

CYCLING, TOUR DE FRANCE

YESTERDAY'S 20TH STAGE

A 103.8-MILE HIGH-MOUNTAIN STAGE FROM MONTEILMAR TO MONT VENTOUX.
1. Juan Manuel Garate (Spain) Rabobank, 4 hours, 39 minutes, 21 seconds; 2. Tony Martin (Germany) Team Columbia-High Road, 3 seconds behind; 3. Andy Schleck (Luxembourg) Team Saxo Bank, -38; 4. Alberto Contador (Spain) Astana, same time; 5. Preben Armstrong (United States) Astana, -41; 6. Frank Schleck (Luxembourg) Team Saxo Bank, -43; 7. Roman Kreuziger (Czech Republic) Liquigas, -46; 8. Franco Pellizzotti (Italy) Liquigas, -56; 9. Vincenzo Nibali (Italy) Liquigas, -57; 10. Bradley Wiggins (Britain) Garmin-Slipstream, 1:03; 11. Jurgen Van Den Broeck (Belgium) Silence-Lotto, 1:09; 12. Andreas Kloeeden (Germany) Astana, 1:42; 13. Christophe Riblon (France) AG2R-La Mondiale, 1:47; 14. Joost Posthuma (Netherlands) Rabobank, 1:56; 15. Christophe Le Mevel (France) Francaise des Jeux, 2:26; 16. Christian Vande Velde (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, 2:34; 17. Maxime Bouet (France) Agritubel, 2:42; 18. Mikel Astiazoro (Spain) Euskaltel-Euskadi, 2:44; 19. Daniele Righi (Italy) Lampre-NGC, 3:03; 20. Sylvain Calzati (France) Agritubel, 3:25.
Also: 33. George Hincapie (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, 5:45; 120. Tyler Farrar (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, 25:49; 142. Danny Pate (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, 25:49; 145. David Zabriskie (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, same time;
Overall Standings
(After 20 stages): 1. Alberto Contador (Spain) Astana, 81:46:17; 2. Andy Schleck (Luxembourg) Team Saxo Bank, 4:11; 3. Lance Armstrong (United States) Astana, 5:24; 4. Bradley Wiggins (Britain) Garmin-Slipstream, 6:01; 5. Frank Schleck (Luxembourg) Team Saxo Bank, 6:04; 6. Andreas Kloeeden (Germany) Astana, 6:42; 7.

Vincenzo Nibali (Italy) Liquigas, 7:35; 8. Christian Vande Velde (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, 12:04; 9. Roman Kreuziger (Czech Republic) Liquigas, 14:16; 10. Christophe Le Mevel (France) Francaise des Jeux, 14:25; 11. Mikel Astarloza (Spain) Euskaltel-Euskadi, 14:44; 12. Sandy Casar (France) Francaise des Jeux, 17:19; 13. Vladimir Karpets (Romania) Team Katusha, 18:34; 14. Rinaldo Nocentini (Italy) AG2R-La Mondiale, 20:45; 15. Jurgen Van Den Broeck (Belgium) Silence-Lotto, 20:50; 16. Stephane Goubert (France) AG2R-La Mondiale, 22:29; 17. Carlos Sastre (Spain) Cervelo Test Team, 26:21; 18. Alexandre Botcharov (Romania) Team Katusha, 29:33; 19. George Hincapie (United States) Team Columbia-High Road, 33:27; 20. Sylvain Chavanel (France) Quick Step, 34:09.
Also: 77. David Zabriskie (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, 2:02:06; 141. Danny Pate (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, 3:31:55; 151. Tyler Farrar (United States) Garmin-Slipstream, 3:48:13.

