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TALKING POINTS



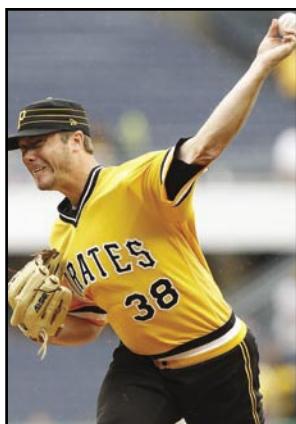
Gardner delivers for the Yankees

Brett Gardner hit his eighth home run, one more than this 2016 total, and CC Sabathia won consecutive starts for the first time since last June to help New York and avoid a three-game sweep. Rookie Aaron Judge made a full extension diving backhand catch on the right field warning track in the sixth to rob Evan Longoria of a tying extra-base hit. **Page C2**



L.A. avoids sweep

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Pittsburgh pitchers combine for 3-hitter

Chad Kuhl and four relievers combined on a three-hitter, and Pittsburgh scratched out the only run of a rainy game when David Freese was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Philadelphia starter Aaron Nola (2-1) returned from the disabled list and gave up four hits in seven innings. Wade LeBlanc (3-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings to win in relief. **Page C2**



Busch takes All-Star race victory

The All-Star race showed Kyle Larson is the likely favorite for the Coca-Cola 600. It also showed that the best car doesn't always win, and the winner will likely be aided by a heavy dose of clean air. Translation? NASCAR's longest race could be an epic snoozer. That's saying a lot after Martin Truex Jr. last year led all but eight of the 400 laps. **Page C4**

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY

Air Force fit for Miranda

Will run track and cross country

By ALEX VEJAR
Valley Press Staff Writer

PALMDALE — When Tayler Miranda was barely in her second year at Knight High School, she already had her mind made up about where she wanted to attend college.

But her plans didn't include the run-of-the-mill four-year institution that many graduates choose. She wanted somewhere different. Some place more secure. Some place that when she left, she'd be in a good position to land a job right away.

So in October, Miranda chose the United States Air Force Academy, where she will compete in track and field and cross country while majoring in aeronautical engineering.

Her interest in the Air Force — and airplanes in general — came from her uncle, who is a helicopter pilot in the Air Force. He encouraged Miranda to join the military branch when she was a freshman in high school.

And because Miranda had a desire to run collegiately, joining the academy felt like the right move.

"I've always wanted to run in college," Miranda said. "And then I found out my freshman year about the Air Force

See MIRANDA on C3



Tayler Miranda, 17, poses in front of her home in Palmdale with medals she's earned throughout her track and field and cross country career at Knight High School. Miranda is planning on attending the Air Force Academy on an academic and athletic scholarship.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE



Associated Press

GAME 6 — Nashville Predators center Colton Sissons falls onto Anaheim Ducks goalie Jonathan Bernier during the second period of Game 5 in the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Western Conference finals in Anaheim, Saturday.

Ducks need to rebound fast

By TERESA M. WALKER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Nashville Predators don't have their top center, and their captain is day to day with an upper-body injury.

They still have Pekka Rinne in net.

And the Predators have a chance at history on their own ice, a win away from the first Stanley Cup Final berth in the franchise history.

As coach Peter Laviolette put it, the guys know what's at stake.

Standing in their way? The Anaheim Ducks, the only team to beat them in their home rink in the playoffs over the past two postseasons.

The Predators returned home with a 3-2 Western Conference finals lead after a 3-1 victory over the Ducks in Anaheim on Saturday led by Rinne, who is 7-3 in the Honda Center in the postseason.

To avoid a return trip for a Game 7 to test that once again, they can eliminate the Ducks on Monday night in Game 6.

"We obviously know what's at stake," forward Colin Wilson said Sunday. "It is one game at a time, but we know our next win puts us in contention for the Stanley Cup."

So it's something we're focused on, but it is just about that next game, getting the next win."

The Predators are 10-1 at Bridgestone Arena the past two

postseasons, and another record crowd is expected for what will be the biggest sporting event in Nashville history not counting the fans watching just outside the building. They could hear the cheering fans the instant they stepped off the plane, and Laviolette said he knows Monday night will be crazy.

That leaves it up to the Predators to handle business on the ice.

"We got to put our foot on the gas pedal again, and make sure we're ready to play," Laviolette said.

Being in position to win the Campbell Bowl on home ice seemed remote Friday when the Predators announced their top scorer, center Ryan Johansen, would miss the rest of the postseason after emergency surgery to repair compartment syndrome on his left thigh. They also were without captain Mike Fisher because of injury.

Laviolette simply tapped Rinne, the three-time Vezina Trophy finalist and Nashville's strong farm system for help.

Pontus Aberg, who played only 15 games with the Predators all season, scored the winner on his first career playoff goal. Of Nashville's 11 wins, 10 Predators have winning goals. Frederick Gaudreau, another Milwaukee call-up, helped fill in at center in his post-

See DUCKS on C2



Words of wisdom
"We weren't missing pitches."
— Angels centerfielder Mike Trout on building a nine-run lead three innings into Sunday's game against the Mets.

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COMMENTARY

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Baseball dreams true for McCarthy

When he was growing up in Lancaster and his cousin was growing up in Colorado, this was always the dream for Chad Eberhardt.

His cousin would be flicking bb's from atop the mound at Dodger Stadium.

Chad would round up the ones the hapless hitters made contact with second base.

