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A SPECTACULAR FINALE FOR THE 2025 J/22 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN NAPLES

The **2025 J/22 Worlds in Naples** came to a close after an intense week of competition, with nine races completed in a wide range of conditions — from light morning airs to steady south-westerly sea breezes and strong north-easterly Grecale gusting up to 25 knots. Throughout the week, the Bay of Naples displayed its full range of moods: bright days with summer-like temperatures and sparkling sunshine alternated with cloudier skies and even one day of heavy rain, when racing went ahead in challenging but manageable conditions. The variety of wind, weather, and sea states provided a complete test of skill and endurance, perfectly capturing the versatility that defines the J/22 class.

Fraporita, the multiple-time J/22 World Champion, once again demonstrated remarkable consistency and control to **claim the 2025 world title**. Behind them, the two teams from Hamburg — **Jola** and **J-Bender** — secured **second** and **third** place respectively. The best Italian performance came from **Platamonia** of the Lega Navale Italiana Napoli, finishing just off the podium in fourth, while **Water Lely/TU Delft** from the Netherlands rounded out the top five.

FOUR NATIONS, ONE PASSION



With teams representing the **Netherlands, Germany, France, Portugal, and Italy**, this edition of the Worlds reaffirmed the international appeal of the J/22 class. The fleet brought together an inspiring mix of youth and experience — from university students making their debut at an international championship to veteran sailors with decades of racing behind them. This intergenerational blend fostered both competitive spirit and a strong sense of camaraderie, on the water and ashore — a fantastic achievement, even compared to many past J/22 World Championships.





THE RISE OF THE ITALIAN J/22 FLEET

The 2025 J/22 World Championship in Naples concluded with competitive racing, strong international participation, and a clear sense of shared enthusiasm. Just a few years ago, there were no J/22s racing in Italy. Today, the national fleet counts 15 active boats and keeps growing — proof of the enthusiasm and teamwork that have built a vibrant new sailing community from scratch — the result of dedicated teamwork and passion. The week in Naples not only crowned new champions but also celebrated the growing unity and vitality of this one-design community, setting a high standard for the events to come.

PRECISION AND PROFESSIONALISM

The Race Committee was outstanding — reading the wind perfectly, setting the course as soon as the breeze stabilized, and even adjusting marks during the final leg to keep the racing flowing smoothly.

The Race Committee, praised by several crews for its “precision and professionalism,” managed each transition with efficiency, ensuring fair and timely starts despite rapidly changing wind patterns. From tactical light-air contests to high-adrenaline downwinds in stronger breeze, the competition demanded adaptability and technical skill from all crews.

While the atmosphere ashore remained relaxed and friendly, competition on the water was intense. Close mark roundings, tactical duels, and several photo-finish arrivals kept the pressure high throughout the week. A number of protests were filed to the **International Jury**, underlining both the high level of racing and the determination of the crews to sail by the book. The Jury’s prompt and transparent decisions were appreciated across the fleet, reinforcing the spirit of fairness that defines the class.





SEAMLESS SHORESIDE SUPPORT

A huge thank you to Raffaele and the harbour logistics team, who ensured that every launch, haul-out, and docking went like clockwork. Their help and friendliness made life ashore just as enjoyable as the sailing itself.

THE TASTE OF NAPLES

Every afternoon, after racing, sailors were greeted with pasta, local wine, and homemade cakes — the perfect recipe for recovery, laughter, and storytelling. The spirit of camaraderie thrived onshore, and friendships grew stronger with every glass of wine shared under the Neapolitan sun.

