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The U.S. team's McLain Ward, a three-time Olympic medalist, at last year's Riders Masters Cup in New York.

U.S.-Europe Team Competition Adds Spice To the More Stately Pace of Show Jumping

By LISA COWAN

How do you add a new twist to a staid and traditional sport like show jumping? Just add speed and a team battle for international boasting rights.

The Riders Masters Cup, one of the events at the Longines Masters of New York starting this week at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, pits the best American show jumpers against their European rivals in head-to-head matchups.

"The format keeps both teams in the hunt right to the very end of the competition in most scenarios," said McLain Ward, a three-time Olympic medalist and member of the American team.

"That keeps it exciting and keeps the intensity level high," he said, making for great entertainment.

The results do not count toward world rankings, but the riders enjoy the unusual format, said Robert Ridland, the chef d'équipe of the United States team. "And it's really fun."

It's on a world stage, and "your country is on the line, so in that sense, it's important," he said, but "I think it's more about bragging rights."

The Masters events, which this year continue through Sunday, have long included the Longines Grand Prix and the Longines Speed Challenge. About 80 show jumpers will compete over four days. The team competition, which was added to the Masters in 2017, is on Saturday, only the second time it has been held in New York. Five of the top riders from the United States will compete against a team from Europe, in a format loosely based on golf's Ryder Cup.

"Everybody knows about the Ryder Cup from golf. It's a battle between Europe and America," said Christophe Ameeuw, founder of the Riders Masters Cup. "Who are the best equestrians today? It's Europe and America."

A random draw before the competition decides the head-to-head matchups for the first round, in which each horse and rider jump a course of fences 1.5 meters (nearly five feet) high that can be equally wide. The faster of the two riders wins that duel, but a rider and horse who knock down a rail or do not jump a fence could lose the duel. The teams score 10 points per

win for the first round.

The two coaches then determine which European rider will be matched against which American rider for the second and final round. Each fallen rail increases a rider's time by three seconds, meaning that round two has a greater emphasis on quickness and agility than round one.

"It brings the speed element to the forefront of the competition," which makes for an exciting experience for the spectators, Ridland said.

The competitors usually use one of their "speed" horses, Ward said. He wants a horse that is "very good against the clock and naturally fast."

Of course, going faster means cutting corners more tightly, angling fences and sometimes leaving a stride out between two fences. All of those moves will give the rider a faster time while making it more likely that the horse will drop a rail or refuse to jump.

Each matchup in the second round is worth double points, so even if one

shot.

Usually, the coach picks 10 potential riders in advance and then narrows the team to the final five competitors. In what he said was a strategic move, Ridland chose to name this year's final American team early: Beezie Madden, Ward, Devin Ryan, Laura Chapot and Lillie Keenan.

"It's not the grand prix, it's not the most important event of the week, but I think the riders let their hair down a little bit and have a little fun with it," Ward said.

Philippe Guerdat, the coach of the European team, named his finalists Wednesday night: Smolders, Darragh Kenny of Ireland, Olivier Philippaerts of Belgium, Edward Levy of France and Pius Schwizer of Switzerland. Guerdat is the former coach of the French national show jumping team.

The Masters week at the coliseum will also include music, art, shopping and other activities, including a college riding competition and dog agility.

An equestrian himself, Ameeuw is passionate about increasing the fan base for show jumping. People probably think "it's a little bit boring," he said. But he hopes that spectators, whether or not they love horses, will come to an event and "discover a beautiful, fantastic sport."

He compared the experience to attending Grand Slam tennis tournaments. When you go to the United States Open, even if you're not a big tennis fan, there are many other things to do and enjoy, he said.

But for the die-hard show-jumping disciples, there is no shortage of top competition, culminating with the grand prix on Sunday.

Ward won that class last year riding Clint, his 12-year-old gray Oldenburg mare. But this year she is recovering from an injury, so he said he hoped to ride Tradition De La Roque, a 12-year-old black Selle Français owned by Kessler Show Stables.