Eberhardt, the middle son of Jim Slaton's lifelong wing man, Mike Eberhardt, abandoned the dream of being on the field that so many of us had to.

But that was indeed cousin Brandon McCarthy on the mound Sunday at Dodger Stadium, disposing of the first 14 Miami Marlins he faced in order.

And McCarthy's agent, who negotiated his four-year deal with the Dodgers before the 2015 season?

That would be Chad Eberhardt.

Chad said it would be like this when he brought Brandon home to the Dodgers after a decade of wandering from the White Sox to Texas to Oakland to Arizona to the Yankees.

The 6-foot-7 right-hander dispatched Miami on one run and three hits over

See GOLDEN on C3

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Gonzalez smashes Miami

By BRIAN GOLDEN
Valley Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES — Mysteriously, the 2017 Dodgers picked schedules that have been nowhere to be found at Dodger Stadium this season.

Adrian Gonzalez has taken his own novel approach.

After a sluggish start that resulted in his first ever trip to the disabled list, the Dodgers cleanup hitter considers last Thursday, April 3, his personal opening day.

Has he ever been making up for lost time?

Gonzalez collected three hits and drove in three runs as the Dodgers made it three out of four from the Miami Marlins with a 6-3 matinee victory seen by 44,646 at Dodger Stadium.

A-Gone drove a two-run double into the right field corner to score two runs in the first inning, then dropped another deuce to left in the third inning.

For good measure, he singled sharply to left-center field to score another run in the fifth.

"It just felt good to contribute to a win," said Gonzalez, whose back and elbow responded productively to his stint on the DL. "In situations like today I wasn't coming through earlier in the season."

"It's my job to drive in runs for the team. So what makes me happiest is the results."

With a healthy back and a healthy right elbow, Gonzalez has been hitting the ball with authority to all fields since his perennial Opening Day last Thursday.



"I feel really good right now," said the Dodgers RBI leader four of the last five years. "My body feels really good for the first time since I can't remember when. I can't tell you what a difference it makes in our outlook when you're healthy and you know you can get to pitches like the ones today."

Associated Press
IN COMMAND
Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Brandon McCarthy throws to the plate during the first inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins, Sunday, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Bradley buries game-winner

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Leprechauns are imaginary. Celtic pride is very real.

Avery Bradley's 3-pointer danced on the rim and dropped with less than a second left and Boston, blown out in the first two games of the Eastern Conference finals and playing without star Isaiah Thomas, stunned the Cleveland Cavaliers 111-108 on Sunday night in Game 3 to end the champions' 13-game postseason winning streak.

Bradley's shot from the left wing — off a play designed by coach Brad Stevens — bounced on the rim four times before going down. It capped a furious, focused comeback by the Celtics, who trailed by 21 in the third quarter before rallying to tighten up a series that appeared to be over.

"We have guys who have chips on their shoulders," Boston coach Brad Stevens said. "We knew that Friday (Game 2) was a disaster. It wasn't worth all four. It was worth one. So we

got back together."

Smart, who started in place of Thomas, made seven 3-pointers and scored 27 points, and Bradley had 20 for the Celtics, who were given little chance after losing by 44 in Game 2 and then losing Thomas for the rest of the postseason because of a hip injury.

"Everybody had to step up their game tonight especially with one of our brothers down," Smart said. "Our love and support goes out to Isaiah. We wish he could be here but we understand. We just kept fighting. Everybody did their part."

Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, and Kevin Love had 28 for Cleveland. The Cavaliers dropped to 10-1 in the postseason with their first loss since Game 4 of last year's Finals.

Game 4 is Tuesday night in Cleveland.

LeBron James had one of the worst games of his postseason career, finishing with 11 points and six turnovers.

See CELTICS on C3



CLUTCH — Boston Celtics' Avery Bradley (0) shoots over Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) and J.R. Smith (5) during the first half of Game 3 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Sunday, in Cleveland.

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Community Notebook

Baseball

Youth and adult baseball: The Antelope Valley Baseball Academy offers MLB designed pro-style workouts that emphasize hitting, pitching and catching. Have your athlete developmentally tested and see where he rates among players his age. AVBA offers club teams from ages 7-18, along with winter ball for adults and high school players and teams.

Want to get your athlete where MLB Scouts, UCLA and the Top 20 collegiate programs search for prospects? Contact AVBA to ask how to join the Nation's largest Recruiting Network.

For details, check out AVBA's website, www.avbaseballacademy.com, or call 661-350-1322. AVBA is located at 43815 40th St. East in Lancaster. Mention AV Press and get one FREE pro-style workout.

Bowling

Social league: The J&J Social and Travel Club will have its weekly league bowling from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Sands Bowl, 43232 Sierra Highway in Lancaster. For details, call (661) 267-256.

Boxing

Free lessons: Santos Boxing USA is reaching out to Antelope Valley youth to offer free boxing lessons for children age 6-17. Participants will learn about physical fitness to help combat childhood obesity, as well as how to channel their energy in a positive way. Classes take place each Tuesday and Saturday at 211 E. Avenue K, Suite A in Lancaster. For more information, call (661) 390-0841 or email santosboxingusa@gmail.com.

Cycling

Monthly meetings: The High Desert

Cyclists will hold monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Texas Cattle Company, 44206 10th Street West in Lancaster. For details, email michele@highdesertcyclists.com.

Golf

Weekly clinic: Junior and adult golf clinics are available every Saturday at Desert Aire Golf Course.

Junior courses begin at 9 a.m. for \$10 and adults are at 10:15 a.m. for \$15. Come enjoy and learn the basic fundamentals of golf.