Stage 4: Winners

July 4: First Stage, Monaco-Monaco, individual time trial, 15.5 kilometers (9.6 miles) (stage): Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland; yellow jersey: Cancellara
July 5: Second Stage, Monaco-Brignoles, plain, 187 km (116.2) (Mark Cavendish, Britain; Cancellara)
July 6: Third Stage, Marseille-La Grande-Motte, plain, 196.5 km (122.1) (Cavendish; Cancellara)
July 7: Fourth Stage, Montpellier-Montpellier, team time trial, 39 km (24.2) (Astana; Cancellara)
July 8: Fifth Stage, Le Cap d'Agde-Perpignan, plain, 196.5 km (122.1) (Thomas Voeckler, France; Cancellara)
July 9: Sixth Stage, Girona, Spain-Barcelona, plain, 181.5 km (112.8) (Thor Hushovd, Norway;

Cancellara)
July 10: Seventh Stage, Barcelona-Arcalis, Andorra, higher mountain, 228 km (139.2) (Brice Feillu, France; Rinaldo Nocentini, Italy)
July 11: Eighth Stage, La Vella, Andorra-Saint-Giron, France, high mountain, 176.5 km (109.7) (Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain; Nocentini)
July 12: Ninth Stage, Saint-Gaudens-Tarbes, high mountain, 160.5 km (99.7) (Pierrick Fedrigio, France; Nocentini)
July 13: Rest Day, Limoges
July 14: 10th Stage, Limoges-Issoudun, plain, 194.5 km (120.9) (Cavendish; Nocentini)
July 15: 11th Stage, Valan-Saint-Fargeau, plain, 192 km (119.3) (Cavendish; Nocentini)
July 16: 12th Stage, Tonnerre-Vittel, plain, 211.5 km (131.4) (Nicki Sorensen, Denmark; Nocentini)
July 17: 13th Stage, Vittel-Colmar, medium mountain, 200 km (124.3) (Heinrich Haussler, Germany; Nocentini)
July 18: 14th Stage, Colmar-Besancon, plain, 199 km (123.7) (Sergei Ivanov, Russia; Nocentini)
July 19: 15th Stage, Pontarlier-Verbier, Switzerland, high mountain, 207.5 km (128.9) (Alberto Contador, Spain; Contador)
July 20: Rest Day, Verbier
July 21: 16th Stage, Martigny, Switzerland-Bourg-Saint-Maurice, France, high mountain, 159 km (98.8) (Mikel Astarloza, Spain; Contador)
July 22: 17th Stage, Bourg-Saint-Maurice-Le Grand-Bornand, high mountain, 169.5 km (105.3) (Frank Schleck, Luxembourg; Contador)
July 23: 18th Stage, Annecy-Annecy, individual time trial, 40.5 km (25.2) (Contador; Contador)
Friday: 19th Stage, Bourgoin-Jallieu-Aubenas, plain, 178 km (110.6) (Cavendish; Contador)
Yesterday: 20th Stage, Montelimar-Mont Ventoux, high mountain, 167 km (103.8) (Juan Manuel Garate, Spain; Contador)
Today: 21st Stage, Montereau-Fault-Yonne-Paris-Champs-Elysees, plain, 164 km (101.9)
Total: 3,459 kms (2,149.5 miles)

MEN'S SOCCER

MLS STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Table with columns: TEAM, W, L, T, PTS, GF, GA. Rows include Columbus, Chicago, D.C., Toronto, New England, New York, Kansas City, New York.

Western Conference

Table with columns: TEAM, W, L, T, PTS, GF, GA. Rows include Houston, Seattle, Chivas USA, Los Angeles, Colorado, Salt Lake, Dallas, San Jose.

Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Yesterday's results

Seattle FC 0, Chicago 0, tie
Columbus 2, Toronto 1
New England 1, Houston 0
Los Angeles at Kansas City, late
New York at Colorado, late
D.C. United at San Jose, late

Friday's results

Salt Lake 4, Dallas 2

Wednesday's game

Everton at MLS All-Stars.....9:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 1

Toronto at New England .....7:30 p.m.
Salt Lake at Chicago.....8:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Houston.....8:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Dallas.....8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado.....9:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 2

Seattle FC at San Jose.....3 p.m.

Saturday Crew 3, Toronto FC 2

Table with columns: Toronto, Columbus. Rows show goals scored and conceded.

