.Walker (2). **SF:** Wade. **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 1(Suarez); San Francisco 2(Bailey, Conforto). **RISP:** Arizona 0for 3; San Francisco 3for 9. **GIDP:** Wade. **DP:** Arizona 1(Marte, Peterson, C.Walker).

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
R.Nelson	2	2	0	0	0	0	4.60
Allen, L, 0-1	4⅔	3	1	1	1	3	1.93
Jarvis	⅔	1	3	1	1	0	3.65
K.Nelson	⅔	2	1	1	1	1	3.38

SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Webb, W, 2-1	7	2	0	0	1	5	2.93
Ty.Rogers, H, 4	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.24
R.Walker	1	0	0	0	0	3	4.09

Inherited runners-scored: K.Nelson 3-3. **IBB:** off K.Nelson (Chapman). **Umpires:** Home, Mark Carlson; First, Dan Merzel; Second, Jordan Baker; Third, Stu Scheuwater. **T:** 2:12. **A:** 26,896(41,915).

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

P	MANUFACTURER	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	338	--	6
2	Toyota	322	-16	3
3	Ford	297	-41	0

DRIVER POINTS	ST	W	T5	T10	PT
Kyle Larson	9	1	4	4	335
Martin Truex Jr	9	0	2	5	318
Denny Hamlin	9	2	2	3	307
Chase Elliott	9	1	3	4	303
William Byron	9	3	4	6	297
Ty Gibbs	9	0	3	5	280
Ryan Blaney	9	0	4	4	278
Tyler Reddick	9	0	3	6	269
Bubba Wallace	9	0	3	4	256
Christopher Bell	9	1	3	5	250
Ross Chastain	9	0	1	4	247
Chase Briscoe	9	0	0	4	231
Chris Buescher	9	0	1	5	29
Alex Bowman	9	0	3	4	228
Joey Logano	9	0	1	3	217
Kyle Busch	9	0	1	3	217
Brad Keselowski	9	0	3	4	216
Daniel Suarez	9	1	2	2	210
Erik Jones	9	0	0	1	179
John H. Nemechek	9	0	0	2	160
Austin Cindric	9	0	1	1	159
Carson Hocevar	9	0	0	1	152
Michael McDowell	9	0	0	2	151
Ryan Preece	9	0	0	1	137
Todd Gilliland	9	0	0	0	132
Josh Berry	9	0	0	0	130
Ricky Stenhouse Jr	9	0	0	1	127
Austin Dillon	9	0	0	1	122
Corey LaJoie	9	0	1	1	120
Noah Gragson	9	0	0	2	120
Daniel Hemric	9	0	0	0	112
Justin Haley	9	0	0	0	98
Kaz Grala	9	0	0	0	92
Harrison Burton	9	0	0	0	85
Zane Smith	9	0	0	0	78
David Ragan	1	0	0	0	17
Jimmie Johnson	2	0	0	0	17
Derek Kraus	2	0	0	0	11
Kamui Kobayashi	1	0	0	0	8

FASTEST LAPS

NASCAR Cup fastest laps with points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:

DRIVER	POS.	PCT.	LAPS
1. Kyle Larson	1	8.5	192
2. Denny Hamlin	3	8.2	186
3. Christopher Bell	10	7.3	166

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
y-Florida	82	52	24	6	110	268	200
x-Boston	82	47	20	15	109	267	224
x-Toronto	82	46	26	10	102	303	263
x-Tampa Bay	82	45	29	8	98	291	268
Detroit	82	41	32	9	91	278	274
Buffalo	82	39	37	6	84	246	244
Ottawa	82	37	41	4	78	255	281
Montreal	82	30	36	16	76	236	289

METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
z-N.Y. Rangers	82	55	23	4	114	282	229
x-Carolina	82	52	23	7	111	279	216
x-N.Y. Islanders	82	39	27	16	94	246	263
x-Washington	82	40	31	11	91	220	257
Pittsburgh	82	38	32	12	88	255	251
Philadelphia	82	38	33	11	87	235	261
New Jersey	82	38	39	5	81	264	283
Columbus	82	27	43	12	66	237	300

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
z-Dallas	82	52	21	9	113	298	234
x-Winnipeg	82	52	24	6	110	259	199
x-Colorado	82	50	25	7	107	304	254
x-Nashville	82	47	30	5	99	269	248
St. Louis	82	43	33	6	92	239	250
Minnesota	82	39	34	9	87	251	263
Arizona	82	36	41	5	77	256	274
Chicago	82	23	53	6	52	179	290

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
y-Vancouver	82	50	23	9	109	279	223
x-Edmonton	82	49	27	6	104	294	237
x-Los Angeles	82	44	27	11	99	256	215
x-Vegas	82	45	29	8	98	267	245
Calgary	82	38	39	5	81	253	271
Seattle	82	34	35	13	81	217	236
Anaheim	82	27	50	5	59	204	295
San Jose	82	19	54	9	47	181	331

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

FRIDAY'S GAMES
No games scheduled

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Seattle 4, Minnesota 3
Winnipeg 4, Vancouver 2
Calgary 5, San Jose 1
Colorado 5, Edmonton 1
Anaheim 4, Vegas 1
Los Angeles 5, Chicago 4(OT)
End of Regular Season

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina vs. N.Y. Islanders
G1: Saturday at Carolina, 5 p.m.
G2: Monday at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
G3: April 25 at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
G4: April 27 at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
x-G5: April 30 at Carolina, TBA
x-G6: May 2 at N.Y. Islanders, TBA
x-G7: May 4 at Carolina, TBA

N.Y. Rangers vs. Washington
G1: Sunday at N.Y. Rangers, 3 p.m.
G2: Tuesday at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
G3: April 26 at Washington, 7 p.m.
G4: April 28 at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-G5: May 1 at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-G6: May 3 at Washington, TBA
x-G7: May 5 at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

Florida vs. Tampa Bay
G1: Sunday at Florida, 12:30 p.m.
G2: Tuesday at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
G3: April 25 at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
G4: April 27 at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.
x-G5: April 29 at Florida, TBA
x-G6: May 1 at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-G7: May 4 at Florida, TBA

Boston vs. Toronto
G1: Saturday at Boston, 8 p.m.
G2: Monday at Boston, 7 p.m.
G3: Wednesday at Toronto, 7 p.m.
G4: April 27 at Toronto, 8 p.m.
x-G5: April 30 at Boston, TBA
x-G6: May 2 at Toronto, TBA
x-G7: May 4 at Boston, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Winnipeg vs. Colorado
G1: Sunday at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
G2: Tuesday at Winnipeg, 9:30 p.m.
G3: April 26 at Colorado, 10 p.m.
G4: April 28 at Colorado, 2:30 p.m.
x-G5: April 30 at Winnipeg, TBA
x-G6: May 2at Colorado, TBA
x-G7: May 4at Winnipeg, TBA

Edmonton vs. Los Angeles
G1: Monday at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
G2: Wednesday at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
G3: April 26 at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
G4: April 28 at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
x-G5: May 1 at Edmonton, TBA
x-G6: May 3 at Los Angeles, TBA
x-G7: May 5 at Edmonton, TBA

Vancouver vs. Nashville
G1: Sunday at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
G2: Tuesday at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
G3: April 26 at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
G4: April 28 at Nashville, 5 p.m.
x-G5: April 30 at Vancouver, TBA
x-G6: May 3 at Nashville, TBA
x-G7: May 5 at Vancouver, TBA

Dallas vs. Vegas
G1: Monday at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
G2: Wednesday at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
G3: April 27 at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.
G4: April 29 at Vegas, TBA
x-G5: May 1 at Dallas, TBA
x-G6: May 3 at Vegas, TBA
x-G7: May 5 at Dallas, TBA

Anaheim 4, Vegas 1

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Anaheim	**0**	**1**	**3**	**—**	**4**
Vegas	**0**	**1**	**0**	**—**	**1**

First Period: None
Penalties: None
Second Period: 1, Anaheim, Vatrano 35 (Strome, Fowler), 4:25 (pp); 2, Vegas, Eichel 31 (Karlsson, Theodore), 18:47 (pp)
Penalties: Amadio, LV (Hooking), 3:14; Strome, ANA (Slashing), 12:52; Lindstrom, ANA (High Sticking), 18:38
Third Period: 3, Anaheim, LaCombe 2 (Gauthier, Carlsson), 0:51; 4, Anaheim, Vatrano 36 (Strome, Zegras), 1:20. 5, Anaheim, Vatrano 37 (LaCombe), 19:45 (en)
Penalties: Terry, ANA (Hooking), 17:56
Shots on Goal: Anaheim 4-10-9—23; Vegas 11-10-9—30
Power-play opportunities: Anaheim 1 of 1; Vegas 1 of 3
Goalies: Anaheim, Dostal 13-23-3 (30 shots-29 saves); Vegas, Hill 19-11-2 (22-19)
A: 18,109 (17,367)
T: 2:19
Referees: Carter Sandlak, Brandon Schrader
Linesmen: Michel Cormier, Julien Fournier

Los Angeles 5, Chicago 4 (OT)

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Chicago	**1**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**— 4**
Los Angeles	**0**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**— 5**

First Period: 1, Chicago, Reichel 5, 15:39
Penalties: Megna, CHI (Interference), 9:38
Second Period: 2, Los Angeles, Arvidsson 5 (Moore, Danault), 4:37; 3, Los Angeles, Byfield 20 (Spence, Danault), 16:04 (pp). 4, Los Angeles, Moore 31 (Danault, Arvidsson), 17:24
Penalties: Jones, CHI (Tripping), 11:19; T.Johnson, CHI (Tripping), 15:20; Los Angeles bench, served by Fiala (Tripping), 19:56
Third Period: 5, Chicago, T.Johnson 17 (Donato, Korchinski), 1:28 (pp); 6, Chicago, Anderson 5 (Slaggert), 3:42. 7, Chicago, Donato 12 (Entwistle), 6:28. 8, Los Angeles, Arvidsson 6 (Byfield, Kempe), 18:39 (pp)
Penalties: Kurashev, CHI (Delay of Game), 18:18
Overtime: 9, Los Angeles, Kempe 28, 0:06
Penalties: None
Shots on Goal: Chicago 4-3-6-0—13; Los Angeles 14-11-10-1—36
Power-play opportunities: Chicago 1 of 1; Los Angeles 2 of 4
Goalies: Chicago, Soderblom 5-22-2 (36 shots-31 saves); Los Angeles, Talbot 27-20-6 (13-9)
A: 18,145 (18,230)
T: 2:20
Referees: Trevor Hanson, Chris Schlenker
Linesmen: Kyle Flemington, Joseph Mahon

NHL SCORING LEADERS

Through Regular Season

Player, Team	GP	G	A	PTS
Nikita Kucherov, TB	81	44	100	144
Nathan MacKinnon, COL	82	51	89	140
Connor McDavid, EDM	76	32	100	132
Artemi Panarin, NYR	82	49	71	120
David Pastrnak, BOS	82	47	63	110

PWHL

CLUB	GP	W	L	OW	OL	Pt	GF	GA
Toronto	20	10	7	3	0	36	51	43
Minnesota	19	8	4	4	3	35	50	39
Montreal	19	7	5	3	4	31	48	48
Ottawa	19	7	6	0	6	27	50	50
Boston	20	5	9	4	2	25	40	49
New York	19	3	9	4	3	20	39	49

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Montreal, 1p.m.
Bosotn at New York, 3:30p.m.
Minnesota at Ottawa, 7p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 2, Toronto 1
Montreal 4, Minnesota 3

NBA POSTSEASON

PLAY-IN TOURNAMENT

Friday's second round
#8Miami 112, #9Chicago 91
#8New Orleans 105, #9Sacramento 98

PLAYOFFS FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7, x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
#1 Boston vs. #8 Miami
G1: April 21 in Boston, 1:30 p.m.
G2: Wednesday in Boston, 7 p.m.
G3: April 27 in Miami, 6 p.m.
G4: April 29 in Miami, TBA
x-G5: May 1 in Boston, TBA
x-G6: May 3 in Miami, TBA
x-G7: May 5 in Boston, TBA