For more information, contact Kenny Green at 947-0800 or by email at houseofgolfpalmdale1@gmail.com.

Pickleball

Weekly classes: Come join the fun and learn to play pickleball. There is an indoor class at 24 Hour Fitness Center in Lancaster on Mondays and Fridays

and outdoor classes each Tuesday and Saturday at Lancaster City Park. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and badminton with a lower net, a wiffle-type ball and paddles. The group has competed locally and out of state winning Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

To join, visit Lancaster Parks, Recreation and Arts at Lancaster City Hall, located at 44933 Fern Ave. in Lancaster; register online at www.cityoflancaster.org; or contact instructor/coordinator Joe Dagata at (661) 943-8881 or joeandpatty5@verizon.net.

Soccer

AVFC/EVOLUTION SC: In search for girls soccer athletes ages 7 to 16, who want to play at the club level. For more information please contact: Coach German at 661-317-8550 or email at paisa_1031@hotmail.com or Coach

Jessica at 661-202-4371 or email at jaguilar0326@gmail.com.

Softball

Signups: District 51 Senior Softball 2017 signups and tryouts will be from 9 a.m. to noon on May 20 and 5 to 7 p.m. on May 22 at Highland High School.

Senior Softball is a 12-game softball season, beginning June 3, for girls age 15-16. Must be 16 at the beginning of the year, but can turn 17 in 2017. League games are played Monday through Thursday at Highland High School.

At the conclusion of league play, one all-star team will be selected from all eligible players (must play in 60% of games to be eligible). This team will play in the District Tournament, the first of several tournaments before a chance to play in the Senior Softball World Series held in Delaware.

Cost is \$100 per player. Forms

are available at www.cad51.org. Must bring birth certificate and one proof of residency.

Tennis

Programs: For information on adult tennis and other tennis programs in the Antelope Valley area, visit www.1yngc.usapro.com and click on lessons.

Walking

Indoor program: Palmdale residents ages 18 and older may walk indoors Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the Palmdale Oasis Park Center at 3850 East Avenue S.

The fee to walk is \$3 for ages 18 to 54 and \$1.50 for ages 55 and above. For more information, call (661) 267-6150.

(To submit an entry to the Community Notebook, email information to sports@aupress.com)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Angels blitz Mets, avoid sweep

Trout homers for sixth time in nine games

By BEN WALKER
Associated Press

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"We weren't missing pitches," Trout said.

Aiming to avoid a three-game sweep, the Angels built a 9-0 lead by the third inning. Andrelton Simmons and Jeffry Marte also homered for Los Angeles.

"We know we can hit. We have a confident offense," Cron said. "It hasn't been the best stretch for some of us."

Cron and Marte have slumped this season. No such trouble for Trout, who homered for the sixth time in nine games.

The reigning AL MVP hit his 14th homer, raised his batting average to .350, drew two walks, scored twice and stole a base.

A day after Collins said he was tempted to intentionally walk Trout with the bases loaded while trying to navigate with a ninth-inning lead, the skipper passed the Angels star to load the bases with no outs in the first.

"I don't get frustrated," Trout said.

Many of Trout's family members and friends made the 130-mile drive from his New Jersey hometown to see this series, and wanted to watch him swing. They got to see plenty from Trout soon enough



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LONG BOMB — Los Angeles Angels' Andrelton Simmons (2) greets the Angels Mike Trout at the plate after scoring on Trout's two-run, home run during the second inning of an interleague baseball game, Sunday, in New York.

— he batted three times before some of the Mets starters came to the plate even once.

Matt Reynolds, Curtis Granderson and Jay Bruce hit home runs as the Mets tried to rally.

Cron's long slam highlighted a five-run first, and Trout hit a two-run homer and Marte followed with a home run in the second that chased Tommy Milone (1-2). Trout lined an RBI double off the center field wall in the third.

Jesse Chavez (4-5) pitched into the sixth and left soon after Bruce's

three-run drive made it 9-5.

A bases-loaded walk to Marte set up Cron's his first homer of the season and second career slam, making it 5-0 before Milone retired anyone. Cron connected in his 79th at-bat after hitting 16 homers in each of the last two years.

Milone drew mock cheers when he finally fanned Kole Calhoun for the first out. Claimed off waivers from Milwaukee this month, the lefty was tagged for a career high-topping eight runs and three homers. "It seemed like anytime I threw

the ball over the plate, they were hitting it. That's obvious," Milone said.

Despite Milone's rough outing, Collins said he probably would stay in the rotation. That would give Zack Wheeler an extra day to rest and Jacob deGrom more time to heal a blister.

"That being the case, right now Tommy's going to go back out. We think that's our best option," Collins said.

Simmons hit a three-run shot in the seventh.

SLAMMED

The Mets have yielded four slams this year, tied with San Diego for most in the majors. Three of the slams against the Mets have come in the first inning.

SCRATCHED

Mets INF Jose Reyes was scratched because of tightness in his left ribcage. Reynolds started in his place at shortstop.

MLB results | Sunday

Yankees 3, Rays 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Brett Gardner hit his eighth home run, one more than this 2016 total, and CC Sabathia won consecutive starts for the first time since last June to help New York avoid a three-game sweep.

Rookie Aaron Judge made a full extension diving backhand catch on the right field warning track in the sixth to rob Evan Longoria of a tying extra-base hit, starting a double play that doubled up Corey Dickerson at first.

