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**South Carolina assistant coach Khadijah Sessions dances with players during the Gamecocks' NCAA Championship parade and celebration on April 14, 2024, in Columbia.** SEAN RAYFORD/GETTY IMAGES

# 'It's a trust thing'

## Whether Staley is running hot or not, Sessions provides balance

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Sunday's Elite Eight game might have been a challenge for defending champion South Carolina women's basketball, but it wasn't for assistant coach Khadijah Sessions.

An intense environment, two teams battling for a spot in the Final Four and a game with an uncertain outcome until the final seconds.

As a South Carolina player and star guard for Dawn Staley from 2012-16, Session has experienced all aspects of a March Madness. So as the No. 1 seed Gamecocks (34-3) beat No. 2 Duke 54-50, Sessions knew when to yell and when not to, when to push and when to pull.

"It's a trust thing," Sessions said. "If you can tell them and show them, they have to believe you. Being a player for Coach Staley makes it easier for me to relate to them. I went to the Final Four, I was No. 1 in the country, we won the SEC, it's easy for them to believe in me because I've done it, I've lived it."

As South Carolina faces Texas in the Final Four on Friday (7 p.m., ESPN) it does so with Sessions on the bench, as the program's inspiration for what succeeding in Staley's system looks like.

Prior to her arrival on staff in July 2023, Sessions dove into coaching after playing overseas in Finland, working in both AAU and high school basketball programs.

When she started with the Gamecocks, Sessions began putting out feelers to gain trust, according to redshirt freshman Adhel Tac. She showed interest in players' lives off the court, taking the time to understand their habits, how they tick, what makes them grow and what halts their progress.

"She's an amazing coach," Tac said. "I give her a lot of credit for how we do things because she does have a way of getting through to us. She always make sure, even sometimes when we aren't putting the best in ourselves, she is going to try to bring that out of us."

It's not necessarily more effort than other coaches, but Sessions knows she came with advantages.

"You know what you want from your coaches," Sessions said. "I'm a relationship type of person, I do a really good job at reading people, seeing what they need in the moment and out of the moment. It's more about understanding players off the court to understand them on the court."

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# Clemson approves alcohol sales at sporting events

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CLEMSON — Clemson will allow the sale of alcohol at its sporting events, changing a multi-decade stance.

The school's athletic department announced Tuesday that alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at designated stands and kiosks in Memorial Stadium starting Saturday for Clemson football's spring game. Beer sales will commence at McWhorter Stadium (softball) and Doug Kingsmore Stadium (baseball) starting the week of April 7.

"We are excited to continue to expand concessions offerings and roll out this important change to our gameday experience, and we want to be thoughtful in doing so," Clemson athletic director Graham Neff said in a news release. "We have appreciated the support from several key groups to begin a safe implementation that is both fan-friendly and family-friendly. We will continue to evaluate the impacts and adapt our offerings and policies to meet the needs of our fans."

Clemson was one of three Power Four schools nationally (the others being Utah and BYU), including the only school in the ACC, SEC and Big Ten, that neither offered the sale of alcoholic beverages in its athletic venues nor accepted sponsorship revenue from alcoholic beverage advertisers.

Clemson's in-state rival, South Carolina, began selling beer and wine at football and basketball games on Jan. 1, 2020.

Clemson previously didn't sell alcohol to fans at sporting events, but

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**Lights turn on in buildings, including Clemson Memorial Stadium and Tillman Hall clock tower in Clemson.** KEN RUINARD/STAFF FILE

# Johnson returning to USC if hardship waiver is approved

**Guard Meechie Johnson Jr. is returning to USC after playing this season at Ohio State.** JOSEPH MAIORANA/IMAGN IMAGES

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COLUMBIA — Meechie Johnson Jr. announced via social media on Tuesday afternoon that he's returning to South Carolina basketball, just one year after he entered the transfer portal to leave the program.

Johnson, a 6-foot-2 guard, began his career at Ohio State, playing two seasons (2020-22) before transferring to South Carolina for two seasons from 2022-24.

After leading coach Lamont Paris' team to a program record-tying 26 win season in 2023-24, he went back into the portal and returned to Ohio State.