New York is the third stop in the Longines Masters series after Paris in December and Hong Kong in February. Ward, who lives in Brewster, N.Y., said he liked having the team competition in New York.

"My hope is that it keeps growing in popularity," he said, "and is something that can be a great event for many years to come."

An international contest is mostly about who gets 'bragging rights.'

team loses all five matches in the first round (as the United States did last year), a couple of wins in the second round can even the fight.

The event is built on the idea of speed, said Harrie Smolders, a Dutch rider. "You need a fast horse, but one that normally jumps a little bit bigger," he said. "You have to bring one of your best horses."

Last year's battle in New York wasn't decided until the last fence of the last round, when Smolders beat Ward's time, handing Europe the win.

It's exciting when it's decided who wins or loses in the last split second of the competition, Smolders said. The Americans have yet to win the event, but the competition has been close every time.

"All three of the previous Riders Cups have gone down to the last pairing," Ridland said. "We've always had

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Mathew Barzal, above, and the Islanders face Justin Williams, below, and the Hurricanes in the N.H.L. playoffs' second round.



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What to Watch This Weekend

N.B.A. PLAYOFFS The final days of the first round are not going as expected. The Golden State Warriors will face the Los Angeles for a Game 6 (Friday, 10 p.m.) that no one saw coming. Though the West is not settled, the East is ready to move on to the second round. The Toronto Raptors will take on the Philadelphia 76ers for the first round of their semifinal series on Saturday, and the Milwaukee Bucks will face the Boston Celtics on Sunday. The times and channels are still to be determined.

M.L.B. The Houston Astros will host the Cleveland Indians in a four-game series that concludes Sunday night (7:05 p.m., ESPN). It is the first meeting of the two American League heavyweights since Houston swept Cleveland in a divisional series last postseason.

HOCKEY The second round of the N.H.L. playoffs is underway. The Islanders have not played since April 16, while their opponent, the Hurricanes, played a double-overtime Game 7 on Wednesday. Game 1 of their second-round series is Friday at Barclays Center (7 p.m., NBCSN), with Game 2 on Sunday (3 p.m., NBC).

SOCCER Liverpool will try to retake first place, again, in the seesaw Premier League race when it plays already-relegated Huddersfield on Friday (3 p.m., NBCSN), but Manchester can grab it right back when it travels to Burnley on Sunday (9 a.m., NBCSN). In between, Dortmund and Schalke will square off on Saturday in the Revierderby (9:30 a.m., FS2), one of the more enjoyable days on the Bundesliga calendar.

AUTO RACING Nascar races at Talladega on Sunday at 2 p.m. on Fox. The Azerbaijan Grand Prix in Baku has been unpredictable, with three winners in three races there (Sunday, 8:05 a.m., ESPN2).