Rockies 6, Reds 4

CINCINNATI — Rookie pitcher Kyle

Freeland hit one of Colorado's four solo homers off Bronson Arroyo (3-4) and Colorado improved the NL's best record to 28-17.

Freeland (5-2) gave up four runs — three earned — in 5 2/3 innings. Joey Votto and Scott Schebler homered off him in the sixth.

Blue Jays 3, Orioles 1

BALTIMORE — Marco Estrada (3-2) matched his career high with 12 strikeouts in 7 2/3 innings. Devon Travis hit a three-run homer and Toronto prevented a three-game sweep with its second win in nine games against Baltimore this season.

Travis connected in the first inning off Wade Miley (1-2) following a two-out error and a single.

Nationals 3, Braves 2

ATLANTA — Stephen Strasburg struck out a season-high 11, allowing five hits in 7 2/3 innings as the Washington Nationals beat the Braves to stop a four-game losing streak.

Strasburg (5-1) improved to 7-1 in his last nine starts against Atlanta. After Dansby Swanson hit a two-run double in the eighth that chased Strasburg, Koda Glover struck out Nick Markakis to end the inning and finished the six-hitter for his third save.

Pirates 1, Phillies 0

PITTSBURGH — Chad Kuhl and four relievers combined on a three-hitter, and Pittsburgh scratched out the only run of a rainy game when David Freese was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Philadelphia starter Aaron Nola (2-

1) returned from the disabled list and gave up four hits in seven innings.

Royals 6, Twins 4, 1st game

Twins 8, Royals 4, 2nd game

MINNEAPOLIS — Robbie Grossman, Max Kepler and Chris Gemenez all homered to help the Minnesota salvage a split of the doubleheader.

Grossman and Kepler each hit two-run homers in the first inning, and Brian Dozier had an RBI double in the second off Ian Kennedy (0-4) in his first game back from the disabled list.

In the first game, Brandon Moss hit two of Kansas City's four home runs, and Perez and Jorge Bonifacio each hit two-run homers.

Mike Minor (1-1) pitched 1 1/3

innings to win for the first time since Aug. 28, 2014. Minor, a 29-year-old left-hander who missed two seasons with a shoulder injury, relieved Jake Junis with a 5-2 lead in the fifth, two

outs and two on. He walked Max Kepler, retired Kennys Vargas on a popout then pitched a perfect sixth.

Indians 8, Astros 6

HOUSTON — Yan Gomes homered and tied a career high with five RBIs as Cleveland completed a three-game sweep.

Gomes' third-inning homer off Joe Musgrove (3-4) gave the Indians a 3-1 lead, and Cleveland added three more runs in the fourth. The Indians are 5-1 against Houston this season, dealing the Astros two of their three series losses.

Cardinals 8, Giants 3

ST. LOUIS — Matt Carpenter homered and Randal Grichuk drove in four runs for St. Louis, which stopped a four-game skid. San Francisco had won seven of eight.

Adam Wainwright (4-3) allowed one run and five hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Matt Cain (3-2), who gave up seven runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Cubs 11, Brewers 6

CHICAGO — Kris Bryant homered twice and reached base in all five plate appearances. Anthony Rizzo and Ben Zobrist also went deep, and Willson Contreras went 3 for 3 with three RBIs.

Jake Arrieta (5-3) allowed one unearned run over six innnings.

Milwaukee's Eric Thames left in the fifth with leg cramping. Chase Anderson (2-1) yielded six runs and seven hits in four-plus innnings.

Red Sox 12, Athletics 3

OAKLAND — Mitch Moreland homered in his third consecutive

game, a two-run drive in the sixth off starter Andrew Triggs (5-3) that landed in the second deck. Boston avoided a four-game sweep.

Eduardo Rodriguez (3-1) allowed three runs and struck out eight in eight innings.

White Sox 8, Mariners 1

SEATTLE — Yolmer Sanchez had a two-run single in Chicago's five-run first inning, and Derek Holland (4-3) gave up six hits in eight innings.

Tim Anderson had three hits and two RBIs for the White Sox.

Nelson Cruz hit his 11th home run for the Mariners, who have lost three straight.

Padres 5, Diamondbacks 1

SAN DIEGO — Clayton Richard (3-5) pitched a five-hitter and struck out six in his fourth career complete game as San Diego ended a five-game losing streak. The 33-year-old Richard also had an RBI single during a three-run, fifth-inning rally off Zack Godley (1-1) that was cut short due to fan interference.

Rangers 5, Tigers 2

DETROIT — Mike Napoli homered to the camera platform beyond center field, and Yu Darvish beat Detroit yet again, helping the Texas Rangers to a victory over the Tigers.

Darvish (5-2) has won all seven of his starts against the Tigers, although this one was a bit of a struggle. He allowed two runs and five hits in five innnings, but Napoli put the Rangers ahead 3-2 with his solo shot in the fifth off Matthew Boyd (2-4).

Cards 12, Rockies 3

KANSAS CITY — Matt Carpenter

homered and Randal

HORSE RACING**Santa Anita results | Sunday**

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FIRST

\$16,000, Claiming, 3-Year-Olds & Up, One Mile and One Sixteenth, Dirt, Clear
Off 1:01. Good. 4wd bid let clear.

Fractional/Final Time: 24.410, 46.730, 1:13.300, 1:38.890, 00.000, 1:45.930.

