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Tigers Finish 76–86: A Rookie's Rise, a Team's Unfinished Work



Kevin McGonigle (#7), 9-9-26

By Larry Arreguin | LPL News Wire

DETROIT, MI (10-14-26) – The Tigers finished 2026 at 76–86, a losing season with a substantial individual success: Kevin McGonigle (#7), Baseball America's MLB Rookie of the Year. His arrival gave Detroit a player to build around. The standings still leave the organization with work to do.

Detroit won 46.9 percent of its games and ended 10 games below .500. Turning five losses into victories would have produced an even record. Reaching contention requires a stronger result than that, and a young player's breakthrough cannot carry the entire assessment of a 162-game season.

September offered a modest improvement. Detroit went 13–12, but a winning final month could not undo the earlier deficit. A good closing stretch matters most when it establishes habits and production that carry into the following spring. It does not change the final record.

McGonigle hit .278 with 18 home runs, 72 RBIs, 97 runs and 12 stolen bases in 156 games. His .376 on-base percentage and .806 OPS helped earn Baseball America's MLB Rookie of the Year honor. He drew 95 walks against 100 strikeouts. The BBWAA's American League Rookie of the Year award had not been announced at the October 14 reporting close.

For the Latino families who follow this club, the offseason question is the same one confronting the rest of Detroit's fan base: when will the team turn individual talent into consistent winning? Recognizing Latino players and welcoming families at the ballpark matter. So does fielding a team whose season remains competitive beyond isolated stretches.

That makes the next stage an organizational test. Detroit needs enough production across the roster to withstand a slump or an injury, rather than depending on a rookie to repair every weak week. Evaluating the season means asking where the club repeatedly lost ground and what changes can prevent it from happening again.

The final accounting leaves room for both judgment and anticipation. McGonigle earned attention. The Tigers finished with more losses than wins. Fans can value the first development while expecting management to answer for the second.

Fiesta Tigres, Shared Pride



By Aaron Arreguin | LPL News Wire

DETROIT, MI (10-14-26) – A month after Fiesta Tigres, what stays with me is the view around Comerica Park before the first pitch: families stopping for photographs, mariachi music, folkloric dancing and lowriders sharing space with the familiar routines of a baseball afternoon.

I covered the September 12 opening day for La Prensa Latina News Wire, photographing the ceremonies, the game and the fans. Looking back now, the strongest story is how Latino culture became part of the visit from the moment people arrived. Fans could follow the activities around the park before settling in to watch the Tigers.

Venezuelan-born Gleyber Torres (#25), the club's 2026 Fiesta Tigres honoree, gave the ceremony a connection to the current roster. His recognition also placed Latino contributions at the center of the afternoon. The player on the field and the families in the stands were part of the same celebration.

That connection deserves space in our coverage. A baseball photograph can show a swing or a catch; the pictures made around those moments can show who came, what they gathered to celebrate and how a ballpark becomes a community meeting place. At Fiesta Tigres, those scenes were part of the assignment.

The game supplied a noisy finish of its own. Detroit erased a three-run deficit with seven runs in the eighth inning and beat Colorado 11–7. It was a welcome ending to an afternoon whose meaning had already taken shape before the rally.

For our readers, the lasting question is what a heritage celebration makes visible. On this weekend, Latino music and cultural traditions occupied space inside a major-league venue, alongside a Venezuelan player being recognized by his organization. Families could experience those parts of the afternoon together.

September's score is now in the record book. The fan experience is why we return to Fiesta Tigres in this issue: it offered a public place for Latino families to celebrate their culture while taking part in Detroit baseball.





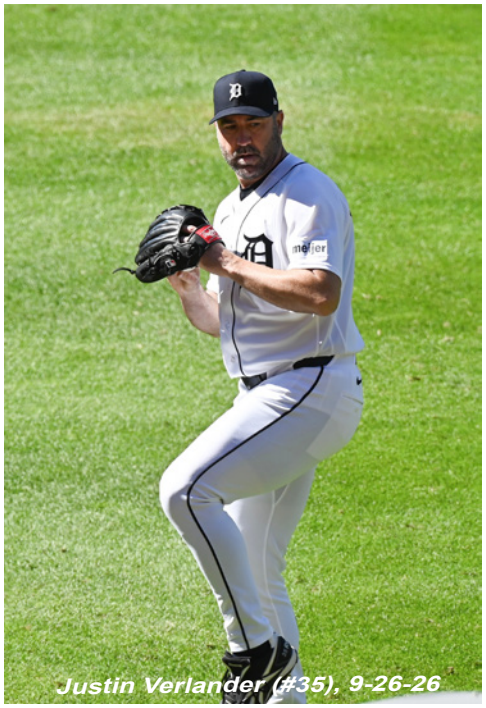
What Verlander Means to Fans

By Aaron Arreguin | LPL News Wire

DETROIT, MI (9-26-26) – Before I photographed professional sports, I watched Justin Verlander (#35) from the stands at Comerica Park. On September 26, I returned with cameras for La Prensa Latina News Wire as he prepared for his final career start. That change in where I stood was part of what made the day personal.

I grew up playing for the D-Town Tigers and later played as a freshman at Gibraltar Carlson High School. Verlander belonged to the baseball I followed while learning the game myself. Photographing his warmup brought those years into the same frame as the work I do now.

My assignment covered the pregame preparation. I left afterward to cover Michigan against Iowa in Ann Arbor, so I did not witness his final pitch or Detroit's walk-off finish in person. What I can describe firsthand is the experience of watching a player from my own childhood prepare for one last start.



Justin Verlander (#35), 9-26-26

That is one way to understand what Verlander means to fans. A long career becomes a measure of time in our own lives: the age we were when we first watched, the people who brought us to the park, the years we kept following the team. His farewell gave those memories a date on the schedule.

Verlander's Detroit history offers plenty of reasons for that attachment. He debuted in 2005, helped the Tigers reach two World Series, threw two no-hitters for the club and won both the American League MVP and Cy Young awards in 2011. Those achievements helped define an era when his starts were events worth planning around.