The 2025-26 season would mark his sixth year in college. He is eligible for a mental health medical hardship waiver and if it's approved, he will play at South Carolina.

Johnson played just 10 total games this season and didn't play after the loss to Auburn on Dec. 14. He averaged 9.1 points and 2.7 assists.

According to the Columbus Dispatch, Johnson left the team "for what were publicly described as personal reasons."

Johnson talked to the Dispatch in an article published on March 26 where he described the situation as mental health related.

"My therapist, if you talked to her, I was disappointed in a lot of things, not from an Ohio State standpoint but just within myself in how a lot of things went and how I wasn't able to be there on the court with my team," he said to The Dispatch. "I've seen a lot of things: 'Oh, he quit.' Nah, that's just not what happened at all."

In Columbia, Johnson averaged 14.1 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists in 2023-24. He started in all 33 games and was the team's leading scorer. During the 2022-23 season,

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## ON THE AIR

### THURSDAY TELEVISION

### AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

**4:30 a.m. FS2** – Carlton at Collingwood
**4:30 a.m. (Fri.) FS2** – Melbourne at Geelong

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

**7 p.m. ACC** – Duke at UNC
**ESPN2** – LSU at Oklahoma
**SEC** – Ole Miss at Kentucky

### COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

**7 p.m. ESPN** – Slam Dunk & 3-point championships
**FS1** – CBC: Cincinnati vs. UCF
**9 p.m. ESPN** – NIT: UC Irvine vs. Chattanooga
**9:30 p.m. FS1** – CBC: Villanova vs. Southern Cal

### GOLF

**10:30 a.m. Golf** – PGA Korn Ferry Club Car Championship
**1:30 p.m. Golf** – Augusta National Women's Amateur
**4 p.m. Golf** – PGA Valero Texas Open
**7 p.m. Golf** – LPGA T-Mobile Match Play

### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

**2 p.m. ESPN2** – Prolific Prep (Calif.) vs. Long Island Lutheran (N.Y.)
**4 p.m. ESPN2** – Link Academy (Mo.) vs. TBD
**6 p.m. ESPNU** – Bella Vista (Ariz.) vs. Brewster Academy (N.H.)
**8 p.m. ESPNU** – Columbus (Fla.) vs. TBD

### MOTORSPORTS

**10:25 p.m. ESPNews** – Formula One Practice 1
**1:55 a.m. (Fri.) ESPN2** – Formula One Practice 2

### NBA

**7:30 p.m. TNT** – Memphis at Miami
**10 p.m. TNT** – Golden State at L.A. Lakers

### NBA G LEAGUE

**8 p.m. ESPNews** – Indiana vs. Osceola
**10 p.m. ESPNU** – Valley vs. Stockton

### TENNIS

**11 a.m. Tennis** – WTA Charleston Open
**7 p.m. Tennis** – WTA Charleston Open
**Note:** *Live events only. Subject to schedule changes and local blackouts.*

# Trust

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Sessions works in tandem with Staley. She brings her serenity when Staley brings her fire and when Staley goes silent, Session vocalizes Staley's thoughts. Staley said Sessions has a special bond with star MiLaysia Fulwiley especially.

In the Sweet 16 game against Maryland on March 28, Fulwiley blew coverage on defense and despite her single-handedly surging South Carolina's offense, Staley yanked her sophomore guard and let her hear it.

As Staley verbalized, Sessions stared at Fulwiley, waiting until the right second to say breathe, focus, take accountability and move on.

"They hear me, they know it's coming from a place of passion and love," Sessions said. "One has to be loud, one has to be calmer. It's a balancing act."

It's boisterous energy mixed in a timely fashion. She's always the first to ignite the crowd but can still be the one who calmly says the right thing.

When forward Chloe Kitts won SEC tournament MVP, Sessions danced and clapped louder than anyone. When former starting center Kamilla Cardoso hit a game-winning 3-pointer against Tennessee last year, Sessions sprinted across the entire court, unable to contain her excitement.

When now WNBA star A'ja Wilson posed in front of cameras after getting her jersey retired in Colonial Life Arena, Sessions stomped, clapped and hyped her up to no end.

She's there with endless support always, but sprinkles in everything else in a timely fashion.

