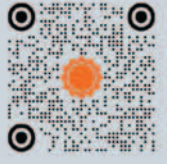
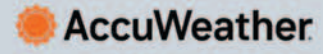


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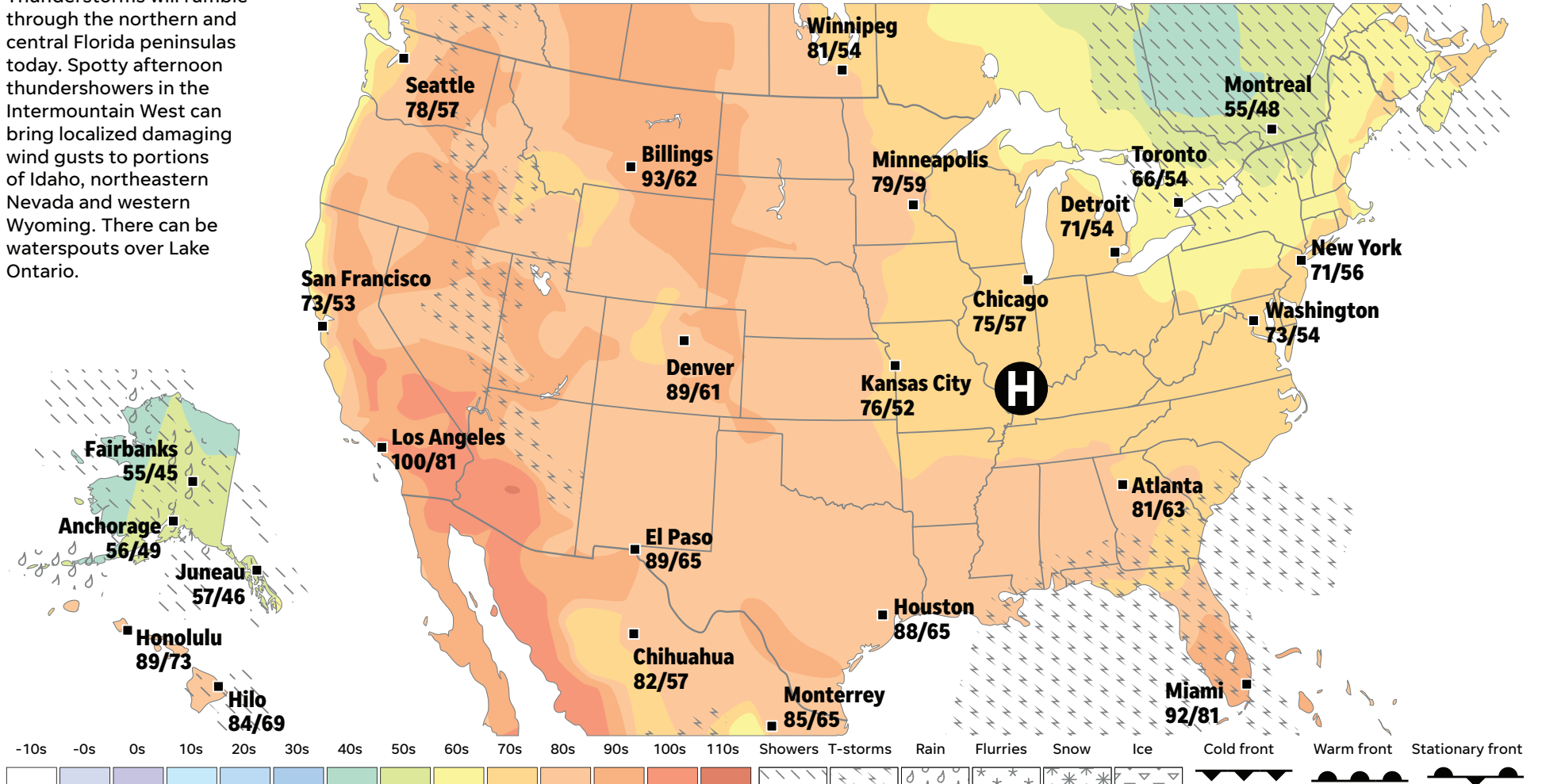


**NATIONAL SUMMARY**

Thunderstorms will rumble through the northern and central Florida peninsulas today. Spotty afternoon thundershowers in the Intermountain West can bring localized damaging wind gusts to portions of Idaho, northeastern Nevada and western Wyoming. There can be waterspouts over Lake Ontario.

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



**SATURDAY EXTREMES**

**NATIONAL** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High:** 112 at Blythe, CA  
**Low:** 26 at Ely, MN  
**Precip:** 1.34" at Claxton, GA

**INTERNATIONAL** (excludes Antarctica)  
**High:** 115 at Basra, Iraq  
**Low:** 21 at Bagdadin, Russia  
**Precip:** 6.57" at Ha Dong, Vietnam

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

On Sept. 8, 1943, widespread smog was noted around Los Angeles for the first time. In Los Angeles, cool air from the Pacific is capped by warm air aloft. The two air masses do not mix, so pollutants remain trapped in the cooler air.

**WEATHER TRIVIA™**

**Q:** What was the most intense hurricane to hit the United States?

**A:** Florida Keys hurricane, Sept. 2, 1935. Central pressure, 26.35 inches.

**NATIONAL CITIES SUNDAY**

City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality
Aberdeen, SD	84/53/s	39	Evansville, IN	76/46/s	49	Levittown, PA	72/50/s	50	Rochester, NY	64/54/t	30
Abilene, TX	83/57/s	55	Fall River, MA	71/52/s	33	Lincoln, IL	73/44/s	38	Rockford, IL	76/51/s	37
Accomac, VA	70/50/s	34	Farmington, NM	88/56/s	66	Louisville, KY	76/53/s	50	Ruidoso, NM	76/49/pc	54
Adrian, MI	72/51/pc	39	Fayetteville, NC	76/57/s	40	Lubbock, TX	84/58/s	46	Salem, OR	85/56/s	56
Akron, OH	68/49/s	40	Fond du Lac, WI	75/55/pc	34	Manitowoc, WI	73/58/sh	34	Salina, KS	83/60/s	47
Alamogordo, NM	88/59/s	55	Fort Myers, FL	92/76/t	29	Mansfield, OH	70/49/pc	41	Salinas, CA	83/55/pc	53
Alexandria, VA	73/49/s	52	Fort Smith, AR	82/52/s	51	Marshall, NC	73/47/s	37	Salisbury, MD	72/48/s	33
Alliance, OH	68/48/s	39	Framingham, MA	69/51/s	37	Marshfield, WI	74/52/s	33	San Angelo, TX	84/53/s	54
Amarillo, TX	89/61/s	45	Freeport, IL	73/52/s	34	Massillon, OH	69/49/s	46	Sarasota, FL	91/75/t	24
Ames, IA	78/47/s	36	Fremont, OH	73/52/pc	43	McLean, VA	73/47/s	51	Savannah, GA	72/66/t	40
Anderson, SC	76/59/s	39	Fort Collins, CO	91/55/s	75	Melbourne, FL	89/76/t	25	Sheboygan, WI	74/58/pc	35
Appleton, WI	76/56/pc	34	Gadsden, AL	82/57/s	37	Memphis, TN	81/56/s	50	Shelby, NC	75/52/s	40
Asheville, NC	73/51/s	38	Gainesville, FL	81/73/t	31	Middletown, NY	67/44/s	36	Sherman, TX	85/53/s	53
Ashland, OH	69/50/pc	46	Galesburg, IL	73/44/s	33	Milford, MA	68/50/s	36	Shreveport, LA	85/56/s	43
Athens, GA	79/59/s	45	Gastonia, NC	76/52/s	44	Milwaukee, WI	76/58/pc	36	Silver City, NM	83/54/s	55
Augusta, GA	80/62/s	47	Glen Rose, TX	82/52/s	61	Monroe, MI	72/53/pc	40	Sioux Falls, SD	83/57/s	49
Austin, TX	86/58/s	49	Gonzales, LA	88/65/s	38	Monroe, LA	83/55/s	42	Somerset, PA	63/43/s	46
Bartlesville, OK	83/47/s	48	Great Falls, MT	93/60/s	55	Montgomery, AL	89/67/s	44	Somerville, NJ	71/44/s	49
Battle Creek, MI	70/54/pc	36	Green Bay, WI	75/54/pc	31	Muncie, IN	72/48/s	50	South Bend, IN	70/52/pc	37
Bedford, IN	69/47/s	50	Greenville, SC	76/54/s	34	Murfreesboro, TN	76/47/s	41	Spartanburg, SC	75/55/s	34
Binghamton, NY	62/46/pc	31	Hackensack, NJ	70/53/s	52	Naples, FL	93/78/t	31	Springfield, IL	75/44/s	42
Bluffton, SC	73/68/t	40	Hagerstown, MD	71/48/s	48	Nashville, TN	78/53/s	42	Springfield, MO	75/49/s	43
Bremerton, WA	77/56/pc	40	Hattiesburg, MS	89/63/s	41	Neptune, NJ	72/54/s	51	St. Augustine, FL	82/74/t	29
Brockton, MA	71/50/s	36	Henderson, KY	75/43/s	45	New Bedford, MA	71/50/s	32	St. Cloud, MN	79/52/pc	33
Brownwood, TX	81/54/s	57	Hendersonville, NC	72/50/s	38	New Bern, NC	76/60/c	33	St. George, UT	98/70/s	66
Burlington, IA	74/48/s	31	Herkimer, NY	63/47/t	31	New Philadelphia, OH	71/45/s	43	Staunton, VA	72/39/s	37
Burlington, NC	75/47/s	43	Hillsdale, MI	69/50/pc	37	Newark, OH	73/43/s	50	Stevens Point, WI	76/52/pc	33
Burlington, VT	59/48/pc	25	Holland, MI	70/65/pc	37	Newton, NJ	67/42/s	44	Stockton, CA	99/62/s	69
Cambridge, OH	72/44/s	41	Hornell, NY	64/50/pc	32	New York, NY	71/56/s	54	Stroudsburg, PA	68/44/s	44
Camdenton, MO	72/45/s	41	Houma, LA	84/68/t	34	Norwich, CT	68/44/s	31	Stuart, FL	91/78/t	28
Canandaigua, NY	63/54/pc	31	Howell, MI	70/55/pc	36	Ocala, FL	85/74/t	28	Sturgis, MI	69/51/pc	41
Canton, OH	68/49/s	44	Hutchinson, KS	82/57/s	44	Oklahoma City, OK	83/54/s	52	Tallahassee, FL	80/71/t	30
Carlsbad, NM	84/59/s	74	Hyannis, MA	71/54/s	36	Opelousas, LA	85/58/s	40	Thibodaux, LA	84/67/t	33
Chambersburg, PA	72/47/s	49	Indianapolis, IN	72/50/s	51	Oshkosh, WI	75/56/pc	34	Topeka, KS	81/54/s	47
Cherry Hill, NJ	72/52/s	51	Iowa City, IA	75/48/s	33	Palm Beach, FL	91/82/t	29	Tuscaloosa, AL	86/61/s	40
Cincinnati, OH	72/50/s	51	Ithaca, NY	63/48/pc	27	Palm Springs, CA	109/86/pc	83	Utica, NY	61/48/t	28
Clarksville, TN	77/47/s	43	Jackson, MS	85/59/s	42	Panama City, FL	78/71/t	26	Ventura, CA	83/68/s	88
Coldwater, MI	69/50/pc	38	Jackson, TN	80/48/s	47	Pekin, IL	74/48/s	38	Victorville, CA	101/66/pc	98
Columbus, OH	73/48/s	50	Jacksonville, FL	80/73/t	29	Pensacola, FL	81/69/t	37	Vineland, NJ	73/44/s	45
Corning, NY	66/48/pc	33	Jacksonville, NC	75/62/pc	35	Peoria, IL	74/48/s	37	Visalia, CA	102/65/s	94
Corpus Christi, TX	90/69/pc	53	Kent, OH	67/48/pc	43	Petersburg, VA	74/47/s	50	Washington, DC	73/54/s	50
Daytona Beach, FL	86/74/t	31	Kewanee, IL	73/49/s	35	Phoenix, AZ	70/84/s	89	Watertown, SD	82/53/s	40
Deming, NM	88/58/s	59	Keyser, WV	72/44/s	45	Port Huron, MI	70/53/pc	27	Wausau, WI	74/53/pc	31
DeRidder, LA	83/57/s	44	Kinston, NC	76/55/s	34	Portsmouth, NH	70/51/s	32	Waynesboro, PA	72/48/s	48
Des Moines, IA	78/54/s	38	Knoxville, TN	77/52/s	41	Poughkeepsie, NY	69/45/s	33	White Plains, NY	69/51/s	41
Detroit, MI	71/54/pc	41	Lafayette, IN	72/46/s	50	Providence, RI	69/50/s	32	Wichita Falls, TX	87/56/s	50
Devils Lake, ND	83/54/s	35	Lafayette, LA	86/64/s	41	Pueblo, CO	91/55/s	65	Wilmington, DE	73/48/s	51
Dover, NH	67/48/s	40	Lakeland, FL	91/75/t	24	Quincy, MA	71/54/s	44	Wilmington, NC	73/66/c	34
El Paso, TX	89/65/s	61	Lansing, MI	71/55/pc	29	Redding, CA	97/61/s	48	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	76/52/s	33
Elmira, NY	67/47/pc	30	Las Cruces, NM	87/59/s	58	Reno, NV	93/56/s	74	Wooster, OH	69/46/pc	38
Erie, PA	65/57/pc	33	Lebanon, PA	71/46/s	48	Ravenna, OH	67/48/pc	41	Worcester, MA	64/50/s	32
Eugene, OR	85/54/pc	48	Leesburg, FL	88/75/t	26	Richmond, IN	71/43/s	52	York, PA	73/47/s	50

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

**INTERNATIONAL CITIES**

City	Sunday High/Low/W	Monday High/Low/W	City	Sunday High/Low/W	Monday High/Low/W	City	Sunday High/Low/W	Monday High/Low/W	City	Sunday High/Low/W	Monday High/Low/W
Acapulco	86/77/t	84/78/t	Cape Town	59/47/pc	66/45/s	La Paz	61/32/pc	61/35/sh	San Jose	78/69/r	76/68/r
Addis Ababa	67/54/sh	70/54/sh	Caracas	91/78/t	92/78/t	Lagos	84/75/pc	85/77/sh	San Salvador	83/70/t	84/69/r
Algiers	85/69/sh	87/67/sh	Casablanca	80/62/pc	82/63/s	Lima	67/58/pc	67/58/c	Santiago	72/46/pc	74/45/c
Amman	91/71/s	92/71/s	Colombo	87/81/t	87/80/t	Lisbon	77/62/s	77/61/s	Sao Paulo	91/65/s	89/62/s
Amsterdam	71/57/pc	68/55/sh	Copenhagen	79/65/c	70/56/r	London	69/58/sh	66/52/pc	Sarajevo	85/62/c	74/59/r
Ankara	82/58/s	84/58/s	Damascus	97/65/s	98/67/s	Madrid	84/55/s	87/58/s	Shanghai	93/79/sh	93/79/sh
Asuncion	97/72/s	97/73/pc	Dublin	66/48/c	62/52/pc	Manila	90/79/t	85/79/t	Singapore	90/80/t	88/78/sh
Athens	88/71/pc	86/76/pc	Geneva	72/57/t	66/54/c	Mexico City	68/56/c	69/60/r	Stockholm	76/58/pc	73/59/pc
Auckland	62/49/s	63/56/pc	Guatemala City	79/64/t	80/64/t	Milan	73/63/sh	85/62/s	Sydney	73/57/pc	77/54/s
Baghdad	112/84/pc	115/85/pc	Hanoi	87/77/t	87/77/t	Mombasa	87/72/r	86/72/r	Taipei	92/79/r	93/78/sh
Bangkok	92/81/sh	92/81/t	Harare	83/58/s	87/58/s	Montevideo	67/51/pc	69/58/c	Tegucigalpa	85/66/t	86/67/t
Beijing	77/69/sh	76/69/sh	Havana	91/75/sh	92/75/t	Montreal	55/48/sh	69/48/pc	Tehran	90/74/s	92/76/s
Beirut	90/79/s	89/78/s	Helsinki	70/61/pc	71/63/s	Moscow	78/52/s	79/55/pc	Tokyo	91/78/s	90/78/t
Belgrade	91/72/s	82/63/t	Hong Kong	92/81/r	90/81/t	Nairobi	80/57/pc	83/58/s	Toronto	66/54/sh	72/53/t
Berlin	89/66/pc	68/57/sh	Jakarta	95/78/pc	93/78/t	New Delhi	90/79/r	92/80/t	Tunis	102/79/c	90/74/pc
Bogota	66/47/c	68/46/pc	Jerusalem	88/69/s	87/68/t	Panama City	87/76/t	89/75/t	Vancouver	73/58/s	66/54/c
Brussels	69/58/c	66/53/pc	Johannesburg	78/54/s	80/44/c	Paris	69/59/sh	66/51/sh	Vienna	87/65/c	70/59/r
Bucharest	86/52/s	86/61/s	Kabul	85/61/s	84/58/s	Port-au-Prince	97/76/t	98/76/t	Warsaw	85/59/c	80/57/c
Budapest	88/69/pc	75/59/t	Khartoum	99/80/s	100/81/s	Rio de Janeiro	87/71/s	85/70/s	Yerevan	81/60/pc	83/66/s
Buenos Aires	66/55/s	63/59/c	Kyiv	80/54/s	78/56/s	Riyadh	108/85/s	110/87/s	Zagreb	87/65/pc	73/58/r
Cairo	95/77/s	94/78/s	Kingston	92/80/s	93/79/s	Rome	88/71/c	82/66/r	Zurich	73/58/sh	65/54/r

Denotes possible travel delays Sunday

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

## NOTABLE DEATHS

**Bob Carr**, 81, a Michigan Democrat who served 18 years in the U.S. House and rose to become a subcommittee chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee before losing a U.S. Senate bid in 1994, died Aug. 27. Carr was elected to Congress in 1974. He would serve three two-year terms before being beaten by Republican Jim Dunn in the 1980 election. In 1982, Carr ran again, beating Dunn. Carr's family released a statement saying he had been struggling with health problems in recent years. Carr had fought multiple myeloma and esophageal cancer for years.

**Rebecca Cheptegei**, 33, a Ugandan Olympic marathon runner, died on Thursday in Kenya, four days after she was doused in gasoline and set on fire, allegedly by her boyfriend, in the latest attack on a female athlete in the country. Cheptegei, who competed in the Paris Olympics, suffered burns to more than 75% of her body in the Sept. 1 attack, Kenyan and Ugandan media reported.

**James Darren**, 88, an actor and former teen idol best known for his role in the "Gidget" franchise, died Monday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, his son Jim Moret confirmed to Variety and The Hollywood Reporter. THR reported that Darren was hospitalized for an aortic valve replacement, though he was later "deemed too weak" to have the procedure. Darren starred as Jeffrey Matthews, aka Moondoggie, in the 1959 surfing rom-com "Gidget" alongside Sandra Dee and Cliff Robertson. Aside from acting, the Philadelphia-born entertainer was a teen sensation in his early career.

**Eric Gilliland**, 62, best known for his work as a producer and writer on the '90s sitcom "Roseanne," died of colon cancer on Sept. 1, his sister Lisa confirmed to Variety. Gilliland joined "Roseanne," which starred comedian Roseanne Barr alongside John Goodman and Laurie Metcalf, as a co-producer on the show's fifth season in 1992.

**Leonard Riggio**, 83, the former chairman of the Barnes & Noble bookstore chain, died Aug. 27. A release from the family listed the cause of death as Alzheimer's disease. He died in New York City surrounded by his family, a spokesperson told the Daily News.