Our newspaper follows sports through the people who play and the communities who watch. For Latino families in Detroit, as for other fans who grew up with those Tigers teams, that history is part of the city's shared baseball life. No single box score can account for it.

Detroit won the farewell game 4–3 over Pittsburgh, with Eduardo Valencia (#32) delivering the walk-off home run. Verlander worked into the sixth inning. The result belongs in the account, but it is the connection between a player's career and a fan's life that gives the farewell its weight.

For me, the photograph began years before I picked up a camera. It began with watching him from the stands.

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Lions' Big Win Leaves Bigger Questions

LPL News Wire Staff

DETROIT, MI (10-14-26) – Detroit's 45–21 victory at Arizona on October 11 gave the Lions a 3–2 record and a comfortable trip into their bye week. It also supplied an easy temptation: take one decisive afternoon and call the earlier defensive problems solved. Five games do not support that conclusion.

Jahmyr Gibbs (#0) was the offensive difference, rushing for 151 yards and two touchdowns and adding 56 receiving yards. His 207 yards from scrimmage helped Detroit turn a close opening into a rout. Jared Goff (#16) threw for 271 yards and three touchdowns without an interception and added a rushing score.

Jameson Williams (#9) caught two touchdown passes. Sam LaPorta (#87) caught five passes for 88 yards, including a 38-yard score on fourth-and-one. Those were meaningful contributions, but the larger test is whether Detroit can produce enough stops to make that offense count against the rest of its schedule.

Where the stars stand

Through the games completed October 12, Goff ranked second in NFL passing yards with 1,485, behind Matthew Stafford's 1,572. His 12 touchdown passes came without an interception. That is strong quarterback production for a team only one game above .500.

Gibbs ranked fourth in rushing with 504 yards, behind Bijan Robinson (580), Kenneth Walker (537) and James Cook (532). Add Gibbs' 243 receiving yards, however, and the comparison changes: his 747 yards from scrimmage led the NFL, ahead of Robinson's 732. Rushing yards and total offensive yardage are different measures, and Gibbs' receiving work is central to his value.

The pass rush also had players near the top. DJ Wonnum (#98) had five sacks, tied for fourth in the league. Aidan Hutchinson (#97) had four, tied for eighth; Alim McNeill (#54) had 3.5, tied for 15th. Houston's Will Anderson Jr. led the NFL with 7.5. These are overall NFL sack comparisons, including ties, rather than rankings restricted to one position group.

Pressure helps; record still matters

Wonnum recorded two of Detroit's five sacks at Arizona. Derrick Barnes (#55) added one, with Hutchinson and Malcolm Rodriguez (#44) sharing another and McNeill and Skyler Gill-Howard (#50) sharing the fifth. Rookie Keith Abney II (#6) intercepted a pass in his first start at safety. Arizona managed only 56 rushing yards.

That was the defensive performance Detroit needed. The broader results are less reassuring: opponents scored 148 points across the first five games, an average of 29.6. Buffalo scored 41 in a Lions loss, and Carolina scored 32 in another. The Arizona win has to be weighed alongside those defeats.

For readers following the Lions without buying the weekly celebration, the distinction is straightforward. Detroit has players producing at an elite individual level. It has yet to turn that talent into a convincing record of consistent team defense.

Green Bay visits Ford Field October 25, followed by Minnesota November 1. Those divisional games will provide a better answer than the glow of a single road win. The Lions earned credit for beating Arizona decisively. They have not earned a pass on what went wrong before it.

DETROIT LIONS
2026 SEASON • 3–2
Through 10-14-26

COMPLETED GAMES

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
9-13	vs. Saints	W 31–30 OT
9-17	at Bills	L 31–41
9-27	vs. Jets	W 31–24
10-4	at Panthers	L 26–32
10-11	at Cardinals	W 45–21

WEEK 6: BYE

REMAINING GAMES • ALL TIMES ET

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
10-25	vs. Packers	4:25 pm
11-1	vs. Vikings	1 pm
11-8	at Dolphins	1 pm
11-15	vs. Patriots*	9:30 am
11-22	vs. Buccaneers	1 pm
11-26	vs. Bears	1 pm
12-6	at Falcons	1 pm
12-13	vs. Titans	1 pm
12-20	at Vikings	8:20 pm
12-28	vs. Giants	8:15 pm
1-3-27	at Bears	4:25 pm
TBD	at Packers	TBD

*11-15: Munich. Schedule may change.

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Our Heritage, Across Michigan

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LANSING, MI (10-14-26) – At Calder Plaza in Grand Rapids, musicians and food vendors helped carry a Mexican tradition into another year. In Saginaw, Tejano music brought festival visitors onto the dance floor. Inside Warren City Hall, performers shared traditions from several Latin American communities while public officials recognized the contributions of Latino residents.

Our Hispanic Heritage Month coverage also brought us to a Lansing reception honoring educators and advocates, a family celebration at a St. Johns library and the cultural activities surrounding Detroit's Fiesta Tigres weekend. Across those assignments, the story extended beyond a calendar of celebrations. It concerned the people preserving traditions, serving their neighbors and creating places where younger generations can participate.

With reporting closed October 14, these gatherings offer a statewide view of Latino community life. The settings differed, but each provided an opportunity to document who was present, whose work received recognition and how culture was shared.

A tradition continues in Grand Rapids

Fiesta Mexicana brought three days of music, food and Mexican heritage to Grand Rapids' Calder Plaza September 11–13. Organized by the Mexican Heritage Association of West Michigan, the festival continued a local tradition with roots dating to 1969.

Our coverage followed the performances and the activity surrounding them. Los Güeros Ibarra performed during the opening, and mariachi musicians from Chicago brought another musical tradition to the program. Around the food vendors, visitors could pause between performances, eat together and spend time with family and friends.

That movement between the stage and the vendor area was part of the festival's story. A gathering sustained over decades depends on the performers who draw an audience, the vendors who serve it and the families who continue making the celebration part of their lives.

