



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.

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 favored 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 someplace 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

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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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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  
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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE



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**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

NASVILLE, 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 post-season 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-

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Gonzalez smashes Miami

By BRIAN GOLDEN  
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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, not 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.



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

“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.”

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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.  
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Associated Press

**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.



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](http://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, 43323 Sierra Highway in Lancaster. For details, call (661) 267-2586.

■ **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](mailto:santosboxingusa@gmail.com).

■ **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](mailto:michele@highdesertcyclists.com).

■ **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](mailto:houseofgolfpalmdale1@gmail.com).

■ **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](http://www.cityoflancaster.org), or contact instructor/coordinator Joe Dagata at (661) 943-8881 or [joeandpatty5@verizon.net](mailto:joeandpatty5@verizon.net).

■ **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](mailto:paisa_1031@hotmail.com) or Coach

Jessica at 661-202-4371 or email at [jaguliar0326@gmail.com](mailto:jaguliar0326@gmail.com).

■ **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](http://www.cad51.org). Must bring birth certificate and one proof of residency.

■ **Programs:** For information on adult tennis and other tennis programs in the Antelope Valley area, visit [www.1tygmng.ustapro.com](http://www.1tygmng.ustapro.com) and click on lessons.

■ **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.

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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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All those fans who hoped to see Trout hit, well, they didn't have to wait long.

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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-tying eight runs and three homers.

"It seemed like anytime I threw

Angels	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Maybin lf	5	3	2	0	Conforto lf	4	1	1	0
Simmons ss	6	3	2	3	Flores 3b	4	1	2	0
Trout cf	3	2	2	3	Bruce rf	3	1	1	3
J.Marte 3b-1b4	2	1	2	1	N.Wiker 2b	4	0	0	0
Cron 1b	4	1	1	4	Grandson cf	4	1	2	1
Parker p	0	0	0	0	Duda 1b	3	0	0	0
Revere ph	1	0	1	0	Plawecki c	4	0	0	0
D.Gerra p	0	0	0	0	Mat.Ryn ss	4	1	1	1
B.Norris p	0	0	0	0	Milone p	0	0	0	0
Calhoun rf	3	0	0	0	R.Mintro p	1	0	0	0
Espinosa 2b	3	0	1	0	Ne.Rmiz p	0	0	0	0
Midrado c	5	0	2	0	Lagares ph	1	0	0	0
Chavez p	2	0	0	0	Robles p	0	0	0	0
Vibuena 3b	0	1	0	0	T.Rivera ph	1	0	0	0
					Edgin p	0	0	0	0
					Sewald p	0	0	0	0
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New York	001	013	000	—	5				
E—Flores (3), DP—Los Angeles 1, New York 1. LOB—Los Angeles 8, New York 3. 2B—Maybin (8), Simmons (6), Trout (11), Conforto (8), Granderson (10), HR—Simmons (4), Trout (14), J.Marte (3), Cron (1), Bruce (11), Granderson (4), Mat.Reynolds (1), SB—Trout (9), Espinosa (1), CS—Espinosa (2), S—Chavez (1).									
Angels	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Chavez W,4-5	5 2/3	7	5	5	0	4			
Parker	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	3			
Guerra	1	0	0	0	1	0			
Norris	1	0	0	0	0	1			
New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Milone L,0-2	1 1/3	7	8	7	2	3			
Montero	3 2/3	2	1	1	3	3			
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	1	1			
Robles	1	2	3	3	2	1			
Edgin	1	1	0	0	0	1			
Sewald	1	0	0	0	1	0			
HR—by Edgin (Calhoun). Umpires—Home, Gabe Morales First, Ben May Second, Phil Cuzzi Third, Gary Cederstrom. T—3:17. A—39,501 (41,922).									

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.

**Phillies 1, Pirates 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 Gimenez 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 13, 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 innings.

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

**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 eighth 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 innings, but Napoli put the Rangers ahead 3-2 with his solo shot in the fifth off Matthew Boyd (2-4).

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE

Mundell, Rodgers power JetHawks

Valley Press Staff

SAN BERNARDINO — The Lancaster JetHawks earned its second win, 7-3, of a three-game series against the Inland Empire 66ers with a five-run, second inning.

The big inning started with a Brian Mundell double to left field, followed by Roberto Ramos' single to score Mundell. It gave Lancaster a 1-0 lead, but they were just getting started.

Ramos got home on a sacrifice fly by Wes Rogers and things continued to slide for Inland. Starter Luis Pena (2-4) loaded the bases with two walks and Brendan Rodgers had a bases-clearing triple to right-centerfield.