**Rich Homie Quan**, 34, a rapper who charted the Billboard Hot 100 with songs like "Type of Way" and "Flex (Ooh, Ooh, Ooh)," died on Thursday, according to media reports. The rapper died at his home in Atlanta, TMZ reported, citing his family and a representative for the Fulton County morgue. The office of the Fulton County medical examiner declined to comment.

**Fatman Scoop**, 53, an award-winning rapper, has died after suffering a medical emergency on stage. Scoop's given name was Isaac Freeman II. His death was confirmed on Aug. 31 in a statement shared on his verified Instagram page. On Aug. 30, a video shared by TMZ showed Freeman appearing to suffer a medical emergency and collapsing on stage while performing during a concert at Town Center Park in Hamden, Connecticut.

# Yellen 'probably done' when President Biden's term ends

David Lawder  
REUTERS

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said on Saturday that she is "probably done" serving at the highest levels of government after President Joe Biden's term ends in January, but will likely meet again soon with her Chinese counterpart.

Asked at the Texas Tribune Festival in Austin, Texas whether she was "done" when a new administration takes over in January, or might continue in her job or take on a new administration role, Yellen said: "Probably done, but ... we'll see."

The comments are the closest that Yellen, 78, has come to announcing her future plans as the presidential race between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump heats up. Yellen has been the first woman to serve as Treasury Secretary, Federal Reserve Chair and director of the White House National Economic Council.

Yellen told the event in Austin that she still has a lot of work to do at Treasury in coming months, including another likely meeting with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng, her Beijing counterpart, to try to manage an often tense relationship.

The two met in April in Beijing,



Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen speaks to reporters during a tour at the IRS Processing Facility in Austin, Texas. Yellen said she'll likely retire next year.

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where Yellen warned China to rein in excess industrial capacity ahead of Biden's decision to impose steep tariff increases on Chinese-made electric vehicles, batteries, solar products and semiconductors.

Yellen said she would welcome a visit to the U.S. but also may return to China herself, adding: "My guess is that we will have, one way or another, a visit."

The Treasury's top economic diplomat, Undersecretary Jay Shambaugh, will lead a delegation to Beijing "very soon" to discuss economic issues.

Shambaugh leads a U.S.-China economic working group that has made addressing China's excess factory production a top issue.

Yellen said the U.S.-China relationship "needs to be prioritized and nurtured" by the next U.S. administration, with discussions at the highest levels and among agency staffs.

"We have enough differences and without a chance to discuss them and put them in context, it's certainly possible for tensions to rise," Yellen said.

## Why helium is used in rockets

Nivedita Bhattacharjee  
REUTERS

Two NASA astronauts aboard Boeing's Starliner will stay on the International Space Station for months because of a faulty propulsion system whose problems included helium leaks. Back on Earth, SpaceX's Polaris Dawn mission has been delayed because of helium issues on ground equipment.

Boeing's Starliner spacecraft landed uncrewed in a New Mexico desert late on Friday.

Past missions have that have been affected by pesky helium leaks include ISRO's Chandrayaan 2 and ESA's Ariane 5.

### Why do spacecraft and rockets use helium?

Helium is inert – it does not react with other substances or combust – and its atomic number is 2, making it the second lightest element after hydrogen.

Rockets need to achieve specific speeds and altitude to reach and maintain orbit. A heavier rocket requires more energy, not only increasing fuel consumption but also needing more powerful engines, which are more expensive to develop, test, and maintain.

Helium also has a very low boiling



Boeing and NASA teams work around NASA's Boeing Crew Flight Test Starliner spacecraft after it landed uncrewed, at White Sands, New Mexico. NASA/AUBREY GEMIGNANI/HANDOUT VIA REUTERS

point (-452 degrees), allowing it to remain a gas even in super-cold environments, an important feature because many rocket fuels are stored in that temperature range.

### How is it used?

Helium is used to pressurize fuel tanks, ensuring fuel flows to the rocket's engines without interruption; and for cooling systems.

As fuel and oxidizer are burned in the rocket's engines, helium fills the resulting empty space in the tanks, maintaining the overall pressure inside.

Because it is non-reactive, it can safely mingle with the tanks' residual

contents.

### Is it prone to leaks?

Helium's small atomic size and low molecular weight mean its atoms can escape through small gaps or seals in storage tanks and fuel systems.

But because there is very little helium in the Earth's atmosphere, leaks can be easily detected – making the gas important for spotting potential faults in a rocket or spacecraft's fuel systems.

In May, hours before Boeing's Starliner spacecraft made an initial attempt to launch its first astronaut crew, tiny sensors inside the spacecraft detected a small helium leak on one of Starliner's thrusters that NASA spent several days analyzing before deeming it low-risk.

Additional leaks were detected in space after Starliner launched in June.

### What are the alternatives?

Some rocket launches have experimented with gases such as argon and nitrogen, which are also inert and can sometimes be cheaper.

Europe's new Ariane 6 rocket ditched the helium of its predecessor Ariane 5 for a novel pressurization system that converts a small portion of its primary liquid oxygen and hydrogen propellants to gas, which then pressurizes those fluids for the rocket engine.

## SUNDAY TALK SHOWS

## WASHINGTON JOURNAL (C-SPAN)

Former CIA Russia analyst George Beebe discusses "the U.S. this week accusing Russia of spreading propaganda to influence the 2024 election." Hamline University professor David Schultz discusses his book.

## INSIDE POLITICS SUNDAY WITH MANU RAJU (CNN)

Interviews with Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa. and Dave McCormick, a Pennsylvania GOP candidate for U.S. Senate.

## THE WEEKEND (MSNBC)

An interview with Cedric Richmond, a national co-chair of the Harris presidential campaign.

## THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS (ABC)

Interviews with former Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo. and Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, R-Ark.

A politics panel with former Democratic National Committee chair Donna Brazile; and former Gov. Chris Christie, R-N.J., a former Republican presidential candidate.

A roundtable with ABC News chief White House correspondent Mary Bruce; ABC News senior congressional correspondent Rachel Scott; and "This Week" co-anchor Martha Raddatz.

## FOX NEWS SUNDAY WITH SHANNON BREAM (FOX)

Interviews with Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn.

A discussion with former 2012 Obama campaign manager Jim Messina; and Republican communications consultant Brett O'Donnell.

A political roundtable with Guy Benson, political editor at Townhall.com; OutKick.com columnist Mary Katharine Ham; USA Today Washington bureau chief Susan Page; and FOX News senior political analyst Juan Williams.

## STATE OF THE UNION WITH JAKE TAPPER AND DANA BASH (CNN)

Interviews with Sen. John Fetterman, D-Pa., Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

A political roundtable with Bryan Lanza, former deputy communications Director for the 2016 Trump presidential campaign; former South Carolina state representative Bakari Sellers; Alyssa Farah Griffin, former Trump White House communications director; and Doug Thornell, former spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and former spokesman for the 2004 Howard Dean presidential campaign.

## THE HILL SUNDAY WITH CHRIS STIREWALT (NEWS NATION)

Interviews with Lara Trump, co-chair of the Republican National Committee and former Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., a candidate for U.S. Senate.

A political roundtable with Washington Post columnist George Will, senior political contributor at NewsNation; Molly Ball, senior political correspondent at the Wall Street Journal; and Domenico Montanaro, senior political editor at National Public Radio.

## SUNDAY MORNING FUTURES WITH MARIA BARTIROMO (FOX NEWS)

Interviews with Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, R-Fla., Rep. Monica De La Cruz, R-Texas, former HUD secretary Dr. Ben Carson, Trump campaign senior adviser Alina Habba and Charly Arnolt, host of "Outkick The Morning."

## FAREED ZAKARIA GPS (CNN)

Interviews with Ehud Olmert, former Israeli prime minister, Nasser al-Kidwa, former Palestinian Authority foreign minister, author Yuval Noah Harari and CNN's Dana Bash.

## MEET THE PRESS WITH KRISTEN WELKER (NBC)

Interviews with Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., Gov. Doug Burgum, R-N.D., and NBC News national political correspondent Steve Kornacki.

A political roundtable with Ashley Etienne, former communications director for Vice President Kamala Harris; Republican strategist Sara Fagen; Lauren Mayk, political reporter at NBC10 in Philadelphia; and NBC News Washington correspondent Yamiche Alcindor.

## FACE THE NATION WITH MARGARET BRENNAN (CBS)

Interviews with former Gov. Nikki Haley, R-S.C., Gov. Roy Cooper, D-N.C., Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, and Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn.

## MEDIA BUZZ (FOX NEWS)

An interview with Trump-Vance campaign senior official Corey Lewandowski. Other guests are: George Washington University Law School professor Jonathan Turley; Clay Travis, founder of Outkick.com; FOX News senior national correspondent Kevin Corke; and FOX News chief foreign correspondent Trey Yingst.

## INSIDE WITH JEN PSAKI (MSNBC)

Guests include: Rep. Dan Goldman, D-N.Y.; Harris-Walz campaign communications director Michael Tyler; and James Carville, former lead strategist for the 1992 Clinton presidential campaign.

# Super Typhoon Yagi kills 4 in Vietnam

Storm also caused casualties in China, Philippines

Minh Nguyen and Thinh Nguyen  
REUTERS

HANOI, Vietnam – Asia's most powerful storm this year made landfall in northern Vietnam on Saturday, the meteorological agency said, killing at least four people after tearing through China's island of Hainan and the Philippines.

Super Typhoon Yagi hit island districts of north Vietnam around 1 p.m., generating winds of up to 99 mph near its center, having lost power from its peak of 145 mph in Hainan a day earlier.

The government said that as of 5 p.m. four people had died and 78 had been injured by the typhoon. At least another dozen were missing at sea, according to state media.

Yagi had already claimed the lives of at least two people in Hainan and 16 people in the Philippines, the first country it hit, having formed east of the archipelago earlier in the week.

Vietnam's coastal city of Haiphong, an industrial hub with a population of 2 million people that hosts factories



Devastation due to the impact of Typhoon Yagi in Do Son district, Hai Phong City, Vietnam on Sept. 7. MINH NGUYEN/REUTERS

from foreign multinationals and local carmaker VinFast, was among the hardest-hit by winds with speeds of up to 55 mph.

As the typhoon approached, the city experienced widespread power outages on Saturday, authorities said, as did at

least three other northern provinces.

In Haiphong, the strong winds smashed windows and waves were as much as three meters high when they hit the coast, according to a witness.

Metal roofing sheets were blown away, pictures and footage on local

media showed. The government said thousands of trees had fallen and many houses were damaged across northern Vietnam.

Earlier in Hainan, which has a population of more than 10 million, the storm felled trees, flooded roads and cut power to more than 800,000 homes.

## Airports closed

Vietnam evacuated more than 50,000 people from coastal towns and deployed 450,000 military personnel, the government said.

It also suspended operations for several hours at four airports on Saturday, including Hanoi's Noi Bai, the busiest in the north, which canceled more than 300 flights.

High schools were also closed in 12 northern provinces, including in the capital Hanoi, which has a population of 8.5 million.

Authorities in the capital suspended public transport on buses and its two elevated metro lines on Saturday afternoon, state media reported. The meteorological agency has warned of risks of heavy flooding in the city center.

Yagi is named after the Japanese word for goat and the constellation of Capricornus.



Tuvalu's Prime Minister Feleti Teo walks with World Bank's president Ajay Banga in Funafuti, Tuvalu. A climate migration deal struck with Australia gives its population a pathway to move when the atoll nation becomes uninhabitable.

KIRSTY NEEDHAM/REUTERS

## World Bank president: Youth key to climate change plan

Tuvalu on frontline of rising sea levels impact

Kirsty Needham  
REUTERS

FUNAFUTI, Tuvalu – World Bank President Ajay Banga said on Friday that young people in the Pacific Island nation of Tuvalu need training to help them move and adapt to climate change as he visited the frontline of the battle against rising sea levels.

On the first visit by a World Bank chief to Tuvalu – where 11,000 people live on 10 square miles of land stretched across nine atolls – the impact of the changes was clear, he said, as the tiny nation fortified its ports and reclaimed coastal land.

Soon after taking on the top job in June last year, Banga expanded the global lender's remit for the first time in 80 years to encompass climate change, under the banner of alleviating poverty in a liveable planet.

Scientists say by 2050, half of Tuvalu's main town of Funafuti will be inundated by tides. A climate migration deal struck with Australia last year gives its population a pathway to move when its atolls become uninhabitable.

Banga spoke to young people who said they told him leaving their home was the "Plan B."

The World Bank's vision for a liveable planet was wider than physical infrastructure, he told Reuters.

"It is also about human infrastructure," he said. "Why should they not have

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education and health care when they are growing up? It's not just a question of survival. It's a question of quality of life."

Banga said he wanted the World Bank to move faster, focus on impact, share its knowledge with the Pacific islands and create jobs for young people.

In Tuvalu, this could mean investing in skills institutes to give young people who face migrating to another country training as a nurse or plumber, he said.

Talua Nivaga, vice president of the Tuvalu National Youth Council, said he discussed with Banga the skills a climate migrant might need.

"That skill would have been maintained in Tuvalu and first used for the benefit of our people," he said.

Since taking on the role just over a year ago, Banga has visited every region where the World Bank operates. The Pacific Islands nation of Tuvalu, population 11,000, is the last stop.

The World Bank said in December it will deploy 45% of its annual financing to climate change adaptation and mitigation by 2025. In the Pacific Islands, that goal has already been reached, he said.

Banga will use the platform of the United Nations General Assembly in New York this month to highlight re-

forms to the World Bank and urge rich nations to replenish funds to its International Development Association, which supports the poorest nations, including many in the Pacific Islands.

Tuvalu's Deputy Prime Minister, Panapasi Nelesoni, said on Friday that water inundation from sea level rise makes it harder to grow vegetables for food, compounding health problems.

"The IDA fund is very important because it is grants given to us. Right now it is difficult for us to borrow money and we like to see a continuation of that assistance from rich countries, given the problem we have with climate change," he said.

## Stay or go?

Grace Malie, 25, one of the young people who spoke with Banga, said she learned about climate change at the age of eight as her parents explained why the space for playgrounds was shrinking.

She wants support for Tuvalu to adapt for as long as it can.

"I love my country, I love my home and I love doing what I do every day in Tuvalu and I wish to stay," she said.

In the streets of Funafuti, IT worker Maani Maani, 32, said his generation faced a difficult decision. While someone with his skills can get visas to work in places like Australia, he worried about the older people left behind.

"Our mainland is getting thinner and thinner. Crops can't grow well. I think God is not going to save us this time," he said.

## Thousands protest lack of climate progress in South Korea

Sebin Choi and Daewoung Kim  
REUTERS

SEOUL, South Korea – More than 30,000 protesters gathered in South Korea's capital in broiling heat on Saturday, demanding more aggressive action by the government on global warming.

With temperatures exceeding 86 degrees Fahrenheit, protesters young and old marched in the country's biggest demonstration so far this year, snarling traffic in central Seoul.

They waved large banners reading "Climate justice," "Protect our lives!" and "NO to climate villain (President) Yoon Suk Yeol's administration."

"Truth is, without the air conditioner this summer was not livable and people could not live like people," said Yu Si-yun, an environmental activist leading the protest.

"We are facing a problem not unique to a country or an individual. We need systemic change and we are running out of time to act."

Organized by the 907 Climate Justice March Group Committee, the protest followed a ruling last month by South Korea's top court that the nation's climate change law fails to protect basic human rights and lacks targets to shield future generations.

The 200 plaintiffs, including young climate activists and even some infants, told the constitutional court that the government was violating citizens' human rights by not doing enough on climate change.

South Korea, which aims to be carbon-neutral by 2050, is the biggest coal polluter after Australia among the Group of 20 big economies, with a slow adoption of renewable energy. The government last year lowered its 2030 targets for curbing industrial greenhouse-gas emissions but kept its national goal of cutting emissions by 40% from 2018 levels.

Even South Korea's kimchi has fallen victim to climate change. Farmers and manufacturers say the quality and quantity of the napa cabbage used in the ubiquitous pickled dish is suffering due to intensifying heat.



Members of South Korean environment groups hold signs during a rally against climate change at the Gangnam district in Seoul on Saturday. JUNG YEON-JE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Ky. shooter at large after wounding at least 7 along I-75**

Kentucky police were searching rugged terrain near a national forest for a suspect after at least seven people were wounded by gunfire while driving down the rural stretch of an interstate highway, officials said on Saturday evening.

The incident began just before 6 p.m. about nine miles outside of the town of London, when officers responded to reports of gunshots directed at vehicles traveling on Interstate 75 in Laurel County. The shots came from a wooded area or an overpass, according to local media reports.

Mayor Randall Weddle of London, a small city of about 8,000 near the Daniel Boone National Forest, about 90 miles south of Lexington, said in a post on Facebook that seven people were injured, including some who were shot. He said there were no known fatalities.

A stretch of highway near the Kentucky shootings was closed but later reopened even though the suspect was still at large.

About three hours after the shooting, the Laurel County Sheriff's Office named a "person of interest" who it said was "armed and dangerous" and cautioned the public not to approach the 32-year-old man.

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were called to assist the state police and local law enforcement, the federal agency posted on X.

**Fire in Canadian national park under control, officials say**

TORONTO, Canada – The wildfire that ravaged an iconic Canadian national park and the tourist town nestled within it is now under control, officials said Saturday.

"As of today, Sept. 7, the Jasper Wildfire Complex is classified as under control. This means that the wildfire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire," Jasper National Park posted on Facebook Saturday.

"Strong potential exists for smoke and flames to be visible inside the fire's perimeter until the onset of winter."

The fire raged for weeks and burned hundreds of buildings in the 5,000-person town of Jasper. Evacuees returned last month, many to rubble and ash.

**Bolivia declares emergency due to forest fires**

LA PAZ, Bolivia – Bolivia declared a national emergency due to raging forest fires the country's defense ministry announced on Saturday.

In a press conference, defense minister Edmundo Novillo said the national emergency would allow the country to quickly coordinate international support.

"This will allow us to have more agile and effective support from friendly countries and from international cooperation," Novillo said.

Bolivia has seen the largest number of wildfires since 2010 with at least 7.5 million acres burned this year according to Inpe, Brazil's space research agency that monitors fires. South America is in the throes of its peak fire season, that spans August and September, after an unusually early fire season started devastating the country in July following a drought.

Bolivia's firefighting forces are stretched thin and the government has called for international aid. Indigenous volunteers tried to protect land they use to grow crops and feed livestock near the Chiquitano forest north of Concepcion that extends toward Brazil and Paraguay, but some were forced to evacuate.

**Musk's xAI in talks for share in Tesla revenue, WSJ reports**

Elon Musk's AI startup xAI has held talks for a share in future Tesla revenue in return for giving Musk's electric vehicle maker access to xAI's technology and resources, the Wall Street Journal reported on Saturday.

Tesla would license xAI's artificial-intelligence models to help power full self-driving technology and share some of that revenue with the startup, according to the proposed arrangement as described to investors, the newspaper said.

xAI would also support the development of other features for Tesla, including a voice assistant in its electric cars, the Journal said, citing people familiar with the matter whom it did not identify.

Tesla did not immediately respond to Reuters request for a comment, while xAI could not be reached.

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# How criminals spread fake Ozempic batches across globe

## Drug's high demand fuels counterfeit sales

Patrick Wingrove  
REUTERS

In December, Drew, a 36-year-old man from San Antonio, Texas, drove more than 250 miles to Mexico to buy cheap Ozempic to help him lose weight. Going home, he checked the pens. They looked unusual, so he shared photos on social media. The verdict: They were fakes.

Three people on Reddit said Drew's product looked like insulin. "If so, it would be dangerous to use," said one. A surge of insulin can cause a sharp drop in blood sugar that can lead to dizziness, seizures and death. The incident sheds light on a wider problem in the manufacturing of highly sought-after drugs, one that lets criminal organizations circulate potentially lethal fakes: forged drug batch numbers.