"She understands where the pitfalls of young players and where they are today and how hard they need to work," Staley said.

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# Johnson

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he averaged 12.7 points per game and started in 29 out of 30 games.

This past season without Johnson, the Gamecocks finished 12-20 and at the bottom of the SEC.

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# Clemson

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luxury suites at Memorial Stadium and Littlejohn Coliseum were the exception. With the change, Clemson will align with Power Four programs as the college athletics landscape is about to shift thanks to the looming House settlement.

A supporter for the change is Clemson baseball coach Erik Bakich. He said in January that the away team's bullpen on the third-base line will be moved into foul territory, and the old bullpen space will become a standing room-only beer garden.

"We're going to be selling beer this year, which is huge," Bakich said. "We want the rowdy crowd. We want the beer-drinking crowd. We want people to come out here and have a blast, and the opposing pitchers are going to have to get warm right in front of that section."

### What alcohol sales will do for Clemson athletics?

The biggest benefit is the revenue Clemson will make, especially with schools being able to share it with student-athletes if the House settlement passes this month. It has added a student athletics fee, increased season-ticket prices for football games and unveiled a revenue-generating entity, Clemson Ventures, to help prepare the athletic department for the anticipated changes.

Alcohol sales will be another avenue for Clemson to generate money. According to the Knoxville-News Sentinel, Tennessee sold more than 278,000 servings of beer at football games at Neyland Stadium, that generated $3.3 million in the 2022 season.

A potential negative will be a change in Clemson's family-friendly environment. Alcohol consumption can lead to erratic and dangerous behavior from people, which can taint the atmospheres at games.

### What is Clemson's alcohol service policy at games?

Clemson announced alcohol sales will begin when the venue doors open, and sales cutoff times will be posted throughout the venue, followed by the warning: "No exceptions."

For the football spring game, service will end after the third quarter. For baseball games, service will end after the seventh inning, and softball will conclude after the fifth inning.

For other sports, service will end "at a designated time no later than when 75% of the event's regulation length is scheduled to be completed."

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## SCOREBOARD

**All times Eastern**

## MLB

**American League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 1 | .800 | – |
| N.Y. Yankees | 3 | 1 | .750 | ½ |
| Toronto | 4 | 2 | .667 | ½ |
| Baltimore | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1 |
| Boston | 1 | 4 | .200 | 3 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 2 | 3 | .400 | – |
| Chi. White Sox | 2 | 3 | .400 | – |
| Kansas City | 2 | 3 | .400 | – |
| Detroit | 2 | 3 | .400 | – |
| Minnesota | 1 | 4 | .200 | 1 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Angels | 4 | 1 | .800 | – |
| Texas | 4 | 2 | .667 | ½ |
| Houston | 2 | 3 | .400 | 2 |
| Athletics | 2 | 4 | .333 | 2½ |
| Seattle | 2 | 4 | .333 | 2½ |

**National League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 3 | 1 | .750 | – |
| Miami | 4 | 2 | .667 | – |
| N.Y. Mets | 2 | 3 | .400 | 1½ |
| Washington | 1 | 4 | .200 | 2½ |
| Atlanta | 0 | 6 | .000 | 4 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 3 | 2 | .600 | – |
| Chicago Cubs | 4 | 4 | .500 | ½ |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 3 | .400 | 1 |
| Milwaukee | 1 | 4 | .200 | 2 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 5 | .167 | 2½ |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Dodgers | 7 | 0 | 1.000 | – |
| San Diego | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | ½ |
| San Francisco | 4 | 1 | .800 | 2 |
| Arizona | 3 | 2 | .600 | 3 |
| Colorado | 1 | 3 | .250 | 4½ |

**Monday's Scores**

Chi. White Sox 9, Minnesota 0
Kansas City 11, Milwaukee 1
Baltimore 8, Boston 5
Philadelphia 6, Colorado 1
Cincinnati 14, Texas 3
N.Y. Mets 10, Miami 4
Tampa Bay 6, Pittsburgh 1
Toronto 5, Washington 2
L.A. Angels 5, St. Louis 4
San Francisco 7, Houston 2
San Diego 7, Cleveland 2
Detroit 9, Seattle 6
Chicago Cubs 18, Athletics 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, Atlanta 1