#2 New York vs. #7 Philadelphia
G1: Saturday in New York, 6 p.m.
G2: Monday in New York, 7:30 p.m.
G3: April 25 in Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
G4: April 28 in Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
x-G5: April 30 in New York, TBA
x-G6: May 2 in Philadelphia, TBA
x-G7: May 4 in New York, TBA

#3 Milwaukee vs. #6 Indiana
G1: Sunday in Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
G2: Tuesday in Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
G3: Apri l26 in Indianapolis, 5:30 p.m.
G4: April 28 in Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
G5: April 30 in Milwaukee, TBA
x-G6: May 2 in Indianapolis, TBA
x-G7: May 4 in Milwaukee, TBA

#4 Cleveland vs. #5 Orlando
G1: Saturday in Cleveland, 1 p.m.
G2: Monday in Cleveland, 7 p.m.
G3: April 25 in Orlando, 7 p.m.
G4: April 27 in Orlando, 1 p.m.
x-G5: April 30 in Cleveland, TBA
x-G6: May 3 in Orlando, TBA
x-G7: May 5 in Cleveland, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
#1 Oklahoma City vs. #8 New Orleans
G1: Sunday in Oklahom City, 9:30 p.m.
G2: Wednesday in Okla. City, 9:30 p.m.
G3: April 27 in New Orleans, 3:30 p.m.
G4: April 29 in New Orleans, TBA
x-G5: May 1 in Oklahoma City, TBA
x-G6: May 3 in New Orleans, TBA
x-G7: May 5 in Oklahoma City, TBA

#2 Denver vs. #8 L.A. Lakers
G1: Saturday in Denver, 8:30 p.m.
G2: Monday in Denver, 10 p.m.
G3: April 25 in Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
G4: April 27 in Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.
x-G5: April 29 in Denver, TBA
x-G6: May 2 in Los Angeles, TBA
x-G7: May 4 in Denver, TBA

#3 Minnesota vs. #6 Phoenix
G1: Saturday in Minneapolis, 3:30 p.m.
G2: Tuesday in Minneapolis, 7:30 p.m.
G3: April 26 in Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
G4: April 28 in Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
x-G5: April 30 in Minneapolis, TBA
x-G6: May 2 in Phoenix, TBA
x-G7: May 4 in Minneapolis, TBA

#4 L.A. Clippers vs. #5 Dallas
G1: April 21 in Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m.
G2: Tuesday in Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
G3: April 26 in Dallas, 8 p.m.
G4: April 28 in Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
x-G5: May 1 in Los Angeles, TBA
x-G6: May 3 in Dallas, TBA
x-G7: May 5 in Los Angeles, TBA

UPCOMING CALENDAR

April 27: NBA Early Entry Eligibility Deadline (11:59 p.m)
May 6-7: Conference Semifinals begin (possible move up to May 4-5)
May 12: NBA Draft Lottery presented by State Farm (Chicago)
May 13-17: NBA Combine (Chicago)
May 21-22: Conference Finals begin (possible move up to May 19-20)
June 6: NBA Finals 2024 Game 1
June 9: NBA Finals 2024 Game 2
June 12: NBA Finals 2024 Game 3
June 14: NBA Finals 2024 Game 4
June 16: NBA Draft Early Entry Entrant Withdrawal Deadline (5 p.m. ET)
June 17: NBA Finals 2024 Game 5 (if necessary)
June 20: NBA Finals 2024 Game 6 (if necessary)
June 23: NBA Finals 2024 Game 7 (if necessary)
June 26: NBA Draft 2024 presented by State Farm (First Round)
June 27: NBA Draft 2024 presented by State Farm (Second Round)
July 12-22: NBA 2K Vegas Summer League (Las Vegas)

Miami 112, Chicago 91

FRIDAY'S 2ND RND PLAY-IN GAME
EASTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	REB O-T	A	PF	PTS
Caruso	33:10	2-8	0-0	0-3	4	2	6
DeRozan	40:47	8-16	3-4	0-3	4	2	22
Vucevic	35:26	7-17	0-0	1-14	5	3	16
Dosunmu	41:10	3-15	2-2	1-4	4	2	10
White	36:10	5-16	1-2	0-2	4	3	13
Green	17:27	5-6	2-2	2-3	3	0	12
Terry	13:17	1-4	0-0	1-1	1	2	2
Craig	10:38	2-5	0-0	2-3	1	2	6
Drummond	7:56	1-4	0-0	0-4	0	3	2
Carter	3:59	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	2
Totals	**240:00**	**35-92**	**8-10**	**7-38**	**27**	**19**	**91**

Percentages: FG .380, FT .800
3-Point Goals: 13-43, .302 (DeRozan 3-6, Craig 2-5, Vucevic 2-5, Caruso 2-6, White 2-8, Dosunmu 2-11, Green 0-1, Terry 0-1)
Team Rebounds: 11
Blocked Shots: 6 (Dosunmu 2, Caruso, Craig, DeRozan, Vucevic)
Turnovers: 12 (White 4, Drummond 2, Vucevic 2, Caruso, DeRozan, Dosunmu, Terry)
Steals: 12 (Dosunmu 3, Craig 2, Green 2, Vucevic 2, DeRozan, Drummond, White)

MIAMI	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	REB O-T	A	PF	PTS
Jaquez Jr.	34:41	8-16	4-4	1-6	6	3	21
Jovic	26:47	2-6	0-0	1-6	2	2	5
Adebayo	31:43	5-8	2-4	0-4	4	0	13
Herro	33:18	8-17	4-4	1-10	9	0	24
Martin	25:13	3-7	0-0	1-4	1	2	7
Highsmith	31:14	4-10	0-0	2-3	0	2	9
Wright	22:47	2-4	0-0	0-1	0	0	5
D.Robinson	12:19	3-6	0-0	1-3	1	2	8
Love	12:18	2-6	10-10	1-7	1	0	16
Bryant	3:59	1-2	2-2	1-3	0	0	4
Mills	3:17	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
O.Robinson	2:24	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	**240:00**	**38-82**	**22-24**	**9-47**	**26**	**11**	**112**

Percentages: FG .463, FT .917
3-Point Goals: 14-33, .424 (Herro 4-9, Love 2-3, D.Robinson 2-4, Adebayo 1-2, Martin 1-2, Wright 1-2, Jaquez Jr. 1-3, Highsmith 1-4, Jovic 1-4)
Team Rebounds: 9
Blocked Shots: 6 (Adebayo 2, Martin 2, Jovic, Wright)
Turnovers: 15 (Herro 5, D.Robinson 3, Highsmith 3, Jovic 2, Adebayo, Jaquez Jr.)
Steals: 6 (Highsmith 3, Martin, O.Robinson, Wright)

Chicago	**17**	**20**	**23**	**31**	**— 91**
Miami	**34**	**13**	**35**	**30**	**— 112**

A—19,600(19,600). T—2:09

New Orleans 105, Sacra, 98

FRIDAY'S 2ND RND PLAY-IN GAME
WESTERN CONFERENCE

SACRA.	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	REB O-T	A	PF	PTS
Barnes	38:12	6-14	2-4	1-5	4	1	17
Murray	37:43	4-12	1-2	5-7	3	2	11
Sabonis	41:51	9-14	5-5	3-14	7	4	23
Ellis	27:30	0-5	0-0	0-0	1	4	0
Fox	42:26	12-29	7-11	2-7	5	3	35
Mitchell	24:15	4-9	0-0	0-2	1	2	10
Lyles	13:02	0-1	0-0	1-3	0	1	0
Vezenkov	10:41	1-4	0-0	2-2	0	0	2
Len	4:20	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	**240:00**	**36-88**	**15-22**	**14-40**	**21**	**17**	**98**

Percentages: FG .409, FT .682
3-Point Goals: 11-41, .268 (Fox 4-16, Barnes 3-5, Mitchell 2-6, Murray 2-7, Sabonis 0-1, Vezenkov 0-2, Ellis 0-4)
Team Rebounds: 12
Blocked Shots: 4 (Ellis 2, Murray, Sabonis)
Turnovers: 15 (Fox 5, Sabonis 4, Lyles 2, Barnes, Ellis, Mitchell, Murray)
Steals: 9 (Fox 3, Sabonis 3, Len, Murray, Vezenkov)

NEW ORLS	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	REB O-T	A	PF	PTS
Ingram	37:09	10-20	3-3	1-6	6	4	24
Murphy III	43:05	6-12	2-2	0-8	6	1	16
Valanciunas	26:47	8-16	3-3	6-12	3	4	19
H.Jones	25:58	2-3	0-2	0-1	4	2	5
McCollum	35:48	3-8	0-0	0-2	3	1	7
Alvarado	23:54	4-8	1-1	0-5	2	0	10
Marshall	23:51	5-11	0-0	2-6	2	2	11
Nance Jr.	21:13	6-7	1-2	2-4	3	4	13
Daniels	2:15	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Totals	**240:00**	**44-85**	**10-13**	**11-45**	**29**	**19**	**105**

Percentages: FG .518, FT .769
3-Point Goals: 7-19, .368 (Murphy III 2-7, Alvarado 1-1, H.Jones 1-2, Ingram 1-2, McCollum 1-2, Marshall 1-4, Valanciunas 0-1)
Team Rebounds: 6
Team Turnovers: 1
Blocked Shots: 8 (McCollum 2, Valanciunas 2, Alvarado, H.Jones, Ingram, Marshall)
Turnovers: 15 (Ingram 4, McCollum 4, Murphy III 4, H.Jones 3)
Steals: 9 (Alvarado 2, Marshall 2, Nance Jr. 2, H.Jones, McCollum, Murphy III)

Sacramento	**24**	**21**	**29**	**24**	**— 98**
New Orleans	**22**	**32**	**29**	**22**	**— 105**

A—18,656(16,867). T—2:22

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	4	2	3	15	19	14
N.Y. Red Bulls	4	1	3	15	11	7
Philadelphia	3	0	4	13	14	9
Columbus	3	1	4	13	10	7
Cincinnati	3	2	3	12	8	7
Atlanta	3	2	2	11	12	7
Charlotte FC	3	3	2	11	9	8
CF Montréal	3	3	1	10	10	14
Toronto FC	3	4	1	10	8	12
D.C. United	2	2	4	10	12	12
Chicago	2	3	3	9	11	14
New York City FC	2	4	2	8	7	9
Orlando City	2	3	2	8	8	13
Nashville	1	2	4	7	8	13
New England	1	5	1	4	5	13
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
LA Galaxy	4	1	3	15	17	12
Vancouver	4	2	1	13	15	9
Houston	4	2	1	13	9	7
Real Salt Lake	3	2	3	12	11	8
Colorado	3	2	3	12	13	12
Los Angeles FC	3	3	2	11	13	12
Minnesota United	3	2	2	11	10	9
St Louis City	2	1	5	11	12	11
Sporting KC	2	2	4	10	14	13
Portland	2	3	3	9	16	16
Austin FC	2	3	3	9	11	13
Seattle	1	3	3	6	9	7
FC Dallas	1	4	2	5	6	10
San Jose	1	7	0	3	10	20

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
Nashville at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Orlando City at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at New York City FC, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Chicago, 8:30p.m.
Austin FC at Houston, 8:30p.m.
St Louis City at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Colorado, 9:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Minnesota at Charlotte FC, 6p.m.
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 7p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Kansas City	3	0	1	10	12	8
North Carolina	3	1	0	9	9	3
Washington	3	1	0	9	7	4
Chicago	2	1	1	7	5	3
Orlando	2	0	3	9	6	4
Bay FC	2	2	0	6	7	7
San Diego	1	2	1	4	2	3
Gotham FC	1	1	1	4	2	2
Louisville	0	0	4	4	4	4
Angel City	1	2	1	4	4	6
Houston	1	2	1	4	5	10
Seattle	1	3	0	3	4	6
Utah Royals FC	1	3	0	3	3	6
Portland	0	3	1	1	6	10

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
Orlando 1, San Diego 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Gotham FC at Washington, 1p.m.
Utah Royals FC at Louisville, 5p.m.
Bay FC at Kansas City, 7:30p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Seattle, 6p.m.
North Carolina at Angel City, 7:30p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Brighton vs. Chelsea, 10a.m.
Luton Town vs. Brentford, 10a.m.
Man United vs. Newcastle, 10a.m.
Sheffield United vs. Burnley, 10a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Arsenal, 2:30p.m.
Tottenham vs. Man City, ppd

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Everton vs. Notting. Forest, 8:30a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Bournemouth, 10a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. West Ham, 10a.m.
Fulham vs. Liverpool, 11:30a.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCHES
Arsenal vs. Chelsea, 3p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

(Home teams listed first)
SEMIFINALS, First leg
Tuesday, April 30 -Wednesday, May 1
Bayern Munich vs. Real Madrid
Borussia Dortmund vs. Paris Saint-Germain
Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8
Paris Saint-Germain vs. Borussia Dortmund
Real Madrid vs. Bayern Munich

CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday, June 1 in London
Semifinal winners, 3p.m.