Trainer: Victor Fernandez

Winner: B G, 10, by Unusual Heat She's a Sensation

Horse Wgt PP Strt 1/4 1/2 3/4 Strch Fin Jockey Odds

Accelerant 124 1 1 4-2 4-1 1-hd 1-1/2 1-1/2 C. Sutherland 2.60

Winning Causeway 124 3 4 2-hd 1-hd 2-hd 2-1/2 2-no T. Pereira 4.70

Kiss Limit 117 4 3 3-1 3-1 3-1/2 3-3/4 3-3/4 A. Solis 1.60

Courageous Dave 121 2 2 1-hd 2-hd 4-5 4-9 4-12% E. Roman 5.70

Press Baron 124 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 S. Gonzalez 3.70

1 (1) Accelerant 7.20 3.60 2.20

3 (3) Winning Causeway 4.60 2.40

4 (4) Kiss Limit 2.10

\$1 Exacta (1-3) paid \$15.70; \$1 Trifecta (1-3) paid \$40.90

SECOND

\$25,000, Maiden Claiming, 3-Year-Olds & Up, One Mile, Dirt, Clear

Off 1:31. 4 bid 3rd 1/8 led 1/16

Fractional/Final Time: 23.160, 47.000, 1:11.580, 2:14.510, 00.000, 1:37.730.

Trainer: Ronald Ellis

Winner: DK B/G, 5, by Tiznow-Ain't Bluffing

Horse Wgt PP Strt 1/4 1/2 3/4 Strch Fin Jockey Odds

Tiz Nu Bluff 126 2 3 4-1/2 4-1/2 3-3 J. Talamo 0.60

Mucho Chrome 126 1 1 2-1 2-1 2-hd 2-1/2 S. Elliott 3.90

Make It a Triple 126 6 4 1-hd 1-hd 1-hd 1-1/2 3-10% E. Maldonado 3.50

Y's Passion 126 4 6 6 6 6 4-3/4 B. Bland 31.20

Wheresethemoneyjack 121 5 2 3-1/4 3-hd 4-4 4-1/2 5-3/4 A. Delgadillo 15.70

Liberation 126 3 5 5-5 5-4 5-1 5-1/2 6 T. Pereira 12.10

2 (2) Tiz Nu Bluff 3.20 2.20 2.10

1 (1) Mucho Chrome 3.40 2.20

6 (6) Make It a Triple 2.10

Daily Double (1-2) paid \$12.00; \$1 Exacta (2-1) paid \$4.70; \$1 Superfecta (2-1-6) paid \$58.80; \$1 Trifecta (2-1-6) paid \$12.90;

THIRD

\$54,000, Maiden Special Weight, 3-Year-Olds & Up Fillies and Mares, One Mile and One Sixteenth, Dirt, Clear

Off 2:01. Good. bid bwf 16 led clear

Fractional/Final Time: 23.860, 46.220, 1:12.800, 37.610, 00.000, 1:43.900.

Trainer: J. Desormeaux

Winner: B F 3, by Quality Road-She Nut All

Horse Wgt PP Strt 1/4 1/2 3/4 Strch Fin Jockey Odds

Majestic Quality 121 1 2 4-1/4 4-hd 2-hd 13 1-6% K. Desormeaux 0.80

Utana 126 5 5 3-1 2-hd 4-6 2-2 2-6% V. Espinoza 1.60

Tizcool 122 4 3 2-1 3-1 3-1/2 4-10 3-10 C. Nakatani 11.50

Miss Remembering 121 2 1 1-1 1-1 1-1/2 3-4 4-18 M. Garcia 6.60

Appria 126 3 4 6 6 6 5-4 5-4% G. Mitchell 65.90

Tiz Balle 121 6 6 5-1/2 5-1/2 5-1/2 6 6 S. Gonzalez 36.00

1 (1) Majestic Quality 3.60 2.20 2.10

5 (5) Utana 2.20 2.10

\$1 Pick 3 (1-2-1) Correct Paid \$14.20. Daily Double (2-1) paid \$5.40; \$1 Exacta (1-5) paid \$3.00; \$1

Superfecta (1-5-4) paid \$9.70; \$1 Trifecta (1-5-4) paid \$5.10;

FOURTH

\$56,000, Allowance, 3-Year-Olds & Up Fillies and Mares, Six Furlongs, Dirt, Clear

Off 2:33. Good. bid bwf led gamely

Fractional/Final Time: 21.750, 45.070, 57.740, 00.000, 00.000, 1:11.280.

Trainer: Rafael Becerra

Winner: DK B/F, 3, by To Get Even-Clawpuccino

Horse Wgt PP Strt 1/4 1/2 3/4 Strch Fin Jockey Odds

Coppino Pasodino 114 2 1 3-1 1-hd 1-hd 1-1 E. Roman 12.80

Haventure Way 126 6 4 6-2 6-5 5-3 2-hd T. Baze 7.10

Tangled Up In Ju 124 3 3 1-1 2-3 2-3 3-1/4 E. Maldonado 5.90

Merrily Merrily 126 5 5 4-hd 5-2 4-hd 4-10 S. Elliott 37.70

Adios Call 121 1 1 7-5 3-hd 3-1/2 5-1/4% R. Bejarano 3.40

Carry Ruler 121 4 2 2-hd 4-1/2 6-7 6-5% R. Bejarano 0.90

Dixie Chick Rocks 121 7 6 7 7 7 7 J. Talamo 10.40

2 (2) Coppino Pasodino 27.60 11.80 8.60

6 (6) Haventure Way 7.20 5.60

\$1 Pick 3 (2-3-7) Correct Paid \$155.40. Daily Double (3-7) paid \$21.40; \$1 Exacta (7-4) paid \$20.40; \$1

Superfecta (7-4-3) paid \$228.60; \$1 Trifecta (7-4) paid \$88.90;

FIFTH

\$21,000, Maiden Claiming, 3-Year-Olds Fillies, Six Furlongs, Dirt, Clear

Off 3:05. Good. bid bwf led late

Fractional/Final Time: 22.100, 45.760, 58.350, 00.000, 00.000, 1:11.530.