**Tuesday's Scores**

Texas 1, Cincinnati 0
Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Tampa Bay 7, Pittsburgh 0
Arizona 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
Toronto 5, Washington 3
Minnesota 8, Chi. White Sox 3
Milwaukee 5, Kansas City 0
L.A. Angels 9, St. Louis 7
San Francisco 3, Houston 1
San Diego 7, Cleveland 0
Detroit 4, Seattle 1
Chicago Cubs 7, Athletics 4
L.A. Dodgers 3, Atlanta 1

**Wednesday's Games**

Texas at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at Milwaukee
L.A. Angels at St. Louis
Minnesota at Chi. White Sox
Washington at Toronto
Chicago Cubs at Athletics
San Francisco at Houston
Cleveland at San Diego
Detroit at Seattle
N.Y. Mets at Miami
Boston at Baltimore
Colorado at Philadelphia
Arizona at N.Y. Yankees
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers

**Thursday's Games**

Boston (Houck 0-1) at Baltimore (Morton 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (Senzatela 0-0) at Philadelphia (Walker), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Brown 0-1) at Minnesota (Ryan 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
Arizona (Kelly 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Carrasco 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lodolo 1-0) at Milwaukee (Cortes 0-1), 7:40 p.m.

## NBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 56 | 19 | .747 | – |
| N.Y. Knicks | 48 | 27 | .640 | 8 |
| Toronto | 28 | 48 | .368 | 28½ |
| Brooklyn | 25 | 51 | .329 | 31½ |
| Philadelphia | 23 | 53 | .303 | 33½ |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 37 | 40 | .481 | – |
| Atlanta | 36 | 39 | .480 | – |
| Miami | 34 | 41 | .453 | 2 |
| Charlotte | 19 | 56 | .253 | 17 |
| Washington | 16 | 59 | .213 | 20 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 60 | 15 | .800 | – |
| Indiana | 44 | 31 | .587 | 16 |
| Detroit | 42 | 33 | .560 | 18 |
| Milwaukee | 41 | 34 | .547 | 19 |
| Chicago Bulls | 34 | 42 | .447 | 26½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 49 | 27 | .645 | – |
| Memphis | 44 | 32 | .579 | 5 |
| Dallas | 37 | 39 | .487 | 12 |
| San Antonio | 31 | 44 | .413 | 17½ |
| New Orleans | 21 | 54 | .280 | 27½ |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oklahoma City | 63 | 12 | .840 | – |
| Denver | 47 | 29 | .618 | 16½ |
| Minnesota | 44 | 32 | .579 | 19½ |
| Portland | 33 | 43 | .434 | 30½ |
| Utah | 16 | 60 | .211 | 47½ |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Lakers | 46 | 29 | .613 | – |
| Golden State | 44 | 31 | .587 | 2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 43 | 32 | .573 | 3 |
| Sacramento | 36 | 39 | .480 | 10 |
| Phoenix | 35 | 41 | .461 | 11½ |

**Monday's Games**

Charlotte 110, Utah 106
Miami 120, Washington 94
Indiana 111, Sacramento 109
L.A. Clippers 96, Orlando 87
Boston 117, Memphis 103
Oklahoma City 145, Chicago Bulls 117
Brooklyn 113, Dallas 109
L.A. Lakers 104, Houston 98

**Tuesday's Scores**

Portland 127, Atlanta 113
Milwaukee 133, Phoenix 123
N.Y. Knicks 105, Philadelphia 91
Chicago Bulls 137, Toronto 118
Golden State 134, Memphis 125
Orlando 116, San Antonio 105
Minnesota 140, Denver 139

**Wednesday's Games**

Sacramento at Washington
N.Y. Knicks at Cleveland
Charlotte at Indiana
Miami at Boston
Utah at Houston
Atlanta at Dallas
San Antonio at Denver
Detroit at Oklahoma City
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers

**Thursday's Games**

Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.