Pharmaceutical companies, including Ozempic-maker Novo Nordisk, authenticate batches of drugs with combinations of letters and numbers printed on the packaging, which are then used to track the product in a given country.

The fake pens Drew bought carried the batch, or lot, number MP5B060 to make them look authentic. To Novo, that represented a shipment of the diabetes drugs destined for Egypt.

The fact Drew bought them in Mexico showed something was wrong – although as a consumer, he did not realize that.

The flaw, which is rooted in an effort to ensure the drugs are traceable and safe, is exacerbated by patchy regulation by health authorities globally.

Mexico's drug regulator did not respond to a request for comment.

In at least four countries, the fakes have resulted in hospitalizations.

In the U.S., Nigeria and Iraq, the fake Ozempic shots looked like insulin pens, according to Reuters' review. In Iraq, a man fell into a coma after his blood sugar dropped to half normal levels after using one, before later recovering, Reuters found.

Criminals can get hold of batch numbers through a corrupt connection at a drugmaker's manufacturing facility, or by buying the drug and using scanning technology to copy the packaging, inserts and so on, Sam Louis, a former U.S. Department of Justice lawyer focused on healthcare fraud matters, told Reuters.

With at least 890 million people with obesity globally, according to the WHO, demand is huge. The active ingredient in Ozempic, called semaglutide, leads to an average weight loss of 15%. It's part of a class of drugs that reduce food cravings and cause the stomach to empty more slowly.

Novo's franchise for Ozempic and Wegovy, a weight-loss version of semaglutide, brought in nearly \$19 billion in net sales last year. It said it is working with authorities in several countries to reduce counterfeits of both.

Novo's head of global product security, Anne Devaud, told Reuters the company potentially has identified one source in connection with the batch number on the counterfeit that Drew bought, which it also suspects of distributing fake versions of other companies' injectable drugs.

The wide recurrence of the same batch number suggests a global counterfeiting operation could be to blame, five anti-counterfeiting experts and a WHO official said.

"Our experience is that when you have the same batches and labeling, it is most likely the same people or maybe several smaller distributors that have purchased from one big source," said Rutendo Kuwana, the WHO team lead for incidents with substandard and falsified medicines.

Bootlegged batch numbers and repackaged insulin are just part of the picture: criminals can divert or steal drugs from hospitals or other healthcare systems before adding fake labels and packaging, or they can simply put any liquid in a vial or stamp out pills and place them in counterfeit packaging, a Novo spokesperson said.

"All these different potential origins, often via organized criminal networks involving multiple jurisdictions, represent serious challenges for those involved in fighting these crimes," the



Ozempic pens sit on a production line at Novo Nordisk's site last year. The recurrence of the same batch numbers on fake products suggest a global counterfeiting operation could be to blame, experts say. TOM LITTLE/REUTERS FILE

spokesperson said.

Even so, at least 18 different batch numbers have been found on fake Ozempic pens in 14 countries since the start of last year, adverse event reports and health regulator announcements show.

A legitimate Ozempic batch contains 280,000 pens; some countries ban all products carrying a batch number after finding fakes that carry it. Others do not, saying that to withdraw a whole batch on account of a few fakes could exacerbate shortages.

Jared Davis, a former U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Homeland Security agent who is now a consultant on counterfeiting issues at law firm Oberheiden, said it is difficult for government agencies to stop the spread of fakes when demand is so high.

"Most countries aren't going to pull the entire line and get rid of it because an organization or a few folks decided that they're going to run a counterfeit scheme and target that particular batch number," said Davis.

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**Deadly resemblance**

Fake Ozempic adds to a glut of counterfeit pharmaceuticals that kill around a million people each year, according to the WHO. A September 2023 report from the U.S. CDC said use of suspected fake pills, including painkiller Oxycontin, led to nearly 55,000 deaths in the U.S. alone in 2021.

Overall, Ozempic faked in a variety of ways has been found in nearly 30 countries, Reuters found. Fakes have been linked to more than two dozen cases of serious harm globally, and to two deaths in the United States.

Ozempic can cost more than \$1,000 in the U.S. for a multi-dose pen that lasts a month. Drew said he had heard the drug could be bought for less in the Mexican border town of Nuevo Progreso.

"I called ahead and asked a few pharmacies first if they had it, and they said yes, telling me prices of like \$200 a pen. So I was like, oh, this is going to be great," he told Reuters.

"I went down there, and most of the pharmacies actually had a much higher price, and the one I found was the lowest," he said, adding that the store he went to doubled as a restaurant. Drew paid around \$350 per pen.

Bringing drugs into the United States across the border is a criminal offense. Drew, who asked to be identified by his first name only, said he did not use the pens, report the purchase to the authorities, or hand the product in for testing.

After initially speaking to Reuters, he deleted his original social media post.

Rebadging insulin to look like Ozempic is lucrative. Like some types of insulin, Ozempic comes in a blue, prepackaged autoinjector. Insulin can be bought for as little as \$8.81 per unit outside the U.S., according to a report from the RAND Corporation on the global cost of the drug.

When Drew opened the boxes he bought, the autoinjectors had Ozempic labels, but were thinner and a darker blue than pens he had seen before, his photos show.

An insulin product manufactured by French drugmaker Sanofi, branded Apidra Solostar, comes in a prepackaged blue autoinjector with a clipped lid similar to Ozempic.

A Sanofi spokesperson said the company was aware of illegally mislabeled Apidra pens being passed off as Ozempic, and has been working with partners to protect patients.

Novo, asked if it would make Ozempic pens more distinctive, said it was unlikely that any one change would prevent fakes.

Azerbaijan first flagged it had found fakes using batch number MP5B060 in December 2022.

The WHO's warning came after three more people suffered severe low blood sugar, or hypoglycemia, after using fake Ozempic pens with the same Egyptian batch number: a woman in Britain who got her autoinjector at a beauty salon, a man in Serbia who bought his in the United Arab Emirates, and a woman in Lebanon, according to separate reports sent by Novo Nordisk to the FDA that were reviewed by Reuters.

In the U.S., a 39-year-old woman suffered severe hypoglycemia and was rushed to the emergency room after taking what she thought was Ozempic with that batch number, a U.S. FDA document shows. The report said her outcome was not known.

Some countries, including Poland and Ukraine, said they have banned the importation and sale of drugs marked with bootlegged batch numbers identified by international agencies. But regulators in Britain, Finland, Ireland and Sweden told Reuters they had not.

Ireland's health ministry said it found no fakes under batch numbers flagged by the European Union, so alerted wholesalers and others to be vigilant when buying Ozempic. It said it had other controls in place to block falsified packs, including scanning barcodes.

Britain's health regulator said in response to a Freedom of Information Act request in May that it had opted to focus on visual differences between the pens, such as differences in color and construction, rather than banning batch numbers. Asked why, it said in July that banning batch numbers risked causing shortages of legitimate medicines.

Britain and Ireland's regulators did not comment on the possibility that not banning batch numbers might help them circulate.

Reported counterfeits of Ozempic have been more common than those of

Eli Lilly's Mounjaro, a newer rival. But these too are on the rise.

A U.S. FDA report seen by Reuters said a 61-

year-old woman in the U.S. had been hospitalized for severe stomach pain and seizure after vomiting 70 times over four hours last January, having taken a fake version of Mounjaro sold to her in a vial by a health consultant. As of early May, she was partly recovered, the report said.

Lilly said the proliferation of counterfeit and unsafe or untested versions of its drug is a significant safety concern; steps it has taken include a tool to help people determine if they have a genuine Lilly product. But it called on the authorities to take more action against those who circulate knockoffs.

Global counterfeiting operations can make massive profits from such fakes and often find ways to evade detection, said Rana Saoud, a special agent in charge at U.S. Homeland Security Investigations. The National Institutes of Health, the U.S. government agency responsible for public health research, has said the counterfeit drug trade as a whole could be worth as much as \$43 billion annually, citing analysts.

A New York woman, Isis Navarro Reyes, was in May charged with smuggling fake versions of weight loss drugs into the U.S., then using TikTok to help sell the products. Reyes could not be reached for comment.



A man inspects the damage following an Israeli strike on Amr Ibn al Aas school housing displaced Palestinians in the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in Gaza City on Saturday, amid the ongoing war between Israel and the militant Hamas group. The CIA director says detailed cease-fire proposal should be coming this week. OMAR AL-QATTAA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

# Gaza cease-fire proposal due in days, Burns says

Time for both sides to make 'hard choices'

Michael Holden  
REUTERS

LONDON — The head of the CIA, who is also the chief U.S. negotiator for an end to the Gaza war and release of hostages held by Hamas, said a more detailed cease-fire proposal would be made in the next several days.

After 11 months of conflict in Gaza, CIA Director William Burns said he was working very hard on "texts and creative formulas" with mediators Qatar and Egypt to secure a cease-fire, by finding a proposal which satisfies both parties.

"We will make this more detailed proposal, I hope in the next several days, and then we'll see," said Burns, speaking at a Financial Times event in London alongside Richard Moore, head of Britain's MI6 foreign spy agency.

Burns added that it was a question of political will and he hoped leaders on both sides recognized "the time has come finally to make some hard choices and some difficult compromises."

He said 90% of the paragraphs had

been agreed but the last 10% were always the hardest.

"My hope is that you know, they'll recognize what's at stake here and be willing to move ahead on that basis," he said.

Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7 killing 1,200 people and taking about 250 hostages, according to Israeli tallies, while Israel's retaliatory offensive in Gaza has killed nearly 41,000 Palestinians, Gaza's health authorities have said, largely leveling the coastal enclave.

## Backing Ukraine

In a joint op-ed for Saturday's FT newspaper, Burns and Moore highlighted joint efforts to help Ukraine in its war against Russia, and the British spy chief said it was critical the West maintained its support.

Discussing Ukraine's offensive into the Kursk region of Russia where Kyiv has seized land, Moore called it an "audacious and bold" move to try and change the game.

"It's too early to say how long the Ukrainians will be able to hang on in there (in Kursk)," he added, saying the incursion had brought the war home to ordinary Russians.

While Burns called the offensive a "significant tactical achievement" for the Ukrainians. But while he said it had

exposed the Russian military's vulnerabilities, he did not see any evidence that Russian President Vladimir Putin's grip on power was weakening.

"It did raise questions on the part of people we could see across the Russian elite about where is this all headed," he said.

Burns also disclosed that earlier in the conflict he had been sent by President Joe Biden to meet one of his Russian counterparts to warn him of the consequences of the use of nuclear weapons.

"There was a moment in the fall of 2022 when I think there was a genuine risk of the potential use of tactical nuclear weapons," the CIA director said. "We've continued to be very direct about that. So I don't think we can afford to be intimidated by that saber rattling or bullying."

In their op-ed, the spy chiefs also warned about a reckless campaign of sabotage being waged across Europe by Russian intelligence operatives.

"I think Russian intelligence services has gone a bit feral, frankly, in some of their behavior," Moore said. "The fact that they are using criminal elements shows you that they're becoming a bit desperate ... It's become a bit more amateurish."

He added: "Amateurish can actually be more reckless and more dangerous as well."

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### 3 injured as Ukraine shells Belgorod region, governor says

Three civilians were injured in Russia's Belgorod region after Ukrainian shells hit the town of Shebekino, the regional governor said on Saturday.

"Ambulance crews brought a woman in serious condition with shrapnel wounds to the back and thigh and a man with a shrapnel wound to the chest to the regional clinical hospital," Vyacheslav Gladkov, the regional governor, said in a post on his Telegram channel.

A third person was taken to hospital with a shrapnel wound to the thigh, he said, adding that two houses and four outbuildings caught fire.

Reuters could not independently confirm the report.

Belgorod has come under frequent shelling and drone attacks from Ukraine in the course of the war. It is next to the Kursk region, a large swath of which is occupied by Ukrainian forces following a cross-border attack last month.

### Ukraine hits munitions depot in Russia with drones, source says

Ukrainian drones hit a munitions depot in the Russian region of Voronezh overnight, a Ukrainian security source said on Saturday, adding that Kyiv believed the depot was being used to transfer munitions and equipment to Ukraine.

Alexander Gusev, the province's Russian governor, said in a statement on Telegram that "explosive objects" had detonated after a fire in the region's Ostorozhzhsky district.

He said there had been no casualties, but that a state of emergency had been declared locally, with several hundred people evacuated and a major road closed.

The Ukrainian source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Reuters the operation was conducted by the SBU, Ukraine's internal security service.

"At this moment, there are still four pockets of a powerful fire observed at the site, as well as the unceasing detonation of munitions," the source said.

The source said the facility was in the village of Soldatskoe.

That settlement is nearly 80 miles from the nearest Ukraine-controlled territory.



Residents stand at a site of a building destroyed by a Russian military strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in the village of Yampil, in Sumy region, Ukraine on Friday. MAKSYM KISHKA/REUTERS

## Israel

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"To date, because of Israel's aggression, 25 paramedics from various ambulance teams have been killed, along with two health workers, and 94 paramedics and health workers have been injured," the health ministry statement added.

The health ministry also condemned the attack as a "blatant strike" on an official Lebanese state apparatus, marking the second such attack on an emergency team in less than 12 hours.

Hezbollah issued a statement, saying it launched a "squadron of missiles" in response to the Faroun attack, targeting an Israeli military headquarters, causing casualties.

Around 140 civilians have been killed by Israeli bombardment of Lebanon since Oct. 8, when hostilities broke out between the Israeli military and Hezbollah in parallel with the war in Gaza.

The intensity of fighting between Hezbollah and Israel has ratcheted up steadily, displacing tens of thousands of people on either side of the Lebanese-Israeli frontier.

### Cease-fire talks ongoing as Israelis protest for hostages

Israel and Hamas continued to blame one another for the failure of mediators,



Demonstrators raise placards and Israeli flags during an anti-government protest calling for action to secure the release of Israeli hostages held captive since the Oct. 7 attacks by Hamas. JACK GUEZ/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

including Qatar, Egypt and the United States, to broker a cease-fire. The U.S. is preparing to present a new proposal, but gaps between the sides remain wide.

Tens of thousands of Israelis joined protests in Tel Aviv and other cities, demanding Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his government make a deal under which the remaining 101 hostages would be released.

The killing of six hostages last week

triggered an outpouring of anger and grief that led to mass protests. The hostages had been shot in the head by Hamas, Israel said, not long before their bodies were found by troops in a Gaza tunnel last Saturday.

"They could have been saved," said Einav Zangauker, whose 24-year-old son Matan had been abducted by militants from his home in Nir Oz kibbutz. "As long as Netanyahu is in power, we will keep getting the hostages back in

body bags."

Eleven months into the war, numerous rounds of diplomacy have so far failed to clinch a cease-fire deal.

### Polio vaccinations continue

On Thursday, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said it was incumbent on both Israel and Hamas, which seized control of Gaza almost two decades ago and was responsible for the Oct. 7 killing spree in Israel that triggered the war, to make concessions to reach a deal.

On Saturday, senior Hamas official Hossam Badran said the group had made no new demands and remained committed to a July 2 proposal put forward by the United States, accusing Netanyahu of attaching new conditions that would not end the war.

Netanyahu said it was Hamas that introduced unacceptable conditions.

Despite the deadlock, the United Nations, in collaboration with local health authorities, has pursued a campaign to vaccinate 640,000 children in Gaza after its first polio case in around 25 years. Limited pauses in the fighting have allowed the campaign to proceed.

U.N. officials said they were making progress, having reached more than half of the children needing the drops in the first two stages in the southern and central Gaza Strip.

On Sunday, the campaign will move to the northern Gaza Strip. A second round of vaccination will be required.

# Thousands protest Macron's PM in France

## Barnier faces tricky government formation

John Irish  
REUTERS

PARIS — Thousands of people demonstrated across France on Saturday against Emmanuel Macron's decision to pick center-right politician Michel Barnier as prime minister, with leftist parties accusing the president of ignoring election results.

Macron named 73-year-old Barnier, a conservative and the former Brexit negotiator for the European Union, as prime minister on Thursday, capping a two-month search following his ill-fated decision to call a legislative election that delivered a hung parliament.

"Democracy is not only the art of knowing how to accept victory, but the humility to accept defeat," Jean-Luc Melenchon, head of the far-left France Unbowed party (LFI), told protesters at the start of the march in eastern Paris.

"I call on you to undertake a long battle."

The organizers said about 300,000 people demonstrated peacefully across France, including 160,000 in Paris, although police in the capital said 26,000 people had protested in the city.

The Interior Ministry did not immediately give a figure for the entire country, but its numbers are usually much lower than those given by organizers.

Barnier meanwhile made his first official visit, meeting staff at a Paris hos-



Protesters gather to denounce French President Emmanuel Macron's refusal to name a prime minister from the left-wing New Popular Front coalition, in Paris, France, on Saturday. BENOIT TESSIER/REUTERS

pital.

The worsening condition of the public health sector has been one of the areas that people have demanded action after months of procrastination.

"Without carrying out miracles, we can make improvements," Barnier, who lacks a clear majority, told reporters.

He said on Friday he wants to include conservatives, members of Macron's camp, and some from the left in his future government.

But he faces the daunting task of trying to drive reforms and pass the 2025

budget with the threat of a no-confidence vote hanging over him at the start of October, when he is due to outline his policy objectives to parliament.

France is under pressure from the European Commission, the European Union's executive body, and from bond markets to reduce its deficit.

The left, led by LFI, has accused Macron of a denial of democracy and stealing the election, after Macron refused to pick the candidate of the New Popular Front (NFP) alliance that came top in the July vote.

Barnier's center-right Les Republiains party is only the fifth bloc in parliament with less than 50 lawmakers, and the left believes he will push wholesale spending cuts and a tougher stance on immigration.

Across 130 locations in France, people carried banners attacking Macron for betraying them and called on him to be impeached.

"He (Barnier) has no social conscience and will constitute a government which will be in the same line as the previous ones. So that is enough now," civil servant Jeanne Schmitt, 45, told Reuters on the sidelines of the Paris march.

Pollster Elabe published a survey on Friday showing that 74% of French people considered Macron had disregarded the results of the elections, with 55% believing he had "stolen" them.

Barnier continued consultations on Saturday as he looks to form a government, a tricky job given he faces a potential no-confidence vote.

NFP and the far-right National Rally (RN) together have a majority and could oust the prime minister through a no-confidence vote should they decide to collaborate.

The RN gave its tacit approval for Barnier, citing a number of conditions for it to not back a no-confidence vote, making it the de facto kingmaker for the new government.

"He is a prime minister under surveillance," RN party leader Jordan Bardella told BFM TV on Saturday. "Nothing can be done without us."

## Brazil can no longer represent Argentine interests in Venezuela

### Brazil, Argentina urge country to respect the Vienna Convention

Lisandra Paraguassu  
and Vivian Sequera  
REUTERS

BRASILIA, Brazil — Venezuela revoked Brazil's authorization to represent Argentine interests in the country, including administering the embassy where six opposition figures are sheltering, the Venezuelan government said Saturday.

In a statement, Venezuela said the

decision was effective "immediately" and was due to proof that the embassy was being used to plan assassination attempts against President Nicolas Maduro and Vice President Delcy Rodriguez Gomez.

Brazil said that it had received the communication "with surprise" and Argentina said shortly afterwards that it rejected the "unilateral" decision by Venezuela. Both countries urged Maduro to respect the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic relations.

"Any attempt to invade or kidnap asylum seekers who remain in our official residence will be harshly condemned by the international communi-

ty," Argentina said in a statement. "Actions like these reinforce the conviction that in Maduro's Venezuela, the fundamental human rights are not respected."

In its statement, Brazil insisted that it would remain in custody and defense of Argentine interests until Argentina indicates another state acceptable to Venezuela to do so.