Rodgers, who finished 1-for-5 with three RBIs, gave the JetHawks a 5-0 lead on his big hit.

Inland Empire responded by scoring two runs in the bottom of the second on a single, triple

and ground out. JetHawks starter Jesus Tinoco (2-0) didn't have too many more hiccups after the second as he pitched six innings and surrendered three runs on five hits with a walk and strikeout.

With the score at 5-2, Mundell added an insurance run with a solo home run in the fifth inning to make it a four-run lead. Mundell was 2-for-4 with a double, home run, two runs scored, an RBI and a walk.

The 66ers managed an inside-the-park home run in the bottom of the fifth, but couldn't get any closer.

Lancaster (24-20) has won 10 of their last 12 games and find themselves two games behind the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes (26-18) for first place.

The JetHawks conclude its series against the 66ers tonight with Craig Schlitter (6-0) on the mound against Jesus Castillo (1-1). First pitch is at 7:05 p.m.

DUCKS: Only team to beat Nashville at home in playoffs

**From C1**  
season debut and won 10 of 14 face-offs against the best team on the dot in these playoffs.

Rinne, who shut out the Blackhawks twice in Chicago to open this postseason, played arguably his best game yet. He made 32 saves and aggressively played the puck to help hold off the Ducks. Rinne is 11-4 in these playoffs, and his 1.62 goals-against average is the fourth-lowest with his .942 save percentage the fourth-highest in NHL history with a minimum of 15 games played.

"He's been great all playoffs, and the team has so much confidence in him," defenseman Roman Josi said about Rinne. "It's awesome playing in front of him, and he's been unbelievable."

Nothing can be taken for granted in this series. The Ducks and Predators have been tied or within a goal for 284 minutes, 38 seconds of the 319:49 played. Scoring first has been no guarantee either with the winner coming back four times. That's how Nashville has won each time in this series for their fifth comeback victory this postseason and the 31st overall of this postseason.

"They're never out of the game, out of a series, so yeah, got to make sure we're prepared," Josi said.

The Ducks have been resilient all postseason, from scoring three goals to tie Edmonton in Game 5 of the second round before winning in overtime by snapping Nashville's 10-game winning streak on home ice. That had

been the longest playoff winning streak since the 1997-98 Detroit Red Wings before Anaheim won 3-2 in overtime Thursday night.

Defenseman Kevin Bieksa said the Ducks just have to go out and win.

"We're capable of winning. That's for sure. We've proven that time after time," Bieksa said. "We have the team, and we're against the wall right now facing a little bit of adversity."

The Ducks are dealing with injuries as well. Rickard Rakell missed Saturday's game with a lower-body injury, and forward Patrick Eaves has missed nine with his injury. Neither traveled to Nashville. Goaltender John Gibson left Saturday's game after the first period with a lower-body injury and will be re-assessed at Monday morning's skate.

If Gibson can't play, Jonathan Bernier will make the first playoff start of his career. He went 21-7-4 in the regular season and has appeared in three games this postseason.

The Ducks rebounded from losing Game 3 by taking a day off in Nashville to shoot pool and throw darts. The schedule doesn't allow such a break with both the Predators and Ducks back on planes Sunday for the return trip to Tennessee.

"Well, it seems that when the pressure's been applied, we've responded in the proper manner, and I would expect the same," Ducks coach Randy Carlyle said.



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FIRST												
	Wgt	PP	PP	Strt	1/4	1/2	3/4	Stroh	Fin	Jockey	Odds	
Off 1:01. Good. 4wd bid/led, cleared												
Fractional/Final Time: 24.410, 48.730, 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	PP	Strt	1/4	1/2	3/4	Stroh	Fin	Jockey	Odds	
Accelerant	124	1	1	4-2	4-1	1-hd	1-4½	1-5½	C. Sutherland	2.80		
Winning Causeway	124	3	4	2-hd	1-hd	2-hd	2-1½	2-nd	T. Pereira	4.70		
Kiss Limit	117	4	3	3-1	3-1	3-1	3-3½	3-8½	A. Solis	1.60		
Courageous Dave	117	2	2	1-hd	2-hd	4-5	4-9	4-12½	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									