For our readers in West Michigan, Fiesta Mexicana offers a connection between the region's Latino history and its present. The festival places Mexican cultural traditions in the center of Grand Rapids, where longtime participants and newcomers can encounter them together.

Saginaw celebrates with Tejano music

In Saginaw, our Saturday evening visit to the sixth annual Fiesta K?Onda! found Mexican flags, food vendors and live music shaping another community gathering.

Tacos, horchata and other Mexican cuisine gave visitors places to stop throughout the evening. Tejano Sound supplied the musical center of our visit, bringing people onto their feet and making dancing part of the account.

The audience was participating in the celebration rather than simply watching a stage. That distinction matters when documenting a festival: the musicians provide the performance, while the people dancing help give the gathering its character.



Fiesta Mexicana, 9-12-26


Fiesta K'Onda!, 9-12-26

The festival continued Sunday, although our firsthand observations came from Saturday evening. Together with Grand Rapids' celebration, the Saginaw visit showed how different Michigan communities sustain their own gathering places around food, music and shared traditions.

Warren brings heritage into City Hall

Warren's September 19 celebration brought Latino culture into the City Hall Atrium, connecting music and dance with public recognition of the community's place in the city.

Mayor Lori M. Stone and state Rep. Veronica Paiz addressed those attending. Stone also issued a Spanish-language proclamation recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month and acknowledging Latino contributions to Warren's neighborhoods, businesses, schools, workplaces and civic life.

The proclamation's recognition accompanied a program representing several cultural traditions. Chinelos dancers, bachata dancers from Centro Cultural Hispano, Peruvian folklore dancers, ballet folklórico and Mariachi Band 2020 participated.

Local vendors, traditional foods, face painting and children's activities provided additional ways for families to take part. The Warren Cultural Commission and Michigan State University Extension were involved in presenting the celebration.

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Our Heritage, Across Michigan


Warren Hispanic Heritage Month, 9-19-26

(continued from page 4) Our report also noted the participation of Bill O'Brien of Strangers No Longer, an organization supporting immigrants and welcoming communities.

Warren's gathering added an important dimension to our statewide coverage. Latino heritage encompasses different countries, musical forms and experiences. Bringing those traditions into City Hall gave residents a public setting in which to share them and placed Latino contributions within the city's account of itself.

Lansing recognizes educators and advocates

At MI ALMA's September 16 reception at VFW Post 701 in Lansing, attention turned to people whose work serves the community throughout the year.

Chair Noe Alvarado and master of ceremonies Dr. Rubén Martinez helped lead a gathering recognizing Lansing School District Superintendent Jessica Benavides, state Sen. Darrin Camilleri, Lansing Latino Health Alliance co-chair Linda Delgado Kipp, community advocate Manuel Delgado Sr. and Everett High School educator Tia Bell.

Benavides addressed educational opportunities and challenges, connecting the evening's recognition with the responsibilities facing schools and the families they serve. Martinez's discussion of multicultural learning brought another educational perspective to the program.

Delgado's recognition also connected the reception to Lansing's Latino history. He arrived in Lansing during the 1950s, established an insurance business and served on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. His story illustrates how a family's arrival can become part of a city's business and public-service history.

Naming these individuals is central to our coverage. Heritage Month provides an occasion to recognize contributions that can otherwise become familiar enough to receive little attention: teaching students, advocating for health, building a business or representing residents in public office.

Children join the celebration in St. Johns


MI ALMA Hispanic Heritage Month, 9-16-26

At Briggs District Library in St. Johns September 23, families encountered Latino culture through dance, bilingual storytelling and activities designed for children.

The Greater Lansing Ballet Folklórico performed in colorful costumes, while Spanish- and English-language storytime, crafts and snacks gave parents and children several ways to participate.


Briggs Library Hispanic Heritage Month, 9-23-2

The library setting widened the reach of the celebration. Families could encounter cultural traditions in a public institution already associated with reading, learning and discovery. Children had opportunities to listen, watch and create during the same visit.

For our reporting, those interactions deserved attention alongside the performances. Cultural traditions continue through the people who teach them and the children given opportunities to learn. The Briggs celebration provided one local example of that exchange.

Latino culture shares the ballpark

Detroit's Fiesta Tigres weekend September 12–13 brought another form of public recognition to Comerica Park.

Aaron Arreguin's opening-day coverage followed the pregame ceremonies, cultural performances and fan experience. Venezuelan-born second baseman Gleyber Torres (#25), the Tigers' 2026 Fiesta Tigres honoree, connected the celebration with the team's current roster.

Music, folkloric dancing, lowriders and families gathering for photographs were part of the afternoon around the game. Our separate Fiesta Tigres article examines that experience in greater detail.

Within this broader heritage account, the weekend shows another place where Latino culture is visible in Michigan. Families were sharing traditions inside a major-league ballpark while participating in the city's baseball life.

The conversation extends to civic participation

The month's community discussion also included LLEAD Michigan's October 9 summit in Lansing.

In post-event reporting by WLNS, LLEAD President Alberto Flores and Mid-Michigan chapter chair Yesenia Murillo emphasized participation in elections, local meetings and public institutions. Their remarks included opportunities for Latino residents to serve on school boards, commissions and in elected office.

That account comes from attributed reporting, distinct from our visits to the other gatherings described here. It adds a civic dimension to the month's cultural and educational events: how community experiences enter the discussions where public decisions are made.

Across our coverage, the Latino narrative has identifiable people and places. It includes the musicians and vendors at a festival, the educators recognized by their neighbors, the performers welcomed into City Hall and the children joining a library activity.

Those are the stories we sought to capture during Hispanic Heritage Month—and the people whose work gives us reasons to keep reporting after the observance ends.


Lansing Hispanic Heritage Month, 9-15-26

Michigan's November Election: Who's Running, How to Vote

LPL News Wire Staff

LANSING, MI (10-14-26) – Michigan voters will select a U.S. senator, governor, secretary of state, attorney general, education-board members and Supreme Court justices in the November 3 general election. Congressional, legislative, county, judicial and local contests also appear on ballots, along with statewide and local proposals.