## NHL

**Eastern Conference**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 45 | 25 | 4 | 94 | 242 | 219 |
| Tampa Bay | 44 | 25 | 5 | 93 | 268 | 196 |
| Florida | 44 | 26 | 4 | 92 | 235 | 201 |
| Ottawa | 39 | 29 | 6 | 84 | 213 | 214 |
| Montreal | 35 | 30 | 9 | 79 | 223 | 248 |
| Detroit | 34 | 33 | 7 | 75 | 211 | 234 |
| Buffalo | 32 | 36 | 6 | 70 | 244 | 263 |
| Boston | 30 | 36 | 9 | 69 | 196 | 248 |

**Metropolitan Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 48 | 17 | 9 | 105 | 270 | 199 |
| Carolina | 45 | 24 | 4 | 94 | 238 | 196 |
| New Jersey | 40 | 29 | 7 | 87 | 227 | 201 |
| Columbus | 34 | 30 | 9 | 77 | 242 | 246 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 35 | 32 | 7 | 77 | 224 | 222 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 32 | 32 | 10 | 74 | 203 | 229 |
| Pittsburgh | 30 | 34 | 11 | 71 | 218 | 274 |
| Philadelphia | 31 | 36 | 9 | 71 | 217 | 263 |

**Western Conference**

**Central Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Winnipeg | 51 | 20 | 4 | 106 | 257 | 177 |
| Dallas | 49 | 21 | 4 | 102 | 254 | 189 |
| Colorado | 45 | 26 | 4 | 94 | 251 | 211 |
| St. Louis | 41 | 28 | 7 | 89 | 231 | 213 |
| Minnesota | 41 | 28 | 6 | 88 | 204 | 214 |
| Utah | 34 | 29 | 12 | 80 | 212 | 229 |
| Nashville | 27 | 40 | 8 | 62 | 190 | 245 |
| Chicago | 21 | 44 | 9 | 51 | 201 | 269 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vegas | 45 | 21 | 8 | 98 | 252 | 198 |
| L.A. Kings | 42 | 23 | 9 | 93 | 219 | 187 |
| Edmonton | 43 | 26 | 5 | 91 | 239 | 217 |
| Calgary | 35 | 27 | 12 | 82 | 194 | 219 |
| Vancouver | 34 | 27 | 13 | 81 | 213 | 229 |
| Anaheim | 33 | 33 | 8 | 74 | 205 | 233 |
| Seattle | 31 | 38 | 6 | 68 | 224 | 245 |
| San Jose | 20 | 44 | 10 | 50 | 193 | 282 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one for OT loss.

**Tuesday's Scores**

Washington 4, Boston 3
Montreal 3, Florida 2, OT
Buffalo 5, Ottawa 2
Columbus 8, Nashville 4
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
St. Louis 2, Detroit 1, OT
Utah 3, Calgary 1
Anaheim 4, San Jose 3, SO
Edmonton 3, Vegas 2
L.A. Kings 4, Winnipeg 1

**Wednesday's Games**

Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers
Washington at Carolina
Florida at Toronto
Colorado at Chicago
Seattle at Vancouver

**Thursday's Games**

Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 8 p.m.
L.A. Kings at Utah, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Men's NCAA Tournament**

**Final Four**

**at San Antonio**

**Saturday's Games**

Florida vs. Auburn, 6:09 p.m.
Houston vs. Duke, 8:49 p.m.

**Men's National Invitational Tournament**

**Semifinals**

**Tuesday's Games**

UC Irvine 69, North Texas 67
Chattanooga 80, Loyola Chicago 73

**Women's NCAA Tournament**

**Regional Finals**

**Monday's Games**

No. 1 Texas 58, No. 2 TCU 47
No. 2 Connecticut 78, No. 1 USC 64

**Final Four**

**at Tampa, Fla.**

**Friday's Games**

Texas vs. South Carolina, 7 p.m.
UCLA vs. Connecticut, 9:30 p.m.