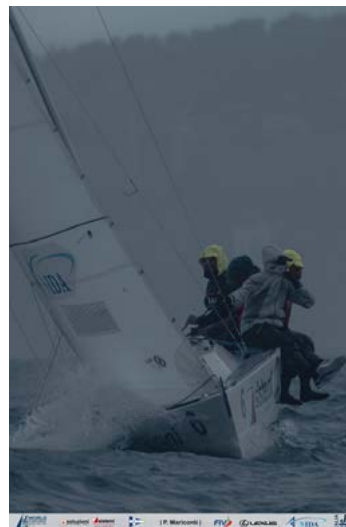


THE CREW PARTY TO REMEMBER

The Crew Party was everything a sailor could wish for — great food, music, and dancing until late, with every team celebrating together in true J/22 spirit. A night that captured the joy and connection that make this class so special.

EASY ACCESS, TRUE HOSPITALITY

This year's organization went above and beyond, offering a "J/22 Driver" transport service for international teams arriving by plane and a fleet of rental boats ready to race — making Naples one of the most welcoming Worlds venues ever.





RACING IN A DREAM

To sail in the same waters that will host the **2027 America's Cup** is already special — but when the course is framed by *Vesuvio*, *Capri*, *Castel dell'Ovo*, and the entire natural amphitheatre of the *Gulf of Naples*, with dolphins joining the fleet, it becomes unforgettable.

Among those most impressed by the week were the new World Champions, **Fraporita**, who described their experience as *"beyond words."* They highlighted the exceptional atmosphere created by the organizers and volunteers, noting that *"every effort, every mile to reach Naples was repaid with unforgettable emotions."* Reflecting on the shoreside hospitality, they added that the post-race pasta, wine, and cakes and the mid-regatta party full of music and dancing were *"the perfect way to celebrate sailing together."* For them, competing *"in the legendary waters of the America's Cup, surrounded by Vesuvius, Capri, and even dolphins,"* made the event *"pure magic."*

A similar sentiment came from the Hamburg Sailing Club crews. Both **Jola** and **J-Bender** emphasized not only the quality of racing but also the warmth of the Italian welcome. *"You organized everything perfectly,"* they noted, describing the regatta as marked by *"fair competition, ideal conditions, and great fun after sailing."* They expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and friendships formed during the week, promising that *"this will certainly not be the last time we race in Italy."*

A heartfelt thank-you to our sponsors — **Soluzioni Sistemi srl**, Lexus Napoli, and Sida service srl — for believing in the success of this event and for their continued support of **the J/22 Italian Class**, alongside the **Lega Navale Italiana – Sez. di Napoli**.

Congratulations to all sailors, volunteers, and organizers for making the 2025 J/22 Worlds in Naples a week of pure magic. Sailing, friendship, music, and the beauty of the Mediterranean — Naples, you've set the bar high for the next Worlds!