Voters have three options: return an absentee ballot, vote early in person or visit their assigned precinct on Election Day. Registration information, voting locations, ballot tracking and address-specific sample ballots are available at Michigan.gov/Vote.

Register before voting

Eligible voters must be U.S. citizens, at least 18 by Election Day, and residents of Michigan and their city or township for at least 30 days before the election. People serving a sentence in jail or prison are not eligible to vote during that confinement.

October 19 is the deadline to register online or by mail. From October 20 through November 3, registration must be completed in person at the appropriate city or township clerk's office.

Bring proof of residency showing your name and current address. Examples include a qualifying identification document, utility bill, bank statement or government document. Eligible residents may register and vote on Election Day.

Anyone needing to register or update an address on November 3 should first visit the clerk's office. An Election Day precinct does not provide the same registration services.

Early voting and Election Day

The statewide required early-voting period runs October 24 through November 1. Some communities offer additional days. Confirm the location and daily hours before traveling because an early-voting site may differ from an Election Day precinct.

Early in-person voting allows voters to complete a ballot and insert it into a tabulator at the voting site. Returning an absentee ballot to a clerk or drop box is a separate process.

On November 3, polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Voters in line by 8 p.m. may vote.

Voters should bring photo identification. Those who do not possess it or do not have it with them may sign the required affidavit and vote.

Absentee ballot deadlines

Registered voters may request an absentee ballot without giving a reason. Online requests must be submitted, and mailed applications received, by 5 p.m. October 30.

Voters already registered at their current address may request an absentee ballot in person through 4 p.m. November 2. Waiting until the final request deadline can leave insufficient time for postal delivery.

Complete the ballot carefully, sign the return envelope and follow its instructions. For most voters, the local clerk must receive the ballot by 8 p.m. November 3. A timely postmark alone does not meet that deadline. Military and overseas voters have separate receipt rules.

Return options include mail, the appropriate clerk's office or an official drop box in the voter's city or township. When mailing time is limited, direct return avoids relying on postal delivery. Track the ballot at Michigan.gov/Vote and contact the clerk if its status or a signature issue remains unresolved.

U.S. Senate and statewide executive offices

Voters may select one candidate for U.S. Senate, secretary of state and attorney general. Governor and lieutenant governor run together; voters select one ticket.

U.S. Senate: Abdul El-Sayed, Democratic; Mike Rogers, Republican; Lydia Christensen, Libertarian; Tim Long, U.S. Taxpayers; Douglas P. Marsh, Green; and Walter P. Kristy, Natural Law.

Governor/Lieutenant Governor: Jocelyn Benson and Winnie Brinks, Democratic; John James and Jay DeBoyer, Republican; Anthony Hudson and Beau Parmenter, Libertarian; Donna Brandenburg and Robert Donald Cowper II, U.S. Taxpayers; and Douglas Campbell and Bobbie Clay, Green.

Secretary of State: Garlin Gilchrist II, Democratic; Anthony G. Forlini, Republican; Christine Sloan, Libertarian; Scott E. Aughney, U.S. Taxpayers; and Eric Borregard, Green.

Attorney General: Eli Savit, Democratic; Doug Lloyd, Republican; Jason Dye, Libertarian; John Perry Ludtke Jr., U.S. Taxpayers; Jeff Polonowski, Green; and Doug Dern, Natural Law.

For your voter info, scan the QR code:

Party labels identify ballot affiliation and do not represent an endorsement by La Prensa Latina News Wire.

State education and university boards

Each statewide education-board contest allows voters to select up to two candidates for eight-year terms. These are four separate contests; a selection in one does not complete the others.

State Board of Education: Judith Pritchett and Tiffany Tilley, Democratic; Terence Collins and Bree Moeggenberg, Republican; Charles Essner, Libertarian; William Mohr II and Christine C. Schwartz, U.S. Taxpayers; Wissam Charafeddine, Green; Mary Anne Hering, Working Class; and Kelli Monroe, Natural Law.

University of Michigan Board of Regents: Paul Brown and Amir Makled, Democratic; Lena Epstein and Michael Schostak, Republican; Andrew Chadderdon, Libertarian; and Kyle Maas, U.S. Taxpayers.

Michigan State University Board of Trustees: Brianna Scott and Kelly Tebay Zemke, Democratic; Julie Maday and Roger Victory, Republican; Daniel R. Patterson and Will Tyler White, Libertarian; Janet Sanger and John Sanger, U.S. Taxpayers; John Anthony La Pietra, Green; and Yaz Ozbek, Working Class.

Wayne State University Board of Governors: Shereef Akeel and Richard Mack, Democratic; Andy Anuzis and Christa Murphy, Republican; Alex Avery and Jami Van Alstine, Libertarian; Jeff McDonald, U.S. Taxpayers; Paul M. Ragan, Green; Suzanne Roehrig, Working Class; and Kathleen Oakford, Natural Law.



Michigan Supreme Court

The nonpartisan Supreme Court contest lists Megan Kathleen Cavanagh, Noah P. Hood, Thomas W. Howe, Casandra Morse-Bills, Michael Warren and Jody White. Voters may choose up to two for eight-year seats.

Party names do not appear beside judicial candidates. A straight-ticket selection does not cast votes in the nonpartisan section.

Read the complete ballot

Review both sides of the ballot and follow each contest's selection limit. Judicial races and proposal questions require separate selections, even when a voter chooses a straight-party ticket.

Congressional, legislative and local contests vary by address. An address-specific sample ballot provides the complete candidate list and the wording of proposals voters will encounter.

Local clerks can provide information about accessible voting equipment, assistance and accessible absentee ballots. Spanish-language election information is available at Michigan.gov/SOSEspanol.

For registration, polling locations, sample ballots, absentee tracking and clerk contacts, visit Michigan.gov/Vote.

El-Sayed Campaign Expands Latino Outreach Across Michigan

LPL News Wire Staff

DETROIT, MI (10-14-26) – Abdul El-Sayed's U.S. Senate campaign has scheduled Latino outreach rallies in Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Detroit, extending an organizing effort that included a September gathering at Vámonos in Southwest Detroit.