SECOND

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

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

Fractional/Final Time: 23.160, 47.000, 1:11.580, 1:24.510, 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	Stroh	Fin	Jockey	Odds
Tiz No Bluff	126	2	3	4-1½	4-4½	3-3	3-8	1-3½	J. Talamo	0.60
Mucho Chrome	126	1	1	2-1	2-1	2-1½	2-hd	2-nk	S. Elliott	3.90
Make It a Triple	126	6	4	1-hd	1-hd	1-hd	1-½	3-10½	E. Maldonado	3.50
Y's Passion	126	4	6	6	6	6	6	4-¾	B. Blanc	31.20
Wheresthemoneyjack	121	5	2	3-1½	3-hd	4-4	4-1½	5-3	A. Delgadillo	15.70
Liberation	126	3	5	5-5	5-4	5-1	5-½	6	T. Pereira	12.10
2 (2)	Tiz No 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 (2-1-6-4) paid \$58.80; \$1 Trifecta (2-1-6) paid \$12.90.

THIRD

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 b/w 5/16 led, clear

Fractional/Final Time: 23.860, 48.220, 1:12.800, 1:37.610, 00.000, 1:43.900.

Trainer: J. Desormeaux

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Lancaster's Thom

Lancaster's Thompson advances to Masters

By ALEX VEJAR  
Valley Press Staff Writer

NORWALK — Lancaster High School sophomore Kayla Thompson advanced to the CIF-Southern Section Masters track and field meet with her record-breaking time of 24.54 seconds in the girls 200-meter dash on Saturday during the CIF-SS Divisional finals at Cerritos College.

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GOLDEN: McCarthy focused on pitching, not 2015 injury

From C1

six innings Sunday, needing only 75 pitches.

In six starts this season, McCarthy is 4-1 with a 3.76 ERA. He has emerged as Clayton Kershaw's most reliable win man for a Dodgers team whose disabled list is strewn with starting pitchers.

Tommy John Surgery aborted a promising 3-0 start two years ago.

Last winter, at last, was about being healthy.

"I could focus last winter on pitching, not my arm," McCarthy said. "It made such a big difference. I've had a lot better fastball command this season as a result."

Derek Dietrich's double into the left field corner with two outs in the fifth broke up the perfecto. Former batterymate A.J. Ellis' one shot to right scrapped the shutout.

When the Marlins got two more men on base in the sixth, McCarthy wielded fastballs on the corner to Marcell Ozuna and Giancarlo Stanton to escape unscathed.

"I was surprised at the type of

swings I was seeing," McCarthy said. "When guys swing early in the count, the game moves along a lot faster."

When pitchers are aggressive it helps, too.

"What I liked most about B-Mac was how relentless he was, aggressive in the strike zone," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "He filled up the strike zone all day and he never quit attacking."

McCarthy went home Sunday worrying about the Chicago Cubs in his next start, not how he'll feel when he wakes up Monday.

It's therapeutic for Cousin Chad's sports representation firm, too.

This has always been as much personal as business representing Cousin Brandon.

Eberhardt has felt sympathetic pain the past two seasons, and not just the kind that comes from cold cost-benefit analysis.

That's his cousin as much as his client out there.

The cousin he always shared big dreams with.

DODGERS: McCarthy cruises, allows one run in six innings

From C1

Gonzalez's production allowed Brandon McCarthy (4-1) to cruise. McCarthy took a perfect game, two outs into the fifth inning.

Yasmani Grandal collected a career-high three doubles, and Joc Pederson hit his first hornet since opening day (the real one, April 3).

For the past week, the Dodgers have averaged five runs per game, even after losing Justin Turner to the disabled last last Thursday.

"Everybody is picking it up right now," said Dodgers manager Dave Roberts. "Guys are putting together good at bats, and then we're stringing those good at-bats together to produce big innings."

Brett Eisner, called up to replace Turner, pinch-hit a two-run single to illustrate his manager's point.

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Majestic Quality	121	1	2	4-½	4-hd	2-hd	1-3	1-6¼	K. Desormeaux	0.80		
Utana	126	5	5	3-1	2-hd	4-6	2-2	2-6½	V. Espinoza	1.60		
Tizool	122	4	3	2-1	3-1	3-½	4-10	3-no	C. Nakatani	5.50		
Miss Remembering	121	2	1	1-1	1-1	1-½	3-4	4-18	M. Garcia	11.50		
Appria	126	3	4	6	6	6	5-4	5-4½	G. Mitchell	65.90		
Tiz Bailee	121	6	6	5-½	5-½	5-½	6	6	S. Gonzalez	36.00		
1 (1)	Majestic Quality	3.60	2.20	2.10								
5 (5)	Utana		2.20	2.10								
4 (4)	Tizool			2.40								