"The Brazilian government highlights in this context, under the terms of the Vienna Conventions, the inviolability of the facilities of the Argentine diplomatic mission," it said, adding that it housed six Venezuelan asylum seekers, assets and archives.

The escalation in the spat between the South American countries was first reported by Reuters.

On Friday night, some opposition members in the Argentine residence reported on their X accounts that the building was under surveillance and had no electricity. They posted videos showing men dressed in black and patrols from the government intelligence agency, SEBIN.

Venezuela broke relations with Argentina following its disputed presidential election on July 28. Brazil, like Colombia and Mexico, has asked the Venezuelan government to publish the full results of the vote.

## Election

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For Maricopa County, this has meant new staff, extensive fact-checking efforts, online cameras in tabulation centers — even an "official ballot" mascot that attends local professional basketball games.

"Our office has been working toward improving and communicating in a manner that we haven't done before," Liewer said. "That's probably being seen around the country."

Such work is part of a deeper trend that has emerged since the pandemic, with local officials increasingly forced to address false information about public health, migration, and urban planning strategies.

False information has not only changed every aspect of election administration, but local officials often bear the brunt of it given their visibility in their communities, said Amy Cohen, executive director of the National Association of State Election Directors.

"False information is one of the greatest challenges going into November," she said, referring to the presidential elections on Nov. 5.

"That is the thing that keeps a lot of us up at night, because you can't predict the narrative that will take off."

### Trusted messengers

Across the globe, local officials are a key, untapped resource in addressing rising false information, said Paul Costello, a senior manager with the German Marshall Fund's cities program.

Previously, cities did not tend to address false information, said Costello, who in recent months has been talking with local officials for a new disinformation response "playbook," released last month.

"I had an increasing number of city officials coming to me and saying, 'What can we do?'" said Ika Trijsburg, a researcher with the Melbourne Center for Cities in Australia, which led on the playbook's development. Disinformation, she said, was blocking policymaking and even prompting threats.



A Donald Trump supporter wears a cap to a rally in Mosinee, Wis. Disinformation, like Trump's insistence without evidence that the 2020 election was rigged against him, is a top priority for election officials ahead of this year's election. BRIAN SNYDER/REUTERS

In the British capital London, for instance, policy discussion over an ultra-low emission traffic zone last year sparked a wave of disinformation over migration, diversity and other issues.

In the Australian city of Onkaparinga, a proposed climate emergency declaration fanned social media outrage, protests and eventually the evacuation of local officials.

At the local level, false information tends to deal with public health, sustainability, migration or sexual diversity, Trijsburg said.

But elections can affect all of these areas, Costello warned. "It's an opportunity for disinformation actors to supercharge what's happening and to get a lot more traction," she said.

While cities do not have the intelligence operations or other tools available to national governments to correct the record, local officials see the impacts more closely and have unique access to organizations such as schools or sports clubs that can be used to counter false information.

Increasingly, that work also takes place online.

In 2021, San Jose in California part-

nered with local online influencers to address false information regarding vaccinations, masks and other urgent pandemic concerns — particularly among groups that had long distrusted local government.

"We had to rebuild trust simultaneously as we asked these groups to transact on very serious action," recalled Andy Lutzky, former communications chief for the city.

For months, nearly 50 local "trusted messengers" created hundreds of social media posts in multiple languages, work that Lutzky said helped drive higher vaccination rates, particularly among marginalized communities.

Lutzky now works with Xomad, the company that organized that work.

The firm started focusing on such public campaigns in 2019 and has since worked with numerous cities, as well as more than 16 state governments in the past year alone, said the company's founder and CEO, Rob Perry.

"My vision for cities around the world in the future is that each will have their trusted army of local messengers," he said.

Sarina Alavi, a 25-year-old psycholo-

gy PhD student in New York, worked with Xomad on a state campaign around substance use disorder, an issue she said was rife with false information online.

"It can be truly infuriating, especially when individuals are posing as experts without the proper licensure or certifications," she said.

Alavi's posts targeted false information on, for instance, how easy it is to ascertain the presence of a dangerous drug — "you can never really tell when a substance is laced and deadly #CanYouTell?" — and on the number of teens and adults with substance use disorder.

Her posts received more than 20,000 views, said Alavi, who is continuing to engage on similar projects.

This is "the future of government communications," said Xomad's Perry.

"We're three to four years away from pretty much every state and many cities having a line item" for such work.

### 'Buck stops with county clerks'

Some local officials are using the current election season to test new tools to correct false information.

In June, a fake video purported to show Utah Governor Spencer Cox admitting to fraudulently collecting ballot signatures, leading Utah County Commissioner Amelia Powers Gardner to release a public warning.

She also brought together academics and a local company to test out a "digital identity" program aimed at helping candidates address AI-created "deepfake" videos or audio recordings.

"For a long time the deepfake-generation platforms weren't convincing enough to dupe anyone. We're getting to the point now where they're starting to cross that threshold, particularly for audio deepfakes," said Brandon Amacher, director of the Emerging Tech Policy Lab at Utah Valley University, which is involved in the project. Several campaigns are currently in talks with project organizers to use the verification program, which will run through January.

"We're starting to really see the potential dangers of this," he said. "The buck stops with county clerks and commissioners on election security — that's their primary concern."

# SPORTS **EXTRA**

COMMENTARY COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Notre Dame quarterback Riley Leonard (13) is tackled in the air during the game against Northern Illinois at Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday in South Bend, Ind. MICHAEL CLUBB/USA TODAY NETWORK



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## Packers hope Love's opener won't prove more costly

GREEN BAY — Jordan Love's first real game playing under his new contract was a bad one.

But bad performances happen to just about every quarterback in the NFL, especially ones such as Love who are early in their starting careers.

The important question is whether the Green Bay Packers' 34-29 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in São Paulo, Brazil, was Love's last game of 2024, or whether his apparent knee injury, as reported by PackersNews reporter Tom Silverstein, sustained in the game's final seconds was more of the short- or medium-term variety.

Surely coach Matt LaFleur and general manager Brian Gutekunst saw their 2024 season pass before their eyes when Love writhed on the field with only 6 seconds left after being pulled down trying for a desperation last-second win. It didn't look much better when Love was helped off the field by two medical staffers so he didn't have to put weight on his leg.

LaFleur offered only two curt "I don't know" responses to questions about Love's status after the game.

Silverstein reported after the game that Love was walking around the Packers' locker room without a limp, so the team had to be encouraged by that. But you never know how he might feel after the long flight back to Green Bay, and what might show up on medical scans Saturday.

Maybe Love will be good to go as early as next week against Indianapolis. And if the injury is short term, maybe only for a week or three, then the Packers are probably best off just rolling with either Sean Clifford or newly acquired Malik Willis and hoping to eke out a win. Willis, traded for on the day of final cuts, was the No. 2 for this game, which suggests the Packers would go with him if that's the case. But that's asking a lot of a third-year player who just joined the team.

But if Love's injury turns out to be more for the medium or long term, like a month or two, it's hard not to think Gutekunst will be on the phone with Ryan Tannehill's agent Saturday. The 36-year-old Tannehill figures to be the best option out there if the Packers have to play a stretch of games without Love, and he'd only cost a contract, not a draft pick in a trade, because he's unsigned and waiting for just such an opportunity.

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# Irish eyes crying

## Notre Dame stunned at home by Northern Illinois

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Hold on tight and pray. Hold on tight and breathe. Hold on tight and don't let go.

The Irish let go. Nowhere was any of that expected for No. 7 Notre Dame football, but that's

what we got Saturday at home against Northern Illinois. Just when you think you know this Irish program, you don't know.

This one was supposed to be easy. Supposed to be a breeze. Supposed to be a day when a lot of Irish got in the game. No one saw Northern Illinois 16, Notre Dame 14 coming. That's what we got. That's what the Irish deserved.

Allowing Northern Illinois' Kanon Woodill to kick a 35-yard field goal with 31 seconds remaining in this one was a kick right to you-know-where for Notre

Dame. Truth be told, the Irish didn't do enough to deserve this one. Northern Illinois went and took it.

There's too much money wrapped up in this roster — with the players, with the head coach, with the coordinators, with the supports staff, with everything — to watch what we watched in Saturday's first half, then at times in the second. Turns out money indeed can't buy happiness. Or pave a seemingly clear path to the College Football Playoff. Just

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TENNIS US OPEN

# Sabalenka survives Pegula to win title

**Amy Tennerly**  
REUTERS

NEW YORK — Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka hoisted the trophy in New York at last after years of close calls, as she outmaneuvered American sixth seed Jessica Pegula 7-5, 7-5 in the U.S. Open women's final on Saturday.

Sabalenka won her first title at Flushing Meadows a year after coming up short in the final. Twice before, she reached the semifinals. On Saturday, she blocked out the wild cheers for the home-state favorite at Arthur Ashe Stadium to break Pegula in the final game.

"So many times I thought I was so close to get U.S. Open title. Finally, I get this beautiful trophy," said the second seed, who fought back from a breakdown in both sets to claim victory and fell to the court in her moment of

triumph.

Pegula, 30, had waited a long time to reach her first major final and came to New York in fine form after winning in Toronto. But she could not match her opponent's raw power despite the noisy backing of the New York crowd.

"To be standing here in my first Grand Slam final and then coming off such a hot summer, I mean I didn't expect it so I'm just really grateful for the last few weeks of tennis," said Pegula.

The roof on Arthur Ashe Stadium was closed due to heavy rain and the players traded breaks twice as they settled into the stormy affair in front of a celebrity-packed house.

Sabalenka held her serve through a four-deuce 11th game and fought through a spine-tingling 12th, mixing

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Aryna Sabalenka reacts after defeating Jessica Pegula in the women's final at the U.S. Open in New York on Saturday. TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## TOP 25 ROUNDUP

## Milroe, No. 4 Alabama top USF

Field Level Media

Jalen Milroe passed for two touchdowns and rushed for two to help No. 4 Alabama slide past South Florida 42-16 on Saturday night in nonconference play at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Jam Miller rushed for 140 yards and one score, Justice Haynes added a rushing touchdown and Kobe Prentice and Ryan Williams each caught touchdown passes for the Crimson Tide (2-0).

Milroe completed 17 of 27 passes for 199 yards for Alabama, which scored 28 points in the fourth quarter to break open a close affair.

South Florida trailed by just five past the midway point of the fourth quarter before the Crimson Tide pulled away with three touchdowns in a span of 4:13.

### No. 2 Ohio State 56, Western Michigan 0

Quinshon Judkins and TreVeyon Henderson rushed for two touchdowns apiece as Ohio State rolled in Columbus, Ohio. Will Howard threw for 292 yards and a touchdown and Jeremiah Smith had another big receiving game for the Buckeyes (2-0). Ohio State led 35-0 at the half with the help of a pair of 23-yard touchdown runs by Judkins while Howard contributed two scores – one passing, one running.

### No. 3 Texas 31, No. 9 Michigan 12

Quinn Ewers threw three touchdown passes and Texas (2-0) beat Michigan (1-1) to snap the Wolverines' nation-best, 16-game winning streak with a resounding victory in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Ewers completed 24 of 36 passes for 246 yards. Gunnar Helm caught seven passes for 98 yards and a touchdown for the Longhorns. Matthew Golden had six receptions for 41 yards and a score.

The defending national champions also saw their 29-game regular-season winning streak and 23-game home winning streak end. Michigan was held to 284 total yards in its first regular-season loss since October 2021.

### No. 5 Ole Miss 52, Middle Tennessee 3

Henry Parrish Jr. romped for four rushing touchdowns, Jaxson Dart set a school record for completions, and the Ole Miss Rebels roared past the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders in Oxford, Miss.

In his second stint at Ole Miss (2-0), Parrish toted the ball 14 times for 165 yards but left briefly after getting shaken up early in the second half following a 42-yard dash.

Dart completed his first 24 passes – 30 straight going back to last Saturday's 76-0 rout of Furman – and fell two short of tying the NCAA's FBS game-record of 26. The senior went 25 of 27 for 377 yards and a score. Tre Harris recorded nine receptions for 130 yards as the squad had 655 yards of offense.

### Northern Illinois 16, No. 7 Notre Dame 14

Kanon Woodill drilled a 35-yard field goal with 31 seconds remaining, and Northern Illinois blocked a field goal as time expired to stun Notre Dame with a victory in South Bend, Ind.

Antario Brown finished with 225 yards (99 rushing, 126 receiving) and a touchdown for Northern Illinois (2-0), which was a 28.5-point underdog. Huskies players poured off the sidelines and onto the field as time expired to celebrate the biggest upset in school history.

Riley Leonard completed 20 of 32 passes for 163 yards and two interceptions, including a costly pick in the fourth quarter, for Notre Dame. Jeremiah Love rushed for 79 yards and a touchdown for the Fighting Irish (1-1).

### No. 12 Tennessee 51, No. 23 N.C. State 10

Dylan Sampson ran for two touchdowns and 132 yards and Will Brooks returned an interception for a touchdown as Tennessee trounced North Carolina State at Charlotte, N.C.

Nico Iamaleava added 211 passing yards with two touchdown tosses despite two interceptions. He ran for a touchdown as part of his 65 rushing yards as the Volunteers (2-0) racked up 249 yards on the ground.

N.C. State (1-1) was held to 143 yards of total offense and 10 first downs. Grayson McCall threw for 104 yards and an interception in his first college game in



Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe (4) eyes a pass against South Florida during the third quarter at Bryant-Denny Stadium. WILLIAM MCLELLAND/IMAGN IMAGES

his hometown. He also lost two fumbles.

### No. 1 Georgia 48, Tennessee Tech 3

Carson Beck completed 18 of 25 passes for 242 yards and five touchdowns, helping lead Georgia to a rout of visiting Tennessee Tech in Athens, Ga.

Trevor Etienne, making his Bulldog debut, ran the ball five times for 78 yards, as Georgia (2-0) won its 41st straight regular season game, and extended its home winning streak to 26. Arian Smith, who led the Bulldogs with 73 receiving yards, was one of five Georgia receivers to catch a touchdown.

### No. 8 Penn State 34, Bowling Green 27

Drew Allar threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as host Penn State (2-0) rallied in the second half to beat Bowling Green (1-1).

Allar completed 13 of 20 passes for 204 yards with an interception. He gave the Nittany Lions a 27-24 lead with 6:13 left in the third quarter on a 14-yard scoring strike to Nicholas Singleton.

Singleton added the clinching touchdown with 4:09 left in the fourth quarter on a 41-yard touchdown run, the highlight of his 119-yard effort in 13 carries.

Connor Bazalak completed 25 of 39 passes for 254 yards with two scores and two interceptions for the Falcons.

### No. 10 Missouri 38, Buffalo 0

Brady Cook rushed for two touchdowns and Theo Wease Jr. had a career night as Missouri cruised to a victory over Buffalo in non-conference play at Columbia, Mo.

Luther Burden III, Nate Noel and Jamal Roberts added rushing scores while Wease established career highs of 13 receptions and 149 yards for the Tigers (2-0). Cook completed 28 of 36 passes for 228 yards and one interception and added 62 yards on five rushes.

C.J. Ogbonna was just 6-of-20 passing for 55 yards and one interception for Buffalo (1-1), while Jacqez Barksdale rushed for 67 yards on 15 rushes.

### No. 11 Utah 23, Baylor 12

Cam Rising threw two touchdown passes in the first quarter before exiting early in the host Utah Utes' victory over the Baylor Bears in Salt Lake City.

Rising's two early scores helped build enough of a cushion for the Utes (2-0) to build a 23-0 lead in the second quarter that they would ride to the win.

But the bad news for Utah was that Rising needed to leave the game after crashing into the sidelines on a run out of bounds. Rising, who completed 8 of 14 passes for 92 yards, threw the ball just before he went out of bounds trying to evade pass rusher Treven Ma'ae and went crashing into the Baylor sideline. The seventh-year quarterback was holding his right hand when he stood back up.

### No. 13 Oklahoma 16, Houston 12

Gracen Halton brought down Stacy Sneed in the end zone for a safety in the

final two minutes to help Oklahoma eke out a win over Houston in Norman, Okla.

The Cougars got the ball back with 1:46 remaining at their own 5 with a chance to drive for the win. But on first down, Halton cut right through the Houston offensive line and brought down Sneed for the safety.

The play was the last in a string of big defensive stops by the Sooners (2-0).

### No. 15 Miami 56, Florida A&M 9

Cam Ward threw for 304 yards and three touchdown passes and ran for another score to lead the host Miami Hurricanes to a comfortable victory over the Florida A&M Rattlers in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Ward completed 20-of-26 passes for the Hurricanes (2-0), who beat the Rattlers (2-1) for the 11th consecutive time since losing the first meeting between the two schools in 1979.

Miami followed up its convincing win over Florida last week by jumping out to a big lead early and scoring touchdowns on its first three drives and a field goal on its fourth series. Ward exited the game after scoring on an 8-yard touchdown run with 3:43 left in the third quarter that put the Hurricanes ahead 46-9.

### No. 16 Kansas State 34, Tulane 27

Avery Johnson threw two touchdown passes and Jack Fabris' 60-yard fumble return produced the winning touchdown as Kansas State (2-0) rallied past host Tulane (1-1).

Johnson completed 15 of 23 passes for 181 yards, with one of his scoring passes going to DJ Giddens, who added 114 rushing yards on 19 carries for the Wildcats. Fabris' return broke a tie midway through the fourth quarter. Tulane's Darian Mensah was 19-of-29 passing for 342 yards and two touchdowns, but his fumble led to the decisive score. Mekhi Hughes rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown and Mario Williams had 128 receiving yards for the Green Wave.

Tulane drove to the Kansas State 1 in the final minute, but an offensive pass interference penalty nullified Mensah's touchdown pass, and VJ Payne intercepted a Mensah pass with 12 seconds remaining.

### No. 17 Oklahoma State 39, Arkansas 31 (2OT)

Ollie Gordon scored on a 15-yard run in double overtime as host Oklahoma State (2-0) rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit to earn an overtime victory over Arkansas (1-1).

After both teams missed field goals on their opening overtime possessions, Gordon ran for a score and caught a 2-point conversion pass from Alan Bowman for an eight-point lead. The Cowboys sealed the victory when Arkansas' Rodney Hill was stopped on a fourth-down run from the 7-yard line. Bowman was 27-of-48 passing for 326 yards and a touchdown for Oklahoma State, while Brennan Pressley had nine catches for 91 yards, with a 3-yard TD run. The Cowboys won with 59 rushing yards.

Taylen Green was 26-of-45 passing for 416 yards and a touchdown for Arkansas, while Ja'Quinden Jackson had 24 carries for 149 yards and three first half TDs. The Razorbacks lost despite gaining 648 total yards to 385 for the Cowboys.

### No. 19 LSU 44, Nicholls 21

Garrett Nussmeier threw six touchdown passes, three of which went to Kyren Lacy, and LSU shook off Nicholls for a victory in Baton Rouge, La.

Nussmeier completed 27 of 37 passes for 302 yards and Lacy finished with five catches for 65 yards as the Tigers (1-1) rebounded from a season-opening loss to USC in Las Vegas six days earlier.

Collin Guggenheim rushed 25 times for 145 yards and two touchdowns to lead the FCS Colonels (0-2).

### Illinois 23, No. 20 Kansas 17

Kaden Feagin plunged for the go-ahead touchdown with 9:34 left and Illinois forced four turnovers to earn a victory over Kansas in front of a sellout crowd in Champaign, Ill.

Xavier Scott picked off two passes from Jalon Daniels – and returned one for a touchdown – while Luke Almyer threw for 192 yards and Zakhari Franklin caught nine passes for 99 yards for Illinois (2-0).

Daniels completed 18 of 32 passes for 141 yards and two touchdowns but also threw a career-high three interceptions. Devin Neal rushed for 101 yards for the Jayhawks (1-1), who limited the Illini to 149 yards during the first three quarters before surrendering 122 yards and 10 points in the fourth.

