NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

VIRGINIA 71, GARDNER-WEBB 56 ... LIBERTY 80, MISSISSIPPI STATE 76 ... VIRGINIA TECH 66, SAINT LOUIS 52

OMG, FLAMES WIN

On its fourth tourney trip, LU finally advances



LU's Caleb Homesley reacts after scoring during the Flames' victory over Mississippi State in the East Regional on Friday in San Jose, California.

By Damien Sordelett

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Caleb Homesley said he "played confident" during a fiveminute stretch when he took **INSIDE** over and scored 14 points in » More LU an eight-possession stretch to basketball. will Liberty back into the lead against Mississippi State.

Others weren't so nonchalant about the redshirt junior's ability to become the most dynamic player on the SAP Center court.

Flames coach Ritchie McKay said it was special. Keenan Gumbs, a graduate student, called it ridiculous.

However you sum it up, Homesley made sure Liberty kept its dancin' shoes on for at least one more round of the NCAA Tourna-

The 6-foot-6 Homesley scored a careerhigh 30 points, including the 14 points he tallied in a stretch that helped the Flames overcome a double-digit deficit, and Liberty claimed a thrilling 80-76 over Mississippi State in an East Region tilt in the Round of 64.

"That was unreal," Gumbs said of Homesley's performance. "If you saw the look in his eyes, you would have known what he was about to do. He put us on his back."

The 12th-seeded Flames (29-6) won an and advance to Sunday's second round against Virginia Tech at 7:10 p.m. and will be televised on TBS.



Homesley dunks against Mississippi State in Friday night's first-round game.

"I don't think that we're done yet," Homesley said. "I think our guys believe that whenever we step into a venue that we're going to win the game."

The prospect of continuing its season NCAA Tournament game for the first time looked dim for Liberty when the fifthseeded Bulldogs (23-11) took a 63-53 lead Mississippi State junior guard Tyson Carter with on Lamar Peters' layup with 7:18 re-

McKay called his penultimate timeout, and Homesley answered the bell almost immediately.

He scored six points in a 30-second stretch as the Flames cut the deficit to seven, and then tallied eight points in a fourpossession span, highlighted by a contested straightaway 3-pointer with 2:36 remaining that put Liberty ahead 69-67.

"I think we felt like we could come back if we started valuing each possession," McKay said. " ... I just think it shows the character of our group."

The run capped an eight-possession stretch in which Homesley scored 14 points and made all four of his shots.

He made 7 of his final 8 shots on his way to a 10-of-16 shooting performance. The Indian Trail, North Carolina, native scored 22 points of Liberty's 45 second-

"I think that I just played confident," Homesley said. "I think any shot that I take is going to go in. It just happened tonight that they were falling."

The Bulldogs took the lead back on Robert Woodard's free throws with 1:37 left, but the Flames immediately answered on Lovell Cabbil's deep 3-pointer with 76 sec-

Liberty didn't trail again after Cabbil's

"That was the biggest shot of the game,"

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UVa's Ty Jerome shoots over Gardner-Webb's Jose Perez during Friday's South Regional game in Columbia. South Carolina.

No upset this year for Cavs

After a sluggish start, UVa cruises to win over Gardner-Webb

By Mike Barber Richmond Times-Dispatch

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Cool, calm and collected didn't work for Virginia in the first **INSIDE**

>> More NCAA So with a rau-Tournament. cous crowd roaring for another stunning upset, the Cavaliers turned fiery.

Sophomore forward De'Andre Hunter and junior guard Ty Jerome led a big second-half surge as top-seeded UVA overcame 16th-seeded Gardner-Webb 71-56 on Friday at Colonial Life Arena.

'There's no hiding it. That pressure's real. For us, it was so much about keeping calm, keeping calm," Jerome said. "We forgot to play with that edge,

that little fire." Last year, Virginia became the first-ever No. 1 seed to lose in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. And for a half, the Bulldogs looked as if they might join UMBC as the only No. 16 seeds

to win NCAA tourney games. UVA (30-3) struggled with turnovers and 3-point shooting in the first half and fell behind by 14 points. It went to the locker room down 36-30 to the Big South tournament champions.

But the Cavaliers outscored Gardner-Webb 41-20 in the second half, with Hunter scoring 17 of his 23 points after the break. They'll take on ninth-seeded Oklahoma, a 95-72 winner over eighth-seeded Mississippi, in Sunday's second round.

At halftime, coach Tony Bennett had a clear message he wanted his staff to deliver to the

"I said, 'Uplift them,' and we talked about, 'Don't panic, but

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Tech advances after back-to-back first-round losses

By Mark Berman The Roanoke Times

SAN JOSE, Calif. — For the first time in 12 years, the Virginia Tech men's basketball team has won a game in the NCAA Tournament.

suffering first-After round losses the past two years, the fourth-seeded

early exit Friday by fending fourth double-digit seed to

is 66-52 at the SAP Center. Nickeil Alexander-Walker scored 20 points for Virginia Tech (25-8), which won an NCAA Tournament since beating Illinois in the first round in 2007.

Hokies avoided another trying to become the hibition. off 13th-seeded Saint Lou- win in Friday's quadrupleheader at the SAP Center, joining 13th-seeded UC Irvine, 12th-seeded Oregon and 12th-seeded Liberty.

The Hokies will meet Libgame for the first time erty in the second round at 7:10 p.m. Sunday. Tech beat Liberty 86-70 last No-Saint Louis (22-13) was vember in a preseason ex-

Leading Saint Louis 9-6, the Hokies went on a 10-0 run to build a 19-6 cushion with 10:50 to go in the first half. Tech point guard Justin Robinson was on the court for the final eight points of that run.

Robinson came off the

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» Danielle Edwards and the Clemson Tigers beat South Dakota to advance to the second round of the NCAA women's tournament.

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BASEBALL

SEMINOLE DISTRICT

JEFFERSON FOREST 3, LCA 2

000 002 1 - 3 000 011 0 - 2 **LCA** WP: Connor Maggi. LP: Luke

Ramsey.