SPORTS CALENDAR

	SAT APRIL20	SUN APRIL21	MON APRIL22	TUE APRIL23	WED APRIL24	THU APRIL25	FRI APRIL26
Yankees	TB 1:00 P.M. YES	TB 1:30 P.M. YES	OAK 1:00 P.M. YES	OAK 7:00 P.M. YES	OAK 7:00 P.M. PRIME	OAK 7:00 P.M. YES	MIL 8:00 P.M. YES
Mets	LAD 4:00 P.M. CH. 11	LAD 4:00 P.M. CH. 11	SF 9:45 P.M. SNY	SF 9:45 P.M. CH. 11	SF 3:45 P.M. SNY		STL 7:00 P.M. APPLE
Knicks	PHI 6:00 P.M. MSG+		PHI 7:30 P.M. MSG+			PHI 7:30 P.M. MSG+	
Rangers		WAS 3:00 P.M. ESPN		WAS 7:00 P.M. ESPN			WAS 7:00 P.M. ESPN
Islanders	CAR 5:00 P.M. TBS		CAR 7:30 P.M. TBS			CAR 7:30 P.M. TBS	
Red Bulls	LA 10:30 P.M. APPLE						
NYCFC	DC 7:30 P.M. APPLE						

COLLEGE BASEBALL

6 p.m.: Auburn at Mississippi St., SECN

7 p.m.: TCU at Texas, ESPNU

8 p.m.: Louisville at Miami, ACCN

MLB

1 p.m.: Tampa Bay at NY Yankees, YES

4 p.m.: NY Mets at LA Dodgers, SNY

7 p.m.: Regional Coverage: Texas at Atlanta OR Baltimore at Kansas City, MLBN

NBA

1:10 p.m.: Eastern Conference First Round Playoff: Orlando at Cleveland, Game 1, ESPN

3:30 p.m.: Western Conference First Round Playoff: Phoenix at Minnesota, Game 1, ESPN

6 p.m.: Eastern Conference First Round Playoff: Philadelphia at New York, Game 1, ESPN

8:30 p.m.: Western Conference First Round Playoff: LA Lakers at Denver, Game 1, ABC

AUSTRALIAN RULES

5:30 a.m.: AFL: Geelong at Brisbane, FS2

SOCCER

MEN'S

10 a.m.: Premier League: Brentford at Luton Town, USA

2:30 p.m.: Premier League: Arsenal at Wolverhampton, USA

WOMEN'S

1 p.m.: NWSL: NJ/NY Gotham FC at Washington Spirit, CBS

7:30 p.m.: NWSL: Bay FC at Kansas City Current, ION

10 p.m.: NWSL: Houston Dash at Portland Thorns FC, ION

HOCKEY

5 p.m.: Eastern Conference First Round Playoff: NY Islanders at Carolina, Game 1, TBS

5 p.m.: Eastern Conference First Round Playoff: NY Islanders at Carolina, Game 1 (BetCast), TRUTV

8 p.m.: Eastern Conference First Round Playoff: Toronto at Boston, Game 1, TBS

8 p.m.: Eastern Conference First Round Playoff: Toronto at Boston, Game 1 (BetCast), TRUTV

HORSE RACING

1 p.m.: NYRA: America's Day at the Races, FS2

OLYMPIC TRIALS

6:30 p.m.: 2024 U.S. Summer Olympic Trials: Wrestling Finals Championship Series, State College, Penn., USA

TENNIS

7:30 a.m.: Barcelona-ATP, Munich-ATP, Bucharest-ATP, Stuttgart-WTA, Rouen-WTA Semifinals, TENNIS

NFL

2024 NFL DRAFT ORDER

#	FIRST ROUND	W-L	W%	SOS
1	Chicago (via Car)	2-15	.118	.522
2	Washington	4-13	.235	.512
3	New England	4-13	.235	.522
4	Arizona	4-13	.235	.561
5	LA Chargers	5-12	.294	.529
6	NY Giants	6-11	.353	.512
7	Tennessee	6-11	.353	.522
8	Atlanta	7-10	.412	.429
9	Chicago	7-10	.412	.464
10	NY Jets	7-10	.412	.502
11	Minnesota	7-10	.412	.509
12	Denver	8-9	.471	.488
13	Las Vegas	8-9	.471	.488
14	New Orleans	9-8	.529	.433
15	Indianapolis	9-8	.529	.491
16	Seattle	9-8	.529	.512
17	Jacksonville	9-8	.529	.533
18	Cincinnati	9-8	.529	.574
19.	L.A. Rams	10-7	.588	.529
20.	Pittsburgh	10-7	.588	.540
21.	Miami	11-6	.647	.450
22.	Phildelphia	11-6	.647	.481
23.	Houston (via Cle)	11-6	.647	.536
24.	Dallas	12-5	.706	.446
25	Green Bay	9-8	.529	.474
26	Tampa Bay	9-8	.529	.481
27	Arizona (via Hou)	10-7	.588	.474
28	Buffalo	11-6	.647	.471
29	Detroit	12-5	.706	.481
30	Baltimore	13-4	.765	.543
31	San Francisco	12-5	.706	.509
32	Kansas City	11-6	.647	.481

Draft dates: April 25-27 at Campus Martius Park, Hart Plaza, Detroit

GOLF

LPGA: THE CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd of 3 rounds, Nicklaus Course, The Woodlands, Texas, 6,889 yards; Par: 72

Jin Hee Im	69-67—136	-8
Atthaya Thitikul	69-67—136	-8
Nelly Korda	68-69—137	-7
Hae-Ran Ryu	72-66—138	-6
Shinsil Bang	74-65—139	-5
Lauren Coughlin	66-73—139	-5
Minami Katsu	68-71—139	-5
Maja Stark	70-69—139	-5
Weiwei Zhang	72-67—139	-5
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	70-70—140	-4
Lydia Ko	69-71—140	-4
Andrea Lee	71-69—140	-4
Xiyu Lin	69-71—140	-4
Yealimi Noh	71-69—140	-4
Anna Nordqvist	70-70—140	-4
Lottie Woad	71-69—140	-4
Marina Alex	68-73—141	-3
Lindy Duncan	70-71—141	-3
Auston Kim	72-69—141	-3
Stephanie Kyriacou	72-69—141	-3
Carlota Ciganda	75-67—142	-2
Gemma Dryburgh	74-68—142	-2
Isabella Fierro	72-70—142	-2
Ayaka Furue	71-71—142	-2
Nasa Hataoka	71-71—142	-2
Brooke Henderson	71-71—142	-2
A Lim Kim	72-70—142	-2
Gabriela Ruffels	69-73—142	-2
Chanettee Wannasaen	71-71—142	-2
Na Rin An	73-70—143	-1
Peiyun Chien	73-70—143	-1
Allisen Corpuz	72-71—143	-1
Ally Ewing	74-69—143	-1
Kristen Gillman	70-73—143	-1
Georgia Hall	70-73—143	-1
Sarah Kemp	70-73—143	-1
Brittany Lincicome	72-71—143	-1
Stephanie Meadow	71-72—143	-1
Hee Young Park	73-70—143	-1
Amy Yang	73-70—143	-1
Esther Henseleit	72-72—144	E
Sei Young Kim	72-72—144	E
Jasmine Koo	74-70—144	E
Mi Hyang Lee	71-73—144	E
Paula Reto	76-68—144	E
Madelene Sagstrom	71-73—144	E
Yuka Saso	72-72—144	E
Miyuu Yamashita	72-72—144	E
Hye Jin Choi	73-72—145	+1
Wei-Ling Hsu	72-73—145	+1
Charley Hull	74-71—145	+1
Caroline Inglis	71-74—145	+1
Jennifer Kupcho	72-73—145	+1
Caroline Masson	72-73—145	+1
Ryann O'Toole	72-73—145	+1
Hinako Shibuno	76-69—145	+1
Jiyai Shin	72-73—145	+1
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	75-70—145	+1
Xiaowen Yin	74-71—145	+1

PGA RBC HERITAGE

2nd of 4 rounds, Harbour Town Golf Links; Hilton Head, S.C.; 7,213 yards; Par: 71

Tom Hoge	67-64—131	-11
Collin Morikawa	65-66—131	-11
J.T. Poston	63-68—131	-11
Sepp Straka	66-65—131	-11
Ludvig Aberg	66-66—132	-10
Mackenzie Hughes	66-66—132	-10
Patrick Rodgers	66-66—132	-10
Patrick Cantlay	67-66—133	-9
Sahith Theegala	66-67—133	-9
Byeong Hun An	68-66—134	-8
Scottie Scheffler	69-65—134	-8
Austin Eckroat	66-69—135	-7
Sungjae Im	68-67—135	-7
Stephan Jaeger	67-68—135	-7
Tom Kim	69-66—135	-7
Rory McIlroy	67-68—135	-7
Seamus Power	65-70—135	-7
Thomas Detry	68-68—136	-6
Matt Fitzpatrick	70-66—136	-6
Russell Henley	67-69—136	-6
Chris Kirk	69-67—136	-6
Xander Schauffele	72-64—136	-6
Jason Day	68-69—137	-5
Brice Garnett	69-68—137	-5
Adam Hadwin	67-70—137	-5

PGA CHAMPIONS: INVITED CELEBRITY CLASSIC

1st of 3 rounds, Las Colinas Country Club, Irving, Texas; 6,703 yards; Par: 71

Thomas Bjorn	32-32—64	-7
Paul Broadhurst	32-33—65	-6
Clark Dennis	36-29—65	-6
Jerry Kelly	31-34—65	-6
Y.E. Yang	32-33—65	-6
Jason Bohn	33-33—66	-5
Olin Browne	35-31—66	-5
Chris DiMarco	33-33—66	-5
Corey Pavin	32-34—66	-5
John Senden	33-33—66	-5
Boo Weekley	37-29—66	-5
Doug Barron	35-32—67	-4
K.J. Choi	35-32—67	-4
Vijay Singh	36-31—67	-4
Paul Stankowski	34-33—67	-4
Ken Tanigawa	34-33—67	-4
David Toms	36-31—67	-4
Woody Austin	35-33—68	-3
Alex Cejka	34-34—68	-3
Greg Chalmers	36-32—68	-3
Bob Estes	34-34—68	-3
Brian Gay	35-33—68	-3
Gibby Gilbert III	36-32—68	-3
Retief Goosen	35-33—68	-3
Dicky Pride	36-32—68	-3
Brett Quigley	36-32—68	-3
Gene Sauers	34-34—68	-3
Charlie Wi	37-31—68	-3
Steve Allan	35-34—69	-2
Billy Andrade	35-34—69	-2
Arjun Atwal	38-31—69	-2
Shane Bertsch	35-34—69	-2
David Branshaw	34-35—69	-2
Marco Dawson	33-36—69	-2
Scott Dunlap	35-34—69	-2
Steve Flesch	37-32—69	-2
Richard Green	35-34—69	-2
Mark Hensby	34-35—69	-2
Thongchai Jaidee	34-35—69	-2
Billy Mayfair	35-34—69	-2
Tom Pernice	36-33—69	-2
Tim Petrovic	33-36—69	-2
Robert Damron	36-34—70	-1
Glen Day	37-33—70	-1
John Huston	35-35—70	-1
Michael Jonzon	36-34—70	-1
Justin Leonard	37-33—70	-1
David McKenzie	35-35—70	-1
Scott Parel	35-35—70	-1
Kenny Perry	35-35—70	-1
Wes Short	34-36—70	-1
Michael Wright	37-33—70	-1