### Iowa State 20, No. 21 Iowa 19

Kyle Konrardy converted a 54-yard field goal with six seconds left, capping an Iowa State comeback from a 13-point halftime deficit as it defeated in-state rival Iowa in Iowa City.

The Cyclones (2-0) drove 42 yards in five plays after taking possession at their 22 with 34 seconds left. The big play was Rocco Becht's 30-yard completion to Jaylin Noel that got Iowa State to the Hawkeyes' 38. Two plays later, Konrardy hit the game-winner.

Becht was 23 of 35 for 272 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. Noel caught five passes for 133 yards as the Cyclones outgained Iowa (1-1) 361-303.

Kaleb Johnson starred in defeat for the Hawkeyes, rushing for 187 yards and both of Iowa's touchdowns on 25 carries. Quarterback Cade McNamara hit just 13 of 29 passes for 99 yards and tossed two interceptions.

### No. 22 Clemson 66, Appalachian State 20

Cade Klubnik accounted for seven touchdowns in just one half to lead Clemson to a convincing victory over visiting Appalachian State.

Klubnik completed 24 of 26 passes for 378 yards and a career-best five touchdowns and tacked on two rushing scores for the Tigers (1-1), who scored the game's first 42 points and led 56-13 at halftime. The 56 points are a school record for first-half points.

Phil Mafah rushed for 118 yards and one score on 10 carries for Clemson, which rebounded from a season-opening 34-3 loss to top-ranked Georgia.

### No. 24 Louisville 49, Jacksonville State 14

Five different players rushed for a touchdown and Tyler Shough threw for 349 yards and two touchdowns as Louisville cruised to a win over visiting Jacksonville State.

Maurice Turner, Don Chaney Jr., Keyjuan Brown, Duke Watson and Duane Martin all scored rushing touchdowns for the Cardinals (2-0).

Turner led the Cardinals with 12 carries for 60 yards. Louisville rushed 36 times for 233 yards.

### No. 25 Washington 30, Eastern Michigan 9

Will Rogers passed for 261 yards and four touchdowns to lead Washington to a home win over Eastern Michigan. Rogers went 21 of 26 passing and Jonah Coleman rushed for 104 yards on 11 carries for the Huskies (2-0).

The big difference was the second quarter, which saw Washington turn a 3-0 deficit into a 21-6 lead at halftime.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Texas, Ewers don't need karma



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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Quinn Ewers stepped up in the pocket and saw green grass ahead of him. He could scramble for a first down. Ewers, though, looked past the first-down sticks.

Why run, when the Texas quarterback could unleash that big right arm?

His tight end, Gunnar Helm, slipped into that sweet space behind the linebackers and between the defensive backs. All alone in the back of the end zone.

Zip.

Touchdown.

Ewers made it look easy. All day long.

Ewers and his Longhorns had Michigan on a string Saturday afternoon at Michigan Stadium. The defending national champions dried up like an old road apple that Texas kicked aside.

No. 3 Texas 31, No. 9 Michigan 12.

The 111,170 fans who spent big bucks on tickets probably expected a heavyweight clash.

Michigan cheated those fans out of a good game. Only one heavyweight showed his face.

A top-10 showdown became a beat-down.

Texas (2-0) pulverized the Wolverines (1-1). Flat whipped 'em, and left 'em buried under foundation of the Big House.

Some might call this overdue come-uppance for Michigan after it stole signs and flouted NCAA rules en route to an undefeated season and its first national championship since 1997, but karma could take Saturday afternoon off. Her services weren't required. The Longhorns handled this themselves.

Texas bullied Michigan at the lines of scrimmage. Ewers took care of the rest, with his 246 passing yards and three touchdowns. Michigan looked drained of the dominance it showed under Jim Harbaugh.

Yes, cheating prospered, but reducing the 2023 Wolverines' success to Connor Stalions' handiwork is overly



Texas quarterback Quinn Ewers (3) passes in the second half against Michigan at Michigan Stadium. RICK OSENTOSKI/IMAGN IMAGES

reductive. Harbaugh's Wolverines had everything they needed to pursue glory, including a dependable quarterback, a dominant offensive line and a disruptive defense.

These Wolverines feature none of that. The offense lacks downfield punch while first-year starting quarterback Davis Warren mans the controls. He didn't receive much help, either.

If Michigan doesn't develop some offense — and a quarterback — throughout the next two months, even Ryan Day will beat this team.

A pair of clocks tucked inside the left corner of the scoreboards here track

time of possession. For most of the game, the clock on Texas' side of the ledger seemed to operate at turbo speed while the Longhorns marched on long scoring drives, and the Wolverines' clock struggled to keep pace.

A two-play sequence late in the first story encapsulated Michigan's day. Wide receiver Semaj Morgan ran free through Texas' secondary for what should have been a big gain, but Warren's pass soared over his head. Warren found some touch on the next play and connected with Colston Loveland. Texas' nearest defender stood 5 yards away, while Loveland stumbled toward the

first-down line.

No matter. Loveland let the ball slip from his hand.

Texas recovered Loveland's fumble. The Longhorns forced three turnovers — they intercepted Warren twice — but it would be more appropriate to call this one gifted. OK, so maybe karma helped a bit.

Loveland is projected to be a first-round NFL draft pick, but Texas' Helm claimed the starring tight end role on this day, with his 98 receiving yards.

Helps having Ewers as your quarterback.

Ewers looked really good on first and second downs. He turned masterful on third downs.

The windy conditions were more conducive to kite-flying than pigskin tossing, but the breeze didn't affect Ewers.

This was the quarterback we saw lift Texas past Alabama last September on the road. He's the quarterback keeping Arch Manning on the sideline.

That Steve Sarkisian developed Ewers from five-star prospect to star performer seems obvious.

Sark arrived in Austin with a well-earned reputation as an ace recruiter and a deft guide of quarterbacks. He's all of that, but he instilled a much-needed mean streak in Texas, too.

For too long, while Texas stumbled through years of mediocrity, the Longhorns were soft. They failed to play up to their talent level. They became a punchline. That's old news. These Longhorns are no joke.

Texas' veteran offensive line punished Michigan to an extent rarely seen in the Harbaugh era.

Midway through the second half, with the rout fully on, a Texas fan wearing a fringed western shirt held up Hook 'em Horns and urged more Texas fans clad in burnt orange to join in the jubilation.

Michigan fans stood in stunned silence.

Horns up. Maize cut down.

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when you think Notre Dame is good and right and back where it belongs, Saturday happens.

Want some disappointment with that Sunday dinner?

Notre Dame elite? That was a nice storyline for a week. Maybe again in October. Or November. Step away from the national spotlight and get better, if better is possible.

Someone somewhere had to tell somebody somewhere else to start the halftime promo on the videoboard as soon as possible. Like, NOW! Doing so helped drown out many of the boos that followed the Irish off the field, up the tunnel and into the locker room.

They were warranted. What was that that we watched in that first half? From that team? After the opener at Texas A&M to play like that? Whatever the standard of that squad is, it wasn't close to being met early. Question is, would it be late? Whatever those first two quarters were, that wasn't the fifth-ranked team in the country. Not even the 35th-ranked team in the country. It was uninspired football. Dubious defense. Awful offense. That the first half ended with Northern Illinois blocking a 48-yard Mitch Jeter field-goal attempt was fitting.

And to think that Notre Dame looked like it would roll through its home opener after going 75 yards in 13 plays on the day's opening drive. It felt like it was going to be one of those days when Notre Dame was going to score a lot of points and get a lot of players some snaps.

By halftime, that notion and that drive — Notre Dame's only freaking points before half — seemed like a week ago. It got late early for the Irish. An enjoyable day, for sure, but not a nice product on the football field. Hey, at least the bookstore made some money, right?

Northern Illinois dominated the rest of the early going. It wasn't that the Huskies took a 13-7 lead at intermission, but it was the way the Huskies did it. With big plays on offense. With determined defense. With everything on the field that Notre Dame was expected to



Northern Illinois linebacker Christian Fuhrman (44) intercepts a Notre Dame pass at Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday. MICHAEL CLUBB/USA TODAY NETWORK

be. Northern Illinois ripped off offensive plays of 83, 28 and 43 yards. The Irish were lucky to trail 13-7. It should've been 21-7.

Notre Dame couldn't figure out how to sustain any success. Defensive end Boubacar Traore would drop Huskies back Antario Brown for a one-yard loss deep in NIU territory late in the first half, only to let Brown get it all back — and get another first down — with an 11-yard run on the next play.

What could Brown do for the Huskies? Anything. Everything. He was a

problem all day.

For the second straight game, we were left to wonder early about the Irish defense. Like, who were those guys? Northern Illinois opened the day with its first drive from its own 2. Safety, many predicted upstairs in the press box. Ninety-eight yards later, it was a tie game. The Huskies racked up 218 yards in the first half. Most of those seemed effortless.

Whispers of 2022 (Marshall) grew louder as this game got deeper. Nobody saw that one coming. We should've all

seen this one. Anticipated it. Expected it. Then watched the Irish sidestep it. This was supposed to be a more experienced, more veteran Irish team and coaching staff.

Notre Dame football is never not interesting, something we've learned only two weeks in. What will next week bring?

Won't be boring. Maybe we need boring.

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## MLB

## SATURDAY'S ROUNDUP

## Mets down Reds to win ninth straight

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Jose Quintana and three relievers combined on a six-hitter Saturday for the host New York Mets, who remained red-hot with a 4-0 win over the Cincinnati Reds in the middle game of a three-game series.

The Mets (78-64) got just two runners on in the first five innings against Jakob Junis before scoring four times in the sixth to earn their ninth straight win – their longest streak since winning nine in a row from Apr. 3-13, 2018.

Santiago Espinal had two hits and a stolen base while Tyler Stephenson doubled and walked for the Reds (68-75), who have lost 10 of 16.

**Blue Jays 9, Braves 5**

Spencer Horwitz hit two home runs, right-hander Jose Berrios won his sixth straight start and the visiting Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Atlanta Braves.

Horwitz, who added an RBI double, went 4-for-5 with three RBIs as the Blue Jays (68-75) ended a four-game losing streak.

Atlanta right-hander Spencer Schwellenbach (5-7) allowed six runs (three earned), 10 hits and no walks while striking out three in five innings.

First baseman Matt Olson played his 600th consecutive game and had two singles and a walk for Atlanta (77-65). It is the longest active streak in the majors. The Braves are 3-2 during a seven-game homestand and fell one game behind the New York Mets for the final wild-card spot in the National League.

**Royals 4, Twins 2**

On Tommy Pham's controversial in-field hit, the Kansas City Royals rallied past the visiting Minnesota Twins.

The Royals (78-65) remained in second place in the American League Central, moving a game and a half ahead of the Twins (76-66).

Trailing 2-0 and with just one hit through seven innings, Kansas City plated four against relievers Jhoan Duran (6-9) and Griffin Jax. After Kyle Isbel's RBI single to left, Pham tapped a soft grounder to the left side of the infield. Pinch-runner Dairon Blanco appeared to interfere with third baseman Royce Lewis, leaving shortstop Brooks Lee to barehand the ball. Lee threw wildly past first, allowing Blanco to score the tying run. Bobby Witt Jr. and MJ Melendez followed with run-scoring singles to cap the four-run inning.

**Yankees 2, Cubs 0**

Clarke Schmidt and Nestor Cortes combined on a four-hitter as the visiting New York Yankees recorded their second straight shutout victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Catcher Austin Wells drove in a run and caught two baserunners stealing for the Yankees (82-60), who clinched their 32nd consecutive winning season.

The Cubs (72-70) were shut out for the third time in four games and 15th time this season. Chicago was held to one hit in a 3-0 loss to the Yankees in the opener of the three-game series on Friday.

**Rays 7, Orioles 1**

Yandy Diaz and Taylor Walls each hit a solo home run and an RBI single as the Tampa Bay Rays beat the host Baltimore Orioles.

Diaz finished with three hits for Tampa Bay (70-72), which ended a two-game skid. Jonny DeLuca went 3-for-5 with two runs.

Cedric Mullins homered as Baltimore (82-61) lost for the first time in the six games in which Zach Eflin has taken the mound.

**Marlins 9, Phillies 5**

Rookie Connor Norby homered and drove in three runs as the host Miami Marlins snapped Philadelphia's six-game win streak with a victory over the Phillies. The Phillies, who lead the NL East with an 85-57 record, got a good performance from Bryson Stott, who went 3-for-4 with one RBI.

Miami (53-89) has one of the three-worst records in the major leagues.

**Red Sox 7, White Sox 5**

Tyler O'Neill ripped two home runs and combined with Romy Gonzalez for six of the 10 Boston Red Sox hits in a win over the visiting Chicago White Sox.



Mets starting pitcher Jose Quintana throws a runner out at first base in the fourth inning against the Reds at Citi Field.

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Bobby Witt Jr. of the Royals is doused by MJ Melendez after a 4-2 win over the Twins at Kauffman Stadium. ED ZURGA/GETTY IMAGES

O'Neill's first round-tripper highlighted a four-run first inning for the Red Sox (72-70), who have won the first two contests in the three-game series. He finished 3-for-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored.

Andrew Benintendi and Andrew Vaughn each homered as part of 3-for-4 efforts to lead the White Sox (32-111). The duo combined for all five of Chicago's RBIs.

**Dodgers 7, Guardians 2**

Andy Pages hit a two-run home run during a six-run first inning and the Los Angeles Dodgers turned the quick start into a victory over the visiting Cleveland Guardians.

Tommy Edman added a two-run double in the opening inning as the National League West-leading Dodgers (85-57) evened the three-game series against the American League Central-leading Guardians (81-61).

Mookie Betts also hit a home run for the Dodgers, who have won or tied each of their previous eight series.

Lane Thomas hit a two-run home run and Andres Gimenez had three hits for the Guardians.

**Astros 11, Diamondbacks 5**

Jeremy Pena capped a five-run sixth inning with a three-run home run, and the Houston Astros remained unbeaten with Yusei Kikuchi on the mound by toppling the visiting Arizona Diamondbacks. Pena chased Diamondbacks reliever Dylan Florio with a 390-foot blast the opposite way into the home bullpen in right-center field. Pena lifted the Astros (77-65) to a 10-4 lead with his 15th home run of the season and his first at home since May 17 while driving in Yainer Diaz and Alex Bregman.

Kikuchi (8-9) labored for six innings but improved to 4-0 following his acquisition from the Toronto Blue Jays at the trade deadline. He allowed a solo home run to Kevin Newman - his third - with

two outs in the fourth and another to Eugenio Suarez leading off the sixth. Suarez pulled the Diamondbacks (79-64) to within 5-4 with his 25th home run, but Kikuchi held the line there.

**Giants 6, Padres 3**

Rookie Grant McCray homered twice and knocked in five runs as the visiting San Francisco Giants posted a win over the San Diego Padres.

McCray erased an early 2-0 deficit with a three-run blast in the second inning off San Diego starter Dylan Cease (12-11), then added insurance in the ninth by cracking a two-run homer off reliever Yuki Matsui. McCray entered the contest hitting .246 with three homers in 18 big-league games this season.

Cease permitted six hits and four runs over six innings, walking two and fanning four. The loss dropped the Padres to 81-63, although they remained 1½ games ahead of Arizona for the National League's first wild-card spot.

**Brewers 5, Rockies 2**

Willy Adames and Gary Sanchez hit back-to-back homers in the first inning, William Contreras also went deep and finished with two hits, and the host Milwaukee Brewers beat the Colorado Rockies. Tobias Myers (7-5) struck out a career-high 11 in six innings to help Milwaukee (82-60) end a three-game losing streak. The Brewers have not lost four in a row this season. Ryan McMahon homered and singled and Sam Hilliard also hit a home run for Colorado. The Rockies (53-90) had won two straight against two teams in a playoff race - the Atlanta Braves and Brewers.

**Cardinals 2, Mariners 0**

Pedro Pages hit a decisive two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning as the host St. Louis Cardinals beat the Seattle Mariners in a pitchers' duel.

Pages sent a ball over the left-center-

field wall after Jordan Walker was hit by a pitch with one out in the eighth. It was Pages' sixth homer of the year.

Cardinals starter Kyle Gibson blanked the Mariners for 6½ innings, giving up three hits and walking three. Gibson fanned nine while recording his 1,500th career strikeout. Seattle starter Logan Gilbert (7-11) allowed two runs on two hits in eight innings. He struck out 10 and walked one.

**Tigers 2, Athletics 1**

Brant Hurter pitched effectively in the role of a bulk-innings reliever and the Detroit Tigers took advantage of a door-opening error to score twice in the seventh inning en route to a road victory over the Oakland Athletics. Desperate for a win, the Tigers were unable to crack Oakland minor league call-up Brady Basso for six innings, getting just three hits and falling behind 1-0.

But Colt Keith greeted reliever T.J. McFarland (2-2) with a single to open the seventh. When A's second baseman Zack Gelof dropped a throw at second base after Spencer Torkelson's grounder to third, suddenly the Tigers had the potential go-ahead run aboard. Both baserunners eventually came around to score in quiet fashion as pinch hitter Jake Rogers drew a walk, Dillon Dingler grounded into a fielder's choice to tie the game and Parker Meadows brought home the eventual difference maker with a sacrifice fly.

**Nationals 5, Pirates 3  
Nationals 8, Pirates 6**

Andres Chapparo finished 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs, helping the visiting Washington Nationals turn a 2-run deficit into an 8-6 win with a ninth-inning rally vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Keibert Ruiz also tallied three hits for Washington (64-78), which swept the day-night doubleheader.

DJ Herz logged five no-hit innings as the Nationals topped the host Pirates 5-3 in the opener.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa was 3-for-4, while Oneil Cruz and Jared Triolo each finished with a pair of hits in Game 2, as Pittsburgh (66-76) dropped their third of four games. Mitch Keller threw six innings of two-run ball, allowing seven hits while striking out eight without a walk.

**Rangers 6, Angels 4**

Josh Smith moved the Texas Rangers ahead with a two-run single in the seventh inning and they held on for a win against the Los Angeles Angels in the third game of the four-game series in Arlington, Texas.

Ezequiel Duran also had two RBIs and Josh Jung had two hits for the Rangers (69-74), who have won four of five.

Taylor Ward had a solo homer and Anthony Rendon and Mickey Moniak also drove in runs for the Angels (59-83), who had won four of six.