More than 150 people attended the September 19 Latinos for Abdul Noche Mexicana at the neighborhood business. El-Sayed met and spoke with guests during a four-hour program featuring a DJ, lotería, ballet folklórico and candidate-themed trivia.

Karime Serret and Veronica Beltran organized the gathering. Vámonos owners Denise Lopez-Avila and Carlos Lopez welcomed attendees to the venue at 4444 Vernor Highway.

La Prensa Latina News Wire's coverage documented the cultural activities and the candidate's interactions with those attending. The event placed campaign outreach within a neighborhood gathering, combining Mexican traditions with an opportunity to meet the Senate nominee.

The candidate and the race

El-Sayed, a physician and former director of Detroit's Health Department, is the Democratic nominee for the Senate seat being vacated by Gary Peters. He also previously led Wayne County's Department of Health, Human & Veterans Services.

His campaign platform emphasizes reducing money's influence in politics, household affordability and Medicare for All. It also includes proposals addressing employment, housing, education and immigration. These remain campaign positions requiring legislative or administrative action.

Republican former U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers and four other candidates also appear on the statewide candidate list. This issue's separate ballot guide identifies the full field. El-Sayed and Rogers debated in Grand Rapids October 8.

The Latinos for Abdul coalition describes its activities as community events, volunteer organizing, voter contact and policy discussions. Its website offers information in English and Spanish and provides Spanish-language campaign literature. Those activities document an outreach effort; they do not establish voting preferences across Michigan's Latino electorate.

October events

U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is scheduled to appear at a Latinos for Abdul rally in Southwest Detroit October 16. Event information supplied to La Prensa lists doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required, with the location provided after an RSVP.

The campaign's subsequent Latino outreach schedule lists:

October 26: Saginaw
October 27: Grand Rapids
October 28: Lansing
October 29: Detroit

All five appearances remained upcoming at this edition's October 14 reporting close. Locations, times and admission requirements should be checked against the campaign's current announcements at abdulforsenate.com.





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United States Wins the Presidents Cup After a Sunday Singles Comeback



By Larry Arreguin | LPL News Wire

MEDINAH, IL (9-27-26) – The United States rallied to win the Presidents Cup 17–13 Sunday at Medinah Country Club, collecting 9½ points in singles to erase a three-point deficit and secure its 11th consecutive victory in the event.

Colombian golfer Nico Echavarría provided one of the afternoon's memorable moments, extending his match against Scottie Scheffler with a birdie chip-in at the par-3 16th.

The shot cut Scheffler's lead to two holes and kept Echavarría's hopes alive. Scheffler answered by closing the match on the 17th, winning 2 and 1. The Colombian's late challenge fell short, but his response gave Latino golf fans a competitive moment to follow.

Their match also featured a gesture of sportsmanship. After a spectator yelled during Echavarría's backswing on the 14th, Scheffler conceded Echavarría's remaining par putt, ensuring the interruption would not determine the hole's outcome.

The International team entered Sunday leading 10½–7½, positioned to end years of American dominance. Instead, the United States won nine of the 12 singles matches and halved another, turning the final day into a comeback.

Jacob Bridgeman secured the clinching point against Min Woo Lee. His victory completed the turnaround that the International side had hoped to prevent when play began.

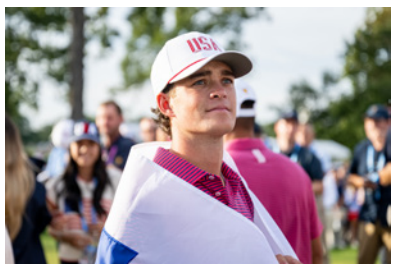
For our coverage, Echavarría's performance brought a Colombian presence into the afternoon's larger story. His birdie on 16 demonstrated the resistance the Americans still faced as they pursued the points needed to reclaim control.

Medinah's closing session delivered a clear team result alongside individual moments worth remembering: Bridgeman's clincher, Scheffler's concession and Echavarría's chip-in. The Americans left with the Cup, while the Colombian's late effort remained part of the final day's account.











Gold Open November 7 With Basketball and Community Nights Ahead

LPL News Wire Staff

GRAND RAPIDS, MI (10-14-26) — The Grand Rapids Gold open their 2026–27 season November 7 at Van Andel Arena against the Sioux Falls Skyforce. The Saturday home opener brings professional basketball back downtown as the Denver Nuggets' NBA G League affiliate begins another season of player development and competition.

Ryan Bowen enters his second season as head coach. This will be the Gold's fifth season at Van Andel Arena and sixth as Denver's affiliate. The opener arrives one day after the G League's November 6 leaguewide start.

The schedule has two distinct stages. Teams begin with a 14-game Tip-Off Tournament, which concludes during the December Winter Showcase. Records then reset for a 36-game regular season. Each of the league's 31 teams will play at least 50 games, with the top eight in each conference reaching the playoffs and the finals concluding in April 2027.

Fans following the standings should keep those stages separate: the opening tournament's results do not carry into the later regular-season table.

The Gold also have a date of particular interest to Latino families: Hispanic Heritage Night, presented by Gentex, is scheduled for Friday, November 20. The team's September 28 promotional announcement placed the celebration within a season of themed games and community events.

Opening Night includes an LED Thundersticks giveaway, presented by AlumniFi. A Salute to Veterans follows November 8. Later attractions include Princess Night November 28, Christmas Vacation Night December 5, Nuggets Night December 27 and a School Day Game March 2.

The club announced single-game ticket sales beginning October 5. Fans can consult GrandRapidsGold.com for the full schedule, ticket availability and promotion conditions. The announced Sunday family package includes four tickets and a $20 food voucher for $56; readers should check current availability before purchasing.

For West Michigan fans, the coming season offers both a team to follow and an opportunity to watch players pursue the next level. The November opener will begin the on-court story, while Hispanic Heritage Night gives families another date to circle.