PGA CORALES PUNTACANA CHAMPIONSHIP

1st of 4 rounds, Corales Golf Club, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, 7,670 yards; Par: 72

Wesley Bryan	63-66—129	-15
Justin Lower	66-64—130	-14
Greyson Sigg	68-65—133	-11
Pierceson Coody	67-67—134	-10
Bill Haas	69-65—134	-10
Charley Hoffman	66-68—134	-10
Kevin Tway	68-66—134	-10
Nicolas Echavarria	71-64—135	-9
Henrik Norlander	69-66—135	-9
Alex Smalley	68-67—135	-9
Davis Thompson	67-68—135	-9
Rafael Campos	68-68—136	-8
Parker Coody	66-70—136	-8
Max Greyserman	71-65—136	-8
Billy Horschel	67-69—136	-8
Chan Kim	66-70—136	-8
Patton Kizzire	70-66—136	-8
Sean O'Hair	71-65—136	-8
Taylor Pendrith	67-69—136	-8
Trace Crowe	69-68—137	-7
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	71-66—137	-7
Ben Martin	67-70—137	-7
Jimmy Stanger	69-68—137	-7
Sam Stevens	69-68—137	-7
Jacob Bridgeman	69-69—138	-6
Harrison Endycott	68-70—138	-6
Harry Higgs	68-70—138	-6
Michael Kim	70-68—138	-6
Matthew NeSmith	69-69—138	-6
Alex Noren	70-68—138	-6
Ryan Palmer	70-68—138	-6
Chad Ramey	74-64—138	-6
Robert Streb	69-69—138	-6
Jhonattan Vegas	68-70—138	-6
Brandon Wu	74-64—138	-6
Tyson Alexander	69-70—139	-5
Ryan Armour	69-70—139	-5
Erik Compton	71-68—139	-5
Joel Dahmen	71-68—139	-5
Zecheng Dou	68-71—139	-5
A.Dumont De Chassart	69-70—139	-5
Patrick Fishburn	70-69—139	-5
Alex Fitzpatrick	69-70—139	-5
Wilson Furr	73-66—139	-5
Doug Ghim	71-68—139	-5
Lanto Griffin	73-66—139	-5
James Hahn	71-68—139	-5
Rico Hoey	69-70—139	-5
Mark Hubbard	69-70—139	-5
Chez Reavie	70-69—139	-5
Austin Smotherman	69-70—139	-5
Callum Tarren	67-72—139	-5
Jimmy Walker	69-70—139	-5
Vince Whaley	71-68—139	-5

UFL FOOTBALL

USFL	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Birmingham	3	0	0	1.000	80	41
Michigan	2	1	0	.667	65	56
Memphis	1	2	0	.333	51	65
Houston	0	3	0	.000	50	75
XFL	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	74	66
San Antonio	2	1	0	.667	71	62
DC	2	1	0	.667	64	73
Arlington	0	3	0	.000	66	83

WEEK 4

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Memphis at St. Louis, 12:30p.m.

DC at Birmingham, 7p.m.

Michigan at San Antonio, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAME

Arlington at Houston, 2p.m.

ODDS

NBA PLAYOFFS — SATURDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Cleveland	4½	(207½)	Orlando
at Minneosta	2	(214)	Phoenix
at New York	3	(209)	Philadelphia
at Denver	7	(224)	LA Lakers

MLB — SATURDAY

American League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at NY Yankees	-136	Tampa Bay	+116
at Minnesota	-130	Detroit	+110
at Cleveland	-162	Oakland	+136
Baltimore	-130	at Kansas City	+110

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at St. Louis	-132	Milwaukee	+112
at Chicago Cubs-179		Miami (G1)	+150
at San Francisco-126		Arizona	+108
at LA Dodgers	-200	N.Y Mets	+168
at Chicago Cubs-179		Miami (G2)	+150

Interleague

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Houston	-188	at Washington	+158
at Pittsburgh	-122	Boston	+104
at Philadelphia	-330	Chi. White Sox	+265
at Cincinnati	off	LA Angels	off
at Atlanta	-154	Texas	+130
Seattle	-196	at Colorado	+164
at SanDiego	-120	Toronto	+102

NHL — SATURDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Carolina	-345	N.Y Islanders	+270
at Boston	-120	Toronto	+100

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TENNIS

ATP BMW OPEN

Friday at MTTC Iphitos; Munich; outdoors, Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

Cristian Garin d.
#1Alexander Zverev, 6-4, 6-4.#3
#2Holger Rune d.
Marc-Andrea Huesler, 6-4, 7-6(3).
Taylor Fritz d.
#6Jack Draper, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(1).
#4Jan-Lennard Struff vs.
#5Felix Auger-Aliassime, late

BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL

Friday at Real Club de Tenis Barcelona; Barcelona, Spain; outdoors-Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#3Casper Ruud d. Matteo Arnaldi, 6-4, 6-3.
#5Stefanos Tsitsipas d.
Facundo Diaz Acosta, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(8).
#13Tomas Martin Etcheverry d.
#12Cameron Norrie, 7-6(4), 7-6(1).
Dusan Lajovic d. #16 Arthur Fils, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

ATP TIRIAC OPEN

Friday at Nastase & Marica Sports Club; Bucharest, Romania; outdoors-clay

MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#1Francisco Cerundolo d.
#5Mariano Navone, 7-5, 6-1.
#4Alejandro Tabilo d.
Joao Fonseca, 4-6, 7-6(5), 6-4.
Marton Fucsovics d.
Corentin Moutet, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Gregoire Barrere d.
#8Pedro Martinez, 6-7(2), 6-3, 6-4.

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#1Francisco Cerundolo d.
Federico Coria, 7-5, 6-1.
Gregoire Barrere d.#3 Sebastian Korda, 6-4, 6-4.
#5Mariano Navone d.
Thiago Seyboth Wild, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.
#8Pedro Martinez d.
Miomir Kecmanovic, 7-6(4), 3-6, 6-3.

WTA OPEN DE OEIRAS

Friday at Oeiras, Portugal, outdoors, clay

WOMEN'S'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#1 Bernarda Pera d. Francisca Jorge, 6-4, 6-1.
#4Clara Tauson d. Matilde Jorge, 6-1, 6-3.
Suzan Lamens d. Aliona Falei, 6-4, 6-1.
Kristina Mladenovic d.
Varvar Lepchenko, 6-3, 6-4.

WTA OPEN CAPFINANCES ROUEN MÉTROPOLE

Friday in Rouen, France; indoor-clay

WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS

#2Caroline Garcia d.
Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 6-3, 6-4.
#3Anhelina Kalinina d.
#5Mirra Andreeva, 6-4, 7-5.
#6 Sloane Stephens d. #4 Yuan Yue, 6-2, 6-2.
Magda Linette d. Arantxa Rus, 7-6(9), 6-1.

WTA PORSCHE TENNIS GP

Friday at Porsche Arena; Stuttgart, Germany; indoors, Red clay

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16

#1 Iga Swiatek d. Emma Raducanu, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
#6Marketa Vondrousova d.
#2Aryna Sabalenka, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Marta Kostyuk d. #3 Coco Gauff, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
#4Elena Rybakina d.
Jasmine Paolini, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

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OR

2024 ALLOY WHEELS REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY BACK-UP CAMERA

$0 DOWN PAYMENT! $189

Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: $0 down plus $189 1st mos. payment Total $189 plus tax & tags. Purchase option $19,597 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP $27,995. - Payment includes $1,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.

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Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: $2,995 down plus $189 1st mos. payment Total $3,184 plus tax & tags. Purchase option $45,694 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP $55,265. Payment includes GMF lease loyalty rebate $3,000. Must currently lease Blazer, Colorado or Equinox thru GMF in household.

OR

2024 LT 4X4 CONVENIENCE PACKAGE ALL-STAR PACKAGE

$0 DOWN PAYMENT! $339

Lease per month 36 Month Due at inception: $0 down plus $339 1st mos. payment Total $339 plus tax & tags. Purchase option $30,227 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP $34,495. Payment includes GMF lease loyalty rebate $3,000. Must currently lease Blazer, Colorado or Equinox thru GMF in household.

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CHEVY LOYALTY REBATE $1,000
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FINANCE FOR $30,977 Excludes tax, tags & title

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OR

2024 ALLOY WHEELS REMOTE VEHICLE START HEATED FRONT SEATS

$0 DOWN PAYMENT! $289

Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: $0 down plus $289 1st mos. payment Total $289 plus tax & tags. Purchase option $26,865 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP $38,020. Payment includes $2,500 Chevy lease loyalty. Must have a current Chevy GMF lease in same household.

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OR

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Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: $1,995 down plus $229 1st mos. payment Total $2,224 plus tax & tags. Purchase option $29,749 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP $36,725.

OR

2024 TURBO-MAX ENGINE REAR SLIDING WINDOW REMOTE LOCKING TAILGATE

$0 DOWN PAYMENT! $289

Lease per month 24 Month Due at inception: $0 down plus $289 1st mos. payment Total $289 plus tax & tags. Purchase option $25,167 - 10K Miles per yr. MSRP $31,095.



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Will '1923' rein in more episodes?

BY RICH HELDENFELS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q: What's the status of "1923"? Will there be more episodes?
A: Yes. A second season of the "Yellowstone" prequel starring Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren was announced even before the first season finished. But I don't have any information on when it might air; like many shows, its plans were stymied for a time by the writers and actors strikes in the industry.

Q: Is "OutDaughtered" coming back with new episodes any time soon?
A: Yes. TLC will begin airing new episodes May 7. According to the network, "with the start of a new school year upon them ... Adam and Danielle are struggling to keep up with their all-girl quintuplets, Ava, Olivia, Hazel, Riley, Parker, and oldest daughter, Blayke. The quints are learning how to read and taking on more chores around the house. Adam and Danielle can start to see which of the girls is thriving and who needs a little extra attention."

Q: Do you have any indication when "Dark Winds" will be returning?
A: The drama series based on the novels by Tony Hillerman is now in production in New Mexico, with the televising of new episodes on AMC and AMC+ expected in 2025. This third season takes place six months after the previous seasons, with Joe Leaphorn (Zahn McClarnon) and Jim Chee (Kiowa Gordon) investigating the disappearance of two boys, and Bernadette Manuelito (Jessica Matten) finding that her new life leads to the discovery of a smuggling conspiracy. There will also be some new guest stars including Jenna Elfman and Bruce Greenwood.

Q: Back in the late '50s or early '60s I saw a movie called "It's a Woman's World," I think. It included such names as June Allyson, Cornel Wilde, Fred MacMurray and Arlene Dahl. I have never seen it aired on TV or on any of the streaming services. Does it still exist or has it gone the way of decayed movie reels?
A: The 1954 film titled "Woman's World," described by one reference as a "glossy and ultra-sophisticated glimpse into the leather-lined world of big business," indeed seems hard to find. But it has not disappeared. It has been released on DVD, and it is available on YouTube.