FIRST HALF: 1. Columbus, Gaven 3 (Oughton, Gaven), 33rd minute. 2. Toronto, De Rosario 7 (Vitti, Wynne), 35th.
SECOND: 3. Toronto, Gerba 1 (Barrett), 49th. 4. Columbus, Lenhart 2 (Carroll, Garey), 76th. 5. Columbus, Garey 4 (Hejdjuk), 47th+.

Goalkeepers: Toronto, Stefan Frei; Columbus, William Hesmer.
Yellow Cards--Robinson, Toronto, 27th; Carroll, Columbus, 29th; Padula, Columbus, 39th.
Referee--Alex Prus. Assistant Referees--Cyril Madukama, Sean Hurd. 4th Official--Mikael Lundquist. A: 13,775.

Lineups

Toronto--Stefan Frei, Dwayne De Rosario, Emanuel Guevara (Marco Velaz, 22nd), Chad Barrett (O'Brian White, 79th), Marvell Wynne, Ali Gerba (Danny Dichio, 87th), Pablo Vitti, Carl Robinson, Jim Brennan, Nick Garcia, Adrian Seriuux.
Columbus--William Hesmer, Duncan Oughton (Emanuel Guevara, 64th), Brian Carroll, Eddie Gaven, Gino Padula (Adam Moffat, 73rd), Jason Garey, Andy Iro, Eric Brunner, Steven Lohart, Frankie Hejdjuk, Danny O'Rourke.

Fire 0, Sounders 0

FIRST HALF: None. SECOND: None. Goalkeepers: Chicago, Jon Busch; Seattle FC, Kasey Keller. A: 32,405.

Late Friday

Salt Lake 4, Dallas 2
FIRST HALF: 1. Dallas, Cunningham 4, 13th minute. 2. Dallas, van den Bergh 1 (Cunningham, Ferreira), 21st. SECOND: 3. Salt Lake, Movsisyan 5 (Morales), 55th. 4. Salt Lake, Findley 7 (penalty kick), 62nd. 5. Salt Lake, Torres (own goal), 88th. 6. Salt Lake, Movsisyan 6, 48th+. A: 18,822

CONCACAF GOLD CUP

Championship

Today's game
AT EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.
United States vs. Mexico, 3 p.m.

SCIOTO DOWNS

Yesterday's results

FIRST EIGHT RACES
1st: \$2,000 pace.
2-Smieleyvoucam 7.00 3.60 2.40; 4-El Vonte Q 3.00 3.20; 8-Ci Auspicious 2.60. Time: 1:58.2.
Exacta (2-4) \$25.00; Trifecta (2-4-8) \$21.20.

2nd: \$3,200 pace.

4nd: \$5,000 pace.
5-Kid's on My Toes 11.40 6.60 3.40; 4-Dd Cam Ram 4.60 3.00; 1-Four Pack 2.20. Time: 1:57.4.
Exacta (6-4) \$83.60; Trifecta (6-4-1) \$33.10.

6th: \$2,800 pace.

3-Camcorder 4.80 2.40 2.20; 4-Polo Johnny 2.60 3.00; 2-Captain Mo 4.60. Time: 1:55.2.
Exacta (3-4) \$9.40; Trifecta (3-4-2) \$9.90; Superfecta (3-4-2-5) \$5.46.

7th: \$5,000 pace.

5-Chill Ne 6.20 3.80 2.80; 1-Jate Daniels 7.60 5.00; 7-Just Pretend 2.40. Time: 1:54.1.
Exacta (5-1) \$51.20; Trifecta (5-1-7) \$26.15.

8th: \$3,800 pace.

2-Sequoias Spirit 4.00 3.40 2.10; 3-Peas 4.20 2.20; 5-American Union 2.80. Time: 1:56.3.
Exacta (2-3) \$10; Trifecta (2-3-5) \$7.40.

9th: \$2,700 pace.

5-D-E Cruiser Eric 4.60 3.00 2.60; 4-Valley Of The Dogs 19.60 10.00; 3-Frimer 4.00. Time: 1:55.2.
Exacta (5-4) \$59; Trifecta (5-4-3) \$75.40.

10th: \$2,000 pace.