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Nat	Rank	BowNumber	SailNo	Boat	Class	HelmName	CrewName	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Total	Nett
	1st	17	NED 1273	FRAPORITA	J22	Jean-Michel Lautier	Giuseppe D'Aquino, Denis Neves	VW Braassemmermeer	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	(4.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	15.0	11.0
	2nd	14	GER 1411	JOLA	J22	Andreas Dillmann	Silke Basedow, Harald Bruhn	HSC - Hamburger Segel-Club	5.0	(10.0)	10.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	43.0	33.0
	3rd	15	GER 1449	J-BENDER	J22	Thorsten Spotter	Hannes Ranke, Florian Buchs	HSC - Hamburger Segel-Club e.V.	4.0	7.0	(11.0)	5.0	1.0	6.0	6.0	2.0	5.0	47.0	36.0
	4th	8	ITA 51	PLATAMONIA	J22	Dario Desiderio	Vincenzo Giugno, Simone Stolfo	L.N.I. Napoli	8.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	(9.0)	4.0	45.0	36.0
	5th	18	NED 1455	WATER LELY / TUDELFT	J22	Julia Van Den Heuvel	Ezra Van De Ven, Marit Veerbeek, Frédéric Van Holk van den Heuvel	D.S.W.Z. Broach	3.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	8.0	3.0	8.0	8.0	(9.0)	52.0	43.0
	6th	9	ITA 87	MALANDRINA	J22	Vincenzo Race	Massimo Taronna, Luigi Lavitola, Fabrizia Paola Spina	L.N.I. Napoli	(13.0)	11.0	6.0	2.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	10.0	1.0	57.0	44.0
	7th	20	FRA 1443	JM	J22	Fabrice Cahierc	Thierry Picault, Frédéric Mouches	SNO - Sport Nautique de l'Ouest	13.3	SCP	3.0	2.0	6.0	2.0	(16.0)	5.0	5.0	60.3	44.3
	8th	3	ITA 17678	PESTIFERA	J22	Damiano Improta	Mariano Mele, Luca De Pasquale, Bruno Conetta	L.N.I. Napoli	9.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	(14.0)	11.0	7.0	6.0	69.0	55.0
	9th	6	ITA 39	JOLLY ROGER	J22	Diego Voccia	Raffaële Speranza, Mariagrazia Sicilia, Francesca Grassi	L.N.I. Napoli	6.0	5.0	8.0	9.0	11.0	9.0	(15.0)	11.0	7.0	81.0	66.0
	10th	19	GER 1213	ZWOELFDREJZEHN	J22	Dirk Mueller	Horst Lehmann, Jochen Baumann	Segler Vereinigung Mannheheim	(16.0)	8.0	7.0	13.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	4.0	10.0	93.0	77.0
	11th	12	ITA 158	PAPPICOTTO	J22	Sergio Giusti	Simone Sassano, Errico Del Gatto	Circolo Nautico Torre del Greco	2.0	(21.0 UFD)	13.0	10.0	14.0	11.0	9.0	12.0	14.0	106.0	85.0
	12th	4	ITA 17677	LAMU'	J22	Roberto Pinto	Francesca Massarelli, Laura Arenare, Giulia Ventimiglia	L.N.I. Napoli	11.0	9.0	15.0	12.0	15.0	10.0	12.0	6.0	(18.0)	108.0	90.0
	13th	13	ITA 01	PORTOSALVO	J22	Gianluigi Ascione	Garofalo Lorenzo, Falanga Carlo, Vittoriano Neri	Circolo Nautico Torre del Greco	19.0	(21.0 UFD)	17.0	15.0	12.0	7.0	7.0	13.0	15.0	126.0	105.0
	14th	7	ITA 42	ALCIONE	J22	Francesco Ruggiero	Marcella Contieri, Mario Bartiromo, Giulia Corraera	L.N.I. Napoli	12.0	16.0	14.0	16.0	9.0	8.0	(18.0)	15.0	16.0	124.0	106.0
	15th	10	ITA 54	ARTIGLIO	J22	Eugenio Fasci	Marco Buonanni, Davide Unich, Fabio Rossi	L.N.I. Napoli	15.0	13.0	16.0	11.0	16.0	(20.0)	10.0	17.0	12.0	130.0	110.0
	16th	5	ITA 46	WHITE MAGIC	J22	Davide D'Ambrosio	Elodia De Filippo, M. Giulia Delli Santi, Antonio Ferragamo	L.N.I. Napoli	17.0	12.0	12.0	14.0	18.0	(19.0)	14.0	16.0	13.0	135.0	116.0
	17th	1	ITA 16068	LES ALIZES	J22	Eduardo Ballo	Cristina Luise, Antonello Russo, Pasquale De Lucia	L.N.I. Napoli	10.0	(21.0 UFD)	19.0	19.0	13.0	15.0	16.0	14.0	17.0	144.0	123.0
	18th	11	ITA 52	GULLIVER	J22	Carlo Tiberio	Ester Borriello, Andrea Buffolini, Matteo Pietro Cortese	L.N.I. Napoli	(20.3 SCP)	15.0	9.0	18.0	17.0	13.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	149.3	129.0
	19th	2	ITA 17676	MARGOT	J22	Daniela Postiglione	Daniele Massa, Francesco Penta, Ferruccio Ferrara	L.N.I. Napoli	18.0	14.0	18.0	17.0	19.0	17.0	17.0	(21.0 DNS)	21.0 DNC	162.0	141.0
	20th	16	NED 1500	JAGER	J22	Augustin Schobert	Maria Rubbens - Ivo Van Gestel - Marita Lekkerkerker	Rotterdamse Studenten Zeil Vereniging	(20.0)	17.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	18.0	20.0	18.0	11.0	164.0	144.0