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Michigan Seeks Offensive Spark After Bye



Bryce Underwood (#19), 9-12-26

By Aaron Arreguin | LPL News Wire

ANN ARBOR, MI (10-14-26) – Michigan remained 3–2 at the October 14 reporting close after an idle weekend that followed consecutive losses to Iowa and Minnesota. The Wolverines return to Michigan Stadium for homecoming against Penn State October 17, looking for an offense that can sustain the contributions its defense has supplied.

The September start was more encouraging. Michigan beat Western Michigan 13–12 on September 5, defeated No. 11 Oklahoma 17–10 on September 12 and closed its nonconference schedule with a 52–17 win over UTEP September 19. Iowa then won 20–19 in Ann Arbor on September 26, scoring on the final play.

Bryce Underwood (#19) and Jordan Marshall (#23) provided important offensive moments during the Oklahoma win. Underwood scored on a 38-yard run, while Marshall's winning touchdown followed an interception by Jyaire Hill (#0) that put Michigan near the goal line. That sequence showed how an offensive finish and a defensive takeaway could decide the same game.

The most recent contest ended differently. Minnesota defeated Michigan 20–14 on October 3 in the 100th playing for the Little Brown Jug. The Wolverines led 14–7 at halftime but did not score again, finishing with fewer than 200 yards of offense.

Marshall supplied Michigan's lone offensive touchdown against the Gophers on a five-yard run. Smith Snowden (#3) had intercepted a third-down pass to set up that possession. The score gave Michigan a way to capitalize on a takeaway, but the offense could not produce another touchdown in the second half.

Nathaniel Staehling (#44) delivered the biggest defensive scoring play, returning an interception 79 yards for a touchdown. He also recorded six tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss. His return gave Michigan its halftime lead and made him one of the clear individual standouts despite the loss.

Troy Bowles (#18) led the Wolverines with nine tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss. Michigan's defense also limited Minnesota to two conversions on nine second-half third-down attempts and held the Gophers to short field goals after turnovers put them in Michigan territory.

Those contributions were not enough to overcome three second-half turnovers and an offense that could not add to its halftime total. The problem heading into the next game is therefore specific: Michigan needs more productive possessions and fewer opportunities handed back to its opponent.

Penn State visits October 17 at 3:30 p.m., followed by Indiana October 24 and a trip to Rutgers October 31. The homecoming game will be Michigan's first chance after the bye to turn its defensive plays into a result that changes the direction of the month.

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Patterson's Four TDs Can't Save MSU in OT



Jaziun Patterson (#4), 9-12-26

By Aaron Arreguin | LPL News Wire

EAST LANSING, MI (10-14-26) – Michigan State's comeback against Illinois ended one point short October 10, as the Spartans lost 38–37 in overtime after an unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt. The result left MSU 2–4 overall and 0–3 in the Big Ten at the October 14 reporting close.

Jaziun Patterson (#4) was the central offensive performer. He ran for 93 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries and caught three passes for 26 yards and another score. His four touchdowns gave Michigan State a consistent finishing option during a game it trailed by 13 points at halftime.

Alessio Milivojevic (#11) completed 22 of 26 passes for 196 yards and two touchdowns. That efficiency helped MSU recover after Illinois took a 17–0 lead in the second quarter. The Spartans reached halftime down 20–7, then outscored Illinois 24–11 over the second half.

The defensive play that helped reopen the game came from Devin Vaught (#2). His third-quarter interception and 37-yard return put Michigan State at the Illinois 11-yard line. Patterson scored on the next play, reducing the deficit to 23–17 and converting a takeaway directly into a touchdown.

Cam Stodghill (#12) led the Spartans with 11 tackles, including five solo stops. His production and Vaught's interception gave the defense individual contributions to point to, although Illinois still finished enough possessions to force MSU to keep answering.

Michigan State faced another 14-point deficit early in the fourth quarter, at 31–17. The Spartans rallied to tie the game with 1:17 left in regulation. In overtime, Illinois scored first, and Patterson answered with his third rushing touchdown. MSU chose to attempt the winning two-point conversion, but the pass was incomplete.

The game showed more offensive production than the preceding 31–3 loss at Wisconsin, but the final result extended Michigan State's losing streak to four games. September losses to Notre Dame and Nebraska had already changed the outlook after opening wins against Toledo and Eastern Michigan.

Patterson's ability to score both on the ground and through the air, Milivojevic's completion rate and Vaught's takeaway are the clearest positive performances from the Illinois game. They also show what must translate into a complete result: possessions that end in points and stops that keep the Spartans from spending the rest of the game recovering from an early deficit.

MSU hosts Northwestern October 17 at noon before traveling to UCLA October 24. The Spartans enter that stretch still seeking their first conference victory, with a home opportunity to build on the comeback without again needing overtime to settle the outcome.

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Walton and Traore Lead Notre Dame to a Sixth Straight Win

By Aaron Arreguin | LPL News Wire

SOUTH BEND, IN (10-14-26) – Notre Dame reached 6–0 with a 58–7 victory over Stanford October 10, using an opening-play takeaway and a record-setting freshman rushing performance to take control at Notre Dame Stadium. At the October 14 reporting close, the Irish were preparing for their October 17 trip to BYU with their unbeaten record intact.

Jonaz Walton (#20) was the offensive standout. The true freshman rushed for 181 yards on 13 carries, setting Notre Dame's record for rushing yards by a true freshman in a game. His touchdown runs covered 97 and 40 yards, giving the offense two touchdowns from well outside the red zone.

The 97-yard run was the third-longest play in program history. Walton also caught two passes for 28 yards, finishing with 209 yards of offensive production. The performance followed his 120-yard rushing game at North Carolina and gave him consecutive 100-yard games early in his college career.

Walton's work behind the offensive line helped Notre Dame run for more than 300 yards against Stanford. CJ Carr (#13), the quarterback from Saline, added touchdown passes of 70 yards to Aneyas Williams (#22) and 30 yards to Elijah Burress (#17). Notre Dame's scoring plays repeatedly covered long distances rather than requiring every drive to move a few yards at a time.