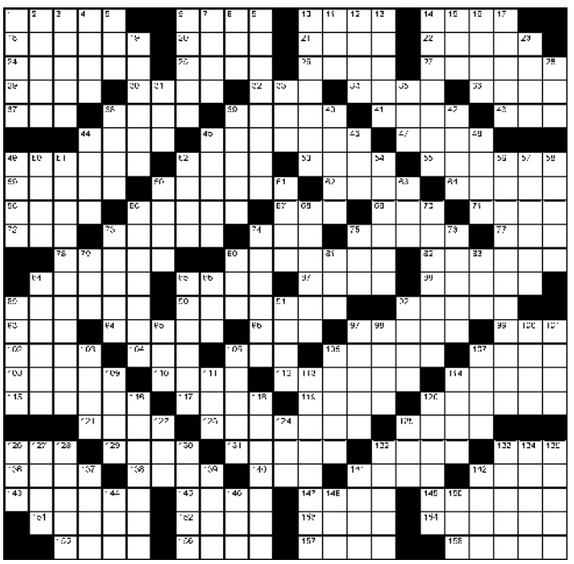
Q: Can you tell me anything about a TV series from the early '60s called "Hong Kong"?
A: In this ABC drama, Rod Taylor starred as a journalist chasing stories in and around Hong Kong; the cast also included Lloyd Bochner and Jack Kruschen. It had a lot to recommend it, including some fine directors of episodes. But it did not have enough audience for a long network run, ending after a single season in 1960-61.

Q: Any word on if and when "The Diplomat" will return?
A: Netflix has ordered a second season of the political thriller starring Keri Russell, but there's no official airdate so far. It's expected some time this year but it could be late in the year.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

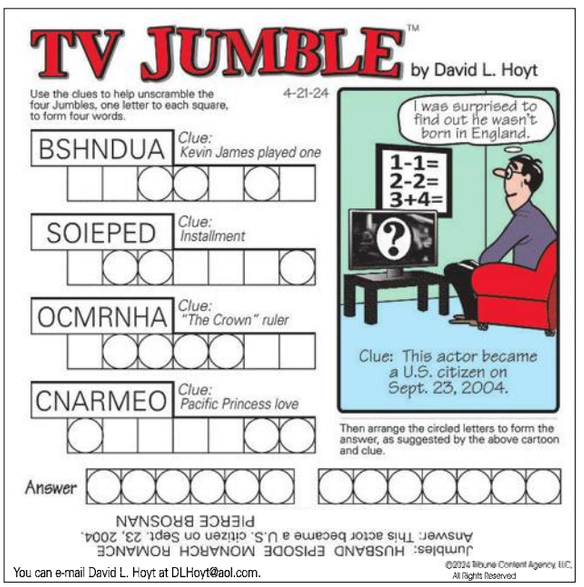


Harrison Ford as Jacob Dutton and Helen Mirren as Cara Dutton star in "1923." PARAMOUNT+

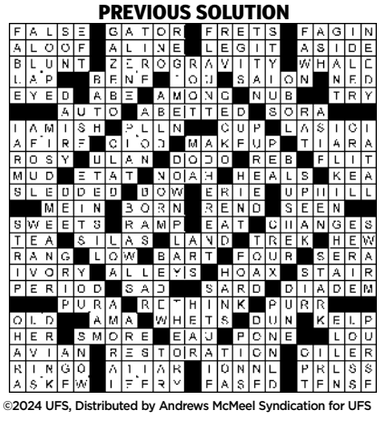


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84 Imprisoned
85 Magical drink
86 Brooch
89 Rub against
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92 Rational
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97 Bake eggs
98 Secrete
100 "I Was — to Love Her"
101 Poke
103 Lab compound
105 Temporary tattoo
106 Descendant
107 Study in haste
109 Goals
111 Director Burton
113 Lost city of gold (2 wds.)
114 Main point
116 Exhibition space
118 Designer's workshop
120 Quick look
122 Positive vote
124 Physicians' org.
125 Moo — gai pan
126 Old cry of disgust
127 Italia's capital
128 Numbers for crunching
130 Sketches
132 Manuscript book
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148 Drum
150 Massage



PREVIOUS SOLUTION



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SATURDAY EVENING TV

LIVE SPORTS | MOVIES | REALITY

	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
2 WCBS	CBS Weekend News (N)	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	Protecting Life On Earth (N)	Fire Country - A toxic spill at a chemical plant goes up in flames.		Fire Country		48 Hours (N)		CBS 2 News at 11P (N)	(11:35) Jets OT - Draft Preview	(12:05) The Equalizer
3 WJLP	(6:40) Stooges	Stooges/ Stooges	(7:40) Stooges	Svengoolie (N)					Batman	Star Trek		Kolchak
4 WNBC	NBC Nightly News (N)	George to the Rescue	1st Look	The Wall - Sisters Karly and Megan go up against the wall.		Weakest Link		Saturday Night Live (N)		News 4 NY at 11 (N)	Saturday Night Live - Host Shane Gillis; 21 Savage performs.	
5 WNYW	(4:00) NASCAR	United Football League - D.C. Defenders at Birmingham Stallions - From Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. (N)						The 10 O'Clock News (N)		We Are Family		TMZ (N)
7 WABC	ABC World News (N)	Localish Life	Wheel of Fortune	NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball - Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets - LeBron James and the Lakers visit Nikola Jokic's Nuggets in Game 1 of their West first-round series. (N)					Eyewitness News at 11 (N)		9-1-1
9 WWOR	Paid Prog.	Extra (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	The Listener		Bensinger	Raw Travel	Whacked
10/55 WLNY	(6:00) Equalizer	Last Man	Last Man	King	King	Neighbor	Neighbor	Charles Stanley	Judge Judy	WOW - Women (N)		Housewife
11 WPIX	(4:00) Baseball	PIX11 News (N)		I Am Patrick Swayze (N) (P)				PIX11 News at Ten (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Honeymoon.
13 WNET	GZERO World	Three-Body		Denzel Washington		FENCES ('16) ★★★ Viola Davis, Stephen McKinley Henderson, Denzel Washington.					(11:25) HOOSIERS ('86) ★★★	
21 WLIW	Weekend (N)	Mack	Firing-Hoover	Midsomer	(8:50) Midsomer Murders		The Paris Murders		The Brokenwood Mysteries			Show Me Whe
25 WNYE	A Day's Work	Her Big Idea	BK Made	92NY on NYCLife (N)		POT O' GOLD ('41) ★★ James Stewart.			Articulate-Jim	Profiles (N)	GZERO World	VMB
31 WPXN	(6:00) Law-SVU	NWSL- Pre (N)	NWSL Soccer - Bay FC at Kansas City Current (N)				NWSL- Show	NWSL Soccer - Houston Dash at Portland Thorns FC (N)				Bull
41 WFUT2	(6:00) Meet	Targeted for Murder		Targeted for Murder		Killer Cases		Killer Cases		Killer USA		Killer USA
47 WNJU	Noticias T (N)	BLOOD FATHER ('16) ★★★ Erin Moriarty, Diego Luna, Mel Gibson.				Fútbol Mexicano - Chivas de Guadalajara vs. Querétaro (N)				Noticiero 47 (N)	Noticias T	Noticias T (N)
A&E	(6:00) First 48	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		(11:05) The First 48		(12:05) First 48
AMC	(5:00) UNFORGIVEN ('92) ★★★★			THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION ('94) ★★★★ Morgan Freeman, Bob Gunton, Tim Robbins.						CASINO ('95) ★★★ Robert De Niro.		
ANPL	North-Law	North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North-Law
BBCA	(6:00) Planet	Planet Earth: The Blue Planet		Predator v Prey (N) (P)		Planet Earth: The Blue Planet		Planet Earth: The Blue Planet		Planet Earth: The Blue Planet		(12:10) Predator
BET	RUSH HOUR 3 ('07) ★ Chris Tucker, Hiroyuki Sanada, Jackie Chan.					RUSH HOUR 2 ('01) ★★ Chris Tucker, John Lone, Jackie Chan.					Martin	Martin
BRV	HARRY POTT...	HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 2 ('11) ★★★ Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.						HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 1 ('10) ★★★				
CBSSN	(5:00) Pickleball - U.S. Open of Pickleball - From Naples, Fla.					Disc Golf - Chess.com Invitational		Fishing - SFC: "The Catch"				2024 World
CNBC	(6:00) Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Greed
CNN	Newsroom	CNN Newsroom (N)		Real Time With Bill Maher (N)		Space Shuttle		Space Shuttle		Space Shuttle		Space Shuttle
COM	WE'RE THE ...	DADDY'S HOME ('15) ★★ Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell.				DODGEBALL: A TRUE UNDERDOG STORY ('04) ★★★				WEDDING CRASHERS ('05) ★★★ Owen Wilson.		
DISN	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN ('06) ★★ Ray Romano.		(9:40) Monsters		(10:05) Monsters	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Hailey's on It!	Ladybug
DSC	Homestead	Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue				Homestead Rescue				Homestead
E!	(6:00) HAPPY GILMORE ('96) ★★			THE WATERBOY ('98) ★ Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler, Adam Sandler.				HAPPY GILMORE ('96) ★★ Christopher McDonald, Adam Sandler.				GRANDMA'S ...
ESPN	(6:00) NBA Basketball - Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks (N)				SEC Now (N)	College Softball - Alabama at Arkansas (N)				SportsCenter (N)		SportCtr (N)
ESPN2	Welcome/NFL	College Baseball - TCU at Texas - From UFCU Disch-Falk Field in Austin, Texas. (N)						Cornhole - ACL Kickoff Battle: SuperHole V (N)				Cornhole (N)
FAM	(6:50) FROZEN ('13) ★★★ Voices of Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff, Kristen Bell.					(9:20) FROZEN II ('19) ★★★ Voices of Idina Menzel, Josh Gad, Kristen Bell.					ENCHANTED ('07) ★★★	
FBN	American	American Gold		American Gold		American Gold		American Gold		American Gold		American
FNC	(6:00) FoxReport	The Big Weekend Show (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		One Nation (N)		Saturday Night (N)		Gutfeld!		Weekend
FOOD	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Best Bite in Town		Diners, Drive
FX	(5:30) JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE			JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL ('19) ★★ Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Dwayne Johnson.					JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL ('19) ★★ Dwayne Johnson.			
HALL	(6:00) SWEETER THAN CHOCOLATE ('23)			FALLING IN LOVE IN NIAGARA ('24) Jocelyn Hudon. (P)				BLIND DATE BOOK CLUB ('24) Robert Buckley, Erin Krakow.				Golden Girls
HBO	(5:50) JOY ('15) ★★ Jennifer Lawrence.			LOST IN TRANSLATION ('03) ★★★ Bill Murray.			(9:45) The Sympathizer		(10:45) Jerrod Car	(11:15) Real Time With Bill Maher		DREAM SCEN...
HGTV	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
HIST	(6:00) Aliens	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		(10:05) Ancient Aliens		(11:05) Ancient Aliens		(12:05) Aliens
HLN	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Redrum	Redrum	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files
ID	(6:00) Marry	Who the (Bleep) Did I Marry?		Deadly Women		Deadly Women		Nightmare in New Mexico (N)		Deadly Women		Deadly Women
IFC	(5:45) UP IN SMOKE ('78) ★★	(7:45) DAZED AND CONFUSED ('93) ★★★ Wiley Wiggins, Jason London.						SUPER TROOPERS ('01) ★★ Kevin Heffernan, Jay Chandrasekhar.				HALF BAKED
LIFE	(6:00) GOOD FATHER: MARTIN MACNEILL STORY			MY CHILD HAS MY DOCTOR'S FACE ('24) Natalie Polisson. (P)				(10:05) THE PARAMEDIC WHO STALKED ME ('23) Lexi Minetree.				MY CHILD HA...
LIFEMOV	(6:00) THE PERFECT WEDDING ('21)			THE SIMONE BILES STORY: COURAGE TO SOAR ('18)				THE WRONG BLIND DATE ('22) Meredith Thomas, Vivica A. Fox.				SIMONE BILE...
LOGO	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With
MAX	(6:20) BARELY LETHAL ('15) Hailee Steinfeld.			INTO THE BLUE ('05) ★★ Paul Walker.			(9:50) INTO THE BLUE 2: THE REEF ('09)			(11:25) ANGEL OF MINE ('19) Noomi Rapace.		
MSG	(6:00) NBA Basketball - Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks (N)				Knicks Playoff Postgame (N)		The Bettor	NBA Basketball - Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks				Knicks
MSGSN	(5:00) NHL Hockey		Islanders Playoff Postgame (N)		The Bettor (N)	NHL Hockey - New York Islanders at Carolina Hurricanes				Islanders Playoff Postgame		NHL Hockey
MSNBC	(6:00) The Sat	Ayman (N)		Ayman (N)		Joy Reid and Rachel Maddow Live at the Apollo (N) (P)				11th Hour		The Sat
MTV	NEXT FRIDAY	FRIDAY AFTER NEXT ('02) ★ Mike Epps, Ice Cube.				FRIDAY ('95) ★★★ Chris Tucker, Nia Long, Ice Cube.				NEXT FRIDAY ★★ Mike Epps, Ice Cube.		
NGEO	(6:00) Catch..	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		Border (N)	Border (N)	Trafficked: Darker (N)		To Catch a Smuggler		Border Security
NICK	SONIC THE H...	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
OWN	(6:00) Love	Love & Marriage: DC		Love & Marriage: DC (N)		On the Case With Paula Zahn		Love & Marriage: DC		Love & Marriage: DC		On, Case
OXY	(6:00) Cold	Cold Justice		Cold Justice (N)		Kill or Be Killed (N)		Cold Justice		Cold Justice		Killer Couples
PARMT	(5:55) THE HANGOVER PART III ('13) ★★			THE HANGOVER ('09) ★★★ Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Bradley Cooper.					THE HANGOVER PART II ('11) ★★ Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.			
SHO	Gentleman	A Gentleman in Moscow		A Gentleman in Moscow		TITANIC ('97) ★★★★ Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio.						PAST LIVES
SMITH	(6:00) Slavery	The Spy in the Hanoi Hilton		Unearthed		Extreme Airport Africa (N)		Ice Airport Alaska		Unearthed		EXTREME
SNY	Oh Yeah ...	Mets Post. (N)	Minor League Baseball - Reading Fightin' Phils at Binghamton Rumble Ponies						Doc 16	SportsNite (N)	SportsNite (N)	SportsNite (N)
STARZ	JURASSIC W...	(7:05) BMF		Mary & George		(8:55) BMF	(9:50) Mary & George		(10:45) BMF		(11:45) Mary & George	
STZENC	(6:10) DJANGO UNCHAINED ('12) ★★★ Christoph Waltz, Jamie Foxx.					ALONG CAME POLLY ('04) ★★ Ben Stiller.			(10:35) THE TAKING OF PELHAM 123 ('09) ★★			TO DIE FOR
SUND	(5:00) ENEMY OF THE STATE ('98) ★★★			A FEW GOOD MEN ('92) ★★★ Jack Nicholson, Demi Moore, Tom Cruise.						ENEMY OF THE STATE ('98) ★★★ Will Smith.		
SYFY	(5:35) FAST & THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT			FAST & FURIOUS ('09) ★★ Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.				FAST FIVE ('11) ★★ Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Vin Diesel.				
TBS	(5:00) NHL Hockey			NHL Hockey - Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins - From TD Garden in Boston. (N)						Postgame (N)	BAD MOMS ('16) ★★	
TCM	(6:15) THE WORLD, THE FLESH & THE DEVIL			BUGSY MALONE ('76) ★★ Jodie Foster, John Cassisi, Scott Baio.				THE BAD NEWS BEARS ('76) ★★★ Tatum O'Neal, Walter Matthau.				BORN TO KILL
TLC	(6:00) 90 Day	90 Day: The Single Life		MILF Manor		MILF Manor		MILF Manor		Love & Translation		MILF Manor
TMC	SCRAPPER ('23) Harris Dickinson, Lola Campbell.			I LOVE YOU, MAN ('09) ★★★ Paul Rudd. (P)			(9:45) THE SWITCH ('10) ★★ Jason Bateman, Jennifer Aniston. (P)				SOUTHPAW ('15) ★★	
TNT	(5:30) THE ACCOUNTANT ('16) ★★ Ben Affleck.			All Elite Wrestling: Collision (N)				All Elite Wrestling (N)		THE ACCOUNTANT ('16) ★★ Ben Affleck.		
TOON	King of the Hill	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty	Ninja Kamui
TRUTV	(5:00) NHL Hockey			NHL Hockey - Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins - From TD Garden in Boston. (N)						Postgame (N)	NHL Gaming	
TRVL	(6:00) Files	NASA's Unexplained Files		NASA's Unexplained Files		NASA's Unexplained Files		NASA's Unexplained Files		NASA's Unexplained Files		Files
TVLND	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	(7:35) Mike	(8:10) Raymond	(8:45) Raymond	(9:20) Everybody Loves Raymond		(9:55) Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
USA	U.S. Olympic Trials - Team - Wrestling, Final - From Bryce Jordan Center in University Park, Pa. (N)							Chucky		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.
VH1	MY BABY'S DADDY ('04) ★ Anthony Anderson, Eddie Griffin.				SOUL PLANE ('04) ★★ Tom Arnold, Method Man, Kevin Hart.				TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS ('12) ★★ Tyler Perry.			
WE	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS
YES	(6:00) History	MLB Baseball - Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees - From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y.						Talkin' Yanks	PFL (N)	Baseball - Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees		