## MLB

## SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES

**L.A. Dodgers 7, Cleveland 2**  
Cleveland.....020 000 000 - 2 7 0  
LAD.....600 100 00x - 7 8 1

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kwan If	5	0	3	0	0	1	2	2.68
Gimenez 2b	5	0	3	0	0	1	2	2.55
Ramirez 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	2.71
Naylor 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.43
Fry dh	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2.60
a-Manzardo ph-dh	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.30
Schneemann cf-ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	2.34
Thomas rf-1b	4	0	1	0	2	0	1	1.98
Rocchio ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2.14
b-Brennan ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.53
Hedges c	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.56
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>		

**L.A. Dodgers** AB R H BI BB SO NP ERA  
Oltman dh 4 0 0 0 0 1 2 2.89  
Betts rf 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 3.06  
Freeman 1b 3 1 1 0 1 2 1 2.88  
Muncy 3b 2 1 0 0 0 1 0 2.28  
c-Hernandez ph-3b 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 2.75  
Edman cf 4 1 2 2 0 0 0 2.66  
Lux 2b 3 0 0 1 0 2 2.251  
Rojas ss 4 1 1 1 0 2 2.286  
Pages If 3 1 2 0 1 1 2.46  
Barnes c 3 0 1 0 0 1 0 2.62

**Totals** 30 7 8 7 3 8

a-doubled for Fry in 5th. b-lined out for Rocchio in 8th. c-grounded into a double play for Muncy in 7th.  
**E:** Barnes. **2B:** Manzardo (12), Schneemann (9), Edman (2). **HR:** Thomas (2), Betts (16), Pages (10). **RBI:** Thomas (2), Betts (63), Edman (7), Lux (46), Rojas (33), Pages (23). **SB:** Gimenez (27), Edman (4). **SF:** Lux. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 8 (Gimenez 2), Ramirez, Naylor, Fry, Manzardo, Thomas (2), L.A. Dodgers 1 (Rojas). **RISP:** L.A. Dodgers 2 for 3. **GDP:** Hernandez. **DP:** Cleveland 1.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Williams L, 3-8	0.2	2	5	5	3	0	37	5.25
Avila	1.3	3	1	0	1	0	2	3.51
Barlow	1.2	1	1	1	0	2	31	4.25
Sabrowski	2.1	1	0	0	0	3	31	0.00
Herrin	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	12	2.06
Norcan	1.0	0	0	0	1	7	2.03	

L.A. Dodgers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brazier	1.0	1	0	0	0	16	3.22	
Grove	1.0	1	2	1	0	0	17	5.05
Wroblecki	2.0	1	0	0	3	24	6.40	
Treinen	1.0	2	0	0	0	3	26	2.39
Vesia	1.0	0	0	0	2	19	1.73	
Kopech	1.0	1	0	0	0	11	0.55	
Honeywell W, 1-1	2.0	1	0	0	0	16	2.83	

**Inherited runners:** Avila 1-0. **HBP:** Kwan. **Umpires:** HP-Tosi, 1B-Bellino, 2B-Cuzzi, 3B-Randazzo. T: 2:34. A: 48,690 (56,000).

**San Francisco 6, San Diego 3**  
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San Diego...200 010 000 - 3 11 0

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yastrzemski rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	2.36	
Ramos If	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	2.74
Chapman 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.49
Conforto dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	2.31	
Canha 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	2.55	
Bailey c	2	3	1	0	2	1	2.32	
Fitzgerald ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	2.96	
Wisely 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	2.41	
McCray cf	5	4	0	0	0	0	2.62	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>		

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Arreaz dh	5	1	3	1	0	0	3.13	
Profar If	4	1	1	0	0	1	2.78	
Cronenworth 1b	2	1	1	0	1	0	2.49	
Machado 3b	4	0	2	0	1	1	2.76	
Bogaerts 2b	4	0	0	0	1	1	2.66	
Peralta rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	2.69	
Camposano c	3	0	0	0	0	2	2.27	
a-Tatis Jr. ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	2.78	
Wade cf	3	1	2	0	0	0	2.29	
c-Merrill If	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.89	
McCray ss	2	0	1	0	0	2	2.02	
b-Solano ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.90	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>			

a-doubled for Camposano in 9th. b-flied out for McCoy in 9th. c-grounded out for Wade in 9th.

**2B:** Tatis Jr. (16), Wade (3). **HR:** McCray 2 (5). **RBI:** McCray (5), Arreaz (42), Machado (90). S: McCoy. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 1 (Yastrzemski), San Diego 5 (Arreaz, Bogaerts, Peralta, McCoy). **RISP:** San Francisco 2 for 4, San Diego 3 for 10. **GDP:** Conforto, McCray, Cronenworth, Bogaerts, McCoy. **DP:** San Francisco 3, San Diego 2.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Webb W, 12-9	6.0	10	3	2	3	34	4.36	
Rogers H, 30	1.0	0	0	0	0	12	2.97	
Doval H, 2	1.0	0	0	0	2	13	4.62	
Walker S, 6	1.0	1	0	0	0	10	1.86	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>		

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cease L, 12-11	6.0	6	4	4	2	41	3.71	
Peralta	0.2	0	0	0	0	10	4.29	
Hoening	1.3	1	0	0	0	1	2.03	
Matsui	1.0	1	2	1	2	26	3.84	

**Inherited runners:** Hoening 1-1. **HBP:** Yastrzemski. **WP:** Matsui. **Umpires:** HP-Gonzalez, 1B-Hanahan, 2B-Tichenor, 3B-Blaser. T: 2:25. A: 43,318 (40,019).

**Toronto 9, Atlanta 5**  
Toronto.....010 320 003 - 9 17 1  
Atlanta.....000 010 004 - 5 10 2

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lukes	5	0	3	1	0	0	5.00	
Varsho cf	5	0	1	0	0	2	2.16	
Guerrero Jr. dh	5	2	1	0	1	0	3.26	
Horwitz 1b	5	4	3	0	0	0	2.69	
Wagner 2b	5	0	3	2	0	0	3.29	
Kirk c	5	0	1	0	1	2	2.43	
Barger 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	2.62	
Clement ss	4	2	2	1	0	0	2.62	
Loperfido If	4	2	1	1	0	1	2.28	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>			

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Harris If cf	5	0	1	0	1	13	3.42	
d'Arnaud c	4	0	1	0	1	1	2.45	
Ozuna dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	3.07	
Olson 1b	3	1	2	0	1	1	2.32	
Laureano rf	4	1	1	0	2	0	2.40	
Kelenic If	3	1	1	0	0	1	2.34	
Urshela 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	2.81	
Acia ss	4	1	1	0	1	2	2.23	
Williams 2b	5	0	1	0	2	1	3.89	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>			

**E:** Lukes, Williams 2. **2B:** Horwitz (16), Clement (20), Loperfido (10), d'Arnaud (16), Williams (3). **HR:** Horwitz 2 (11). **RBI:** Lukes (3), Guerrero Jr. (94), Horwitz 3 (32), Wagner 2 (11), Clement (47), Loperfido (23), Harris II 2 (35), Williams 2 (4). **SB:** Williams (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 3 (Lukes, Guerrero Jr., Kirk), Atlanta 4 (d'Arnaud, Ozuna, Laureano, Williams). **RISP:** Toronto 3 for 3, Atlanta 4 for 13. **GDP:** Guerrero Jr., Kirk, Barger, Ozuna. **DP:** Toronto 1, Atlanta 3.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Berrios W, 15-9	6.0	5	1	1	1	5.90	3.52	
Burr	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	1.44	
Cabrera	1.0	0	0	0	1	14	2.98	
Frias	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	2.09	
Little	0.2	0	0	0	0	4	3.49	

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Schwellenbach L,	5.0	10	6	3	0	3.72	3.78	
5-7								
Bummer	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1.40	
Brebbia	1.0	1	0	0	1	12	0.00	
Chavez	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	3.28	
Holmes	0.2	5	3	0	0	27	3.96	
Jackson	0.1	0	0	0	1	5	5.67	

**Inherited runners:** Little 2-1, Jackson 2-2. **WP:** Schwellenbach. **Umpires:** HP-Moore, 1B-Eddings, 2B-Jimenez, 3B-Miller. T: 2:45. A: 38,276 (41,184).

**Boston 7, Chicago White Sox 5**  
CWS.....200 000 300 - 5 10 0  
Boston.....402 010 00x - 7 10 1

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lopez ss	5	1	1	0	0	0	2.41	
Robert Jr. cf	5	0	0	0	1	1	2.16	
Benintendi If	4	2	3	1	0	1	2.23	
Vaughn 1b	4	1	3	0	0	0	2.40	
Sheets dh	4	0	1	0	1	2	2.42	
Sosa 2b	4	0	1	0	1	0	2.23	
Fletcher rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	2.13	
Vargas 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	1.66	
Robinson c	2	1	0	0	2	0	1.56	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>			

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Duran If	4	1	1	0	1	0	2.92	
Devers 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	2.68	
Refsnyder dh	3	0	0	1	0	0	2.74	
a-Abreu ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.64	
O'Neill rf	4	3	3	0	1	1	2.58	
Gonzalez 2b	4	1	1	0	1	1	2.85	
Wong 1b	4	0	1	1	0	1	2.81	
Casas 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.47	
Story ss	4	0	1	1	0	2	2.29	
Jansen c	0.2	0	0	0	2	1	2.09	
Rafaela cf	4	0	0	0	3	0	2.51	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>			

a-struck out for Refsnyder in 7th. **E:** Wong. **2B:** Devers (34), Gonzalez (10), Wong (17). **HR:** Benintendi (16), Vaughn (17), O'Neill (27). **RBI:** Benintendi 3 (52), Vaughn 2 (62), Refsnyder (35), O'Neill 3 (53), Gonzalez (23), Wong (47), Story (5). **SB:** Gonzalez (30). **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago 2 (Lopez, Sheets), Boston 1 (Jansen). **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 5, Boston 3 for 7. **GDP:** Vaughn, Vargas, Wong, Jansen. **DP:** Chicago 2, Boston 2.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Crochet L, 6-11	2.0	5	4	4	1	3	51	3.83



Brewers shortstop Willy Adames (27) gets the force at second base against Rockies outfielder Charlie Blackmon (19) but can't complete the double play in the first inning at American Family Field. MICHAEL MCLOONE/IMAGN IMAGES

Varland 1.0 3 2 2 0 0 11 2.53  
De Los Santos 2.0 2 1 1 1 0 23 8.56  
Adames ss 4 1 2 1 1 0 0 2.53  
Kuhl 1.0 0 0 0 0 3 16 4.91  
Anderson 1.0 0 0 0 1 3 20 4.24  
c-Mitchell ph-dh 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.52  
Hoskins 1b 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 2.08  
b-Bauers ph-1b 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1.93  
Perkins cf 4 0 1 0 0 0 0 2.57  
Friedel rf 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 2.64  
Ortiz 3b 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 2.43  
Turang 2b 3 1 1 0 0 0 0 2.56  
**Totals** 32 5 10 5 1 4

a-struck out for Cave in 7th. b-struck out for Hoskins in 8th. c-struck out for Sanchez in 8th.  
**2B:** Chourio (25), Ortiz (11). **HR:** Hilliard (6), McMahon (18), Contreras (21), Adames (30), Sanchez (10). **RBI:** Hilliard (18), McMahon (60), Contreras 2 (82), Adames (10), Sanchez (35), Ortiz (49). **CS:** Chourio (6). **S:** Adames 2 (18). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 1 (Romo), Milwaukee 3 (Sanchez, Perkins, Turang). **RISP:** Milwaukee 1 for 5. **GDP:** Ortiz. **DP:** Colorado 1.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Blach, 3-8	3.2	6	5	5	0	1	57	6.64
Polanco 2b	1.1	1	1	0	0	1	21	5.01
Hill	1.0	0	0	0	0	15	0.00	
Criswell	1.1	3	0	0	1	23	3.60	
Jansen S, 2.6	1.0	0	0	0	1	7	3.27	

**Inherited runners:** Bernardino 1-1. **Umpires:** HP-Muchlinski, 1B-Fletcher, 2B-Visconti, 3B-Bacon. T: 2:34. A: 31,691 (37,575).

## NFL WEEK 1 PREVIEW

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 **Steelers at Falcons**

TV: 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, Fox  
Spread (BetMGM): Falcons by 3

QB Russell Wilson needs to rely on Pittsburgh's running game to keep the Falcons defense honest while he looks for WR George Pickens and TE Pat Freiermuth. Will new Atlanta QB Kirk Cousins be able to exploit the middle of the field with TE Kyle Pitts?

 **Patriots at Bengals**

TV: 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, CBS  
Spread (BetMGM): Bengals by 7 ½

New England coach Jerod Mayo replaces Bill Belichick. Patriots QB Jacoby Brissett will need to get rid of the ball quickly and avoid early mistakes. The Bengals feature QB Joe Burrow and WR Ja'Marr Chase, who returned to practice midweek amid a contract dispute.

 **Cardinals at Bills**

TV: 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, CBS  
Spread (BetMGM): Bills by 6 ½

Arizona's run game ranked fourth in yards and second in yards per attempt last season. The Cardinals will want to win time of possession to keep Buffalo QB Josh Allen and company off the field. Rookie WR Marvin Harrison Jr. brings a new dimension for Arizona.

 **Titans at Bears**

TV: 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, Fox  
Spread (BetMGM): Bears by 4

Titans QB Will Levis will be expected to do more with WRs DeAndre Hopkins, Calvin Ridley and Tyler Boyd. Chicago wants rookie QB Caleb Williams to lean on WRs DJ Moore, Keenan Allen and Rome Odunze.

 **Panthers at Saints**

TV: 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, Fox  
Spread (BetMGM): Saints by 4

New Gs Robert Hunt and Damien Lewis must help establish a Carolina running game and provide better protection for QB Bryce Young. The Saints averaged 3.6 yards per rush in '23 and want to establish a more physical identity after often settling for short FGs.

 **Texans at Colts**

TV: 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, CBS  
Spread (BetMGM): Texans by 2 ½

If Houston QB C.J. Stroud can operate quickly and avoid negative plays against the pass rush, he should have a bunch of big throws available to newcomers Stefon Diggs and Tank Dell. The Colts will rely on QB Anthony Richardson and RB Jonathan Taylor.

 **Jaguars at Dolphins**

TV: 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, CBS  
Spread (BetMGM): Dolphins by 3 ½

Jacksonville will have to contain the Dolphins' talented wide receiver pairing of Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle. Coach Doug Pederson, QB Trevor Lawrence and the Jaguars are looking to rebound after last year's collapse. Lawrence has to take care of the football.

 **Vikings at Giants**

TV: 1 p.m. EDT Sunday, Fox  
Spread (BetMGM): Vikings by 1 ½

Minnesota QB Sam Darnold must minimize mistakes and get the ball to WRs Justin Jefferson and Jordan Addison. The RB Saquon Barkley-less Giants need to find a new identity. Is QB Daniel Jones ready to lead New York's offense in a prove-it season?

 **Broncos at Seahawks**

TV: 4:05 p.m. EDT Sunday, CBS  
Spread (BetMGM): Seahawks by 6

Early-down success will be big for Denver; its defense was pushed around up front in 2023. The Seahawks will mix up coverages defensively on rookie QB Bo Nix and will look for more big plays by WR DK Metcalf.

 **Raiders at Chargers**

TV: 4:05 p.m. EDT Sunday, CBS  
Spread (BetMGM): Chargers by 3

RB Zamir White made a splash at the end of last season and could give Las Vegas, with new starting QB Gardner Minshew, a big boost. Who will step up as the top receiver for the Jim Harbaugh-led Chargers: Quintin Johnson, Joshua Palmer, rookie Ladd McConkey?

 **Commanders at Buccaneers**

TV: 4:25 p.m. EDT Sunday, Fox  
Spread (BetMGM): Buccaneers by 3

Rookie QB Jaylen Daniels needs to protect the ball and provide the spark Washington needs. Tampa Bay's core offense is QB Baker Mayfield, WRs Mike Evans and Chris Godwin and RB Rachaad White.

 **Cowboys at Browns**

TV: 4:25 p.m. EDT Sunday, Fox  
Spread (BetMGM): Browns by 2 ½

Even though WR CeeDee Lamb missed all of camp while holding out, he should be just fine as Dallas likely will move him around the formation and find the best matchup. Cleveland boosted a receiving corps that already included Amari Cooper with Jerry Jeudy.

 **Rams at Lions**

TV: 8:20 p.m. EDT Sunday, NBC  
Spread (BetMGM): Lions by 3 ½

Rams QB Matthew Stafford, who starred for the Lions from 2009 to 2020, makes a return trip to the Motor City in a rematch of a 2023 NFC wild-card game. Detroit QB Jared Goff got revenge against his former team (2016-20) when he ended Los Angeles' season.

 **Jets at 49ers**

TV: 8:15 p.m. EDT Monday, ESPN and ABC  
Spread (BetMGM): 49ers by 4

QB Aaron Rodgers restarts his Jets career after suffering a torn Achilles tendon four snaps into the 2023 season. The 49ers feature RB Christian McCaffrey and WR Brandon Aiyuk, but both missed time in camp.

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## NFL NOTEBOOK

## Chase added to Bengals' injury report with illness

**Kelsey Conway**  
Cincinnati Enquirer  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase was added to the injury report on Saturday with an illness.

Chase's status for the season opener against the Patriots was already in question due to contract reasons. Now, the illness brings even more questions around his availability for Sunday's game.

The team promoted wide receiver Kendrick Pryor from the practice squad as the wide receiver room is dealing with a lot of adversity. Tee Higgins tweaked his hamstring in Thursday's

practice and won't play on Sunday. Higgins has a history of hamstring injuries in his career and the recovery timeline will be based off how severe the injury is.

With Chase's status up in the air and no Higgins, look for quarterback Joe Burrow to target Trenton Irwin, Andrei Iosivas, Charlie Jones and Mike Gesicki in the pass game.

Chase is seeking a new deal from the Bengals and said he believes both sides are "close" to reaching an agreement.

**Commanders put Mariota on injured reserve**

The Washington Commanders

placed quarterback Marcus Mariota on injured reserve Saturday with a chest injury, ensuring he will miss at least the first four games of the season.

The Commanders already had announced that Mariota was set to miss the Commanders' game against the host Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday after he failed to participate in his second consecutive practice Friday.

Jeff Driskel will step in as the backup to rookie Jayden Daniels against the Buccaneers.

Also on Saturday, the Commanders signed former Notre Dame and Wake Forest quarterback Sam Hartman off their practice squad.

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**Jets coach: 'Fair' to say Reddick won't play in opener**

The New York Jets held out as long as they could before pronouncing holdout edge rusher Haason Reddick out for the season opener. Head coach Robert Saleh told reporters that it is "fair" to say Reddick won't play Monday against the 49ers in San Francisco as the star defender's contract dispute continues. Reddick is due to make \$14.25 million in the final season of his three-year, \$45 million contract and is looking for a long-term deal. General manager Joe Douglas said last month that he hasn't spoken to Reddick since April 1.

-Field Level Media

## Dougherty

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Tannehill owns an 81-70 record as an NFL starter, including 9-11 the past two seasons combined with Tennessee. He decided not to sign with anyone as a backup in the offseason after his contract with the Titans ran out, preferring not to lock in as a No. 2 when he could wait for somebody's starter to go down and be guaranteed to play. Having made \$190 million or so in his career allows him to be choosy.

If Love's injury turns out to be a lot worse than it looked in the locker room and is season ending, on the other hand, the Packers' Super Bowl hopes are pretty much shot. Granted, many of us thought the same thing back in 2017 when the Eagles' Carson Wentz blew out his knee late in the year. Yet, the Eagles went on to win the Super Bowl with Nick Foles at quarterback. Still, it's hard to figure out how Foles, who was unable to hold a starting job thereafter, pulled that one off.

But that's the rarest of the rare. The Packers have a lot of talent on offense, but to think Tannehill or anybody else Gutekunst might get his hands on could repeat that is fantasy. The best the Packers could hope for is that if Love is out for a while, Tannehill or someone else,

maybe even Willis, could keep them in the playoff hunt until Love returned.

**Injury or not, Love's debut was less than impressive**

But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves. Maybe Love's injury isn't nearly as bad as it looked when he was on the field, and it's more in line with how he looked walking in the locker room. Maybe he'll be back next week, or miss only a game or two. We just don't know.

What we do know is that Love's strong finish to the 2023 season was not a springboard to the opener in '24. The player who took off in the final 10 games of last season (playoffs included) with a 112.1 rating and 22 touchdown passes to only three interceptions did not carry over that hot hand Friday night, when he went only 17-for-34 passing for 260 yards and an 83.0 rating against the Eagles.

Yes, Love had his moments (two touchdown passes and another called back because of a penalty). But he just plain missed several throws, including one that cost the Packers 4 points when he overled an open Christian Watson in the back of the end zone on a third-and-goal from the 5 in the first quarter. That drive ended with a field goal rather than 7 points that were there for the taking on exactly the kind of throw he made look routine in the second half of 2023.