Highlights: JF - Powers Muller 1-2, RBI; Jackson Cherry 1-3, RBI; Griffin Agee 5 IP, 3 H, 1 R/ER, 2 BB, 12 Ks; Maggi 2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 5 Ks. LCA - Christian Gordon 6 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 12 Ks; Ramsey 1 IP, 1 R 2 Ks, 2 BB (1-2, RBI); Jacob Williams 2-3; Pell Collins 1-4, 2B, RBI.

Records: Jefferson Forest 4-0. LCA 3-1.

BROOKVILLE 8, E.C. GLASS 1 100 000 0 - 1 4 2 230 021 x - 8 7 1 **ECG** WP: Brock Duff. LP: LP: Grayson

Highlights: ECG - John Kistler 1-2, RBI; Grayson Combs 1-4, R. BHS -Zach Thompson 1-3, 3B, 2 RBIs; Jared Glinski 2-3, 3B, 2 RBIs; Kyle Hammock 2-3, 2B, 2 R: Hunter Brown 1-2, 2B, 2

Records: E.C. Glass 3-2. Brookville

6-0.

AMHERST 19, RUSTBURG 13 300 180 1 - 13 11 3 **ACHS** 423 028 x - 19 14 3 WP: Lucas Dickerson. LP: Nick

Rakes

Highlights: RHS — Isaiah Blanks 3-5. 2 2B, 2 RBIs; Jackson Perkins 2-4, RBI; Nick Rakes 3-4, 3 RBIs. ACHS - Reed Dawson 3-3, 2 RBIs; Alex Lacombe 2-4, 2B, 3 RBIs; Tyler Hargis 2-3, 2B, 2 RBIs; Timmy Byers 2-4, 2 RBIs, 3 R; Christian Martin 2-4, RBI. Records: Rustburg 2-4. Amherst 2-2.

NON-DISTRICT

TUNSTALL 13, GRETNA 3 010 02 - 3 3 3 034 33 - 13 9 2

THS WP: Hunter Yeatts. LP: Cole Rigney. HR: Thomas Barker (THS) with two on in bot. 3rd.

Highlights: GHS - Tucker Bailess 1-3, 2 RBIs; Sean Hammock 1-3, 1 R. - Elijah Byrd 2-4, 2 RBIs; Grant Elliott 1-2, 2B, RBI; Dylan Young 1-2, 2B. 2 RBIs: Barker 1-3, HR. 3 RBIs.

Records: Gretna 2-3. Tunstall 3-1.

CHATHAM 14, NELSON 2

103 613 - 14 17 3 CHS NCHS $100\,010 - 2 \quad 3 \quad 6$ WP: Christian Lancaster. LP: Zack

Ponton.

Highlights: CHS - Graham Dalton 3-5. 2B, RBI; Brae Adkins 2-4, 2B, 2 RBIs; Andrew Potojecki 2-5, 3 RBIs. NCHS - Garrett Walker 1-3, 3B, RBI. Records: Chatham 5-1. Nelson 1-3.

SOFTBALL NON-DISTRICT

TUNSTALL 15, GRETNA 4

310 203 6 - 15 23 1 GHS 200 000 2 — 4 8 0 WP: Harley Hearp. LP: Katie Thomas.

HR: Nia Green (THS) solo in top of 6th Highlights: THS - Hearp 7 IP, 7 H, 4

R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 11 Ks; Kayleigh Griffith 3-5, 2B, 4 RBIs; Green 3-4, HR, 3 RBIs; Abby Wallace 3-5, 2B, 2 RBIs, GHS -Evy Rigney 3-4, RBI; M. Shelton 2-4,

Records: Tunstall 4-1. Gretna 2-2.

BOYS SOCCER

SEMINOLE DISTRICT

JEFFERSON FOREST 2, LIBERTY CHRISTIAN 2

LCA 11 - 21 1 - 2 JF

Scoring: John Toney (JF), assisted by Sam Canning, 10:00; Josiah King (LCA), assisted by Alex Crickenberger, 20:00; Minh Cho (LCA), unassisted, 55:00; LCA own goal, 80:00.

Saves: Camden Coleman (LCA) 10. Kyle Wrabley (JF) 2.

Records: Jefferson Forest 2-0-2. Liberty Christian 1-1-1.

GIRLS SOCCER SEMINOLE DISTRICT

E.C. GLASS 8, RUSTBURG 8 RHS $0 \, 0 - 0$

44 - 8**ECG** Scoring: Madison Gallagher 5 goals, Sha'kerra Jerome 2 goals, Nytasia

Spinner 1 goal. Records: Rustburg 2-2. E.C. Glass 3-0-1.

TODAY'S EVENTS

BASEBALL

Staunton River at Jefferson Forest, at Forest Middle, 2:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Amherst at Franklin Co. in Battle of the Bases Tournament, 10 a.m. Liberty vs. Morehead (NC) in Battle of the Bases Tournament, Franklin Middle, noon

Amherst vs. Turner Ashby in Battle of the Bases Tournament, Franklin Middle, noon

Amherst vs. Blacksburg in Battle of the Bases Tournament, Franklin

Middle, 4 p.m. Jefferson Forest vs. William Byrd, at

Moyer, noon Liberty Christian at Salem, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

E.C. Glass at Jamestown, 1:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

E.C. Glass vs. R.J. Reynolds, at VMI,

Jefferson Forest vs. George Washington, at the Greenbrier (West Virginia),

NATIONAL SCORES/STANDINGS

BASKETBALL

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Toronto	51	22	.699	_	
x-Philadelphia	47	25	.653	31/2	
Boston	43	29	.597	71/2	
Brooklyn	37	36	.507	14	
New York	14	59	.192	37	
Sout	heas	t Divis	sion		
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	35	36	.493	_	
Orlando	35	38	.479	1	
Charlotte	32	39	.451	3	
Washington	30	43	.411	6	
Atlanta	25	48	.342	11	
Cen	tral	Divisi	on		
	W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Milwaukee	53	19	.736	_	
Indiana	44	29	.603	91/2	
Detroit	37	34	.521	15½	