Times are Eastern

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL A.L. STANDINGS East W L Pct GB Yankees 14 10 .583 1 1/2 Toronto 11 14 .440 5 Boston 10 15 .400 6 Baltimore 10 16 .385 6 1/2 Central W L Pct GB Minnesota 13 9 .591 — Cleveland 13 10 .565 1/2 Detroit 12 11 .522 1 1/2 Chicago 9 14 .391 4 1/2 Kansas City 8 17 .320 6 1/2 West W L Pct GB Seattle 16 11 .593 1/2 Texas 12 11 .522 2 1/2 Oakland 14 13 .519 2 1/2 Los Angeles 9 16 .360 6 1/2 THURSDAY Yankees at L.A. Angels Detroit at Boston Cleveland at Houston Texas at Seattle FRIDAY Yankees (Paxton 2-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-3), 10:15 Oakland (Fiers 2-2) at Toronto (Straman 1-3), 7:07 Tampa Bay (Morton 2-0) at Boston (Price 1-1), 7:10 Baltimore (Cobb 0-1) at Minnesota (Perez 2-0), 8:10 Cleveland (Kluber 2-2) at Houston (McHugh 3-2), 8:10 Detroit (Norris 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 3-2), 8:10 L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-2) at Kansas City (Duffy 0-0), 8:15 Texas (Miller 1-1) at Seattle (Kirkuchi 1-1), 10:10 SATURDAY Yankees at San Francisco, 4:05 Baltimore at Minnesota, 2:10 Oakland at Toronto, 3:07 Cleveland at Houston, 4:05 Tampa Bay at Boston, 4:05 Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 7:15 Texas at Seattle, 9:10 N.L. STANDINGS East W L Pct GB Mets 13 11 .542 — Philadelphia 13 11 .542 — Atlanta 12 11 .522 1/2 Washington 11 12 .478 1 1/2 Miami 7 17 .292 6 Central W L Pct GB St. Louis 15 9 .625 — Chicago 12 11 .522 2 1/2 Pittsburgh 12 11 .522 2 1/2 Milwaukee 13 13 .500 3 Cincinnati 9 14 .391 5 1/2 West W L Pct GB Los Angeles 16 11 .593 1/2 Arizona 15 11 .577 1/2 San Diego 14 11 .560 1 Colorado 11 14 .440 4 San Francisco 11 14 .440 4 THURSDAY Arizona 5, Pittsburgh 0 L.A. Dodgers 2, Chicago Cubs 1 Atlanta at Cincinnati Miami at Philadelphia FRIDAY Milwaukee (Anderson 2-0) at Mets (deGrom 2-2), 7:10 Yankees (Paxton 2-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-3), 10:15 Miami (Burgener 1-3) at Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-1), 7:05 San Diego (Strahm 0-2) at Washington (Scherer 1-3), 7:05 Colorado (Senzetlat 1-1) at Atlanta (Fried 3-0), 7:20 Cincinnati (DeSclafani 0-1) at St. Louis (Mikolas 2-1), 8:15 Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 1-3) at Arizona (Ray 0-1), 9:40 Pittsburgh (Archer 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 2-1), 10:10 SATURDAY Milwaukee at Mets, 7:10 Yankees at San Francisco, 4:05 Cincinnati at St. Louis, 2:15 San Diego at Washington, 4:05 Miami at Philadelphia, 6:05 Colorado at Atlanta, 7:20 Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 8:10 Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10