5-Kid Will Have It 15.80 7.40 4.00; 1-Mcquire 4.40 3.40; 8-Eccaris Eldorado 4.00. Time: 1:58.2.
Exacta (5-1) \$58.80; Trifecta (5-1-8) \$152.65.

11th: \$2,200 pace.

Triple Honor 6.00 3.40 2.80; 7-Supervision 4.80 3.80; 10-Delvecchio 2.40. Time: 1:58.2.
Exacta (5-7) \$18; Trifecta (5-7-10) \$70.50; Superfecta (5-7-10-2) \$70.92. Late Double (5-5) \$34.40.

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA STANDINGS

Eastern Conference

Table with columns: TEAM, W, L, PCT, GB. Rows include Indiana, Connecticut, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, New York, Detroit.

Western Conference

Table with columns: TEAM, W, L, PCT, GB. Rows include Phoenix, Seattle, Minnesota, San Antonio, Los Angeles, Sacramento.

Yesterday's results

West All-Stars 130, East All-Stars 118

Today's games

Phoenix at New York.....4 p.m.
Sacramento at Washington.....4 p.m.

Friday's results

No games scheduled

Thursday's results

San Antonio 84, Indiana 65
Washington 75, Chicago 64
Sacramento 88, New York 73

West 130, East 118

WEST ALL-STARS - Cash 10-16 2-2 22, Thompson 2-7 0-0 4, Jackson 3-3 0-0 9, Bird 6-8 0-0 16, Hammon 4-7 2-11, Taurasi 5-7 2-2 18, Anosike 1-6 0-0 2, Pondexter 3-10 0-0 9, Powell 8-14 0-0 21, Young 1-9 0-0 2, Houston 7-10 2-2 16. Totals: 52-101 8-8 130.

EAST ALL-STARS - Catchings 3-10 1-2 7, Dupree 5-12 1-2 12, Fowles 8-12 1-1 17, Douglas 4-11 0-0 11, Beard 6-12 1-1 14, Jones 3-7 0-0 6, Smith 2-12 0-0 5, Desouza 5-5 2-2 12, Christian 4-11 1-2 12, Perkins 7-11 0-0 16, LITTLE 3-6 0-0 6. Totals: 50-109 7-10 118.

West All-Stars 25 38 36 31 - 130
East All-Stars 27 33 33 25 - 118

3-point goals: West All-Stars 18-39 (Powell 5-9, Bird 4-5, Jackson 3-3, Pondexter 3-6, Taurasi 2-6, Hammon 1-4, Houston 0-2, Cash 0-2, Thompson 0-2). East All-Stars 11-34 (Christian 3-7, Douglas 3-8, Perkins 2-4, Beard 1-1, Dupree 1-2, Smith 1-7, Jones 0-1, Little 0-1, Catchings 0-3).
Rebounds: West All-Stars 56 (Pondexter 9), East All-Stars 55 (Desouza 9). Assists: West All-Stars 34 (Bird 10), East All-Stars 33 (Jones 6). Total fouls: West All-Stars 8, East All-Stars 5. A: 9,518.

GOLF

Senior British Open

Table with columns: PLAYER, SCORE. Rows include Greg Norman, Fred Funk, Loren Roberts, Denis Watson, Sam Torrance, Bernhard Langer, Mark McNulty, Tom Kite, Bruce Vaughan, Jay Haas, Tony Johnstone, Don Pooley, Tom Watson, Tom Simpson, Michael Allen, Joey Sindelar.

Ladies European Evian Masters

Table with columns: PLAYER, SCORE. Rows include Sophie Gustafson, In-Kyung Kim, Becky Brewerton.

Nationwide Tour Cox Classic

Table with columns: PLAYER, SCORE. Rows include Michael Sim, Jonas Blixt, Tom Gillies, Brent Delahoussaye, Rich Barcelo, Chris Tidland, Todd Fujikawa, Matt Every, J.J. Killeen, Kyle Reifers.

USGA

U.S. Junior Amateur Championship

Par-72 at New Course at Trump National Golf Club; Bedminster, N.J.
Match Play: Championship--Jordan Spieth, Dallas (137), def. Jay Hwang, San Diego (148), 4 and 3.