Boubacar Traore (#5) supplied the immediate defensive impact. On Stanford's first play from scrimmage, he sacked the quarterback and forced a fumble that Notre Dame recovered near the goal line. He later intercepted a pass and returned it 18 yards.

Traore finished with a sack, a forced fumble and an interception. Notre Dame's player biography identifies him as the first Irish player since 1998 to combine a strip-sack and an interception in the same game. Those takeaways gave his performance importance beyond the tackle total.

Stanford finished with 202 total yards, including 58 rushing yards. The defense's ability to limit the run complemented the offense's success on the ground and kept the Cardinal from establishing a sustained response.

The result continued a strong regional stretch for the Irish. Notre Dame had beaten Rice 52–0, Michigan State 27–10 and Purdue 49–10 during September, then defeated North Carolina 37–26 on October 3. At North Carolina, Carr threw four touchdown passes as the Irish answered after the Tar Heels pulled within a point.

Notre Dame visits BYU October 17 and, after an idle weekend, faces Navy at Gillette Stadium October 31. The next road game will test whether the rushing production and early defensive pressure that overwhelmed Stanford can travel with the team.

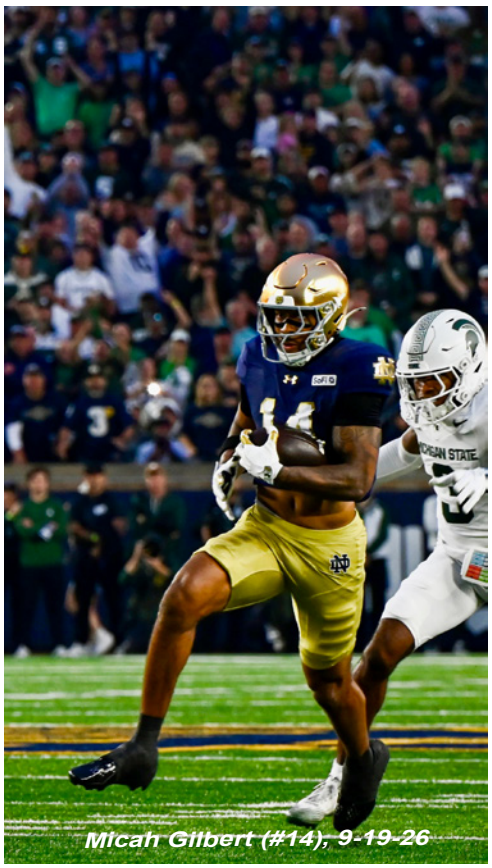
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CJ Carr (#13), 9-19-26



Marcus Freeman, Head Coach, 9-19-26



Micah Gilbert (#14), 9-19-26

MAC Basketball: Eagles, Chippewas and Broncos Gear Up

LPL News Wire Staff

YPSILANTI, MI (10-14-26) – Chilean standout Fernanda Ovalle (#6) returns to Eastern Michigan as Michigan's three Mid-American Conference schools prepare for a basketball season featuring new coaches, developing rosters and greater rewards for finishing near the top.

Eastern Michigan women: Ovalle and Hill return

Ovalle averaged 12.4 points, 3.0 rebounds and 1.7 assists last season, appearing in all 29 games and starting 28. The Santiago native led Eastern with 20 blocked shots. A 26-point, 10-rebound performance against Bowling Green helped earn her MAC Player of the Week recognition.

Coach Sahar Nusseibeh returns Peyton Hill (#23), the MAC Freshman of the Year. Hill averaged 14.6 points, 4.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists while shooting 35.2 percent from three-point range.

Barcelona native Paula Balada (#19) returns after appearing in 28 games as a freshman. The Eagles open November 2 against Appalachian State at the George Gervin GameAbove Center.

Eastern Michigan men: Donlon's first test

Billy Donlon's first season began with an 87–62 exhibition loss at defending national champion Michigan October 11.

Emanuel Richards (#2) and Mohammad Habhab (#4) each scored 11 points. Eastern outscored Michigan 44–32 in the paint but made only two of 11 three-point attempts and eight of 19 free throws.

Eastern opens the regular season November 2 at Coastal Carolina.

Central Michigan women: Progress to build upon

Kristin Haynie enters her fourth season after the Chippewas finished 18–12 overall and 12–6 in the MAC. CMU ranked seventh nationally in rebounding margin at plus-10.4 per game and swept Eastern and Western to retain the Michigan MAC Trophy.

Newcomer Nevaeh Williams (#1), a Mount Clemens native transferring from Davenport, earned GLIAC All-Defensive recognition after leading her previous team with 58 steals.

Twins Summer Davis (#23) and Indya Davis (#24), former West Bloomfield High School players, arrive with experience at Georgetown and Georgia.

CMU opens November 2 against Old Dominion in its Hoops for Hunger game. Michigan visits November 16 for an 8 p.m. contest on CBS Sports Network.



Fernanda Ovalle (#6), 12-30-25

Central Michigan men: Brooks leads the backcourt

Andy Bronkema's second season features returning point guard Phat Phat Brooks (#10), who averaged 11.0 points, 3.9 assists and 2.9 rebounds last winter.

Muskegon native Jaxson Whitaker (#3) offers perimeter shooting after making 40 three-pointers at a 34.5 percent rate.

CMU opens November 2 at Louisiana-Monroe and hosts Alma November 6.

Western Michigan men: A new coaching era

Kahil Fennell begins his first season at Western with several familiar faces from UTRGV.

Sophomore guard Julien Gomez (#13) appeared in all 33 games for the Vaqueros last season, averaging 7.5 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.5 assists. He shot 43.7 percent from three-point range and started the final 21 games.

Junior guard Jaylen Washington (#0) followed Fennell to Kalamazoo.

The Broncos open November 2 at Old Dominion before hosting Kalamazoo College November 5.



Fernanda Ovalle (#6), 12-30-25

Western Michigan women: Experience from Spain

Coach Kate Achter returns senior guard Nile Muguira Orbe (#33), a native of Guernica, Spain.