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

Off 2:23. Good. bid vied/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 Time to Get Even-Clawpucino

Horse	Wgt	PP	PP	Strt	1/4	1/2	Stroh	Fin	Jockey	Odds	
Cioppino Pasadino	114	2	1	3-1	1-hd	1-hd	1-1	E. Roman	12.80		
Havetture 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	3-1½	E. Maldonado	5.90		
Merrily Merrily	126	5	5	4-hd	5-2	4-hd	4-no	S. Elliott	37.70		
Adios Cali	121	1	7	5-1	3-hd	3-½	5-14½	R. Bejarano	3.40		
Candy Ruler	121	4	2	2-hd	4-½	6-7	6-5½	F. Prat	0.90		
Dixie Chick Rocks	121	7	6	7	7	7	7	J. Talamo	10.40		
2 (2)	Cioppino Pasadino	27.60	11.80	8.60							
6 (6)	Havetture Way		7.20	5.60							
3 (3)	Tangled Up in Ju			5.80							

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

Off 3:05. Good. stalked, bid/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	PP	Strt	1/4	1/2	Stroh	Fin	Jockey	Odds	
Lady Bellamy	123	3	1	3-½	2-½	2-2½	1-½	T. Pereira	1.30		
Powder	123	1	4	1-½	1-2	1-1½	2-9½	T. Baze	2.50		
Tenhouseandressons	123	2	6	4-1½	3-1	3-4	3-3½	F. Prat	4.00		
Dixie Crystal	123	5	21	4-4	4-2½	4-2½	J. Ochoa	20.20			
Candice Topper	123	7	7	5-hd	6-½	6-½	5-½	A. Jimenez	38.60		
Californiasummer	116	4	8	6-hd	5-1	5-hd	6-2½	E. Roman	7.90		
Lemon Ridge	123	8	3	8	7-1	7-2½	7-1½	M. Linares	73.00		
Go for Bear	123	6	2	7-2	8	8	8	R. Bejarano	11.40		

CELTICS: Cavaliers 13-game playoff winning streak snapped

From C1

On his way to the postgame news conference, the superstar got into an exchange with a fan who heckled him about his rough night.

"I didn't have it," said James. "You let a team like that grab momentum you almost knew a shot like that was going in."

Despite James' struggles, the Cavs led 77-56 in the third quarter after making 14 3-pointers in the first half. But Cleveland got complacent, Smart got hot and the Celtics, who arrived at Quicken Loans Arena on Sunday morning for their shoot-around without Thomas and looking somewhat defeated, never gave up.

"We decided we were going to go out and play hard, swinging," Bradley said. "We never counted ourselves out."

The Celtics tied the Cavs at 95-all on Smart's 3-pointer and then matched the James and Co. basket for basket in the final minutes in one of the most entertaining games

of what has been a mostly boring postseason.

Boston's Jonas Jerebko's base-line jumper put the Celtics ahead 108-106 with 30 seconds left before Irving scored on a drive to tie it with 10.7 seconds left.

Following a timeout, the Celtics perfectly executed a play drawn up by Stevens and worked the ball to Bradley, who found himself open and then calmly knocked down a shot that goes straight into Celtics lore.

For Cleveland, the loss was a wake-up call on their march toward a possible third straight Finals and a seemingly inevitable rematch with Golden State. The Cavs had been playing a glorified game of H.O.R.S.E. with the Warriors, who are undefeated and can complete a sweep of San Antonio on Monday night.

"I'm kind of glad it happened the way it did," James said. "We have to play a lot better. I feel some adversity is part of the postseason. If it's

going to happen, let it happen now. Let's regroup and get back to playing desperate basketball, which they did tonight. We've got to be a lot better for sure."

**STREAK OVER**

James' run of scoring at least 30 points ended at eight straight playoff games. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar did it nine straight times in 1970.

James helped Boston's comeback by going 0 for 6 and scoring just one point in the final 18 minutes.

**FLOP HOUSE**

Jerebko took exception to being called for a foul when Love hit the floor after the two got tangled up in the fourth quarter.

"I thought he flopped," Jerebko said. "I don't like people flopping. I don't flop. I had to tell him. He kind of laughed. He knew he flopped. He's a great player, but stand up. Don't flop. That's my motto at least."

**TIP-INS**

*Celtics:* Stevens said Thomas will visit hip specialists over the next few

days and may need surgery. ... Stevens didn't review much of the Game 2 tape, but there's a mental image in his head of the Cavs making tough shot after tough shot. "As good as they are and they are tremendous, that might have been the best game I've ever seen a team play against us," he said. Does that mean college too? "Yeah, I think they would have beaten all those teams, too," he said, drawing laughter.