**Women's National Invitational Tournament**

**Semifinals**

**Wednesday's Games**

Cleveland State at Buffalo
Troy at Illinois State

## SOCCER

**MLS**

**Eastern Conference**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Inter Miami CF | 4 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 5 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 13 | 8 |
| Columbus | 3 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| Chicago | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 10 |
| Charlotte FC | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 6 |
| Nashville | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 5 |
| Orlando City | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 12 |
| Cincinnati | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 9 |
| NY Red Bulls | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| NY City FC | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Atlanta | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 11 |
| D.C. United | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 11 |
| New England | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Toronto FC | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 12 |
| CF Montreal | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 10 |

**Western Conference**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vancouver | 4 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 10 | 5 |
| Austin FC | 4 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 3 |
| San Diego FC | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 6 |
| Minnesota | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 6 |
| Colorado | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 7 |
| Portland | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| FC Dallas | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Los Angeles FC | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| Saint Louis | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| San Jose | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 9 |
| Real Salt Lake | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Seattle | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| LA Galaxy | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| Houston | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| Sporting KC | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 12 |

**Saturday's Games**

Nashville at Charlotte FC, 2:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at NY Red Bulls, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
CF Montreal at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Austin FC, 7:45 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Saint Louis at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego FC, 10:30 p.m.

**NWSL**

| | W | L | D | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 1 |
| Kansas City | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Washington | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| Angel City | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| San Diego | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Seattle | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Houston | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Bay | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Louisville | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| North Carolina | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Portland | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Gotham | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Utah | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Chicago | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 |

**Sunday's Matches**

Louisville 1, Chicago 0
Angel City 2, Seattle 1

## GOLF

**PGA Tour Statistics**

**Season Points**

1, Rory McIlroy, 1,683. 2, Sepp Straka, 1,308. 3, Russell Henley, 1,229. 4, Collin Morikawa, 1,081. 5, J.J. Spaun, 1,059. 6, Ludvig Aberg, 1,018. 7, Corey Conners, 992. 8, Hideki Matsuyama, 949. 9, Justin Thomas, 944. 10, Scottie Scheffler, 928.

**Scoring Average**

1, Rory McIlroy, 69.28. 2, Scottie Scheffler, 69.50. 3, Bud Cauley, 69.86. 4, Alex Smalley, 69.91. 5, Sepp Straka, 70.00. 6, Collin Morikawa, 70.02. 7, Michael Kim, 70.05. 8, Lee Hodges, 70.07. 9, Min Woo Lee, 70.14. 10, Jacob Bridgeman, 70.16.

**Driving Distance**

1, Aldrich Potgieter, 320.40. 2, Niklas Norgaard, 316.20. 3, Min Woo Lee, 316.00. 4 (tie), Rory McIlroy and Gary Woodland, 315.20. 6, Alejandro Tosti, 315.10. 7, Rasmus Hojgaard, 314.20. 8, Michael Thorbjornsen, 314.10. 9, Jesper Svensson, 313.80. 10, Vincent Norrman, 313.70.

**Driving Accuracy Percentage**

1, Ben Kohles, 72.75%. 2, Takumi Kanaya, 72.48%. 3, Lucas Glover, 71.63%. 4, Collin Morikawa, 71.48%. 5, Brice Garnett, 71.32%. 6, Aaron Rai, 70.26%. 7, Paul Peterson, 69.71%. 8, John Pak, 69.03%. 9, Max McGreevy, 68.05%. 10, Daniel Berger, 67.35%.

**Greens in Regulation Percentage**

1, Vincent Norrman, 73.38%. 2, Sepp Straka, 73.25%. 3, Patrick Cantlay, 72.92%. 4, Russell Henley, 72.82%. 5 (tie), Nick Taylor and Keith Mitchell, 72.22%. 5 (tie), Steven Fisk and Nick Taylor, 72.22%. 8, Brice Garnett, 72.02%. 9 (tie), Rico Hoey and Taylor Pendrith, 71.70%.

**All-Around Ranking**

1, Alex Smalley, 272. 2, Justin Thomas, 285. 3, Sepp Straka, 295. 4, Rory McIlroy, 316. 5, Keith Mitchell, 317. 6, Lee Hodges, 323. 7 (tie), Russell Henley and Collin Morikawa, 357. 9, Nicolai Hojgaard, 361. 10, Patrick Cantlay, 383.

**World Golf Ranking**

1, Scottie Scheffler, 13.94.
2, Rory McIlroy, 9.93.
3, Xander Schauffele, 8.11.
4, Collin Morikawa, 6.64.
5, Ludvig Aberg, 6.01.
6, Hideki Matsuyama, 5.43.
7, Russell Henley, 5.04.
8, Viktor Hovland, 4.45.
9, Justin Thomas, 4.32.
10, Tommy Fleetwood, 3.72.