MINOR LEAGUE PERISCOPE

Batting

Table with columns: PLAYER, AVG, G, AB, R, H, HR, RBI, SB. Rows include Drew Anderson, Matt Angle, Eric Crozier, Doug Deeds, Eric Fryer, J.B. Shuck, Andy Tracy, David Cook, Eric Crozier, Doug Deeds, Eric Fryer, J.B. Shuck, Andy Tracy.

Pitching

Table with columns: PLAYER, WH, ERA, SV, IP, H, BB, SO. Rows include Dan DeLucia, Jake Hale, Matt Long, Cory Luebke, Marty McLeary, Dan Remenowsky.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR NATIONWIDE

Kroger 200

AT O'REILLY RACEWAY PARK, INDIANAPOLIS.
Yesterday's results: 1. (42) Carl Edwards (Ford), 200 laps, \$47,145; 2. (41) Kyle Busch (Toyota), 200, \$31,650; 3. (34) Matt Kenseth (Ford), 200, \$23,900; 4. (7) Brad Keselowski (Chevrolet), 200, \$25,643; 5. (3) Steve Wallace (Chevrolet), 200, \$26,543; 6. (8) Ron Hornaday Jr. (Chevrolet), 200, \$23,768; 7. (1) Trevor Bayne (Toyota), 200, \$29,993; 8. (14) Jason Leffler (Toyota), 200, \$21,568; 9. (15) Scott Wimmer (Chevrolet), 200, \$14,600; 10. (2) Kenny Wallace (Chevrolet), 200, \$21,593; 11. (37) David Reutimann (Toyota), 200, \$14,150; 12. (9) Brendan Gaughan (Chevrolet), 200, \$21,568; 13. (12) Stephen Leicht (Chevrolet), 200, \$20,418; 14. (13) Eric Almirola (Chevrolet), 200, \$20,418; 15. (21) Tony Kanaan (Chevrolet), 199, \$21,418; 16. (2) Brad Coleman (Toyota), 199, \$20,318; 17. (27) Morgan Shepherd (Chevrolet), 199, \$13,800; 18. (26) Austin Dillon (Chevrolet), 199, \$13,735; 19. (22) Shelby Howard (Chevrolet), 199, \$13,700; 20. (31) Kevin Conway (Toyota), 199, \$20,983.

Winner's average speed: 83.138 mph. Time of race: 1 hour, 39 minutes, 1 second. Margin of victory: 1.6 seconds. Caution flags: 6 for 34 laps. Lead changes: 7 among 6 drivers.

Standings (top 10): 1. K. Busch, 3,296.2. C. Edwards, 3,104; 3. B. Keselowski, 2,904; 4. J. Leffler, 2,790; 5. J. Logano, 2,395; 6. J. Allgaier, 2,370; 7. M. Bliss, 2,353; 8. S. Wallace, 2,311; 9. B. Gaughan, 2,277; 10. J. Keller, 2,244.

INDY RACING LEAGUE

Rexall Edmonton IndyCar

AT EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.
Today's lineup (car number in parentheses): 1. (2) Will Power 116.414; 2. (6) Ryan Briscoe 116.205; 3. (3) Helio Castroneves 116.053; 4. (9) Scott Dixon 116.05; 5. (02) Graham Rahal 115.127; 6. (10) Dario Franchitti 114.868; 7. (6) Mike Conway 114.829; 8. (2) Raphael Matos 115.364; 9. (15) Paul Tracy 115.162; 10. (06) Robert Doornbos 115.147; 11. (24) Mike Conway 114.735; 12. (27) Hideki Mutoh 114.252; 13. (11) Tony Kanaan 114.06; 14. (13) E.J. Viso 113.783; 15. (18) Justin Wilson 113.825; 16. (23) Tomas Scheider 113.776; 17. (34) Alex Taglianini 113.38; 18. (26) Marco Andrethi 113.634; 19. (98) Richard Antunucci 113.036; 20. (7) Danica Patrick 113.611; 21. (14) Ryan Hunter-Reay 112.744; 22. (4) Dan Wheldon 113.035; 23. (20) Ed Carpenter 111.971.