21 19 52 54 .288 321/2 .260 341/2 Cleveland WESTERN CONFERENCE

South	iwes	t Divi:	sion	
	W	L	Pct	GE
Houston	46	27	.630	-
San Antonio	42	31	.575	4
New Orleans	31	43	.419	151/2
Memphis	29	43	.403	161/2
Dallas	28	44	.389	171/2
North	iwes	t Divi:	sion	
	W	L	Pct	GE
x-Denver	49	22	.690	-
Portland	44	27	.620	-
Oklahoma City	43	30	.589	7
Utah	42	30	.583	71/

32 40 .444 17½

Pacific Division Minnesota L 22 30 Pct GB .690 — W x-Golden State 49 L.A. Clippers 43 .589 35 36 .493 14 31 40 .437 18 17 56 .233 33 Sacramento L.A. Lakers

x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division Thursday's Games Charlotte 113, Minnesota 106 Denver 113, Washington 108 Atlanta 117, Utah 114 Sacramento 116, Dallas 100 Golden State 112, Indiana 89

Friday's Games
Orlando 123, Memphis 119, OT
Denver 111, New York 93 L.A. Clippers 110, Cleveland 108 Oklahoma City 116, Toronto 109 Houston 111, San Antonio 105 Miami at Milwaukee, late Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games Boston at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Miami at Washington, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Minnesota at Memphis, 8 p.m. Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m. Dallas at Golden State, 8:30 p.m. Detroit at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games

L.A. Clippers at New York, 12 p.m. Cleveland at Milwaukee, 4:30 p.m. Denver at Indiana, 5 p.m. Charlotte at Toronto, 6 p.m. Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m. San Antonio at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Golden State, 8:30 p.m. Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

ROCKETS 111, SPURS 105

Poeltl 4-5 0-0 8, Mills 3-7 0-0 8, Belinelli HOUSTON (111) Gordon 4-13 1-1 12, Tucker 0-3 0-0 0, Capela 3-8 1-1 7, Paul 7-15 4-4 18,

Shumpert 1-4 0-0 3, House Jr. 0-4 1-2 1, Green 1-2 2-2 5. Totals 36-86 25-32 111. Green 1-2 2-2 5. Totals 36-86 25-32 111.

San Antonio 24 23 34 24 — 105

Houston 36 26 19 30 — 111

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 7-24
(Forbes 3-3, Mills 2-4, White 1-4,
Bertans 1-10, Gay 0-1, Belinelli 0-2),
Houston 14-37 (Harden 9-13, Gordon
3-9, Green 1-1, Shumpert 1-4, Paul 0-3,
Tucker 0-3, House Jr. 0-4). Fouled Out—
None. Rebounds—San Antonio 48 (Gay
9). Houston 48 (Capela 16). Assists— 9), Houston 48 (Capela 16). Assists-San Antonio 27 (DeRozan 8), Houston 12 (Paul 5). Total Fouls—San Antonio 23, Houston 19.

THUNDER 116, RAPTORS 109 OKLAHOMA CITY (116)

Noel 1-1 0-0 2, Morris 1-5 0-0 3, Schro

5-5 25, Gasol 1-1 0-0 2, VanVleet 3-11 2-2 8, Green 6-11 1-2 19, Anunoby 1-4 0-0 2. Powell 0-3 0-0 0. Ibaka 5-7 1-2 11. Lin 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 39-78 18-21 109.

Oklahoma City
Toronto

22 26 35 33 — 116
29 29 22 29 — 109

Anunoby 0-1, VanVleet 0-3), Fouled Out-Grant. Rebounds-Oklahoma City 39 (Westbrook 12), Toronto 46 (Powell 11). Assists-Oklahoma City 30 (Westbrook 13), Toronto 20 (Gasol 6). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 22, Toronto 24. Technicals-Schroder.

NUGGETS 111, KNICKS 93

Barton 4-13 2-2 12, Millsap 3-12 2-2 8,

Harris 5-8 0-0 14, Hernangomez 0-0 0-0 0, Craig 2-4 0-0 6, Vanderbilt 0-0 0-0 0, Plumlee 4-6 3-4 11, Lyles 0-0 0-0 0, Mor-5-7 0-0 13, Beasley 2-10 2-2 8. Totals NEW YORK (93)

Hezonja 2-6 3-4 7, Knox 6-16 4-5 19, Jordan 3-5 1-3 7, Mudiay 9-21 1-1 21, Dotson 2-9 1-1 6, LThomas 1-4 0-0 3, Kornet 0-1 0-0 0, Ellenson 1-3 1-1 3, Robinson 7-10 2-2 16, Allen 1-7 1-2 3, Ntilikina 1-6 2-2 5, Jenkins 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 34-90 16-21 93.

37 19 26 29- 111 New York 18 24 20 31 – 93
3-Point Goals—Denver 15-38 (Harris 4-5, Morris 3-5, Craig 2-3, Barton 2-6, Beasley 2-8, Jokic 1-3, Murray 1-6, Millsap 0-2), New York 9-32 (Knox 3-8, Mudiay 2-5, L.Thomas 1-2, Jenkins 1-2, Millikipa 14, Dotson 1-7, Ellegron 0-1 Ntilikina 1-4, Dotson 1-7, Ellenson 0-1, Allen 0-1, Hezonja 0-2). Fouled Out— None. Rebounds—Denver 62 (Jokic 17), New York 45 (Jordan 11). Assists— Denver 24 (Murray, Jokic 5), New York 20 (Ntilikina 5). Total Fouls—Denver 15, New York 15. Technicals—Denver coach Nuggets (Defensive three second), Millsap.

CLIPPERS 110, CAVALIERS 108

L.A. CLIPPERS (110)
Shamet 4-7 3-4 13, Gallinari 11-15 4-4
27, Zubac 2-2 2-2 6, Gilgeous-Alexander
5-11 5-5 16, Beverley 3-9 1-2 9, Green
4-7 0-0 8, Harrell 5-8 4-5 14, Chandler 0-3 0-0 0. Thornwell 0-0 0-0 0. Williams 7-16 1-1 15, Temple 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 42-82 20-23 110.