2025 J/22 North American Champion: Adam Burns



The final day of the J/22 North American Championship hosted by Rochester Yacht Club in New York brought conditions that mirrored the first two days—light and shifty, demanding patience and precision from both sailors and

race officials. Despite the challenges, the Race Committee excelled, successfully completing seven races while adapting to every breeze shift thrown their way.

**Congratulations to the podium finishers
among 25 boats:**

Adam Burns, Todd Hiller, John Goller –
Youngstown Yacht Club / Annapolis Yacht Club
– 17 points

Brad Julian, Matthew Schubert, Emerson Smith
– Annapolis Yacht Club – 21 points

Travis Odenbach, Jay Miles, Justin Damore –
Rochester Yacht Club – 33 points



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DAY ONE RECAP: The Championship kicked off under light but steady conditions. Sailors faced a northeast breeze of 4-8 knots, which held just enough to complete three races. Race management kept things moving smoothly, and with help from Vakaros technology, there were no general recalls. The front-runners were Jeff Hayden (SSA), Adam Burns (YYC) and leading the pack in first was Travis Odenbach (RYC), keeping the hometown club well represented.





DAY TWO RECAP: Winds hovered between 3-8 knots throughout the day. Saturday's opening race was very light and shifty. Then, the breeze picked up to a steadier 6-9 knots, making for a more tactical and enjoyable race. Race Committee tried to pull off another contest but ultimately abandoned as the wind faded again. Brad Julian took bullets in both races to shoot up the leaderboard.



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Off the water, sailors enjoyed Rochester hospitality—including Fifth Frame Brewing hosting dinner, dancing and live music.

Complete results from October 3-5 may be found at [J/22 North American Championship](#).



Technical Committee Report

By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair

Updating our Standards for Major Championship Regattas

I would like to encourage you to give us feedback or comments. Only by that can we develop the Class in the spirit of our sailors. I am honored to work with all members of the various Committees of our Class to make our Class even better.

Our regatta standards are dated from 1/1/2006 and are not reflecting multiple aspects of the current environment and the sailing organizations.

Therefore there is a clear need for an update. In order to go forward, I suggest to split the current document into two documents.

One document should focus on the organizational topics for Championships e.g. selection criteria and process, schedule of races and prizes, requirements for Jury and Race Committee.

The second document should define Regatta Regulations and have the following content:

1. Intent
2. Eligibility and Measurement
3. Substitution of Crew and Equipment
4. Course length and time limits
5. Decision to start a race

Regarding some particular topics, my initial thoughts are:

- to 4 Course length and time limits

- Boats shall sail drop-mark windward/leeward courses, including offset marks and gates.
- Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored time limit expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- The race time per day should not exceed 6 hours.
- to 5 Decision to start a race
- Races shall not be started when there is less than an average of four (4) knots of wind speed over the entire course area (measured over a period of 5 minutes).
- Races will not be started in more than an average of 25 knots.

Remark: the 4 kn and the 25 kn values are defined in the Race Management Policies for World Sailing Events (§ 4.6/ § 4.7). I don't see a reason why we should deviate from that World Sailing Policy (Regulation), even if it focuses on Olympic Classes.

The Technical Committee will prepare a first draft prior to the board meeting in the 1st quarter 2026.

Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to contact me (thomas.loesch@t-online.de) and/or the Class Executive Chris Howell.