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Brunson & Knicks using 2023 playoff failure as motivation as series vs. Sixers tips off tonight

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Jalen Brunson and Knicks open playoffs against 76ers tonight at Garden looking to advance further than they did a year ago, when high-scoring star's late turnover in Game 6 vs. Heat led to his team's demise. **P. 30-33**

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NBA PLAYOFFS

The Boston Celtics know that no one cares about everything they've accomplished during the regular season. Being the only team to win 60 games? That's cool. Beating 10 teams by 30 or more points and becoming the first team in NBA history to have three 50-point wins in the same season? Not bad. Clinching the Eastern Conference's No. 1 playoff seed with 11 games remaining in the regular season? Yawn. Bottom line, the Celtics know this franchise is judged by championships. And for the buckets of success this year's team has had, it will mean nothing if it doesn't end with the raising of its 18th championship banner to TD Garden's rafters. It's why the only refrain has been about the unfinished business Boston's players believe was left after last season's conference finals when they fell behind the Miami Heat 3-0 and won three straight games, only to be blown out at home in Game 7. The Celtics were an NBA-best 37-4 at home this season, where they lost only once to an Eastern Conference opponent.



Symbolic gestures

By Kyle Hightower | Associated Press

All-Star Jayson Tatum wants the Boston Celtics' approach to be different in the playoffs. "Not take it for granted. I think in the past we just felt like coming back home we had the advantage, that we were supposed to win and maybe relax a little bit," Tatum said. "Not necessarily take the opposite approach and feel like our back is against the wall when we come home. And maybe have some better outcomes."

In an offseason that saw the exits of defensive stalwart Marcus Smart, along with last season's Sixth Man of the Year Malcolm Brogdon and big man Robert Williams, Boston found itself with the additions of Jrue Holiday and Kristaps Porzingis.

"This year we've been organized, we've been consistent," Celtics All-Star Jaylen Brown said. "The pieces that we've added have made contributions right away. ... Things that might have haunted us in the past have kind of turned into some of our strengths."

It's also why Celtics president of basketball operations Brad Stevens chuckled this week at the mention of his name being floated in the coaching rumor mill about a possible return to the college ranks.

He, too, wants to see their near misses bear the ultimate fruit.

"We've been here 11 years now and got to see this team do a lot of cool things and go a long way," Stevens said. "We'd like to get over that hump."

A big part of why Boston has flourished has been due to the steadiness of coach Joe Mazzulla, who's found a groove in his second season with a hand-picked coaching staff that includes lead assistant Charles Lee and Sam Cassell.

He's managed to cultivate an offense that plays to the strengths of Brown and Tatum, while also integrating Holiday and Porzingis into a group that overwhelms teams with its ability to space the floor and shoot 3-pointers. Meanwhile, Boston ended the season with the NBA's top offensive rating and second-best defensive rating.

But it's the 3-point shooting that has stood out.

The Celtics led the league during the regular season, attempting a 3-pointer on 47.2% of their possessions. That translated into a league-high 42.5 attempts from beyond the arc per game, but also an NBA-best average of 16.5 made 3s per game.

It has made for a pulverizing offensive machine to beat this season — if the shots are falling.

In Boston's 64 wins they shot 40.6% from 3-point

Turn to Celtics, Page 2

The Celtics have been the NBA's most dominant team all season. Only a championship will make season complete.



Jayson Tatum and the Celtics rolled to the top seed in the Eastern Conference. **AP FILE**

Inside

Breaking down all of the first-round matchups, including the Celtics' rematch with Miami. **Page 2** | NHL playoffs preview. **Pages 3-4**

BREAKING DOWN THE MATCHUPS

Championship or bust for Celtics

By Brian Mahoney and Tim Reynolds | Associated Presss

EASTERN CONFERENCE

No. 1 Boston vs. No. 8 Miami

Season series: Celtics, 3-0.
Story line: A rematch of the last two Eastern Conference finals will happen, but with a key piece missing: the Heat's Jimmy Butler is sidelined for a few weeks with a sprained knee. In a play-in eliminiation game on Friday night, however, Miami didn't need him in overwhelming Chicago with strong performances by rookie Jaime Jaquez Jr. (21 points) and veteran Tyler Herro (24 points).
Key matchup: Heat role players vs. Boston: Kevin Love scored 16 and Bam Adebayo added 13 for Miami in the win over the Bulls. The Heat is now set to be huge underdogs against a Celtics team that is the big favorite to win the NBA title. The Heat are the No. 8 seed again, just like last year when they survived the play-in and went all the way to the NBA Finals. "Ultimately, we've just got to bring that Miami Heat culture and that toughness," Jaquez said. "We've got two games in Boston. We've got to set the tone extremely early, impose our will on them and make it real physical." They took control over the Bulls with a 19-0 run in the first quarter, and a 14-0 run midway through the second half ended all doubt. Herro finished with 10 rebounds and nine assists, and the Heat eliminated the Bulls in the last East play-in game for the second straight year. For the Celtics, it seems just to be a matter of playing their game and not giving the upstart Heat any confidence like last year, when Miami won in seven.
Prediction: Celtics in 5.



The Celtics' Kristaps Porzingis celebrates his 3-pointer next to the Kings' Harrison Barnes, right, on April 5 in Boston. The Celtics are the odds-on favorite to win the title. MICHAEL DWYER/AP

No. 2 New York vs. No. 7 Philadelphia

Season series: Knicks, 3-1.
Story line: The Knicks finished with their best record and highest seed since winning 54 games in 2012-13. They didn't get much of a reward for that, with the opponent being a 76ers team that surged after Joel Embiid returned from knee surgery, winning their final eight games of the regular season and then edging Miami in the play-in tournament to earn the No. 7 seed.
Key matchup: Jalen Brunson vs. Tyrese Maxey. Both guards were first-time All-Stars and capable of putting up big scoring numbers. Maxey had three 50-point games during the regular season. Brunson had 11 40-point performances, tying Hall of Famer Patrick Ewing for second-most by a Knicks player in a single season, and was fourth in the league with 28.7 per game.
Prediction: Knicks in 7.



The Knicks' Jalen Brunson celebrates a baslet against the Bulls during the second half April 9 in Chicago. The Knicks are the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference. MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY

No. 3 Milwaukee vs. No. 6 Indiana

Season series: Pacers, 4-1.
Story line: With Giannis Antetokounmpo hurt late in the regular season, the Bucks fell from the No. 2 to the No. 3 seed and a matchup that could be difficult even if their superstar forward is able to return. Indiana beat Milwaukee four times in five matchups — an extra game coming with the Pacers' victory in the semifinals of the In-Season Tournament — and led the league with 123.3 points per game. The Pacers rang up 142 points in the final meeting and the Bucks needed a franchise-record 64 points from Antetokounmpo for their lone win on Dec. 13.
Key matchup: Damian Lillard vs. Tyrese Haliburton. Lillard was slowed late in the regular season by a sore left adductor, but the Bucks will need him on the floor and likely providing big numbers if Antetokounmpo remains out. His point guard counterpart was his fellow starter in the backcourt for the East in the All-Star Game. Haliburton led the NBA with 10.9 assists per game.
Prediction: Pacers in 6.