Trainer: Doug O'Neill

Winner: B F 3, by Bellamy Road-Hot Spell

Horse Wgt PP Strt 1/4 1/2 Strch Fin Jockey Odds

Lady Bellamy 123 3 1 3-1/2 2-1/2 1-1/2 T. Pereira 1.30

Powder 123 1 4 1-hd 1-hd 1-hd 1-1/2 2-1/2% T. Baze 2.50

Ten thousand reasons 123 2 6 4-1/2 3-1 3-4 3-3/4% F. Prat 4.00

Dixie Crystal 123 5 5 2-1 4-2 4-2/2 4-2/2% J. Ochoa 20.20

Candee Topper 123 7 5 5-hd 6-1/2 5-1/2% J. Jimenez 38.60

California Summer 116 4 8 6-hd 5-1 5-hd 6-2/4% E. Roman 7.90

Lemon Drop 123 8 3 8 7-1 7-1/2% M. Linares 5.70

\$1 Pick 3 (3-7-3) Correct Paid \$30.50. Daily Double (7-3) paid \$28.20; \$1 Exacta (3-4) paid \$12.90; \$1

Superfecta (3-4-5) paid \$159.30; \$1 Trifecta (3-4-5) paid \$50.90;

SIXTH

\$56,000, Allowance Optional Claiming, 3-Year-Olds Fillies, One Mile and One Eighth, On the Turf, Clear

Off 3:37. Good. pulled bid bwf,gamely

Fractional/Final Time: 23.320, 48.510, 1:13.270, 00.000, 1:48.840.

Trainer: Jack Carava

Winner: CH F, 3, by Casamento (IRE)-Grand Zafiro (GB)

Horse Wgt PP Strt 1/4 1/2 3/4 Strch Fin Jockey Odds

Zaffilin 122 7 7 3-1/2 3-1/2 1-hd 1-hd F. Prat 2.90

Saburai 122 4 1 4-1/2 4-1/2 2-1/2% R. Bejarano 3.10

La Force 122 3 4 2-hd 2-1/2 3-2 3-3/4% I. Ocampo 24.50

Looking At Thelake 120 1 5 5-1 5-1 4-1/2% S. Gonzalez 2.70

Tiburina 122 8 6 6-hd 7-1/2 6-2 5-1% G. Stevens 3.90

Princess Coco 122 2 3 1-1 1-1/2 1-1/2% S. Elliott 20.20

Demogodess 120 5 8 8 8 8 7-1/2% M. Linares 56.70

McKenzie Honey 124 6 2 7-4 7-5 6-1 8 8 I. Ocampo 24.50

7 (7) Zaffilin 7.80 4.40 2.90

8 (8) Saburai 7.80 4.40 3.00

\$1 Pick 3 (2-3-7) Correct Paid \$155.40. Daily Double (3-7) paid \$21.40; \$1 Exacta (7-4) paid \$20.40; \$1

Superfecta (7-4-3) paid \$228.60; \$1 Trifecta (7-4) paid \$88.90;

SEVENTH

\$38,000, Maiden Claiming, 3-Year-Olds Fillies, Five and One Half Furlongs, Dirt, Clear

Off 4:07. Good. bit off rail held

Fractional/Final Time: 22.010, 44.900, 57.770, 00.000, 00.000, 1:04.900.

Trainer: Peter Miller

Winner: B F 3, by Wildcat-Horn-Moonshot

Horse Wgt PP Strt 1/4 1/2 3/4 Strch Fin Jockey Odds

Moon Kitty 113 3 1 1-1/2 1-3/2 1-8 1-1/2% E. Roman 2.00

Southern Mischief 123 4 3 4-1/2 4-1/2 3-1/2% M. Garcia 6.20

Candy Swirls 123 5 5 6-4 5-2 5-1/2% F. Prat 1.80

Settle Down Elleen 120 6 2 5-hd 6-5 6-5% G. Stevens 3.80

Springtiva 123 2 7 7 7 7 7 7 S. Gonzalez 10.90

Runnin for Tullion 123 1 6 2-hd 2-1/2 2-hd 7 K. Frey 3.50

7 (7) Moon Kitty 6.00 3.60 3.00

4 (4) Southern Mischief 5.60 3.40 4.20

5 (5) Candy Swirls 5.60 3.40 4.20

6 (6) Settle Down Elleen 5.60 3.40 4.20

7 (7) Springtiva 5.60 3.40 4.20

8 (8) Runnin for Tullion 5.60 3.40 4.20

9 (9) Moon Kitty 5.60 3.40 4.20

10 (10) Southern Mischief 5.60 3.40 4.20

11 (11) Candy Swirls 5.60 3.40 4.20

12 (12) Settle Down Elleen 5.60 3.40 4.20

13 (13) Springtiva 5.60 3.40 4.20

14 (14) Runnin for Tullion 5.60 3.40 4.20

15 (15) Moon Kitty 5.60 3.40 4.20

16 (16) Southern Mischief 5.60 3.40 4.20

17 (17) Candy Swirls 5.60 3.40 4.20

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Numbers Game

This Day In Sports

1979 — Pat Summitt becomes the first millionaire coach in women's basketball.