## AUTO RACING

**NASCAR Cup Series Schedule**

April 6 – Goodyear 400, Darlington, SC
April 13 – Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
April 27 – Jack Link's 500, Talladega, Ala.
May 4 – Würth 400 presented by Liqui Moly, Fort Worth
May 11 – AdventHealth 400, Kansas City, Kan.
May 25 – Coca-Cola 600, Concord, NC
June 1 – NASCAR Cup Series Race at Nashville, Nashville
June 8 – Firekeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn
June 15 – NASCAR Cup Series Race at Mexico City, Mexico City, Mexico
June 22 – The Great American Getaway 400, Pocono
June 28 – Quaker State 400 Available at Walmart, Hampton, Ga.
July 6 – Grant Park 165, Chicago
July 13 – Toyota Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 20 – Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 400, Dover, Del.
July 27 – Brickyard 400 Presented by PPG, Indianapolis
Aug. 3 – Iowa Corn 350 Powered by Ethanol, Newton
Aug. 10 – Go Bowling at The Glen, Watkins Glen International, NY
Aug. 16 – Cook Out 400, Richmond, Va.
Aug. 23 – Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Aug. 31 – Cook Out Southern 500, Darlington, SC
Sept. 7 – Enjoy Illinois 300, Madison
Sept. 13 – Bass Pro Shops Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 21 – NASCAR Cup Series Playoff Race at New Hampshire, New Hampshire
Sept. 28 – Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 5 – Bank of America ROVAL 400, Concord, NC
Oct. 12 – South Point 400, Las Vegas, Nev.
Oct. 19 – YellaWood 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 26 – Xfinity 500, Martinsville, Va.
Nov. 2 – NASCAR Cup Series Championship, Avondale, Ariz.

**NASCAR Cup Series Point Leaders**

1. William Byron, 259.
2. Kyle Larson, 243.
3. Chase Elliott, 227.
4. Christopher Bell, 224.
5. Alex Bowman, 224.

## TRANSACTIONS

**Tuesday's Transactions**

**BASEBALL**

**Major League Baseball**

ATLANTA BRAVES – Zach Thompson Purchased From Minors. P Jesse Chavez Designated for Assignment.
BOSTON RED SOX – P Garrett Crochet Signed six-year extension.
HOUSTON ASTROS – Cristian Javier Transferred to 60-Day IL Recovery from right elbow surgery. P Nick Robertson Sent to Minors. P Nick Robertson Traded for RHP Edinson Batista.
MIAMI MARLINS – P Brett de Geus Acquired Off Waivers to Philadelphia Phillies.
NEW YORK YANKEES – P Devin Williams Placed on Paternity Leave List. JT Brubaker Transferred to 60-Day IL Broken ribs. Adam Ottavino Signed as Free Agent one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – P Brett de Geus Sent to Minors. P Brett de Geus Acquired Off Waivers.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES – P David Bednar Sent to Minors. Thomas Harrington Purchased From Minors. C Jason Delay Designated for Assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – P Lance Lynn Retired.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS – P Nick Robertson Traded to Houston Astros for RHP Edinson Batista.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**

CAROLINA PANTHERS – RB Raheem Blackshear re-signed/unrestricted free agent One-year contract (through 2025).
CHICAGO BEARS – WR DeAndre Carter signed/unrestricted free agent to Cleveland Browns One-year contract (through 2025).
TENNESSEE TITANS – CB Justin Hardee Sr. re-signed/unrestricted free agent.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Assoc.**

DETROIT PISTONS – PG Marcus Sasser League Suspension One game suspension. SF Ronald Holland II League Suspension One game suspension. C Isaiah Stewart League Suspension Two games suspension.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES – C Naz Reid League Suspension One game suspension. SG Donte DiVincenzo League Suspension One game suspension.

**HOCKEY**

**National Hockey League**

NEW YORK RANGERS – G Callum Tung Signed as Free Agent Three-year, entry-level contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS – LW Angus Crookshank Called up from minors from Belleville-AHL.
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS – LW Trevor Connelly Signed Three-year, entry-level contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS – RW Spencer Smallman Contract extended Two-year, two-way contract extension.