PRO BASKETBALL N.B.A. PLAYOFF SCHEDULE All Times EDT FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7, x-if necessary) EASTERN CONFERENCE Philadelphia 4, Nets 1 Saturday, April 13: Nets 111, Philadelphia 102 Monday, April 15: Philadelphia 145, Nets 123 Thursday, April 18: Philadelphia 131, Nets 115 Saturday, April 20: Philadelphia 112, Nets 108 Tuesday, April 23: Philadelphia 122, Nets 100 Milwaukee 4, Detroit 0 Sunday, April 14: Milwaukee 121, Detroit 86 Wednesday, April 17: Milwaukee 120, Detroit 99 Saturday, April 20: Milwaukee 119, Detroit 103 Monday, April 22: Milwaukee 127, Detroit 104 Toronto 4, Orlando 1 Saturday, April 13: Orlando 104, Toronto 101 Tuesday, April 16: Toronto 111, Orlando 82 Friday, April 19: Toronto 98, Orlando 93 Sunday, April 21: Toronto 107, Orlando 85 Tuesday, April 23: Toronto 115, Orlando 96 Boston 4, Indiana 0 Sunday, April 14: Boston 84, Indiana 74 Wednesday, April 17: Boston 99, Indiana 91 Friday, April 19: Boston 104, Indiana 96 Sunday, April 21: Boston 110, Indiana 106 WESTERN CONFERENCE Golden State 3, L.A. Clippers 2 Saturday, April 13: Golden State 121, L.A. Clippers 104 Monday, April 15: L.A. Clippers 135, Golden State 131 Thursday, April 18: Golden State 132, L.A. Clippers 105 Sunday, April 21: Golden State 113, L.A. Clippers 105 Wednesday, April 24: L.A. Clippers 129, Golden State 121 Friday, April 26: Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m. x-Sunday, April 28: L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 3:30 p.m. Denver 3, San Antonio 2 Saturday, April 13: San Antonio 101, Denver 96 Tuesday, April 16: Denver 114, San Antonio 105 Thursday, April 18: San Antonio 118, Denver 108 Saturday, April 20: Denver 117, San Antonio 103 Tuesday, April 23: Denver 108, San Antonio 90 Thursday, April 25: Denver at San Antonio x-Saturday, April 27: San Antonio at Denver, 10 p.m. Portland 4, Oklahoma City 1 Sunday, April 14: Portland 104, Oklahoma City 99 Tuesday, April 16: Portland 114, Oklahoma City 94 Friday, April 19: Oklahoma City 120, Portland 108 Sunday, April 21: Portland 111, Oklahoma City 98 Tuesday, April 23: Portland 118, Oklahoma City 115 Houston 4, Utah 1 Sunday, April 14: Houston 122, Utah 90 Wednesday, April 17: Houston 118, Utah 98 Saturday, April 20: Houston 104, Utah 101 Wednesday, April 22: Houston 107, Houston 91 Wednesday, April 24: Houston 100, Utah 93 CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7, x-if necessary) EASTERN CONFERENCE Milwaukee vs. Boston Sunday, April 28: Boston at Milwaukee, 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 30: Boston at Milwaukee, TBD Friday, May 3: Milwaukee at Boston, TBD x-Wednesday, May 8: Boston at Milwaukee, TBD x-Friday, May 10: Milwaukee at Boston, TBD x-Monday, May 13: Boston at Milwaukee, TBD Toronto vs. Philadelphia Saturday, April 27: Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 or 8 p.m. Monday, April 29: Philadelphia at Toronto, TBD Thursday, May 2: Toronto at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 5: Toronto at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m. x-Tuesday, May 7: Philadelphia at Toronto, TBD x-Thursday, May 9: Toronto at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m. x-Sunday, May 12: Philadelphia at Toronto, TBD N.B.A. PLAYOFF LEADERS SCORING G FG FT PTS AVG Lillard, POR . . . 5 53 33 165 33.0 Durant, GOL . . . 5 53 42 160 32.0 George, OKC . . . 5 44 40 143 28.6 Harden, HOU . . . 5 43 32 139 27.8 Leonard, TOR . . . 5 50 25 139 27.8 Antetokounmpo, MIL 37 27 105 26.2 Curry, GOL . . . 5 36 30 124 24.8 TENNIS BARCELONA OPEN Real Club de Tennis Barcelona 1899 BARCELONA, SPAIN Singles Kei Nishikori (4), Japan, d. Felix Auger-Aliassime (16), Canada, 6-1, 6-3. Daniil Medvedev (7), Russia, d. Mackenzie McDonald, United States, 6-3, 6-2. Dominic Thiem (3), Austria, d. Jaume Munar, Spain, 7-5, 6-1. Nicolas Jarry, Chile, d. Grigor Dimitrov (13), Bulgaria, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2). Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, d. David Ferrer, Spain, 6-3, 6-3. Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, d. Cristian Panatta, Chile, 6-4, 7-6 (2). Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, d. Stefanos Tsitsipas (5), Greece, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Guido Pella, Argentina, d. Benoit Paire, France, 7-5, 6-3. Doubles Quarterfinals Pablo Carreno Busta and Feliciano Lopez, Spain, d. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Marcelo Meligini (1), Brazil, 6-3, 7-5. Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (2), Brazil, d. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau, Romania, 6-3, 6-3. HUNGARIAN OPEN Sport11 Sport and Event Center BUDAPEST Singles Second Round Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, d. Radu Albot (8), Moldova, 7-5, 6-4. Borna Coric (2), Croatia, d. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. Matteo Berrettini (4), Italy, d. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 7-6 (8), 6-2. Nikoloz Basilashvili (4), Georgia, d. Peter Gopowczyk, Germany, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, d. Marin Cilic (1), Croatia, 5-7, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3). Laslo Djere (5), Serbia, d. Jannik Sinner, Italy, 6-3, 6-1. Porsche Grand Prix Porsche Arena STUTTGART, GERMANY Singles Second Round Anastasija Sevastova (7), Latvia, d. Laura Siegemund, Germany, 6-4, 6-3. Naomi Osaka (1), Japan, d. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-3. Donna Vekic, Croatia, d. Daria Kasatkina, Russia, 6-1, 7-5. Anett Kontaveit (8), Estonia, d. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-3, 6-2. Kiki Bertens (6), Netherlands, d. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, d. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-2, 6-4. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, d. Karolina Pliskova (4), Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Doubles Quarterfinals Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, d. Barbora Strýcová, United States, and Katarina Srebotnik (4), Slovenia, 6-0, 6-2. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, d. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 2-6, 7-5, 11-9. ISTANBUL CUP Garanti Koza Arena ISTANBUL Singles Second Round Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, d. Svetlana Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-4, 6-3. Petra Martić (6), Croatia, d. Ana Bogdan, Romania, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. Kristina Mladenovic, France, d. Katerina Kozlov, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-2. Veronika Kudermetova, Russia, d. Tímea Babos, Hungary, 6-0, 7-6 (4). Doubles Quarterfinals Alex Guarachi, Chile, and Sabrina Santamaria, United States, d. Xenia Knoll, Switzerland, and Fanny Stollár, Hungary, 4-6, 6-4, 10-4. Cornelia Lister, Sweden, and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, d. Margarita Gasparyan, Russia, and Maria Sakkarí, Greece, 6-1, 6-4.