Nuggets center Nikola Jokic looks on during a game against the Grizzlies on Sunday in Memphis. The defending champs are the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference. BRANDON DILL/AP

No. 4 Cleveland vs. No. 5 Orlando

Season series: Split, 2-2.
Story line: The Magic entered the season as one of the NBA's youngest teams and ended it as one of the most improved ones, winning 13 more games than a season ago and finishing with their best record since going 52-30 in 2010-11. Their return to the postseason comes against a Cavaliers team that wants to bounce back from a disappointing postseason in 2023, when they also were the No. 4 seed but were routed by the Knicks in five games.
Key matchup: Donovan Mitchell vs. Jalen Suggs. Mitchell says he is healthy after a knee injury slowed the All-Star guard in the second half of the season. If so, Suggs has a tough assignment ahead at the end of the best season of his three-year career.
Prediction: Cavaliers in 7.



The Lakers' LeBron James drives to the hoop during a play-in tournament game against the Pelicans on Tuesday in New Orleans. JONATHAN BACHMAN/GETTY

WESTERN CONFERENCE

No. 1 Oklahoma City vs. No. 8 New Orleans

Season series: Thunder, 2-1.
Story line: Will Zion Williamson be available? The Pelicans star had dropped 40 points on the Lakers Tuesday night before having to leave a play-in game in the last three minutes with a hamstring injury, and New Orleans was unable to get past L.A. Any chance to upset the top-seeded Thunder evaporate if the big man can't play.
Key matchup: See above. Williamson can be an absolute game-changer when he's throwing his weight around underneath, with the ability to take over a game at almost any time. Oklahoma City's Chet Holmgren will have his hands full if Williamson is a go.
Prediction: Thunder in 6.

No. 2 Denver vs. No. 7 L.A. Lakers

Season series: Nuggets, 3-0.
Story line: A matchup of the two most recent teams to be handed trophies by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver — the reigning champion Nuggets (from June) and the reigning NBA Cup champion Lakers (from December). Only one team has eliminated LeBron James in back-to-back seasons, that being Golden State, which beat his Cleveland teams in the 2017 and 2018 NBA Finals. And James has been ousted in Round 1 only once in his 16 previous playoff appearances. But the Nuggets are still heavy favorites for no shortage of reasons — among them, Nikola Jokic, a mile-high home-court advantage and an eight-game winning streak against the Lakers, including a 4-0 sweep in last season's West finals.
Key matchup: It's all about rebounding. Denver outscored the Lakers by 30 points in the season series, and most of that differential came from second-chance points (Nuggets 50, Lakers 25). The Lakers got to the line twice as often as the Nuggets (53-26) in the three games, but the second-chance points were too much to overcome.
Prediction: Nuggets in 6.

No. 3 Minnesota vs. No. 6 Phoenix

Season series: Suns, 3-0.
Story line: Phoenix is the only West team to sweep the Timberwolves this season (Chicago, 2-0, did as well) and the only team to beat Minnesota by at least 10 points three times (New Orleans did it twice, five other teams did it once). The difference in the three games was simply that the Suns couldn't miss — they shot 53% from the field and 49% from 3-point range, compared with 45% from the field and 29% from 3 for the Timberwolves. But this is the best team Minnesota has had in 20 years, and that team from 20 years ago is the last Wolves team to win a playoff series. Kevin Durant, Devin Booker, Grayson Allen and Bradley Beal — all Suns — were the four highest scorers in the season series. The Wolves' Anthony Edwards, Mike Conley, Rudy Gobert and Karl-Anthony Towns can't let that happen here.
Key matchup: Edwards vs. Booker. The soon-to-be U.S. Olympic teammates in Paris will both be asked to put up big numbers, and this is a moment where Edwards might truly cement himself as among the league's elite. The vets in this series — players like Conley, Durant and Gobert — will rise to the occasion. Edwards will have to as well.
Prediction: Timberwolves in 7.

No. 4 L.A. Clippers vs. No. 5 Dallas

Season series: Clippers, 2-1.
Story line: It's Clippers-Mavericks in Round 1 for the third time in the last five seasons, the Clippers winning in six games inside the bubble in 2020 and then winning a Game 7 at home in 2021. Dallas' duo of Luka Doncic and Kyrie Irving are as formidable a 1-2 punch as any in the NBA, but the Mavericks need to find a way to keep the Clippers out of the paint. LA outscored Dallas 176-120 in the paint in the three regular season matchups. The Clippers were put together for this time of year — Kawhi Leonard, Paul George, James Harden and Russell Westbrook have tons of playoff experience, and Leonard, if healthy, will have ways to at least slow down Doncic.
Key matchup: Irving vs. Harden. Irving can still dazzle like nobody else in the league, has championship experience and is clearly clicking with Doncic in Year 2 (really, Year 1 ½) of their time together. Harden can't get outscored by too much here; the Clippers made only 15 3-pointers in the three games, and Dallas thrives from beyond the arc.
Prediction: If Leonard's knee is right, Clippers in 7. Otherwise, Mavericks in 6.

Celtics

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range, compared to 32.4% in its 18 losses. That includes two losses to the defending champion Denver Nuggets in which the Celtics shot under 33% from beyond the arc.

Which Boston team shows up in the playoffs remains to be seen, but it's clear the Celtics are respected around the league for their body of work this season.

Oklahoma City Thunder coach Mark Daigneault was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, and like Mazzulla — who grew up across the state line in Johnston, Rhode Island — knows the pressure-cooker environment that surrounds New England's pro teams.

Daigneault recalled youthful memories of driving around with his father and listening to Red Sox fans shower the hometown team with the harshest of critiques on local radio.

Daigneault has observed a coach that hasn't withered under the constant spotlight.

"He's got a Ferrari of a team ... in a city with high expectations, whether or not the team is a Ferrari. And he's unflappable and made the next best decision," Daigneault said.

Brown said this team has its eyes on the future, not the past.

"This is a different team. It's a new year," he said. "I know everybody's always going to look back to the previous years, when in reality every year we have a different team."

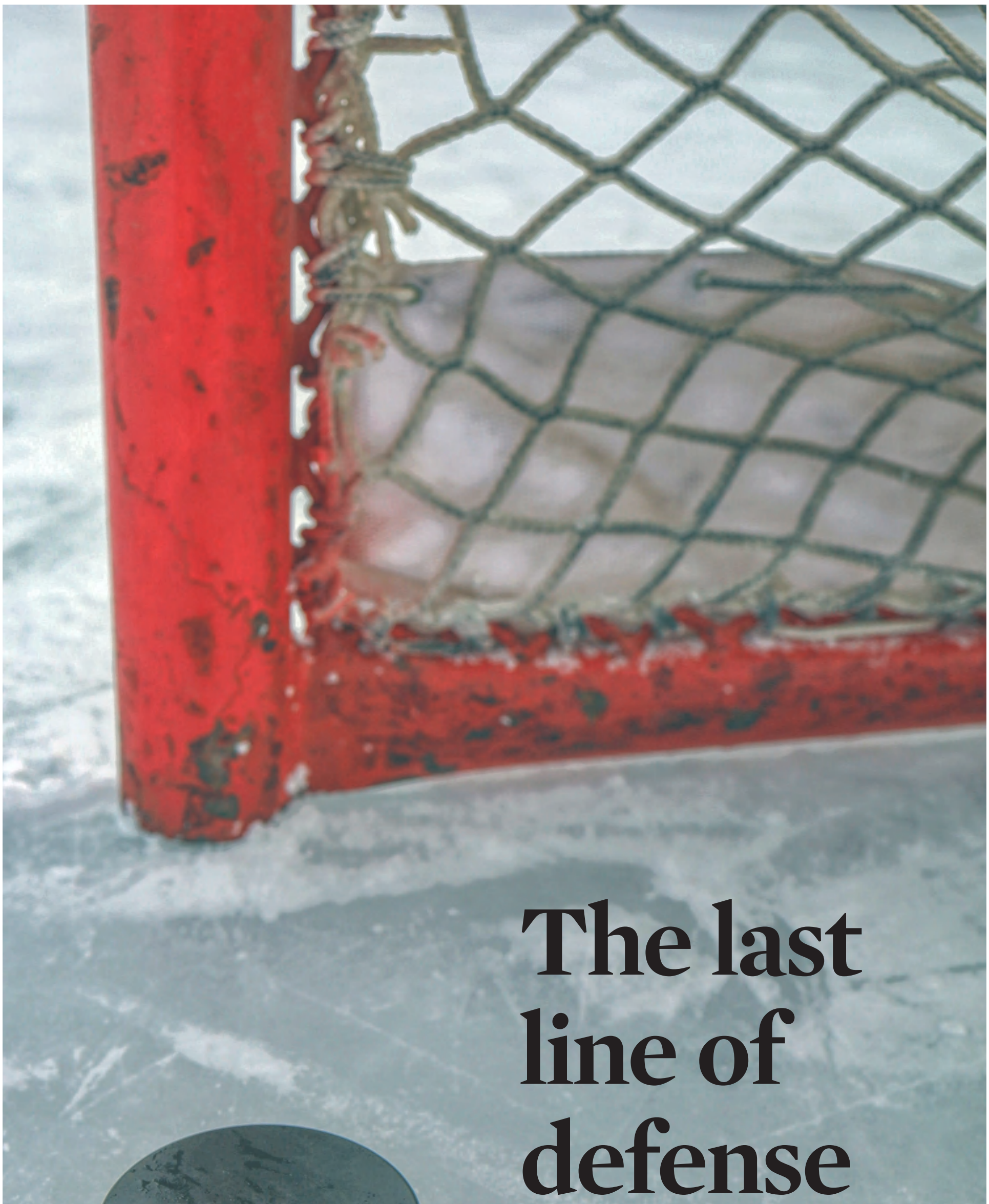
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NHL PLAYOFFS



The last line of defense

At playoff time, NHL teams march to the beat of their goaltenders and count on them to save the day

By Pat Graham | Associated Press

Colorado goaltender Alexandar Georgiev went home after a recent shaky outing and immediately watched film — the car-racing thriller "The Fast and the Furious." Anything to keep his own mind from racing. It's playoff time, where teams march to the beat of their goaltenders. They want them laser-focused, full of confidence and ready to save the day. There are quite a few teams going into the postseason with big decisions in net. That includes Boston, which could split the goaltending duties, and the Avalanche, where Georgiev led the league in wins (38) but also goals against (183). Not every team has a Connor Hellebuyck, the Winnipeg goaltender who will try to shutdown the Avalanche and is a favorite to capture the Vezina Trophy as the league's best. "Your goalie (in the playoffs) is the most important thing, like a quarterback or a pitcher. You need them to be on top of their game," said former NHL goaltender Michael Leighton, who now lives in Windsor, Ontario, and runs a goalie academy. "If they're not, your team's in trouble." It simply boils down to that. When a goalie is going good, everything seems to be going good.

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"It gives us a ton of confidence," Jets defenseman Neal Pionk said of Hellebuyck's big-save ability. "It lets you play freely, make some plays. Because when we play these good teams, they're going to make some plays no matter what we do. We could play a perfect game and still give up a few scoring chances and that's where the goalie helps us out."

All across the league, the situations vary in net heading into the playoffs:

■ **Nashville vs. Vancouver.** For Nashville, it's the Juuse Saros Show after leading the NHL in saves (1,672). Thatcher Demko is back from a knee injury for the Canucks.

■ **Florida vs. Tampa Bay.** Andrei Vasilevskiy has rounded into familiar stellar form for the Lightning after returning from back surgery earlier this season. Florida has its own star Russian goalie in Sergei Bobrovsky (six shutouts).

■ **New York Rangers vs. Washington.** With the Presidents' Trophy-winning Rangers, it's Igor Shesterkin, who won at least 36 games for a third straight season. Washington's Charlie Lindgren will be making his NHL postseason debut.