Love also threw a bad interception when he lofted a touch throw down the middle of the field to tight end Luke Musgrave that safety Reed Blankenship jumped all over. And Love was lucky linebacker Nakobe Dean dropped an easy pick-six on an off-balance check-down to Josh Jacobs late in the second quarter.

"It was definitely a sloppy game from us," LaFleur said. The coach was referring to his team overall, but that very much included his quarterback, who looked rusty.

**Love was hampered by sloppy play**

No doubt the Packers had issues all over on this night. The Eagles are strong on both lines and won the battle up front in this game. Love surely wasn't helped by his offensive teammates' back-breaking eight penalties accepted, including three on left tackle Rasheed Walker (two holding, one false start). Another, 12 men on the field, was an off-setting penalty that took a 38-yard touchdown by Jayden Reed off the board on the game's first series, which then ended in a punt.

"It felt like every time offensively we had a drive-stopping penalty," LaFleur said. "We overcame some of those, but there were a lot of penalties, a lot of sloppy play."

Still, good quarterbacks have to make

up for some of these things, and in the end, the Eagles' Jalen Hurts (278 yards passing) did more to make up for his two interceptions than Love did for his miscues.

Hurts is a danger running the ball, and while his rushing stats don't look like much (33 yards on 13 carries), he came through when it counted. He ran three times for 22 yards on the Eagles' final possession, helping them burn the clock from 7 minutes, 52 seconds to 27 seconds while setting up a chip-shot field goal that put his team up 5 points.

Love, in the meantime, had failed to find a way to get the Packers in the end zone on their final trip to the red zone, which left them kicking a field goal with 7:52 to play, and down by 3 points rather than up 1.

But Love's health dwarfs his and the Packers' performance in their opener Friday night. Strange things happen in the season's first month, and some teams need time to figure out what they do and don't do well, and to create their identity. Sometimes key players just have off days.

Whether the Packers had won or lost Friday night, it's equally true that early-season games are almost always lost in the arc of the long NFL season and mean nothing come December and January. The Packers just have to hope this opener wasn't meaningful for all the wrong reasons.

## TENNIS

US OPEN MEN'S FINAL

## Sinner ready to crash Fritz's party

Amy Tennerly  
REUTERS

NEW YORK — Jannik Sinner will hope to block out a rocking home crowd on Sunday when he faces Taylor Fritz in the U.S. Open final at Flushing Meadows, where the 12th seed will be bidding to become the first American man in 21 years to win a Grand Slam singles title.

U.S. fans had become accustomed to celebrating the triumphs of American men for decades, with the likes of Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Jim Courier, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi collecting 41 slams between them from the 1970s to the early 2000s.

But since Andy Roddick won his sole major on Arthur Ashe Stadium in 2003, American men have failed to win any of the four majors. With the barren run lasting for 82 consecutive slams, New York fans will be turning up the volume to deafening levels on Sunday as they get behind Fritz and hope he can finally snap that losing streak.

"I'm gonna accept that. I have my team and my people who are close to me," said Italian top seed Sinner. "In my mind, I know that there are many people watching from home from Italy, and it's just take some support from them."

Sinner has enjoyed an extraordinary year with a major breakthrough at the Australian Open and was in top form as he won the Cincinnati tune-up tournament last month.

But he did not get the hero's welcome a U.S. Open top seed usually enjoys when they arrive in New York, with a doping saga overshadowing his on-court exploits.

Days before the tournament began, the International Tennis Integrity Agency said that he tested positive twice for an anabolic agent in March but avoided a ban when an independent tribunal accepted his claim that the positive tests were the result of an unintentional contamination.

Some players and members of the media cried foul but Sinner tuned out the complaints as he marched through the men's draw, downing former champion Daniil Medvedev in the quarterfi-



Jannik Sinner celebrates his win over Jack Draper in the U.S. Open semifinals. MIKE FREY/IMAGN IMAGES

nals before beating Briton Jack Draper in a chaotic semifinal.

"We went just day by day, really, with not so many expectations. Trying to find my game, trying to find our rhythm," said Sinner. "Just trying to find confidence throughout the days."

The biggest question mark over his chances now is whether he damaged his wrist following a fall during the semifinal, as he braced himself with his left hand when he fell to the court.

"The physio (loosened) it up very fast

on court, so after I felt OK in the beginning. Then, after, it went away by playing, which is good," Sinner told reporters.

He will be ready to deploy all the weapons in his arsenal against the 12th seed Fritz, who wants to defy the odds again after a convincing run through Flushing Meadows.

Fritz beat former finalists Casper Ruud and Alexander Zverev en route to the all-American semifinal, where he outlasted Frances Tiafoe.

He possesses one of the most lethal serves in the sport and sent over 75 aces across the tournament.

He is also brimming with confidence that he can end the U.S. men's major drought on Sunday, with his career head-to-head against Sinner deadlocked at 1-1.

"I've always enjoyed playing him," said Fritz. "I have a feeling I'm going to come out and play really well and win. When I play good tennis, I think that level is good enough to win."

## Open

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precision at the net with her usual power from the baseline before breaking her opponent on the fifth set point.

Pegula struggled with her rackets throughout the match, complaining to her coaches as she seemed unable to find the right tension on her strings, and it looked as though she would not put up a fight in the second set when Sabalenka went up 3-0.

The American found another level and brought fans to their feet when she won the next five games in a furious fight back, a month after Sabalenka denied her the title in Cincinnati.

Sabalenka leveled when she sent over a forehand winner that just kissed the line on break point in the 10th game and sought to bring a swift end to the contest, holding serve and then applying pressure from the baseline in the final game.

Sabalenka's backhand return of Pegula's 30-40 serve ignited a desperate six shot rally, ending with a break as the American's forehand sailed out.

Tears flowed immediately for Sabalenka as she claimed her third Grand Slam title after winning the Australian Open twice.

She high-fived fans as she ran up the stands to share a joyful celebration with her team.

"I remember all those tough loses in the past here and you know, it's going to sound cheesy but never give up on your dream and just keep trying," she said.

The Belarusian dropped only one set in New York on her way to the final as key contenders including defending champion Coco Gauff and top seed Iga Swiatek crashed out.

The performance was particularly sweet after injury sidelined her midway through the season, and she missed both Wimbledon and the Paris Games.

"I'm super proud of myself, super proud of my team that no matter what, no matter what situation we were facing this season and in the past we were able to go through it," she said.

Sabalenka has had an up-and-down relationship with the Flushing Mead-



Jessica Pegula reacts during the U.S. Open final against Aryna Sabalenka. MIKE SEGAR/REUTERS

ows crowd after she found herself across the court from another home hope, Gauff, a year ago in the championship.

She jokingly offered the boisterous ticket-holders a free round of drinks if they would support her after she sent another American, Emma Navarro, packing in the semifinal this time around.

There was no sign of her picking up the bar tab on Saturday — even as she collected a cool \$3.6 million with the win — but the New York crowd gave her proper credit as she lifted the trophy she had craved for so long.

"Of course I expected you to cheer for Jessica. That wouldn't be normal if you would cheer for me," she told the fans in her post-match remarks.

"Thank you so much for all the support throughout these two incredible weeks. You guys are really amazing and you make this place very special."

• Australian duo Max Purcell and Jordan Thompson made amends for their Wimbledon final heartbreak by lifting the men's doubles title with a 6-4, 7-6(4) victory over German pair Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz

NBA

# Nuggets, Murray agree to extension

Field Level Media

Denver Nuggets point guard Jamal Murray agreed to a four-year, \$208 million maximum contract extension, his representation told ESPN on Saturday.

The extension will begin in the 2025-26 season and keep Murray with the Nuggets through the 2028-29 campaign.

Murray, 27, matched a career-high average of 21.2 points while setting personal bests in assists (6.5) and 3-point percentage (42.5) in 59 games (all starts) last season.

The franchise's all-time leader in 3-pointers, Murray has averaged 17.5 points, 4.5 assists and 3.0 rebounds in 469 career games (395 starts) with the Nuggets. He was selected by Denver with the seventh overall pick of the 2016 NBA draft.



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NASCAR XFINITY SERIES



**Austin Hill celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Focused Health 250 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.** SEAN GARDNER/GETTY IMAGES

## Hill completes Atlanta sweep

USA TODAY NETWORK

Austin Hill won Saturday's Focused Health 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series race Saturday at Atlanta Motor Speedway to complete the season sweep at the Georgia speedway.

Hill beat Parker Kilgerman to the line by 0.340 seconds to win the race. This

is Hill's third win of 2024 after winning the first two races of the season. AJ Allmendinger was third.

Saturday's race had six cautions and 12 lead changes.

The race was red-flagged for 15:02 on lap 146 after Justin Allgaier, Cole Custer and Taylor Gray triggered a six-car crash toward the front of the field.

NASCAR CUP SERIES

# Atlanta Motor Speedway ready for playoff opener

Field Level Media

After two spectacular finishes to end the NASCAR Cup Series' regular season, the real fun is set to start at Atlanta Motor Speedway with Sunday's Quaker State 400 in Hampton, Ga.

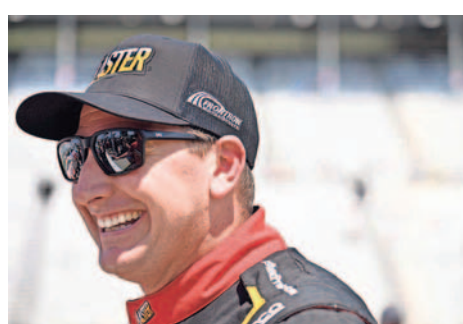
But first, a larger look at the first three races that will eliminate four drivers and advance a dozen into the Round of 12 that begins Sept. 29 at Kansas Speedway.

NASCAR will kick it off in Atlanta, which was the site of the closest three-wide finish in the sport's history on Feb. 25, arguably the most exciting side-by-side race to the checkers that fans have seen.

Daniel Suarez claimed victory that day, edging reigning Cup champion Ryan Blaney by 0.003 seconds and non-playoff driver Kyle Busch (0.007 seconds) in 2024's first real thriller.

Suarez, the driver of the No. 99 Trackhouse Racing Chevrolet, set a high bar that day, joining William Byron as the only winners just two races into the campaign.

That dazzling triumph vaulted Suarez, of Mexico, into the postseason championship hunt, but it didn't fore-



**Michael McDowell is on the pole for the NASCAR Cup Series Quaker State 400 Available at Walmart at Atlanta Motor Speedway.**

LOGAN RIELY/GETTY IMAGES

shadow any future success. He posted just one more top-five finish — at Texas in April — and was remembered more down the stretch for an awful fire that forced his Camaro out of the race at Daytona two weeks ago.

The second race on the three-stop circuit is at Watkins Glen, where the track will make its first appearance in the playoffs.

Having a road course right away is intriguing, though there are some concerns about the tire that NASCAR will

take there — the same issues that arose in Bristol's spring race that Denny Hamlin captured.

The famed Bristol night race also just happens to be the cutoff race after the snaking Watkins Glen layout in upstate New York, so watch for that tire degradation again.

Joe Gibbs Racing driver Christopher Bell, a three-time winner thus far in 2024, said the three races are a crapshoot.

"With the expected tire degradation with the tire change that we've had, it could be a Bristol-style race where people are wearing tires out really early and struggling to make laps and having to pit all of the time. So, that could be another wild-card race," said Bell, who was victorious at Phoenix, Charlotte's 600-miler and New Hampshire in the first 26 events.

"And, then Bristol, I think everybody is expecting it to be more of the same as what we had in the spring," added the No. 20 Toyota driver, who has nine top-five finishes. "So, the first round could be very different than what we've seen in the past."

Added Team 23XI driver Tyler Reddick, the regular-season champ in his

No. 45: "It is probably the most chaotic — that first round. ... The nice thing is there are 16 of us in this first round, so even if you have a bad day, you have a good buffer."

Ford leads the way with a series-best six entries among the 16 title-seeking competitors.

"We'll go to Atlanta and try to steal another one," said No. 14 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford driver Chase Briscoe, who broke a 93-race winless streak and joined Harrison Burton as surprise winners of the past two stunning races.

It would also be shocking if the super-fast, narrow Atlanta loop was anything other than exciting on Sunday.

For the fifth time this season, Front Row Motorsports' Michael McDowell turned the fastest qualifying lap and earned the pole for Sunday's race with a speed of 179.267 mph (30.926).

McDowell tied Kyle Larson for the most poles this season.

Blaney was the only other driver to blaze the speedway in less than 30 seconds (30.999) and will grid beside McDowell's No. 34 Ford.

The blue ovals of Todd Gilliland, Josh Berry and Austin Cindric completed the top-five qualifiers.

GOLF PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

# Cink, Yang share lead at Ascension event

Field Level Media

Stewart Cink tallied a 4-under-par 67 Saturday to forge a tie with Y.E. Yang atop the leaderboard at the Ascension Charity Classic in St. Louis with one round to play.

"Well, it would be amazing to win the Ascension. That is the No. 1 thing," Cink said. "There is plenty of great company out here to join every time you take a step forward, but my focus tomorrow will be on tomorrow and this tournament."

Yang, from South Korea, had grabbed a one-shot lead after the first round Friday, but Cink outperformed him Saturday, grabbing an eagle on the par-4 11 and adding four more birdies to force a tie at 8 under for the tournament.

Cink was 4 under over the final nine, including two straight 2's recorded over his first two holes, overcoming bogeys on Nos. 5 and 7 to shake off a so-so start and put him in position to earn his second Champions victory of the season and of his career.

"It was a little scrappy, especially early on," Cink said. "Just didn't quite have a really good flow going, and I was missing shots left and right. Just kind of ugly. And then I went to the turn and I just felt like if I could shoot 4-under on the back nine that I would get myself sort of back in position, having really no idea what the leaders were doing. But I started off 2, 2 on the back nine, which I don't think I've ever done in my career, back-to-back 2's, so that was cool."

Yang, who had recorded eight birdies on Friday, saw just three on Saturday (Nos. 2, 8 and 14). He also avoided the big mistake, suffering a single bogey on No. 3 to finish 2-under 69.

The 52-year-old is still seeking his first PGA Tour Champions victory.

Three golfers are within striking distance headed into Sunday, tied at



**Stewart Cink waves to the crowd after putting on the 18th green during the second round of the Ascension Charity Classic at Norwood Hills Country Club on Saturday in St. Louis.** JEFF CURRY/GETTY IMAGES

6-under 136 for the tournament: Germany's Bernhard Langer (4-under 67), Australia's Rod Pampling (3-under 68) and Kevin Sutherland (1-under 70).

Sutherland had the worst round of the three, yet three birdies leave him two strokes behind the leaders.

"It wasn't pretty," Sutherland said. "Yesterday I didn't really hit it that well. I made every putt I looked at and made

some really nice up and downs. Today I kind of hit it very similarly. At moments hit some good shots, but I'm still trying to figure that out."

Langer was comparatively flawless with no bogeys (compared to Sutherland's two), and he enjoyed a hot stretch with birdies on Nos. 8, 9 and 10 before adding another on 16.

Pampling, by contrast, had a wild

round. Birdies on Nos. 1 and 3 were followed by bogeys on 4 and 7. He followed that with back-to-back birdies on Nos. 8 and 9. He finished his day with birdies on 11 and 17 and a bogey on No. 14.

Three Americans are tied for sixth one stroke behind that trio, along with Argentina's Angel Cabrera (71): Jerry Kelly (68), Marco Dawson (68) and Justin Leonard (70).

## SOCCER

## MLS ROUNDUP

## Rusnak's hat trick powers Sounders past Crew

Field Level Media

Albert Rusnak scored three goals as the Seattle Sounders defeated the host Columbus Crew 4-0 on Saturday night.

Jordan Morris added a goal and an assist and goalkeeper Andrew Thomas, playing for the injured Stefan Frei (concussion), made one save in posting the shutout for the Sounders (12-9-7, 43 points).

The Crew (14-5-7, 49 points), who were unbeaten in seven straight matches in all competitions – including a 3-1 victory against Los Angeles FC in the Leagues Cup final – could have clinched an Eastern Conference playoff berth with a victory.

Columbus third-string goalkeeper Abraham Romero, making his MLS debut, was shown a red card in first-half stoppage time, not only leaving the Crew short-handed the rest of the game, but without another goalie as Patrick Schulte (U.S.) and Nicholas Hagen (Guatemala) were both away on international duty.

That meant defender Sean Zawadzki had to don the red goalkeeper's jersey.

**Red Bulls 1, Sporting Kansas City 1**

Julian Hall scored a late equalizer, and the host New York Red Bulls salvaged a draw against Sporting Kansas City.

Hall, a second-half substitute, fired a shot in the 89th minute past a flat-footed Tim Melia as the Red Bulls (10-5-13, 43 points) claimed their 10th non-losing result in 11 MLS matches (2-1-8).

Kansas City (7-14-7, 28 points) saw its bid for a second straight MLS win come up just short.

It also ended the night with 10 men as Jake Davis was shown his second yellow card of the night in second-half stoppage time.

The Red Bulls squandered a golden opportunity in the 33rd minute as Elias Manoel misfired at a wide-open net. SKC, meanwhile, struggled to produce



Seattle Sounders midfielder Albert Rusnak (11) goes for the ball with Columbus Crew midfielder Darlington Nagbe (6) during the first half at Lower.com Field. JOSEPH MAIORANA/IMAGN IMAGES

anything in the attack until Alan Pulido's goal in the 55th minute, a volley past Ryan Meara off Davis' assist. It was Pulido's fifth goal of the year.

**St. Louis City 2, Revolution 2**

Simon Becher's equalizer in the 73rd minute gave visiting St. Louis City SC a draw with the New England Revolution Foxborough, Mass.

Henry Kessler put St. Louis (5-10-13, 28 points) ahead in the 23rd minute, but Luca Langoni and Carles Gil scored

first-half goals that put New England ahead until Becher's tally.

The Revolution (8-15-3, 27 points) had only 10 men on the field for Becher's goal. Langoni was late leaving the field on a substitution, so Nacho Gil had to wait a minute before joining the action.

**DC United 2, Fire 1**

D.C. United scored twice in three minutes in the first half, including Christian Benteke's MLS-leading 18th goal of the season, to notch a win over

the host Chicago Fire.

The victory moved United (8-12-8, 32 points), who has won four of its past five matches, into the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Fire (6-14-8, 26 points) are winless in their past four games and have just one win in their past seven (1-4-2).

**LAFC 0, Dynamo 0**

Hugo Lloris made four saves and short-handed LAFC preserved a draw with the host Houston Dynamo.

## MEN CANADA 2, UNITED STATES 1



Luca de la Torre (14) scores a goal against Canada goalkeeper Maxime Crepeau (16) and defender Alphonso Davies (19). JAY BIGGERSTAFF/IMAGN IMAGES

## Canada beats USMNT on US soil for first time in 67 years

Field Level Media

Still awaiting a permanent coach, the U.S. men's national soccer team lost 2-1 to Canada in a friendly in Kansas City, Kan., on Saturday.

Canada won in the United States for the first time since 1957.

Jacob Shaffelburg (17th minute) and Jonathan David (58th minute) staked Canada to the lead before Luca de la Torre scored his first U.S. goal in the 66th. The match was the first for the Americans since their implosion at the 2024 Copa America in which they failed to get out of the group stage on their home soil, costing head coach Gregg Berhalter his job on July 10.

Reports surfaced Aug. 15 that former Chelsea manager Mauricio Pochettino had agreed to become the U.S. coach. However, negotiations on a buyout with Chelsea have gone slower than expected and he has not been officially signed, leaving former Berhalter assistant Mikey Varas to carry the interim coach tag.

Shaffelburg opened as the Canadi-

ans overpowered the hosts from the onset. Canada scored its first goal against the U.S. on American soil in 19 matches dating to 1985.