NHRA

FRAM Autolite Nationals

TODAY'S PAIRINGS AT SONOMA, CALIF.
Top fuel: 1. J.R. Todd, 3.811 seconds, 312.06 mph vs. 2. Larry Green, 3.814 seconds vs. 15. Mike Strubburg, 6.997. 305.08 S. Chris McClenathan, 3.833. 314.68 vs. 14. Terry Haddock, 5.494, 291.82. 4. Antron Brown, 3.844, 311.05 vs. 13. Troy Buff, 4.048, 286.98. 5. Spencer Massey, 3.850, 303.57 vs. 12. Joe Hartley, 3.981, 304.39. 6. Shawn Langston, 3.987, 309.20 vs. 11. Clay Millican, 3.908, 314.7. 7. Morgan Lucas, 3.868, 309.91 vs. 10. Doug Kalitta, 3.906, 307.44. 8. Tony Schumacher, 3.880, 308.92 vs. 9. Brandon Bernstein, 3.898, 298.40.

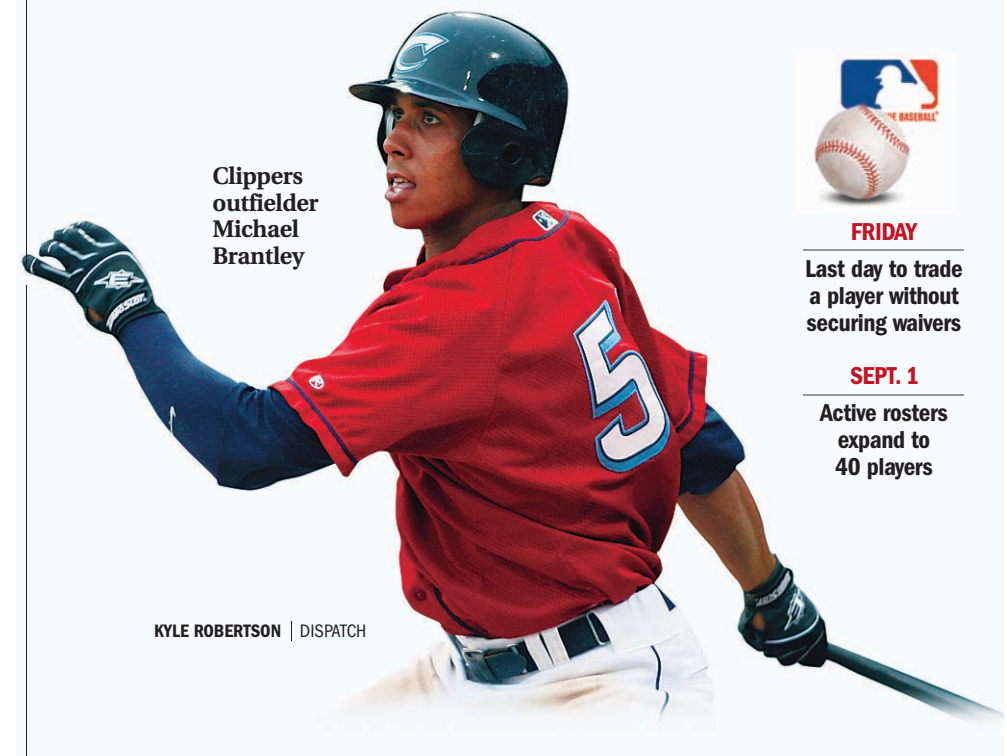
Pro stock: 1. Greg Anderson (Pontiac GXP), 6.571, 210.11 vs. 16. Ben Watson (Pontiac GTO), 6.677, 206.10. 2. Jason Line (GXP), 6.572, 210.44 vs. 15. V. Gaines (Dodge Stratus), 6.653, 207.34. 3. Allen Johnson (Stratus), 6.573, 209.75 vs. 14. Vinnie Deaconie (Stratus), 6.629, 207.75. 4. Ron Krisher (Chevy Cobalt), 6.573, 209.82 vs. 13. Larry Morgan (Stratus), 6.622, 208.10. 5. Mike Edwards (GXP), 6.574, 210.14 vs. 12. Rickie Jones (Stratus), 6.622, 208.81. 6. Jey Coughlin (Cobalt), 6.579, 209.92 vs. 11. Greg Stanfield (GXP), 6.634, 209.30. 7. Johnny Gray (Stratus), 6.581, 209.39 vs. 10. Rodger Brogdon (GXP), 6.609, 209.17. 8. Kurt Johnson (Cobalt), 6.590, 209.72 vs. 9. Warren Johnson (GXP), 6.609, 210.21.