PRO HOCKEY N.H.L. PLAYOFF SCHEDULE All Times EDT CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7, x-if necessary) EASTERN CONFERENCE Islanders vs. Carolina Friday, April 26: Carolina at Islanders, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28: Carolina at Islanders, 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 1: Islanders at Carolina, 7 p.m. Friday, May 3: Islanders at Carolina, 7 p.m. x-Sunday, May 5: Carolina at Islanders, TBA x-Tuesday, May 7: Islanders at Carolina, TBA x-Wednesday, May 8: Carolina at Islanders, TBA Columbus vs. Boston Thursday, April 25: Columbus at Boston Saturday, April 27: Columbus at Boston, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30: Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2: Boston at Columbus, 7:30 p.m. x-Saturday, May 4: Columbus at Boston TBA WESTERN CONFERENCE Dallas vs. St. Louis Thursday, April 25: Dallas at St. Louis Saturday, April 27: Dallas at St. Louis, 3 p.m. Monday, April 29: St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1: St. Louis at Dallas, 9:30 p.m. x-Friday, May 3: Dallas at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m. x-Sunday, May 5: St. Louis at Dallas, TBA x-Tuesday, May 7: Dallas at St. Louis, TBA San Jose vs. Colorado Friday, April 26: Colorado at San Jose, TBA Sunday, April 28: Colorado at San Jose, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30: San Jose at Colorado, 10 p.m. Thursday, May 2: San Jose at Colorado, 10 p.m. x-Saturday, May 4: Colorado at San Jose TBA x-Monday, May 6: San Jose at Colorado, TBA x-Wednesday, May 8: Colorado at San Jose TBA N.H.L. PLAYOFF LEADERS GOAL SCORING GP G Logan Couture San Jose 7 6 Nicklas Hentzen San Jose 7 6 Matt Duchene Colorado 7 6 Thomas Backstrom Washington 7 5 Auston Matthews Toronto 7 5 Max Pacioretty Vegas 7 5 Nikko Román Colorado 5 5 Jordan Eberle Islanders 5 5 Warren Foegele Carolina 7 4 Brad Marchand Boston 7 4 Jonathan Marchessault Vegas 7 4 Alex Ovechkin Washington 7 4 Alexander Radulov Dallas 6 4 Jaden Schwartz St. Louis 6 4 GOLF TROPHEE HASSAN II Royal Golf Dar es Salam RABAT, MOROCCO Purse: \$2.9 million Yards: 7,532; Par: 73 (36-37) First Round Jordan Smith, England 32-34-65 Alejandro Canizares, Spain 33-34-67 Diego Crocker, United States 34-35-69 Matthew Pavon, France 34-36-68 Stephen Gallacher, Scotland 31-37-69 Edoardo Molinari, Italy 34-35-68 Jack Janitor, England 34-36-70 Pablo Larranaga, Spain 37-34-71 Kristoffer Reitan, Norway 36-34-70 Lee Staffery, England 34-36-70 Matthias Schwab, Austria 32-38-70 Dimitrios Papadatos, Australia 34-36-70 Joonas Ikonen, United States 37-34-71 David Lipsky, United States 32-39-71 Richard Sterne, South Africa 36-35-71 Raphaël Jacquelin, France 36-35-71 Also Kiyayama, United States 35-38-73 Sihwan Kim, United States 37-36-73 John Catlin, United States 39-36-75 SOCCER M.L.S. STANDINGS EAST W L T Pts GF GA D.C. United 3 2 17 13 9 Montreal 3 2 14 13 14 