The Canadians outshot the Americans 11-1 and had all five corners through the first 45 minutes. U.S. goalkeeper Patrick Schulte, the starter at the Paris Olympics for the U-23 team, was forced to make four saves to keep the Americans in the match in an otherwise dispirited effort.

Schulte made one second-half save, in the seventh minute of stoppage time.

Schulte, who helped the Columbus Crew win the 2023 MLS Cup, made his second senior national team start and responded to the early goal by making an outstanding stop on Cyle Larin in the 32nd minute.

A Tim Ream turnover led to David's goal from the left side of the box.

The score by de la Torre came four minutes after he entered the match. He stepped into a loose ball for the middle of the box, leaving Maxime Crepeau little chance to make a save, although he had four in the second half.

## NWSL



Washington Spirit midfielder Leicy Santos (10) celebrates after a win against Portland Thorns FC at Audi Field. PATRICK RUDDY/IMAGN IMAGES

## Santos lifts Spirit over Thorns with late goal

Field Level Media

Leicy Santos' goal in second-half stoppage gave the host Washington Spirit a 2-1 win over the Portland Thorns on Saturday.

The catalyst for both goals for Washington's (13-4-2, 41 points) was Trinity Rodman, who came off the bench for an injury substitution in the 20th minute. In the sixth minute of second-half stoppage, Rodman sent in a booming cross that landed at the head of Santos. The Columbian headed the ball into the net, scoring her second goal of the season.

After a scoreless first half, Rodman showed her world-class ability to score in the 60th minute with a match-tying goal. After a change of possession in the midfield, Ashley Hatch found Rodman streaking down the left wing. Rod-

man made a move around two defenders and shot into the left corner of the net.

Portland (8-8-3, 27 points) was the first to score, early in the second half. Winger Alexas Spaanstra sent a cross into the box that went behind three Thorns teammates and to the feet of Sugita Hina, who put Portland ahead in the 49th minute.

Portland, which has now lost three games in a row, almost went ahead late in the match, but a shot by Izzy D'Aquila hit off the crossbar in the 88th minute.

In the first half, each side had their chances. Sophia Smith almost put the Thorns ahead in the fourth minute. After winning possession at midfield, Smith sprinted towards the 18-yard box and tried to shoot around goalkeeper Aubrey Kingsbury, who stopped it with her left foot.

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NEW ORLEANS	4.5	40 Carolina
Minnesota	1	41.5 NY GIANTS
LA CHARGERS	3.5	41.5 Las Vegas
SEATTLE	5.5	42 Denver
CLEVELAND	2.5	42 Dallas
TAMPA BAY	3.5	43.5 Washington
DETROIT	3.5	51 LA Rams

Monday		
LINE	OU	UNDERDOG
SAN FRANCISCO	3.5	43.5 NY Jets

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All times Eastern

MLB				
American League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
N.Y. Yankees	82	60	.577	-
Baltimore	82	61	.573	½
Boston	72	70	.507	10
Tampa Bay	70	72	.493	12
Toronto	68	75	.476	14½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	81	61	.570	-
Kansas City	78	65	.545	3½
Minnesota	76	66	.535	5
Detroit	72	71	.503	9½
Chicago	32	111	.224	49½

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	77	65	.542	-
Seattle	72	71	.503	5½
Texas	69	74	.483	8½
Oakland	62	81	.434	15½
L.A. Angels	59	83	.415	18

National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Philadelphia	85	57	.599	-
N.Y. Mets	78	64	.549	7
Atlanta	77	65	.542	8
Washington	64	78	.451	21
Miami	53	89	.373	32

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	82	60	.577	-
St. Louis	72	70	.507	10
Chicago	68	70	.493	14
Cincinnati	62	75	.446	14½
Pittsburgh	66	76	.465	16

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Dodgers	85	57	.599	-

San Diego	81	63	.563	5
Arizona	79	64	.552	6½
San Francisco	70	73	.490	15½
Colorado	53	90	.371	32½

**Friday's Scores**  
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Chicago Cubs 0  
 Colorado 3, Milwaukee 2  
 Washington at Pittsburgh, PPD Rain  
 Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 0  
 Boston 3, Chicago White Sox 1  
 Philadelphia 16, Miami 2  
 N.Y. Mets 6, Cincinnati 4  
 Atlanta 3, Toronto 1  
 L.A. Angels 5, Texas 1  
 Houston 8, Arizona 0  
 Kansas City 5, Minnesota 0  
 Seattle 6, St. Louis 1  
 Oakland 7, Detroit 6  
 San Diego 5, San Francisco 1  
 Cleveland 3, L.A. Dodgers 1

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

**Sunday's Games**  
 Tampa Bay (Littell 5-9) at Baltimore (Burnes 13-7), 1:35 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Flexen 2-14) at Boston (Bello 12-7), 1:35 p.m.  
 Toronto (Rodriguez 1-6) at Atlanta (Sale 16-3), 1:35 p.m.  
 Washington (Corbin 5-12) at Pittsburgh (Jones 5-7), 1:35 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Johnson) at Miami (Meyer 3-5), 1:40 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Aguir 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Severino 10-6), 1:40 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Woods Richardson 5-3) at Kansas City (Wacha 11-7), 2:10 p.m.  
 Colorado (Freeland 4-7) at Milwaukee (Peralta 10-7), 2:10 p.m.  
 Seattle (Castillo 11-12) at St. Louis (Mikolas 8-10), 2:15 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (Cole 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (Taillon 9-8), 2:20 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Dana 1-0) at Texas (Heaney 4-13), 2:35 p.m.  
 Detroit (TBD) at Oakland (Ginn 0-0), 4:07 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Bibee 11-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Flaherty 11-6), 4:10 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Warren 0-0) at San Diego (Muscarello 5-4), 4:10 p.m.  
 Arizona (Nelson 10-6) at Houston (Verlander 3-5), 7:10 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 Tampa Bay (Springs 2-2) at Philadelphia (Sanchez 10-9), 6:40 p.m.  
 Miami (Beltozo 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Skenes 9-2), 6:40 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Martinez 7-6) at Atlanta (Morton 8-7), 6:40 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Singer 9-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 8-10), 7:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Blackburn 5-4) at Toronto (Lester 9-13), 7:07 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Povich 2-7) at Boston (Bello 12-7), 7:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Lively 11-9) at Chicago White Sox (Nastri 10-7), 7:40 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Detmers 3-6) at Minnesota (Festa 2-5), 7:40 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 3-11) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 1-4), 10:10 p.m.

**LEAGUE LEADERS**  
**American League**  
**Batting Average** — Witt Jr., Kansas City .337; Guerrero Jr., Toronto .327; Judge, New York .323; Alvarez, Houston .310; Rooker, Oakland .301; Altuve, Houston .297; Diaz, Houston .297; Soto, New York .295; Duran, Boston .292; Kwan, Cleveland .290.  
**Home Runs** — Judge, New York 51; Santander, Baltimore 39; Soto, New York 38; Henderson, Baltimore 36; Rooker, Oakland 35; Ramirez, Cleveland 34; Alvarez, Houston 32; Seager, Texas 30; Witt Jr., Kansas City 30; Naylor, Cleveland 29.  
**RBI** — Judge, New York 125; Ramirez, Cleveland 106; Naylor, Cleveland 100; Rooker, Oakland 99; Soto, New York 98; Witt Jr., Kansas City 97; Pasquantino, Kansas City 97; Perez, Kansas City 94; Guerrero Jr., Toronto 93; Santander, Baltimore 91.  
**Stolen Bases** — Caballero, Tampa Bay 37; Ramirez, Cleveland 35; Hamilton, Boston 33; Chisholm Jr., New York 33; Garcia, Kansas City 33; Duran, Boston 32; Thomas, Cleveland 32; Moore, Seattle 29; Witt Jr., Kansas City 28; Neto, Los Angeles 27.  
**Wins** — Skubal, Detroit 16; Lugo, Kansas City 15; Rodon, New York 14; Berrios, Toronto 14; Lopez, Minnesota 14; Valdez, Houston 14; Gil, New York 13; Rodriguez, Baltimore 13; Burnes, Baltimore 13; Gausman, Toronto 12.  
**ERA** — Skubal, Detroit 2.53; Valdez, Houston 2.97; Blanco, Houston 3.03; Lugo, Kansas City 3.05; Miller, Seattle 3.18; Burnes, Baltimore 3.19; Gilbert, Seattle 3.19; Houck, Boston 3.24; Ragans, Kansas City 3.33; Singer, Kansas City 3.35.  
**Strikeouts** — Skubal, Detroit 208; Ragans,

Kansas City 204; Crochet, Chicago 188; Gilbert, Seattle 181; Kikuchi, Houston 177; Lopez, Minnesota 173; Rodon, New York 172; Castillo, Seattle 172; Kirby, Seattle 162; Bibebe, Cleveland 162.

**Saves** — Clase, Cleveland 42; Holmes, New York 29; Hader, Houston 29; Yates, Texas 27; Jansen, Boston 25; Kimbrel, Baltimore 23; Fairbanks, Tampa Bay 23; Miller, Oakland 23; Duran, Minnesota 22; Foley, Detroit 20.

**National League**  
**Batting Average** — Arraez, San Diego .310; Ozuna, Atlanta .309; Turner, Philadelphia .300; Marte, Arizona .296; Ohtani, Los Angeles .291; Merrill, San Diego .290; Garcia Jr., Washington .290; Bohm, Philadelphia .290; Freeman, Los Angeles .288; Harper, Philadelphia .284.  
**Home Runs** — Ohtani, Los Angeles 45; Ozuna, Atlanta 37; Schwarber, Philadelphia 33; Alonso, New York 31; Marte, Arizona 30; Lindor, New York 30; Adames, Milwaukee 29; Hernandez, Los Angeles 28; Harper, Philadelphia 26; Machado, San Diego 25.  
**RBI** — Ohtani, Los Angeles 100; Adames, Milwaukee 100; Ozuna, Atlanta 98; Schwarber, Philadelphia 92; Machado, San Diego 89; Bohm, Philadelphia 89; Suarez, Arizona 87; Hernandez, Los Angeles 87; Steer, Cincinnati 86; Lindor, New York 84.  
**Stolen Bases** — De La Cruz, Cincinnati 62; Ohtani, Los Angeles 46; Turang, Milwaukee 41; Young, Washington 31; Stott, Philadelphia 29; Hoerner, Chicago 28; Abrams, Washington 28; Lindor, New York 26; Carroll, Arizona 26; Doyle, Colorado 26.  
**Wins** — Sale, Atlanta 16; Wheeler, Philadelphia 14; Gray, St. Louis 12; Rea, Milwaukee 12; Nola, Philadelphia 12; Suarez, Philadelphia 12; Cease, San Diego 12; King, San Diego 12; Imanaga, Chicago 12; Manaea, New York 11.  
**ERA** — Sale, Atlanta 2.46; Wheeler, Philadelphia 2.59; Greene, Cincinnati 2.83; Imanaga, Chicago 2.99; King, San Diego 3.10; Nola, Philadelphia 3.29; Fried, Atlanta 3.35; Fedde, St. Louis 3.39; Webb, San Francisco 3.43; Manaea, New York 3.43.  
**Strikeouts** — Sale, Atlanta 206; Cease, San Diego 201; Wheeler, Philadelphia 190; Gray, St. Louis 186; King, San Diego 185; Peralta, Milwaukee 175; Flaherty, Los Angeles 174; Glasnow, Los Angeles 168; Manaea, New York 163; Nola, Philadelphia 162.  
**Saves** — Helsley, St. Louis 42; Finnegan, Washington 34; Iglesias, Atlanta 31; Suarez, San Diego 31; Diaz, Cincinnati 25; Estevez, Philadelphia 24; Bednar, Pittsburgh 23; Doval, San Francisco 22; Megill, Milwaukee 20; Scott, San Diego 20.

**NFL**

American Conference					
East					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0	0

North					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore	0	1	0	0.000	20

South					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0

Jacksonville at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
 Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.  
 Denver at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.  
 Dallas at Cleveland, 4:25 p.m.  
 Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.  
 L.A. Rams at Detroit, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 9**  
 N.Y. Jets at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
 Buffalo at Miami, 8:15 p.m.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**Saturday's Games**

**East**  
 Rutgers 49, Akron 17  
 Penn State 34, Bowling Green 27  
 Syracuse 31, Georgia Tech 28  
 Georgetown 31, Marist 10  
 Lehigh 49, Wagner 13  
 Lafayette 40, Monmouth 35  
 Sacred Heart 10, St. Anselm 3  
 Campbell 24, Western Carolina 16  
 Bucknell 35, VMI 28  
 New Hampshire 21, Holy Cross 20  
 North Carolina 38, Charlotte 20  
 Navy 38, Temple 11  
 Boston College 56, Duquesne 0  
 Michigan State 27, Maryland 24  
 Wofford 26, Richmond 19  
 Stony Brook 37, Stonehill 10  
 Norfolk State 28, Virginia State 23  
 Virginia Tech 31, Marshall 14  
 East Carolina 20, Old Dominion 14  
 James Madison 13, Gardner-Webb 6  
 West Virginia 49, Albany 14  
 Edinboro 23, Robert Morris 21  
 Towson 14, Morgan State 9  
 Central Connecticut State 33, Fordham 3  
 Elon 41, North Carolina Central 19  
 Hampton 33, Virginia Union 21  
 Villanova 28, Colgate 3  
 Illinois 49, Jacksonville State 14  
 Ole Miss 52, Middle Tennessee 3  
 ETSU 61, Virginia-Wise 0  
 FIU 52, Central Michigan 16  
 Miami (FL) 56, Florida A&M 9  
 Charleston Southern 24, Furman 20  
 Alabama State 24, Miles 3  
 Stetson 35, Warner 0  
 Morehead State 48, Kentucky Christian 7  
 UCF 45, Sam Houston 14  
 Louisiana-Monroe 32, UAB 6  
 Alabama 42, South Florida 16  
 Arkansas State 28, Tulsa 24  
 Coastal Carolina 40, William & Mary 21  
 Georgia State 24, Chattanooga 21  
 Louisiana 34, Kennesaw State 10  
 Southern Miss 35, Southeastern Louisiana 10  
 Florida 45, Samford 7  
 Western Kentucky 31, Eastern Kentucky 0  
 Illinois State 24, North Alabama 17  
 Southern Illinois 31, Austin Peay 17  
 Alabama A&M 49, Kentucky State 7  
 Jackson State 58, Lane 7  
 Southern University 42, Savannah State 10  
 Butler 19, Murray State 17  
 LSU 44, Nicholls 21  
 Vanderbilt 55, Alcorn State 0  
 Clemson 66, Appalachian State 20

**Midwest**  
 Texas 31, Michigan 12  
 Pittsburgh 28, Cincinnati 27  
 Minnesota 48, Rhode Island 0  
 Ball State 42, Missouri State 34  
 UNI 17, St. Thomas (MN) 10  
 Youngstown State 59, Valparaiso 25  
 Saint Francis U 23, Kent State 17  
 Iowa State 20, Iowa 19  
 Northern Illinois 16, Notre Dame 14  
 Toledo 38, Massachusetts 23  
 Wisconsin 27, South Dakota 13  
 North Dakota State 52, Tennessee State 3  
 Ohio 27, South Alabama 20  
 Missouri 38, Buffalo 0  
 Illinois 23, Kansas 17  
 South Dakota State 45, UIW 24  
 Eastern Illinois 27, Indiana State 20  
 North Dakota 27, Montana 24  
 Nebraska 28, Colorado 10  
 Ohio State 56, Western Michigan 0

**West**  
 Oklahoma State 39, Arkansas 31, OT  
 Connecticut 63, Merrimack 17  
 Texas A&M 52, McNeese 10  
 UNLV 27, Utah Tech 14  
 Idaho 17, Wyoming 13  
 Utah 23, Baylor 12  
 Washington 30, Eastern Michigan 9  
 Texas State 49, UTSA 10  
 San Diego 26, Central Washington 7  
 Idaho State 50, Western Oregon 10  
 Rice 69, Texas Southern 7  
 San Jose State 17, Air Force 7  
 Colorado State 38, Northern Colorado 17  
 Georgia Southern 20, Nevada 17  
 Stanford 41, Cal Poly 7  
 Tarleton State 35, Houston Christian 18  
 North Texas 35, Stephen F. Austin 20  
 Oklahoma 16, Houston 12  
 TCU 45, LIU 0

**WNBA**

Eastern Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
N.Y. Liberty	28	6	.824	-
Connecticut	24	10	.706	4
Indiana	18	17	.514	10½
Chicago	12	22	.353	16½
Atlanta	12	22	.353	16
Washington	11	23	.324	17

Western Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	25	9	.735	-
Las Vegas	22	12	.647	3
Seattle	21	14	.600	4½
Phoenix	17	19	.472	9
Dallas	9	25	.265	16
L.A. Sparks	7	27	.206	18

**Friday, Sept. 6**  
 Atlanta 107, Dallas 96  
 Las Vegas 72, Connecticut 67  
 Minnesota 99, Indiana 88  
 Chicago 92, L.A. Sparks 78

**Saturday, Sept. 7**  
 Seattle 90, Phoenix 66

**Sunday, Sept. 8**  
 Minnesota at Washington, 3 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Indiana, 4 p.m.  
 Las Vegas at N.Y. Liberty, 4 p.m.  
 Dallas at Chicago, 6 p.m.  
 Connecticut at L.A. Sparks, 9 p.m.

**SOCCER**

**MLS**

Eastern Conference						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Inter Miami CF	18	4	5	59	62	40
Cincinnati	16	8	3	51	48	36
Columbus	14	5	7	49	52	28
NY Red Bulls	10	5	13	43	44	35
NY City FC	11	10	6	39	40	36
Charlotte FC	10	9	8	38	31	29
Orlando City	10	10	7	37	42	41
Toronto FC	10	15	3	33	50	50
D.C. United	8	12	8	32	43	56
Atlanta	8	12	7	31	36	38
Philadelphia	7	11	9	30	47	43
New England	8	15	3	27	30	51
CF Montreal	6	12	9	27	35	58
Chicago	6	14	8	26	34	50
Nashville	6	13	8	26	26	44

Western Conference						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
LA Galaxy	15	6	7	52	53	38
Los Angeles FC	14	6	8	48	48	32
Real Salt Lake	13	6	8	47	53	36
Colorado	13	9	5	44	53	45
Seattle	12	9	7	43	41	32
Vancouver	12	8	5	41	44	35
Houston	11	8	8	41	37	31
Portland	11	9	7	40	55	46
Minnesota	10	11	6	36	44	45
Austin FC	9	11	7	34	30	38
FC Dallas	9	12	6	33	44	45
Sporting KC	7	14	7	28	45	53
Saint Louis	5	10	13	28	40	63
San Jose	5	20	2	17	34	63

**Saturday, Sept. 7**  
 Columbus 0, Seattle 4  
 New England 2, Saint Louis 2  
 NY Red Bulls 1, Sporting KC 1  
 Chicago 1, D.C. United 2  
 Houston 0, Los Angeles FC 0

**TENNIS**

**US Open**  
**Saturday**  
**Men's Doubles**  
**Final**  
 Max Purcell (7), and Jordan Thompson (7), def. Kevin Krawietz (10), and Tim Puetz (10), 6-4, 7-6 (4).

**TRANSACTIONS**

**Saturday's Transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**Major League Baseball**  
 BOSTON RED SOX — P Isaiah Campbell Placed on 60-Day IL. Right elbow inflammation. P Isaiah Campbell NTR - Called Up From Minors. 2B Mickey Gasper Sent to Minors. SS Trevor Story Removed From 60-Day IL. Left shoulder surgery. SS Trevor Story Recalled From Minors Rehab. KANSAS CITY ROYALS — P Dan Altavilla Outrighted to Minors.  
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Jordyn Adams Called Up From Minors. Bryce Teodosio Purchased From Minors.