■ **Boston vs. Toronto.** The Maple Leafs will rely on Ilya Samsonov while the Bruins have two standouts in Linus Ullmark and Jeremy Swayman.

■ **Edmonton vs. Los Angeles.** Stuart Skinner is in the crease for Edmonton as a familiar foe awaits. The Kings used both Cam Talbot and David Rittich down the stretch as they prepare to face the Oilers for the third consecutive postseason.

■ **Carolina vs. the New York Islanders.** Hurricanes goaltender Frederik Andersen is 9-1 in his 10 starts since his March 7 return, posting a league-best .951 save percentage while his 1.30 goals-against average is second among goalies with more than three starts in that span. Coach Patrick Roy figures to go with a red-hot Semyon Varlamov.

■ **Dallas vs. Vegas.** Logan Thompson and Adin Hill each have compelling cases to be in the net for the defending champion Golden Knights. No such questions for Dallas, who will rely on Jake Oettinger (allowed two goals or less in 10 of his last 11 games).

Last postseason, Oettinger was up-and-down. The ups included his first playoffs shutout and the downs saw him pulled from two games.

"It's all about forgive and forget and one game at a time," Oettinger explained. "I learned a lot last year and the year before, and I feel like I'm ready for this one."

Some teams are weighing their options in net and may go with a platoon system, including Vegas and Boston. And even though Andersen is on a roll, Carolina coach Rod Brind'Amour wouldn't tip his hand and could work in Pyotr Kochetkov, who won his last four games.

Having two quality goaltenders can be both a luxury and a challenge. Leighton once split time with Brian Boucher in guiding the Philadelphia Flyers to the 2010 Stanley Cup Final, where they lost six games to Chicago.

The luxury: "Just in case one isn't sharp or because of injury," Leighton said.

The challenge: "Sometimes it's not about the goalie, it's about the team," Leighton explained. "The team plays different in front of some goalies. You're risking your players playing differently in front of a certain goalie."

Down the stretch, Georgiev has surrendered 22 goals over his last five appearances for Colorado. Should he struggle, Justus Annunen is waiting on the bench.

"Trying to just stay positive and see the positive," Georgiev said. "I've made a lot of good saves and trying to focus on that and bringing that into the next games."

Goaltending 101: Look forward, not back.

"It's kind of keeping a cool head, not getting too caught up in everything, not getting too excited," said Washington's Darcy Kuemper, who backstopped Colorado to the Cup title in 2022. "Just make sure you're going out there and doing the things that you've done all year and stick to your structure. Obviously, there's highs and lows all season but you get in the playoffs and it's even to more extreme levels. You've just got to keep a cool head."

Not to mention a confident one, because it's infectious.

"He's our brick wall back there," Stars forward Mason Marchment said of Oettinger. "He's our stud."

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Dallas must get by champs

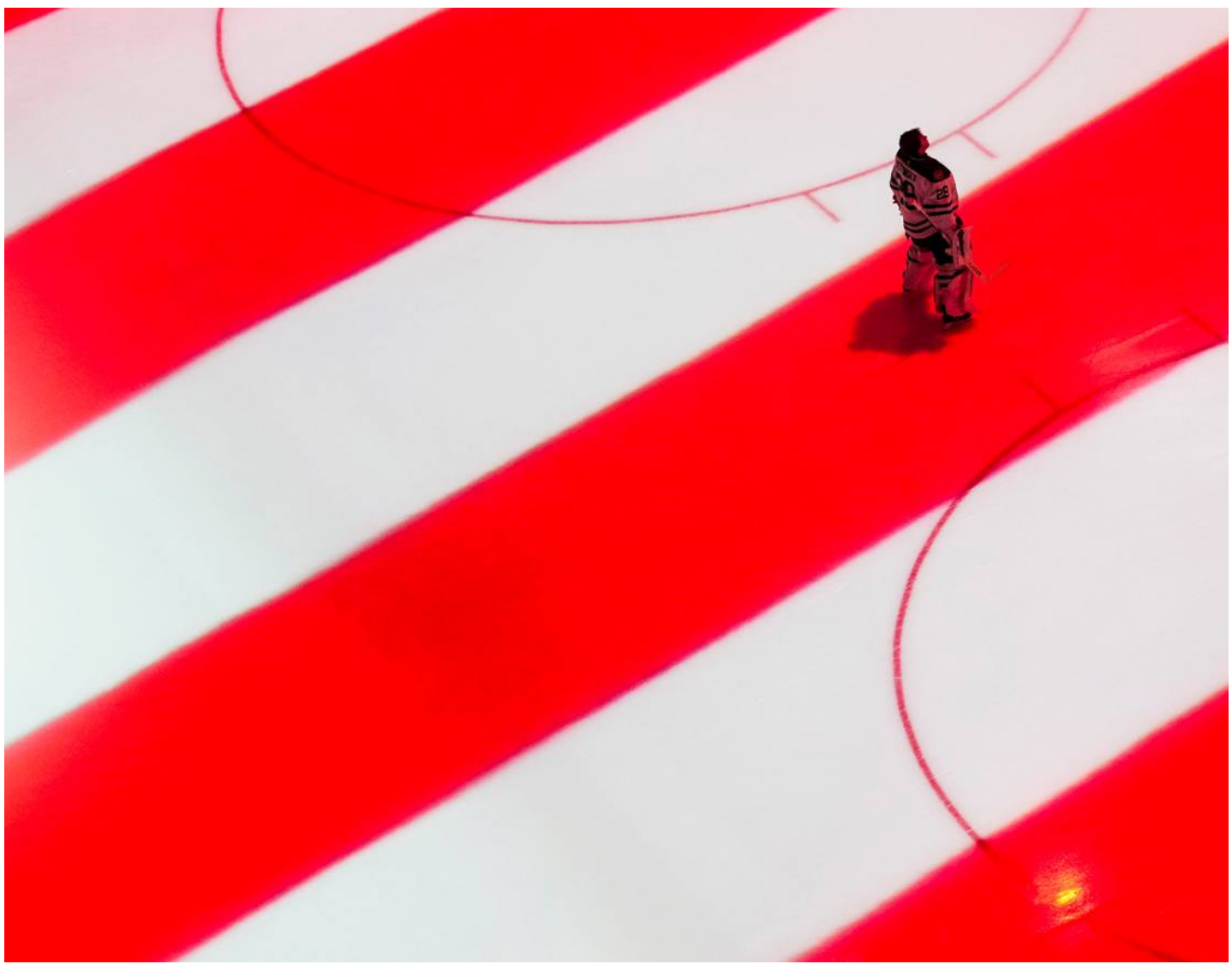
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All eight first-round matchups in the NHL playoffs are set after the last day of the regular season flipped two of the biggest series in the West.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Vegas Golden Knights will open against West top seed Dallas. Connor McDavid's Edmonton Oilers will face the Los Angeles Kings, a team they've defeated each of the past two years in the same round.

In the East, the Presidents' Trophy-winning New York Rangers begin their championship pursuit against Washington. Cup favorite Carolina faces the New York Islanders in the first round, but any of nearly a dozen teams could win it all.

A glance at the first-round series (times Eastern):



Stars goaltender Jake Oettinger stands in a projection of the American flag during the national anthem before a game against the Kraken on March 30 in Seattle. **LINDSEY WASSON/AP**

Rangers vs. Capitals

Game 1: Sunday at New York, 3 p.m.

New York was the best team in the league. Washington needed to win its regular-season finale to get into the playoffs, doing so with an unusual empty-net goal.

The Rangers are heavily favored, according to BetMGM Sportsbook. But Capitals center Dylan Strome pointed out the teams not only split four games but each scored and allowed nine goals in the season series.

"Anything can happen in playoffs," Strome said. "You saw what happened last year: The best team in regular-season history (Boston) loses to Florida because they had a good end of the season and they kind of carried it towards playoffs. We've won three in a row, we're feeling good. The momentum's kind of with us, and obviously we feel good."

Hurricanes vs. Islanders

Game 1: Saturday at Carolina, 5 p.m.

This is a rematch from last year, when the Hurricanes beat the Islanders in six games. It's also another series pitting Carolina's Sebastian Aho (a Finnish forward) against New York's Sebastian Aho (a Swedish defenseman), no relation.

What has changed: The Islanders upgraded at coach, hiring Hall of Fame goaltender Patrick Roy midseason, and won seven of eight games down the stretch to make a surprise run to the playoffs. Speaking of goaltending, Hurricanes starter Frederik Andersen is 9-1-0 with a 1.30 goals-against average and .951 save percentage since returning from blood-clotting issues.

Panthers vs. Lightning

Game 1: Sunday at Florida, 12:30 p.m.

Defending Eastern Conference champion Florida looked on track to play Toronto in the first round until the Panthers came back to beat the Maple Leafs on Tuesday while Boston lost to Ottawa. So now they will face cross-state rival Tampa Bay.

The Lightning have 2019 Vezina Trophy winner and 2021 playoff MVP Andrei Vasilevskiy in net, while Florida has two-time Vezina winner Sergei Bobrovsky. The play of the Russian goalies could decide the series.



The Panthers' Anton Lundell (15) and Bruins' Jesper Boqvist (70) battle for the puck during the second period April 6 in Boston. **MICHAEL DWYER/AP**

Bruins vs. Maple Leafs

Game 1: Saturday at Boston, 8 p.m.

A year removed from setting NHL records for the most wins and point in a season and losing in the first round, coach Jim Montgomery hopes the Bruins learned "how to handle adversity when it smacks you in the face." That could come in the form of 69-goal scorer Auston Matthews or any of the Leafs' other elite offensive players.

Facing Boston is a chance for Toronto, which has one playoff series victory with its current core, to slay a dragon that has tormented the team. The Bruins eliminated the Leafs in 2018 and '19.

Stars vs. Golden Knights

Game 1: Monday at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.

Congratulations on clinching the top seed in the Western Conference, Dallas. Your reward is the reigning champs getting captain Mark Stone back from a lacerated spleen just in time to make another run.

The Stars, who lost to the Golden Knights in the West final last year, have been "a wagon" down the stretch, in the words of Colorado coach Jared Bednar, looking like the class of the conference with a deep roster and a mountainous goalie in Jake Oettinger. Starting with Vegas is a steep test.

Jets vs. Avalanche

Game 1: Sunday at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

The first matchup to get locked in was Winnipeg vs. Colorado, a classic clash in styles. The high-octane Avalanche tend to overwhelm opponents but went 0-3 against the Jets this season, outscored 17-4 and never putting up more than two goals in any game and looking absolutely smothered by the best defensive team in the league in terms of goals allowed.

The most recent game was a 7-0 Jets rout in Denver, but the Avalanche, with their core mostly intact from their 2022 Cup run, know how to flip a switch when the playoffs arrive. That starts with MVP candidate Nathan MacKinnon, who finished second to Tampa Bay's Nikita Kucherov in the scoring race and is motivated to win another championship.

Colorado's biggest question is in goal, where Alexandar Georgiev has been up, down and inconsistent. The same cannot be said of his standout counterpart, the Jets' Connor Hellebuyck.

Canucks vs. Predators

Game 1: Sunday at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Rick Tocchet-coached Vancouver was one of the biggest surprises of the season. In October, making the playoffs would have made it a good year for the Canucks, but now they're Pacific Division champions and have their sights set on making it through the West.

Nashville stands in the way of that after a late-season 16-0-2 surge propelled the Predators into a wild-card spot in their first year under coach Andrew Brunette and with Barry Trotz in charge as general manager.

Oilers vs. Kings

Game 1: Monday at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

Here we go again. This is the third consecutive year Edmonton and Los Angeles have played in the first round. The Oilers won each of those series and are favored to advance to face either Vancouver or Nashville after winning 46 of 69 games since the coaching change from Jay Woodcroft to Kris Knoblauch.

This could be three-time MVP Connor McDavid's chance to carry the Oilers to their first title since 1990. McDavid and Leon Draisaitl talk and look a lot like MacKinnon, Mikko Rantanen and Gabriel Landeskog did before Colorado won it all two years ago.

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