Philadelphia FC 4 1 13 18 11 Toronto FC 4 3 13 12 9 Columbus 4 4 13 8 9 Orlando City 3 2 11 17 10 N.Y.C.F.C. 2 1 5 11 11 Chicago 2 3 3 9 12 12 Cincinnati 2 4 2 8 13 13 New England 2 6 1 6 15 18 New York City 1 2 5 8 9 Atlanta 1 3 2 5 8 9 WEST W L T Pts GF GA Los Angeles FC 7 1 1 22 25 7 Real Salt Lake 5 2 17 17 11 FC Dallas 5 2 1 16 14 9 Houston 4 1 13 13 8 Minnesota 3 3 2 11 17 15 Real Salt Lake 4 1 10 14 14 Kansas City 2 2 3 9 15 11 San Jose 2 5 1 7 12 19 Vancouver 1 5 2 5 6 11 Portland 1 6 2 2 12 23 Wednesday's Games N.Y.C.F.C. 1, Chicago 0 D.C. United 1, Columbus 0 Montreal 3, New England 0 LA Galaxy 0, Minnesota 0, tie San Jose 2, Seattle 2, tie Saturday, April 27 Orlando City at N.Y.C.F.C., 1 p.m. Cincinnati at Real Salt Lake, 7 p.m. Portland at Toronto FC, 3 p.m. San Jose at F.C. Dallas, 3:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Vancouver, 5 p.m. Colorado at Atlanta, 6 p.m. Columbus at Houston, 8:30 p.m. New England at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28 Chicago at Montreal, 12:30 p.m. D.C. United at Minnesota, 1:30 p.m. Los Angeles FC at Seattle, 3:30 p.m. Real Salt Lake at L.A. Galaxy, 8 p.m. M.L.S. LEADERS GOALS Carlos Vela, LFC 10 Zlatan Ibrahimovic, LA 7 Diego Rossi, FC Dallas 6 Jozzy Altidor, TOR 5 Kei Kamara, COL 5 Darvin Kuipers, MIN 5 Wayne Rooney, DC 5 ASSISTS Nicolas Loderio, SEA 6 Mark-Anthony Kaye, LFC 5 Alejandro Pozuelo, TOR 5 Carlos Vela, LFC 5 Eduard Atuesta, LFC 4 Michael Barrios, DAL 4 Latif Blessing, LFC 4 Mauro Manotas, HOU 4 Nani, ORL 4 Jonathan Osorio, TOR 4 Diego Valeri, POR 4 GOALS-ALLOWED AVERAGE Zack Steffen, CLB 0.75 Tyler Miller, LFC 0.88 David Bingham, LA 1.00 Jesse Gonzalez, DAL 1.00 Bill Hamid, DC 1.00 Spencer Ritchey, SEA 1.25 Luis Robles, Real Salt Lake 1.25 Brad Guzan, ATL 1.33 Joe Willis, HOU 1.33 Andre Blake, PHI 1.36 ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE Team GP W D L GF GA Pts Man City 35 29 2 4 89 22 88 Liverpool 35 27 7 1 79 20 88 Tottenham 35 23 11 1 65 35 70 Chelsea 35 20 7 8 59 38 67 Arsenal 35 20 6 9 69 46 66 Man United 35 19 7 9 63 50 64 Wolverhampton 35 14 9 12 44 43 51 Watford 35 14 8 13 50 50 52 Everton 35 14 7 14 50 44 49 Leicester 35 14 6 15 48 47 48 West Ham 35 12 7 16 44 54 43 Crystal Palace 35 12 6 17 43 48 42 Newcastle 35 11 8 16 35 44 41 Bournemouth 35 12 5 18 49 62 41 Burnley 35 11 7 17 44 62 40 Southampton 35 9 10 16 41 58 37 Brighton 35 9 3 19 32 54 34 Cardiff 35 8 4 22 30 65 31 Fulham 35 6 5 24 33 76 23 Monday's Game Chelsea 2, Burnley 2 Tuesday's Game Watford 1, Southampton 1 Tottenham 1, Brighton 0 Wednesday's Games Wolverhampton 3, Arsenal 1 Man City 2, Mar. United 0 Friday, April 26 Liverpool vs. Huddersfield Saturday, April 27 Tottenham vs. West Ham Southampton vs. Bournemouth Fulham vs. Wolverhampton Watford vs. Cardiff Crystal Palace vs. Everton Brighton vs. Newcastle Sunday, April 28 Leicester vs. Arsenal Burnley vs. Man City Man United vs. Chelsea