*Cavaliers:* James needs 62 points to pass Michael Jordan as the top scorer in postseason history. ... Cavs coach Tyronn Lue was an assistant in Boston and said his team reminds him of those Celtics teams with Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Rajon Rondo. "That was a tight group," he said. "They did everything together, dinners and everything." ... Browns defensive end Myles Garrett, the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft, and fellow rookie Jabrill Peppers took a few shots on the floor before the teams came out for warmups.

MIRANDA: Earned athletic and academic scholarship to USAFA

From C1

Academy, how you can go in there and run and play soccer — whatever I wanted to do (in) sports — and I went that way."

But Miranda had to work hard for to make her dream a reality.

The admission requirements for the academy are more rigorous than other colleges, so Miranda started meeting them starting in her sophomore year at Knight. She also continually exchanged emails with the academy to get on their radar, Miranda said.

In addition to the academic requirements, Miranda had to pass a fitness test last winter in which she had to run a mile in 7 minutes; run a sprint; perform 40 pushups, 90 sit-ups and three pull-ups within a time frame; and throw a basketball a certain distance with one arm from her knees.

Miranda also has to receive a recommendation to the academy from an Antelope Valley government official. But because the academy recruited her for athletics, Miranda was told she should have no trouble receiving a recommendation, she said.

Miranda also made official visits to Eastern Washington University and University of Montana, but she chose the Air Force Academy the day after she visited in October.

"Air Force was her first choice," Miranda's father, Joey, said. "She went to the other schools as a fallback, just in case she didn't get into it."

But with her running times in high school and her 4.0-plus GPA, Miranda got in. But before she officially joins the academy, Miranda first has to complete an 18-day basic military training and attend the academy's prep school for 10 months.

If all goes well, she'll join the USAFA as a cadet. Miranda has no worries about making it over those last two hurdles.

"As long as you do what you're supposed to be doing, it's pretty simple to get in," Miranda said.

Miranda will run the 5K and 6K for the academy's cross country team, and looks to run the 1,600-meter race for its track team, she said. Her start in track, however, came by happenstance.

Born to Run

Before high school, Miranda was primarily a soccer player. Some of her friends on the soccer team encouraged her to join the cross country team, and Miranda decided to give it a try.

In her first-ever cross country competition as a freshman, Miranda broke 18 minutes on her run — a time normally performed by veteran runners. Her coaches, Michael and Melinda Fluharty, told her the same day that she proved to be one of the fast runners.

Since then, Miranda didn't want to stop running.

"I was excited to see what I could do the following years," Miranda said.

Although she still played on the Knight soccer team during all four years of high school, Miranda opted to stop playing club soccer in order to focus more on cross country and track. Miranda said she missed it initially, but told herself she would still play with the high school team and that running was her main priority.

That commitment led her to an offer from the USAFA, which is an NCAA Division I program. Miranda said when searching for a school, she specifically sought somewhere she could run in Division I.

Miranda was such a good runner after her freshman year at Knight

a high school sophomore, she realized jobs were hard to come by after graduating college. Instead of putting herself through that insecurity, Miranda decided she didn't want to worry about finding a job after the academy.

"You don't have to worry about trying to find a job or anything," Miranda said. "You come out and you have a job."

Miranda hopes to serve her 20 years in the Air Force as a pilot. After she retires from the Air Force, she wants to fly commercial airliners.

"I've just always been interested in it since I was a kid," Miranda said.

Joey admitted Miranda's decision was a mature one to make as a sophomore in high school. And while 20 years is a long time, Joey has nothing but confidence in his daughter that she made the right decision.

"It's gonna be a hard commitment for her, but... she's tough," Joey said. "She made the decision on her own and we're proud of her. It's a good accomplishment for her."

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## Morning rush

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### 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

CINDIANAPOLIS — **James Davison** will replace **Sebastien 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 Sebastien 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 Fetullah 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.



#### WHITTAILS (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)



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- June 17 vs. Houston Dynamo, 8 p.m. (SpectrumSN)

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#### 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

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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
Saturday, May 20: Golden State 120, San Antonio 108
Today, 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.

NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 2, Boston 1
Wednesday, May 17: Cleveland 117, Boston 104
Friday, May 19: Cleveland 130, Boston 86
Sunday, May 21: Boston 111, Cleveland 108
Tuesday, May 23: Cleveland 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
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NHL
WESTERN CONFERENCE
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