CLEVELAND (108) Osman 2-7 5-6 11, Love 8-14 2-3 22, Zizic 0-2 0-0 0, Sexton 9-15 0-0 20, Knight 3-9 0-0 7, Nance Jr. 6-9 1-2 14, Chriss 1-2 0-0 2, Thompson 2-8 0-0 4, Clarkson 9-19 0-0 20, Nwaba 3-4 2-2 8, Stauskas 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 43-90 10-13

L.A. Clippers Cleveland 40 20 23 25- 108 Cleveland 40 20 23 25 – 108 3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 6-26 (Shamet 2-5, Beverley 2-7, Gilgeous-Alexander 1-1, Gallinari 1-4, Temple 0-1, Green 0-2, Chandler 0-2, Williams 0-4), Cleveland 12-31 (Love 4-7, Osman 2-3, Sexton 2-4, Clarkson 2-10, Nance Jr. 1-2, Knight 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 43 (Green 9), Cleveland 41 (Nance Jr. 9). Assists— L.A. Clippers 24 (Williams 6), Cleveland 14 (Knight, Osman 3). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 16, Cleveland 22.

MAGIC 123, GRIZZLIES 119

MEMPHIS (119) Holiday 8-13 2-2 22, Caboclo 3-9 1-3 9,

Valanciunas 10-19 2-4 23, Dorsey 11-19 2-7 29, Wright 6-11 0-2 12, Washburn 0-1 0-0 0, Parsons 6-15 3-3 17, Rabb 2-3 0-0 4, Carter 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 47-93 10-ORLANDO (123)

Isaac 4-9 1-2 11, Gordon 2-8 1-2 5, Vucevic 12-23 1-2 25, Augustin 7-16 5-5 20, Fournier 9-17 6-7 27, Iwundu 0-2 2-2 2, Birch 0-1 2-4 2, Carter-Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Ross 10-15 3-3 31, Grant 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-93 21-27 123.

33 31 31 15 9- 119 23 35 23 29 13- 123 3-Point Goals—Memphis 15-38 (Dors-3-Point Goals—Memphis 15-38 (Dorsey 5-10, Holiday 4-9, Caboclo 2-5, Parsons 2-7, Carter 1-2, Valanciunas 1-3, Wright 0-1, Washburn 0-1), Orlando 14-39 (Ross 8-12, Fournier 3-8, Isaac 2-5, Augustin 1-7, Gordon 0-3, Vucevic 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 52 (Valanciunas 24), Orlando 44 (Fournier 2) Ascister Mamphis 24 44 (Fournier 8). Assists-Memphis 28 (Dorsey 9), Orlando 30 (Augustin 8). Total Fouls—Memphis 24, Orlando 16. Technicals—Memphis coach Grizzlies

(Defensive three second), Fournier **GOLF**

PGA

VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead) Palm Harbor, Fla. Yardage: 7,340; Par 71

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Paul Casey	70-66-136				
Austin Cook	69-67-136				
Scott Stallings	69-68-137				
Sungjae Im	69-68-137 70-67-137				
Luke Donald	67-70-137				
Dustin Johnson	69-69-138				
Joel Dahmen	69-69-138 66-72-138				
Curtis Luck	70-68-138				
Roberto Castro	68-71 - 130				
Lucas Glover	68-71-139 72-67-139				
Shawn Stefani	68-71-139				
Kramer Hickok	71-68-139				
	70-69-139				
Rory Sabbatini					
Jon Rahm	71-68-139				
Brandt Snedeker	70-70-140 69-71-140				
Bubba Watson					
Jim Furyk	69-71-140				
Danny Willett	69 - 71 - 140				
Ryan Blaum	73-67 — 140				
Sam Saunders	71-69—140 68-72—140				
Brian Stuard	68 - 72 - 140				
Jason Kokrak	69 - 71 - 140				
Alex Cejka	71-70-141 70-71-141				
Patton Kizzire	70 - 71 - 141				
Wyndham Clark	71 - 70 - 141				
Roberto Diaz	69 - 72 - 141				
Satoshi Kodaira	69-72-141 70-71-141				
Russell Henley	69 - 72 - 141				
C.T. Pan	71 - 70 - 141				
Kelly Kraft	69-72-141				
Nick Taylor	71-70-141				
Anirban Lahiri					
Matt Jones	70-71-141 73-68-141				
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Louis Oosthuizen	72-70 — 142 70-72 — 142				
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Roger Sloan	70-72-142				

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11 a.m., ESPN2, NCAA, Radford at Maryland Noon, CBSSN, NJCAA Championship 1:30 p.m., ESPN2, NCAA, Maine at N.C. State 3 p.m., ESPN2, NCAA, California vs. North Carolina 6 p.m., ESPN2, NCAA, Abilene Christian at Baylor

NBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

7 p.m., CSN, Miami at Washington

COLLEGE WRESTLING

11 a.m., ESPNU, NCAA Championships

1 p.m., NHLN, N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia

BASEBALL 1 p.m., MLBN, Spring Training, Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees 1 p.m., MASN, Spring Training, St. Louis vs. Washington 9:30 p.m., MLBN, Spring Training, Chicago Cubs vs. Colo-

1 p.m., TGC, PGA Valspar Championships 3 p.m., NBC, PGA Valspar Championships 6 p.m., TGC, LPGA Founders Cup

9:30 a.m., FS1, Monster Energy STP 500 practice 10:30 a.m., FS1, Trucks TruNorth 250 qualifying 12:30 p.m., FS1, Monster Energy STP 500 practice 2 p.m., FOX, Trucks, TruNorth 250 3 p.m., NBCSN, IndyCar Classic qualifying 5 p.m., FS1, Monster Energy STP 500 qualifying

COLLEGE SWIMMING

6 p.m., ESPNU, Women's NCAA Championships

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

4 p.m., ESPN, Washington at Oregon 6 p.m., SECN, Arkansas at Tennessee

1 p.m., SECN, LSU at Georgia 8 p.m., SECN, Mississippi at Missouri 8:30 p.m., ESPNU, Texas at TCU **COLLEGE LACROSSE**