Antelope Valley Press, Monday, May 22, 2017 C4

Morning rush

Valley Press news services

Penguins strike early, rout Senators 7-0 to take 3-2 lead

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Penguins coach Mike Sullivan calls it "getting to our game."

It means he wants his team to attack opponents with speed, aggression and a dash of responsibility.

Physically translated, it looks like the 60 minutes the defending Stanley Cup champions put together Sunday in a 7-0 demolition of the Ottawa Senators in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference Final.

Dominant from the opening faceoff to the final whistle, the Penguins moved within one game of a return trip to the Cup final by overwhelming the Senators with wave after wave of pressure, the kind that became the club's trademark during its sprint to a fourth championship last spring.

Seven players scored and 11 finished with at least one point to give Pittsburgh a 3-2 lead heading into Game 6 on Tuesday in Ottawa. Seemingly on the ropes after getting pummeled 5-1 in Game 3, the Penguins have outscored the Senators 10-2 over the last six periods to gain control.

Bourdais has pelvis surgery; Davison to get his Indy ride

CINCYANAPOLIS — James Davison will replace Sébastien Bourdais in Dale Coyne Racing's No. 18 car.

Bourdais crashed Saturday during Indianapolis 500 qualifying, leaving him with multiple fractures in his pelvis and a fractured right hip. The French driver had pelvic surgery and was recovering in a hospital Sunday.

"I want to thank everybody for the support and the messages, quite a few drivers have already dropped by," Bourdais said Sunday in a statement. "It's going to take time, but I'm feeling pretty good since the surgery. I'll be back at some point. Just don't know when yet."

Bourdais, the four-time Champ Car champion, will likely miss the rest of the season, the team said Sunday. It's unclear if Davison will remain in the car beyond next Sunday's race.

"It's never easy when you have to replace an injured driver," Coyne said. "But the important thing is that Sébastien is going to fully recover from his injuries and we'll be waiting for him when he's ready to come back."

"We've worked with James in the past and he's done a good job for us, he's familiar with the team and knows how we work so it was an easy decision when came the time to find someone to fill the No. 18 seat."

Romanian minister defends keeping Kanter at airport

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romania's foreign minister says his country had no choice in detaining Oklahoma City Thunder center Enes Kanter in the capital's airport.

Teodor Melescanu said Romania could not "proceed otherwise" in comments made to news.ro. He declined to comment further.

Kanter was detained at Henri Coanda Airport on Saturday before departing to the United States via London.

The basketballer, who is Turkish, said in a video Saturday on his Twitter account that the Turkish embassy canceled his passport and that he'd been detained for several hours at a Romanian airport.

Kanter said he believed he was held because of his political views. He has been a critic of Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Kanter supports Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen, who opposes Erdogan. Melescanu spoke Sunday from the summit of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, taking place in Istanbul.

Planner

COMING UP IN THE VALLEY

JETHAWKS (Minor League Baseball — Cal League)

- Today at Inland Empire, 7:05 p.m.
- Tuesday vs. San Jose, 6:35 p.m.
- Wednesday vs. San Jose, 6:35 p.m.

WHIPTAILS (Independent Baseball — Pecos League)

- Thursday vs. High Desert, 7 p.m.
- Friday vs. High Desert, 7 p.m.
- Saturday vs. High Desert, 7 p.m.

COMING UP IN SOCAL

DUCKS (National Hockey League — Playoffs)

- Today at Nashville, 5 p.m. (NBCSN)
- Wednesday vs. Nashville, 6 p.m. (NBCSN), if necessary

ANGELS (Major League Baseball)

- Today at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m. (FSW)
- Tuesday at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m. (FSW)
- Wednesday at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m. (FSW)

DODGERS (Major League Baseball)

- Tuesday vs. St. Louis, 7:10 p.m. (SportsNetLA/ESPN)
- Wednesday vs. St. Louis, 7:10 p.m. (SportsNetLA/MLB)
- Thursday vs. St. Louis, 7:10 p.m. (SportsNetLA)

GALAXY (Major League Soccer)

- May 27 at San Jose, 7 p.m. (Univision)
- June 3 at D.C. United, 4 p.m. (SpectrumSN)
- June 17 vs. Houston Dynamo, 8 p.m. (SpectrumSN)

ON RADIO/TV TODAY

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

- Jethawks at Inland Empire, 7:05 p.m., www.jethawks.com, AM-1380

COLLEGE GOLF

- NCAA Women's Championship, Individual National Championship, 1 p.m., GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

- Regional coverage, San Francisco at Chicago Cubs OR Detroit at Houston, 5 p.m., MLB

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

- NBA Playoffs, Western Conference finals, Game 4, Golden State at San Antonio, 6 p.m., ESPN

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

- Stanley Cup Playoffs, Western Conference finals, Game 6, Ducks at Nashville, 5 p.m., NBCSN

SOCCER

- FIFA U-20 World Cup, group play, Saudi Arabia vs. Senegal, 3:50 a.m., FS1

- FIFA U-20 World Cup, group play, Vietnam vs. New Zealand, 3:50 a.m., FS2

- FIFA U-20 World Cup, group play, England vs. Guinea, 12:50 a.m. (Tuesday), FS1

- FIFA U-20 World Cup, group play, Venezuela vs. Vanuatu, 12:50 a.m. (Tuesday), FS2

NASCAR

Coca-Cola 600 could be long slog

By JENNA FRYER

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — The All-Star race showed Kyle Larson is the likely favorite for the Coca-Cola 600.