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The J/22s at Lipton Cup Challenge August 2025 Cape Town

Prior to August 2025, there was great excitement within the J/22 Class when the committee were approached by the Lipton Cup organisers requesting that the J/22 be the 2025 design of choice for the event. After many discussions and debates, the approval, with certain criteria to be adhered to, was given. The J/22 Class was introduced to the Lipton Challenge for the very first time, with its presence breathing a huge breath of fresh air into the contest by bringing new enthusiasm, a good-sized fleet and a good mix of youth and experience. All this was the catalyst to ensure that the Lipton Challenge remains the top sailing contest in this country.

The J/22 recognition has been a long time in coming as the Lipton Cup Trustees, in doing their due diligence as they should, chose other Classes and fleets which ultimately did not pass muster, before homing in on the J/22 for the 2025 contest. This was a masterstroke as despite some scepticism, the J/22 outperformed itself in terms of providing some of the closest racing in the contest for many years.

However, the Lipton Deed of Gift does indicate that the Challenge will take place in “deep-sea” coastal waters, so sheltered and inland waters are not an option on which to race.



This ultimately extrapolates to the fact that on coastal waters, winds may at times exceed the Class wind limits, and that all competitors should be prepared and sufficiently practised should strong winds prevail at any time. There was one race in strong winds very early in the contest which resulted in broaches, damage and some shattered egos and dreams! The Lipton Challenge has no discards.

An important factor to remember is that the J/22 Class was the 2025 Lipton Challenge Class of choice, with the Lipton Trustees and organisers setting the rules for racing, not the J/22 Class. However, to ensure no damage was done to the South African J/22 Class, the Trustees elected to require the contest to be run strictly in accordance with the Class Rules as they stand.

The J/22 Class' success as the "Lipton boat" was more because the South African fleet are similar in terms of age, and were all built by two local builders, which extrapolated into good, close and tactical one-design racing.

The Class changed the contest for South Africa's Lipton Challenge Cup as never before, featuring as many as 10 races, Hermanus Yacht Club (HYC) emerged as worthy winners of the contest by simply sailing consistently well in every single one of these 10 races.

THIS IS HOW THE EVENT PLAYED OUT:

The loud cheers from well-wishers as the HYC team docked at the Royal Cape Yacht Club (RCYC) after the final race with "We Are the Champions" reverberating around the marina proved that their fellow competitors fully embraced this victory as one truly deserved.

Included in the crew led by Calvin Gibbs and Markus Progli were two youth sailors for whom this was their debut Lipton and whom, as they emerge as victors, will be pinching themselves for a reality check for a long time to come. The debutants were James Rae and Scarlet Cilliers, both 16 years old and still at school.

A bonus for the team is that Scarlet has probably become the very first woman winner of this event as, despite scouring the history books, no records can be found to show a woman in a winning crew.



The racing was intense on the final day, as mathematically any one of four clubs was in contention, and each of those teams had a strategy worked out in their minds as to exactly what they needed to do to win. Whether these plans actually came to fruition for these top four is debatable, as the Walvis Bay Yacht Club (WBYC) team stole the show in race 9 to win "going away."

Royal Natal Yacht Club (RNYC), in third place overall, scored a resounding second place in the penultimate race, placing them on equal points with the RCYC - while Hermanus scored a third to stay at the top of the leader board.