4 p.m., ESPNU, North Carolina at Maryland

HORSE RACING

Hank Lebioda	69 - 73 - 14
Sepp Straka	66-76-14
Julian Etulain	69 - 73 - 14
Harris English	75-68-14
Trey Mullinax	71 - 72 - 14
Billy Hurley III	74-69-14
Andrew Landry	72 - 71 - 14
Chris Stroud	72 - 71 - 14
Jonas Blixt	74-69-14
Chesson Hadley	74-69-14
Morgan Hoffmann	73-70-14
Danny Lee	72 - 71 - 14
Dylan Frittelli	72 - 71 - 14
Peter Malnati	69 - 74 - 14
Harold Varner III	69 - 74 - 14
Peter Uihlein	72 - 71 - 14
Russell Knox	67 - 76 - 14
Henrik Stenson	70-73-14
Sergio Garcia	71-72-14
Zach Johnson	71-72-14
Graeme McDowell	71 - 72 - 14
Nick Watney	71 - 72 - 14
Charley Hoffman	69 - 74 - 14
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TENNIS ATP/WTA

MIAMI OPEN

Miami Gardens, Fla. Surface: Hard-Outdoor **Second Round**

Milos Raonic (12), Canada, def. Maxi Marterer, Germany, walkover. Kyle Edmund (19), Britain, def. Ilya Ivashka, Belarus, 6-3, 6-2. Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Gilles Simon (23), France, 6-4, 6-2. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Kei Nishi-kori (5), Japan, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3. Nikoloz Basilashvili (17), Georgia, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-3, 6-2. Borna Coric (11), Croatia, def. Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, 7-6 (7),

John Isner (7), United States, def. Lorenzo Sonego, Italy, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (7). Nick Kyrgios (27), Australia, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-3. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, def. Marton Fucsovics (29), Hungary, 6-4,

Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, def.

Lucas Pouille (25), France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def.

John Millman (32), Australia, 7-5, 3-6,

7 p.m., ESPN, NCAA Championships

7 p.m., NHLN, N.Y. Rangers at Toronot

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GOLF

AUTO RACING

11 a.m., CSN, Elon at James Madison

COLLEGE BASEBALL

5:30 p.m., NBCSN, Louisiana Derby

(4), 6-1.

Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-2, 7-5. Hsieh Su-wei (27), Taiwan, def. Alison Riske, United States, 6-2, 7-5. Anett Kontaveit (21), Estonia, def. Amanda Anisimova, United States, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4, Naomi Osaka (1), Japan, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 6-0, 6-7 (3), 6-1.

lic, def. Jelena Ostapenko (22), Latvia, Viktoria Kuzmova, Slovakia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (31), Russia, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-5. Venus Williams, United States. def. Carla Suarez Navarro (24), Spain, 7-6

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Caroline Wozniacki (13), Denmark, Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Garbine Muguruza (20), Spain, 7-6 (0),

Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, def. Cori Gauff, United States, 6-3, 6-2. Bianca Andreescu, Canada, def. Sofia Kenin (32), United States, 6-3, 6-3. Wang Qiang (18), China, def. Johanna Konta, Britain, 6-4, 6-0.

Anastasija Sevastova (11), Latvia, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 0-6, 6-4. Angelique Kerber (8), Germany, def. Karolina Muchova, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Tatjana Maria, Germany, def. Camila

def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-2, 6-3. Serena Williams (10), United States, def. Rebecca Peterson, Sweden, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Belinda Bencic (23), Switzerland, 6-3, 7-5.

Simona Halep (2), Romania, def. Tay-

Giorgi (29), Italy, 6-3, 6-4. Sloane Stephens (4), United States,

lor Townsend, United States, 6-1, 6-3. HOCKEY

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x-clinched playoff spot z-clinched conference Thursday's Games Tampa Bay 6, Carolina 3 Boston 5, New Jersey 1 Florida 4, Arizona 2 Montreal 4, N.Y. Islanders 0 St. Louis 5, Detroit 2 Pittsburgh 2, Nashville 1, SO Colorado 3, Dallas 1 Philadelphia 3, Chicago 1 Edmonton 4, Columbus 1

Calgary 5, Ottawa 1 Vegas 5, Winnipeg 0 Los Angeles 4, San Jose 2 Friday's Games Minnesota 2, Washington 1 San Jose at Anaheim, late

Today's GamesArizona at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. Chicago at Colorado, 3 p.m. Ottawa at Edmonton, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 7 p.m. Boston at Florida, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Carolina, 7 p.m. Nashville at Winnipeg, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Montreal, 7 p.m. Pittsburgh at Dallas, 8 p.m. Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Detroit at Vegas, 10 p.m. Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, 12:30

Arizona at N.Y. Islanders, 3 n m Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m. Colorado at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m. TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE - Suspended Seattle OF Eric Filia (Arkansas-TL) 100 games and Kansas City RHP Jonathan Perrin (Omaha-PCL) and Boston RHP Chase Shugart (Green-wille-SAL) 50 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and

the Minor League Drug Prevention ar Treatment Program.

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed
to terms with OF Eloy Jimenez on a
six-year contract. Optioned OF Ryan
Cordell to Charlotte (IL). Cordell to Charlotte (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned
RHP Adam Plutko to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned 2B
Brandon Dixon to Toledo (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to
terms with 3B Alex Bregman on a fiveyear contract for 2020-24.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP Fernando Romero to Rochester (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned OF Clint Frazier to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reassigned RHP Drew Hutchison and LHPs Rex Brothers, Danny Coulombe and Phillip Diehl to minor league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS — Ontioned OF Willie Calhoun to Nashville (PCL). National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Op-tioned C Caleb Joseph to Reno (PCL). ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned LHP Sam Freeman outright to Gwinnett.
CINCINNATI REDS — Reassigned
LHPs Cody Reed and Ian Krol, RHPs Sal Romano and Lucas Sims, OFs Phil-lip Ervin and Nick Senzel, INF/C Kyle Farmer, INF Blake Trahan and C Juan Graterol to minor league camp.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP JT Chargois to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reassigned RHP Tony Gonsolin to their minor league camp. NEW YORK METS — Optioned LHP Daniel Zamora and RHPs Tyler Bashlor and Tim Peterson to minor league