FORMULA ONE

Hungarian Grand Prix

AT BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.
Today's lineup (qualifying times in parentheses): 1. Fernando Alonso, (1:33.253); 2. Sebastian Vettel, (1:32.269); 3. Lewis Hamilton, (1:32.146); 4. (1) Lewis Hamilton, (1:32.715); 5. (16) Nico Rosberg, (1:32.595); 6. (2) Heikki Kovalainen, (1:32.114); 7. (4) Kimi Raikkonen, (1:31.245); 8. (22) Jensen Button, (1:31.145); 9. (17) Kazuki Nakajima, (1:30.938); 10. (3) Felipe Massa; 11. (12) Sebastian Buemi, (1:34.706).

THESE ARE DEALIN' DAYS



Clippers outfielder Michael Brantley
With Indians likely to make more trades, Clippers players could get promoted

By Zach Swartz
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

In major-league baseball, July is when the line between playoff contenders and pretenders begins to be sharply drawn. Pretenders start moving players not just up and down their organization elevator, but in and out of it as well.

That is, of course, until the trade deadline July 31. The Cleveland Indians, with the second-worst record in the American League entering yesterday's games, are apt to continue to be sellers of major-league talent. The effects will be felt throughout the organization, most notably with the Clippers.

"At the triple-A level, you're only one step away," said outfielder Michael Brantley, who was the final piece of the Indians' trade of CC Sabathia last July. "Hopefully, nothing happens up there injuriously to any player. But at the same time, if something does happen, you're right there to get called up at any minute. It's a good feeling."

About 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 1 is usually the best time for that to happen, especially when the parent club is well below .500. "If (Clippers players) see a veteran player get moved at the big-league level ... it's going to create a chance to go to the big leagues," Clippers manager Torey Lovullo said. "When you're a seller, you're going to open up some opportunities."

Rumors have the Indians shopping catcher Victor Martinez, pitcher Cliff Lee and infielders Ryan Brantley and Johnny Peralta.

The Clippers, the best-hitting team in the International League, would appear to

have a handful of players who could get promoted if the Indians start unloading salary.

"I think guys know it's an option that increases your chances of being in the big leagues," said Matt LaPorta, who spent two weeks with the Indians in May and will likely return before season's end. "The guy in front of you may get traded, but I don't think guys count on that. Guys count on their talent to bring them to the big leagues."

Minor-league players can also be included in trades, especially those with previous big-league experience. Andy Marte comes to mind. "What a lot of these guys want to focus on is not to get traded, because we're not going to trade young players," Lovullo said. "Our young prospects are going to get that promotion."

The deadline is not the furthest thing from the players' minds, but for the most part they say it's about focusing on the game ahead. "You just kind of want to wait and see," LaPorta said. "You hear things, but it's all rumors. You've just got to keep playing your game."

The Indians have had a recent history of deadline deals. Besides the Sabathia deal last summer, they unloaded veteran Casey Blake to the Los Angeles Dodgers in a trade that featured catching prospect Carlos Santana. In 2002, Bartolo Colon was sent to the Montreal Expos for a package that included Lee, Grady Sizemore and Brandon Phillips. This season has already seen Mark DeRosa shipped to the St. Louis Cardinals for reliever Chris Perez and colorado Rafael Betancourt going to the Los Angeles Rockies for minor-league pitcher Connor Graham.

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Clippers rally, can't overcome 10-1 deficit

By the time the Clippers had completed three innings against the Pawt