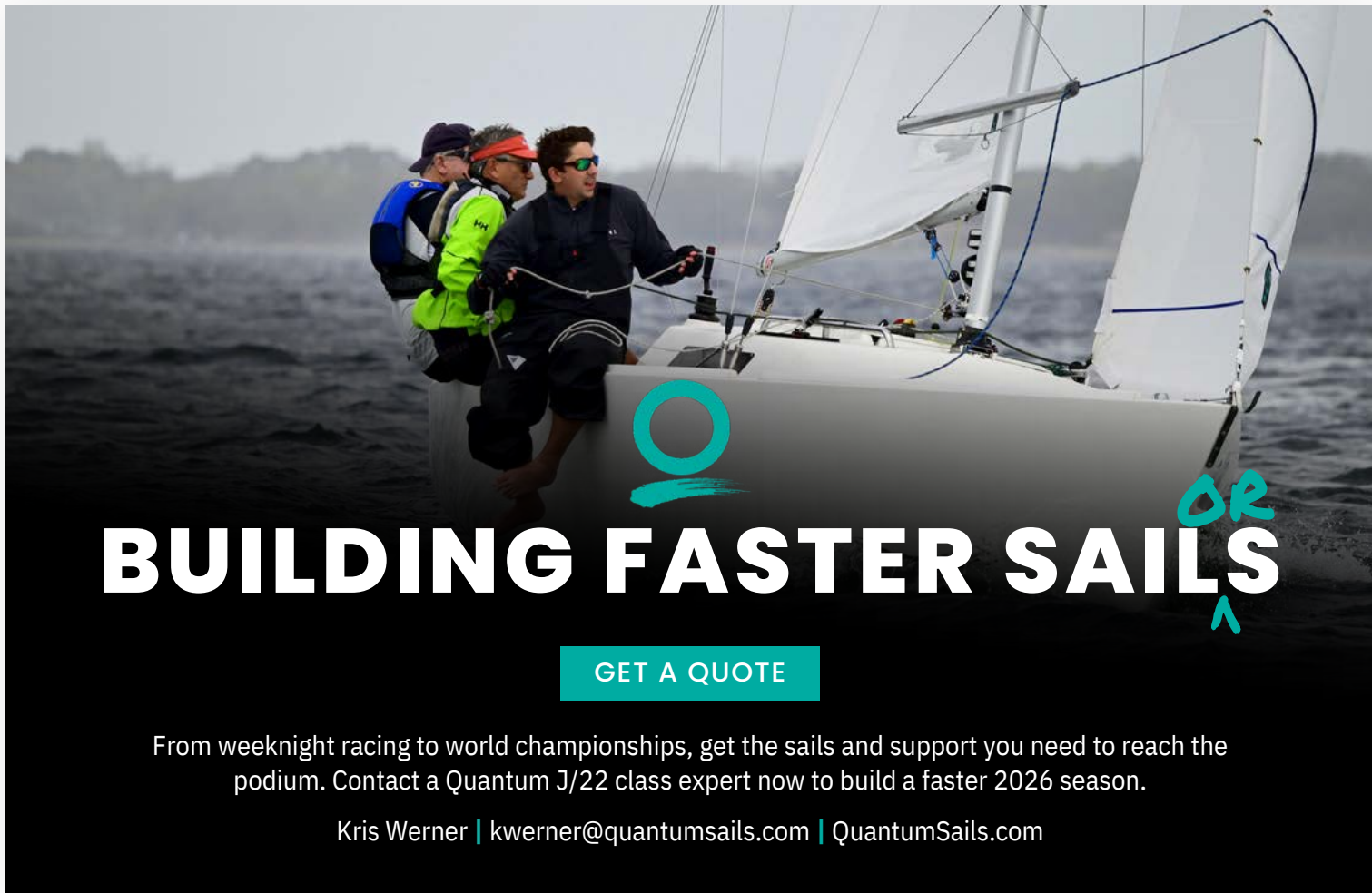




So with just a single race left, it was a case of “all or nothing” to secure victory.

The RCYC team, no doubt fed up with their performance on the penultimate day when they were OCS and only turned back to restart after racing for four minutes, blasted out of the start and led all the way to the finish. This fine victory was not enough as the Hermanus team were next to finish - and with that second spot were able to lift the Lipton Cup in victory.

Sadly for the RNYC team, despite trying everything possible to win, their efforts in the final race saw them finish fifth, and third overall.

The winners, Hermanus Yacht Club, have some tough decisions to make for the 2026 contest, particularly in terms of the waters on which they will defend. Saldanha Bay is an alluring option as the waters are generally flat and the wind steady. However that option comes with many logistical problems, so Table Bay may well be the logical option for 2026. Whatever their decision, it will bring a bigger fleet and even closer racing as it's now known by all sailors what it takes to lift the Lipton Challenge Cup in victory.



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October 5 - October 10

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