PHII ANFI PHIA PHILLIES — Optioned OF Dylan Cozens, RHP Drew Anderson and LHP James Pazos to Lehigh Valley (IL). ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Designated

LHP Chasen Shreve for assignment. Selected the contract of C Matt Wieters from Memphis (PCL) SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

nated OF Drew Ferguson for assignment. Reassigned C Joey Bart to minor league camp. Returned OF Drew Ferguson to November 1 guson to Houston. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association PHOENIX SUNS - Signed G Jimmer Fredette for the remainder of the Women's NBA
PHOENIX MERCURY — Re-signed C

FOOTBALL National Football League BUFFALO BILLS — Signed OT/TE Jake Fisher to a one-year contract. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed OL

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for marijuana.

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DETROIT LIONS — Re-signed OL Andrew Donnal. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Resigned P Ryan Allen.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Re-signed WR

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed QB Mike Glennon and S Curtis Riley.

GOLF PGA TOUR — Suspended Robert Garrigus three months for testing positive

director/player relations HOCKEY National Hockey League DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled F Matt Puempel from Grand Rapids

USGA - Named Jason Gore senior

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Rem Pitlick to a two-year, entry-level

Major League Soccer MLS — Added a second game to the one-game violent conduct suspension of Philadelphia M Maco Fabian. COLUMBUS CREW - Loaned F

Edward Opoku to Birmingham (USL Championship)

COLLEGE UCLA — Announced the resignation of men's soccer coach Jorge Salcedo.
VANDERBILT — Fired men's basket-

ball coach Bryce Drew.

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Columbus at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Orlando City at New York, 7:30 p.m. Salt Lake at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. Sunday

Today Colorado at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Cincinnati at New England, 4 p.m. Friday, March 29 New York City at Toronto, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30 New York at Chicago, 1 p.m. Minnesota at New England, 2 p.m. Montreal at Kansas City, 3 p.m. Los Angeles at San Jose, 3:30 p.m. Atlanta at Columbus, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m. Dallas at Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

D.C. United at Orlando 6:30 p.m. Portland at LA Galaxy, 9 p.m. **BOXING**

Houston at Colorado, 9 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today At London, Charlie Edwards vs. Angel Moreno, 12, for WBC flyweight title; Joshua Buatsi vs. Liam Conroy, 12, for British light heavyweight title; Lawrence Okolie vs. Wadi Camacho, 12, for British and Commonwealth cruiserweight titles; Lewis Ritson vs. German Argentino Benitez, 10, junior

welterweights. At Inglewood, Calif., Francisco Vargas vs. Miguel Berchelt, 12, for WBC World super featherweight title. At Costa Mesa, Calif., Kubrat Pulev vs. 10, heavyweights; Jessie Magdaleno vs. Rico Ramos, 10, featherweights; Maxim Dadashev vs. Ricky Sismundo, 10, junior welterweights.

Sunday
At Oxon Hill, Md., Lamont Peterson
vs. Sergey Lipinets, 12, welterweights; Anthony Peterson vs. Argenis Mendez, 10, junior welterweights; Jamontay Clark vs. Vernon Brown, 10, junior

middleweights.

NBA BOXES

SAN ANTONIO (105) DeRozan 7-19 2-2 16, Gay 3-4 1-2 7, Aldridge 5-13 0-0 10, White 5-12 7-7 18, Forbes 8-10 1-1 20, Bertans 1-10 0-0 3, 4-7 3-3 11, Walker IV 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 41-

Harden 19-34 14-17 61, Nene 1-3 2-5 4,

George 9-17 5-5 28, Grant 7-14 0-0 19, Adams 4-9 1-2 9, Westbrook 6-20 4-5 18, Ferguson 4-10 0-0 11, Nader 0-2 0-0 0, der 10-16 2-2 26. Totals 42-94 12-14 116. **TORONTO (109)**Leonard 12-23 9-10 37, Siakam 9-14

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 20-43 (Grant 5-8, George 5-10, Schroder 4-7, Ferguson 3-7, Westbrook 2-9, Morris 1-1, Nader 0-1), Toronto 13-25 (Green 6-11, Leonard 4-5, Siakam 2-3, Lin 1-2,

Jokic 8-20 4-6 21, Murray 7-16 3-3 18,

SOUTH REGIONAL

Oklahoma hammers Mississippi

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Rashard Odomes and Christian James scored 20 points apiece, Kristian Doolittle had 19 points and matched a career-high with 15 rebounds and No. 9 seed Oklahoma blitzed Mississippi from the start in a 95-72 victory Friday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Sooners will face Virginia on Sunday in the second round.

It was a start more often seen by Oklahoma's high-octane football team. The Sooners (20-13) scored on eight of their first nine possessions — the only miss was an alleyoop — and led 12-0 less than three minutes in.

Oklahoma didn't let up. The Sooners led by 17 at halftime and their 95 points were the most this

The Sooners weren't expected to be in the tournament after losing one-and-done phenom Trae Young, now playing for the Atlanta Hawks. They lost five in a row in the middle of the season, went 4-8 in their final 12 games and lost the Big 12 $\,$ Tournament opener to 15-20 West Virginia.

But Oklahoma shot 58 percent (34 of 59), their second-best mark all

Odomes went 8 of 10 in 22 minutes and left the game for good after picking up his fourth foul with 13:37 remaining. Brady Manek added 18 for the Sooners.

Tennessee 77. Colgate 70

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Admiral Schofield had 19 points and No. 2 seed Tennessee held off a secondhalf rally by No. 15 seed Colgate.

Jordan Bone added 16 and Jordan Bowden 14 for Tennessee (30-5), which advances to play Iowa winner of a first-round game over Cincinnati — on Sunday.