It also showed that the best car doesn't always win, and the winner will likely be aided by a heavy dose of clean air.

Translation? NASCAR's longest race could be an epic snoozer. That's saying a lot after Martin Truex Jr. last year led all but eight of the 400 laps.

Saturday night's annual All-Star race gave little hope of the 600 rising to some epic event that will be talked about for years. At Charlotte Motor Speedway, the leader uses the clean air in front of him to drive away from the field. Passing is difficult at the front.

"You can't pass anywhere," said Ryan Blaney. "It's not great track conditions, to be honest with you."

Blaney raced his way into the All-Star race by winning a segment in an earlier qualifying event. He then tried to open the race with an optional set of soft tires to gain track position. That didn't really work. Then he tried a two-tire pit stop that briefly cycled him into the lead. But that didn't work, either.

For 40 laps over two segments, no one had anything at all for Larson. He led flag to flag in each of the two segments, and in theory should have won the race. He was the leader heading into the final pit stops, but a slow stop



Associated Press

SMOKIN' — Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup series All-Star auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. on Saturday.

sent him back to the track in fourth.

The \$1 million prize was going to one of 10 drivers who won a 10-lap sprint to the finish. So whichever driver took the lead on the restart would churn through that clean air all the way to victory lane.

Larson didn't get a shot because of the slow stop.

"I think we had the car to be the winner," he said. "You've got to be perfect to win a Cup race. I knew being

the leader off pit road was going to be the big thing. When I could tell that the rear (tire) changer wasn't around nearly as fast as the front, I knew we were in trouble."

The win instead went to Kyle Busch, his first in a Cup car at Charlotte. It was his first in the All-Star race, and ended more than a decade of frustration at the local track. Busch had eight wins in the Xfinity Series, seven in the Truck Series, including

Friday night's race.

To finally get an All-Star win, he had to hold on the final restart and dive his car deep to the bottom of the track for a three-wide pass of Jimmie Johnson and Brad Keselowski. Busch made the pass stick then took off sailing. No one could catch him once he was in the clean air.

"I could have just sat there in the line, I could have pushed Brad, faded in the corner, watched the outside lane go by," Busch said. "You've kind of got to do what you've got to do. Maybe it's not one of the top five moments, but top 10 maybe, 15 probably."

"Once I got that opportunity to get there, I knew it was going to be now or never. Take advantage of the opportunity when it presented itself."

That's the nature of this aerodynamic sensitive racing, and opportunities to make something happen are few. Johnson couldn't catch Busch once Busch had taken the lead, and Johnson soon had his hands full trying to hold off Larson for second place.

Larson grabbed the runner-up spot in a pass that Johnson didn't find necessary considering the winning car is all that matters in the All-Star race.

As NASCAR tries to address its issues and improve the racing product, there's been debate about moving the All-Star race from Charlotte. Why? Simply because of the nature of racing on an intermediate track.

NBA

NBA Playoff Glance

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Golden State 3, San Antonio 0

Sunday, May 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 111

Tuesday, May 16: Golden State 136, San Antonio 100

Wednesday, May 20: Golden State 120, San Antonio 108

Friday, May 22: Golden State at San Antonio, 6 p.m.

x-Wednesday, May 24: San Antonio at Golden State, 6 p.m.

x-Friday, May 26: Golden State at San Antonio, 6 p.m.

x-Sunday, May 28: San Antonio at Golden State, 6 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland 2, Boston 1

Wednesday, May 17: Cleveland 107, Boston 104

Friday, May 19: Cleveland 130, Boston 86

Sunday, May 21: Boston 111, Cleveland 108

Tuesday, May 23: Boston at Cleveland, 5:30 p.m.

x-Thursday, May 25: Cleveland at Boston, 5:30 p.m.

x-Saturday, May 27: Boston at Cleveland, 5:30 p.m.

x-Monday, May 29: Cleveland at Boston, 5:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA Tour-Byron Nelson Par Scores

Sunday

At TPC Four Seasons Resort

Irving, Texas

Purse: \$7.5 million

Yardage: 7,166; Par: 70

Final

(x-won on first playoff hole)

x-B. Horschel, \$195,006.89-65-66-69 — 268 -12

J. Day (300), \$101,000 ... 68-69-63-68 — 268 -12

J. Hahn (190), \$150,000 ... 64-70-64-71 — 269 -11

J. Kokrik (135), \$36,000.66-66-72-70 — 270 -10

B. Hun An (96), \$263,438-66-69-69 — 272 -8

Bud Cauley (95), \$263,438-67-67-70 — 272 -8

Danny Lee (96), \$263,438-07-04-68 — 272 -8

Sam O'Hair (96), \$263,438-69-68-68 — 272 -8

J. Dahmen (73), \$136,500.75-68-68-67 — 273 -7

Matt Kuchar (73), \$195,006.67-71-67-69 — 273 -7

Nick Taylor (73), \$136,500.69-73-66-70 — 273 -7

C. Tringale (73), \$195,006.69-68-67-72 — 273 -7

C. Campbell (55), \$136,500.68-67-68-72 — 274 -6

Jason Dufner (55), \$136,500.69-68-65-69 — 274 -6

Tony Finau (55), \$136,500.75-65-65-69 — 274 -6

D. Johnson (55), \$136,500.67-71-67-71 — 274 -6

M. Leishman (55), \$136,500.68-67-67-69 — 274 -6

J. Lovemark (49), \$108,750.72-66-6