TRANSACTIONS M.L.B. American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned RHP Josh Lucas outright to Norfolk (IL). BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned LHP Bobby Poyner to Pawtucket (IL) and Darwinzon Hernandez to Portland (EL). CLEVELAND INDIANS — Traded OF Cameron Maybin to the Yankees for cash. DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Zac Reinger to Toledo (IL). KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned LHP Tim Hill to Omaha (PCL). Sent LHP Brian Flynn to Omaha for a rehab assignment. MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned LHP Gabriel Moya to Rochester (IL). YANKEES — Placed OF Clint Frazier on the 10-day IL, retroactive to April 23. Optioned RHP Jonathan Loaisiga from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled RHP Joseph Harvey from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. National League ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent LHP Johnny Venters to Gwinnett (IL) for a rehab assignment. CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned LHP Tim Collins to Iowa (PCL). Reinstated LHP Jim Lester from the 10-day IL. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned 3B Mitch Walding and RHP Drew Anderson to Lehigh Valley (IL). Designated LHP James Pazos for assignment. Selected the contract of 2B Sean Rodriguez from Lehigh Valley (IL). Recalled RHP Enyel De Los Santos from Lehigh Valley. HOCKEY CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR Ishaq Myan. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Exercised their fifth-year option on CB Jalen Ramsey. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Exercised their fifth-year option on CB Vernon Hargreaves III. SOCCER National Premier Soccer League NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed F Jochen Graf from Memphis (USL Championship). COLLEGE ARKANSAS — Named Jordyn Wieber women's gymnastics coach. NORTH CAROLINA — Men's junior basketball G Seventh Woods will transfer.