The Raiders (24-11) erased Tennessee's 42-30 halftime lead with an 11-2 run, tied the score midway through the second half, and kept



Oklahoma's Kristian Doolittle shoots over Mississippi's KJ Buffen on Friday.

the game close after that. Schofield hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give Tennessee a cushion with 45 seconds left, and Bone and Schofield followed with a pair of foul shots each to extend the

lead as Colgate ran out of time.

UC Irvine 70. Kansas State 64

SAN JOSE, Calif. — UC Irvine got back-to-back 3-pointers from Evan Leonard to spark the deciding run in an upset over Kansas State that marked the Anteaters' first NCAA Tournament victory in school his-

The Friday victory was the 17th consecutive for UC Irvine, which lost 57-55 to Louisville in 2015 in their only NCAA appearance.

Leonard and Max Hazzard each scored 19 points to send UC Irvine (31-5) into the second round.

Iowa 79, Cincinnati 72

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Luka Garza scored 20 points, Jordan Bohannon made a three-point play during

Iowa's closing surge, and the 10thseeded Hawkeyes kept the Big Ten perfect in the NCAA Tournament by rallying for a victory over No. 7 seed Cincinnati.

The Hawkeyes (23-11) got their first NCAA Tournament win in four years despite what amounted to a home crowd for the Bearcats, who couldn't overcome a subpar game by Jarron Cumberland.

Oregon 72, Wisconsin 54

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Payton Pritchard scored 19 points, Kenny Wooten protected the rim with four blocks and 12th-seeded Oregon extended its surprising March run by beating No. 5 seed Wisconsin.

The Ducks (24-12) won four games in four days to win the Pac-12 tournament last week just to make the NCAAs then followed it with an impressive victory over a higher-seeded opponent. Oregon advanced to play No. 13 seed UC Irvine (31-5) on Sunday in the second round of the South Region.

From wire reports

EAST REGIONAL

Williamson lifts **Duke to victory**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Zion Williamson had an explosive NCAA Tournament debut with 25 points and a can't-miss second-half showcase to lead topseeded Duke to an 85-62 win over North Dakota State on Friday night.

RJ Barrett led Duke with 26 points and 14 rebounds and combined with Williamson for a prolific showing for the freshmen stars. But it was Williamson who could not be contained in the second half when he turned a tight early contest into a Duke runaway in the first round of the East Region.

Duke led just 31-27 at halftime but Williamson took over after the break. He opened the half by driving on two defenders for a layup that drew a foul. He missed the free throw but Williamson answered with a monster

The highlight, though, came moments later on Williamsson's breathtaking dribble-behind-hisback-after-chasing-downhis-own-steal layup.

The 6-foot-7, 285-pound freshman outran 5-foot-11 190-pound Vinnie Shahid of North Dakota State for the ball after he tipped it for a steal. Williamson then dribbled behind his back, briefly losing and regaining his balance with a hand on the floor. That cleared room for Williamson to get to the lane and go up and under for a layup.

Just like that, the Blue Devils were up 40-27 and cruising.

The Bison (19-16) never recovered.

Barrett and Williamson gave Duke two players with 20 or more points in their NCAA Tournament debut for the first time since Mark Alarie and Johnny Dawkins did it in 1984.

The Blue Devils (31-5) will face either eighthseeded VCU or No. 9 seed UCF on Sunday for a spot in the Sweet 16.

Shahid led the Bison with 20 points.

Central Florida 73, VCU 58

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tacko Fall had 10 points, 18 rebounds and five blocks as ninth-seeded UCF won its first NCAA Tournament game, a victory over No. 8 seed VCU.

The 7-foot-6 Fall barely left his feet to haul in some rebounds as the Rams helplessly swiped at missed shots and struggled to find open space on drives to their baskets when the Knights' towering center was nearby.

VCU tried many things to keep him from getting involved, including sending two people to face guard Fall — or come as close as possible to a player who stands more than a half-foot taller than anyone on the Rams'

UCF (24-8) built a 21-point lead in the second half. The Rams (25-8) narrowed the margin to 62-55 on De'Riante Jenkins' 3-pointer with 4:53 to go, but could get no closer.

From wire reports

MIDWEST REGIONAL

North Carolina eliminates Iona

COLUMBUS, Ohio — North Carolina completed a perfect first round for top seeds in this NCAA Tournament, but not before Iona became the latest No. 16 seed to show these matchups are no sure thing.

Cameron Johnson scored 21 points, and North Carolina quickly erased a five-point halftime deficit to hot-shooting Iona, going on to win 88-73 on Friday night.

The Tar Heels (28-6), who came into the tournament as a top seed for a record 17th time, advanced to play Washington in the second round of the Midwest Region on Sunday. They're hoping to reach their 11th Final Four.

Much like Gardner-Webb did earlier Friday against No. 1 seed Virginia — which last year became the first top seed to lose in the first round — Iona surprised the Tar Heels early with their energy and outside shooting. Ricky McGill made all four of his 3-point attempts in the opening half as the Gaels (17-16) led by as many as

eight and took a 38-33 lead into halftime.

Iona's advantage disappeared quickly. Johnson's 3-pointer and Luke Maye's jumper tied it 39 seconds into the second half, and an 18-4 run put North Carolina back on track.

The bigger and stronger Tar Heels dominated the boards, outrebounding Iona 52-26 and getting 25 second-chance points.

Washington 78. Utah State 61

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Noah Dickerson had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and ninth-seeded Washington made a successful return to the tournament for the first time in eight years, beating Utah State.

The Pac-12's regular season champions swept the league's awards - top player, best defensive player and coach of the year — and got something from all of them against one of the hottest teams in March.

Houston 84, **Georgia State 55**

TULSA, Okla. — Corey Davis scored 26 points to help third-seeded Houston beat Georgia State.

After reaching the national final in 1984, Houston went more than three decades without winning a tournament game. Now, the Cougars have tourney wins in backto-back seasons and are starting to resemble the program that has five Final Four appearances and produced stars including Elvin Hayes, Clyde Drexler and Hakeem Olajuwon.

Ohio State 62, **Iowa State 59**

TULSA, Okla. — Ohio State went from barely making the tournament to a spot in the second round with an upset of sixth-seeded Iowa

Kaleb Wesson had 21 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Buckeyes.