Muguira Orbe averaged 5.7 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.9 assists last season, making 36 three-pointers and starting 26 games. Before Western, she helped Lointek Gernika Bizkaia win four Basque championships.

Western opens November 2 against Coastal Carolina at University Arena in its Class at the Court game.

The conference standard

Akron won its third consecutive men's MAC Tournament title in March. Miami completed a 31–0 regular season and earned an at-large NCAA bid. Miami's women defeated Toledo 68–58 in their conference championship game.

The revised 2027 tournaments increase the stakes: the top two seeds advance directly to the semifinals, while seeds three and four receive quarterfinal byes. Both championship games are March 13.

Stay tuned to La Prensa Latina News Wire for updates on Michigan's MAC teams and the Latino and Hispanic athletes contributing to the college game.

Big Ten Basketball Outlook: Returning Guards and Women's Stars Set the Pace

LPL News Wire Staff

EAST LANSING, MI (10-14-26) – The Big Ten's 2026–27 basketball season begins with a familiar question and unfamiliar lineups: which teams can turn their returning experience into another run at the top? Illinois, Michigan State and Michigan lead the men's preseason conversation, while USC and Michigan provide compelling women's title contenders.

Men: Illinois, Michigan State and Michigan

The Columbus Dispatch's annual unofficial preseason media poll placed Illinois first, Michigan State second and Michigan third. Illinois received 18 first-place votes, MSU nine and Michigan one.

Illinois returns an experienced group from a Final Four season. David Mirkovic (#0) and Andrej Stojakovic (#2) earned preseason All-Big Ten recognition and are players to watch as the Illini try to remain near the summit. Returning contributors give the team continuity, but replacing departed production remains part of the challenge.

Michigan State's Jeremy Fears Jr. (#1) is the conference's preseason Player of the Year. His previous season included 15.2 points and a nation-leading 9.4 assists per game. The distinction makes him the central player in the Spartans' outlook: his passing can create good possessions for teammates, while his scoring prevents opponents from treating him only as a distributor.

Michigan begins as the defending national champion under new head coach Mike Boynton Jr. Returning guards Elliot Cadeau (#3) and Trey McKenney (#1) both made the preseason All-Big Ten team. Their experience is a reason to keep the Wolverines in the contender group, even as a changed frontcourt creates a different team from last spring's champions.

Nebraska's Pryce Sandfort (#21) was a unanimous preseason all-conference choice alongside Fears. Ohio State's John Mobley Jr. (#0), UCLA's Trent Perry (#0) and Wisconsin's Nolan Winter (#31) also belong on the leaguewide watch list. Their recognition shows how much talent sits beyond the three teams atop the media poll.


Olivia Olson (#1), 11-15-25

Women: Watkins returns; Michigan brings continuity

USC's JuJu Watkins (#12) is the coaches' and media's preseason Player of the Year after missing 2025–26 because of injury. Her return, alongside preseason all-conference selection Jazzy Davidson (#9), makes the Trojans a major title threat. How quickly that pairing settles into the same lineup is one of the season's most important questions.

Michigan offers a different advantage: the Wolverines return their five leading scorers from an Elite Eight team. Olivia Olson (#1) and Syla Swords (#12) both earned preseason All-Big Ten honors. Continuity in the scoring group gives Michigan a strong case to challenge near the top without asking every key role to be rebuilt.

Defending NCAA champion UCLA remains a program to watch as its lineup changes. Iowa's Ava Heiden (#5), Maryland's Oluchi Okananwa (#7) and Ohio State's Jaloni Cambridge (#22) are additional preseason all-conference players capable of shaping a title race that remains open.


Jeremy Fears Jr. (#1), 12-29-25

Recognizing Latino contributions

Michigan's new season also follows the contributions of Dominican-American Yaxel Lendeborg, the 2026 Big Ten Player of the Year. His success gave Latino fans a prominent connection to the Wolverines' championship campaign. Lendeborg has departed college basketball, leaving the returning guards and new frontcourt to carry Michigan's next chapter.

The season will test which returning stars can lead new combinations. Early results will provide a better measure than preseason expectations alone.


Coen Carr (#55), 11-13-25

Hidalgo Leads Notre Dame's Outlook

LPL News Wire Staff

SOUTH BEND, IN (10-14-26) – Hannah Hidalgo (#3), Notre Dame's star guard with Puerto Rican roots, leads our look at the Irish basketball season. The senior enters 2026–27 as the ACC Preseason Player of the Year, bringing a record-setting defensive résumé and one of the country's most productive offensive games to the women's team.

For La Prensa Latina News Wire, her place at the center of this preview reflects both her achievements and the Latino story our readers follow. Hidalgo's heritage is part of that connection. Her performance supplies the reason she belongs at the front of the basketball conversation.


Hannah Hidalgo (#3), 11-15-25

Women: A star to follow at both ends

Hidalgo averaged 25.3 points, 6.9 rebounds, 5.2 assists and a nation-leading 5.6 steals in 2025–26. Her 202 steals established the NCAA single-season record. That combination makes her far more than a scorer: she can disrupt an opponent's possession and help create the next opportunity for Notre Dame.

The ACC announced her preseason honor October 13. For readers deciding which athletes to follow this winter, her scoring, passing and defensive pressure offer several ways to assess a performance beyond the final result.


Hannah Hidalgo (#3), 11-15-25

Freshman Jacy Abii is another player to watch. She was selected to the ACC preseason All-Freshman team, and her adjustment to college competition will be an important part of the support around Hidalgo. Notre Dame's challenge is to turn its leading player's production into consistent team results.

Duke was selected as the women's preseason ACC favorite. Hidalgo's individual distinction makes the Irish compelling to follow, but the conference race still has to be played. The question is how much Notre Dame can build around her as the schedule becomes more demanding.

The women host Truman State for an October 26 exhibition at 7 p.m. Eastern. Their regular season opens November 1 against Villanova in Rome at noon Eastern. Those games will begin the next chapter for a player whose Puerto Rican roots and national standing give Latino readers a prominent athlete to follow.

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