From wire reports

WEST REGIONAL

Texas Tech pounds Northern Kentucky

TULSA, Okla. — Jarrett Culver had 29 points, eight rebounds and seven assists to help No. 3 seed Texas Tech shake off a slow start and beat No. 14 seed Northern Kentucky 72-57 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday.

Tariq Owens scored 12 points and Davide Moretti had 10 for Texas Tech (27-6), which had won nine straight games to share the Big 12 regular-season title before losing to lowly West Virginia in the Big 12 Tournament quarterfinals. That left them with an eight-day layoff.

It showed early on against Northern Kentucky (26-9), which got 23 points from Tyler Sharpe and 11 from Dantez Walton while giving the Red Raiders everything they could handle in the West

Region.

Buffalo 91. Arizona State 74

TULSA, Okla. — Looking like a No. 6 seed no one wants to play, high-scoring Buffalo breezed into the second round for the second straight year.

Jeremy Harris and Nick Perkins each had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Buffalo was hardly bothered by 11th-seeded Arizona State.

Coach Nate Oats has pushed the Buffalo program to new heights since he took over for Bobby Hurley, who now coaches the Sun Devils and got thoroughly schooled by his former assistant. The Bulls (32-3) have won 13 straight and will face No. 3 seed Texas Tech on Sunday.

From wire reports

SCORES/SCHEDULE

FIRST FOUR Dayton, Ohio

Fairleigh Dickinson 82, Prairie View Belmont 81, Temple 72 North Dakota State 78, NC Central 74 Arizona State 74, St. John's 65

> **EAST REGIONAL** First Round Thursday Jacksonville, Fla.

I SII 79. Yale 74 Maryland 79, Belmont 77 Des Moines, Iowa Minnesota 86, Louisville 76 Michigan State 76, Bradley 65 Friday Columbia, S.C. Duke 85 North Dakota State 62 Central Florida 73, VCU 58 San Jose, Calif. Liberty 80, Mississippi State 76 Virginia Tech 66, Saint Louis 52

Second Round

Michigan State-Minnesota winner vs. LSU-Yale Maryland-Belmontwinner Regional Championship Sunday, March 31 SOUTH REGIONAL First Round

Thursday Hartford, Conn. Villanova 62, Saint Mary's 57 Purdue 61, Old Dominion 48 Friday Columbia, S.C. Oklahoma 95, Mississippi 72

Jacksonville, Fla.

Sunday Columbia, S.C.

Regional Semifinals Washington Friday, March 29

Duke-UCF winner vs. Virginia Tech-

LSU vs. Maryland

Des Moines, Iowa

Duke vs. VCU-UCF winner

San Jose, Calif. Virginia Tech vs. Liberty

Michigan State vs. Minnesota

Virginia 71, Gardner-Webb 56 **Columbus, Ohio** Iowa 79, Cincinnati 72 Tennessee 77, Colgate 70
San Jose, Calif.
UC Irvine 70, Kansas State 64

Today Hartford, Conn Purdue vs. Villanova **Sunday**

Oregon 72, Wisconsin 54

Columbia, S.C. Virginia vs. Oklahoma

Columbus, Ohio Tennessee vs. lowa
San Jose, Calif. UC Irvine vs. Oregon

Regional Semifinals Louisville, Ky. Thursday, March 28 Virginia-Oklahoma winner vs. UC Irvine-Oregon winner Tennessee-Iowa winner vs. Purdue-Villanova winner Regional Championship Saturday, March 30

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round Jacksonville, Fla. Kentucky 79, Abilene Christian 44 Wofford 84, Seton Hall 69 Salt Lake City Auburn 78, New Mexico State 77 Kansas 87, Northeastern 53 Friday

Columbus, Ohio Washington 78, Utah State 61 North Carolina 88, Iona 73 **Tulsa, Okla.** Houston 84, Georgia State 55 Ohio State 62, Iowa State 59 **Second Round**

Today Jacksonville, Fla. Kentucky vs. Wofford Salt Lake City Kansas vs. Auburn Sunday

Columbus, Ohio North Carolina vs. Washington **Tulsa, Okla.** Houston vs. Ohio State Regional Semifinals Kansas City, Mo.

Friday, March 29 rolina-Iona winner-Washing North Carolina ton vs. Kansas-Auburn-winner Kentucky-Wofford winner vs on-lowa State-Ohio State winner
Regional Championship

Sunday, March 31 **WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday**

Hartford, Conn. Florida State 76, Vermont 69 Murray State 83, Marquette64 **Des Moines, Iowa** Florida 70, Nevada 61 Michigan 74, Montana 55 Salt Lake City
Gonzaga 87, Fairleigh Dickinson 49 Baylor 78, Syracuse 69

Friday
Tulsa, Okla.

Texas Tech 72, Northern Kentucky 57
Buffalo 91, Arizona State 74
Second Round Today Hartford, Conn Florida State vs. Murray State

Des Moines, Iowa Michigan vs. Florida
Salt Lake City Gonzaga vs. Baylor Sunday Tulsa, Okla.

Texas Tech vs. Buffalo
Regional Semifinals
Anaheim, Calif. **Thursday, March 28**Gonzaga--Baylor winner vs. Florida
State--Murray State winner Michigan-Florida winner vs. Texas

Tech-Buffalo winner

Regional Championship Saturday, March 30 **FINAL FOUR**

Minneapolis **National Semifinals** Saturday, April 6
East champion vs. West champion South champion vs. Midwest

National Championship Monday, April 8 Semifinal winners

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT



lowa forward Hannah Stewart battles Mercer center Rachel Selph for a rebound Friday in the Greensboro Regional.

Iowa fends off Mercer

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Megan Gustafson scored 30 points with 16 rebounds and second-seeded Iowa narrowly avoided a monumental upset, holding off No. 15 Mercer 66-61 on Friday for its first NCAA Tournament win in four years.

No 15 seed has ever won an NCAA Tournament game going 0-101 now.

Makenzie Meyer added 16 for the Hawkeyes (27-6), who survived the opening round at home despite committing 24 turnovers.

Hannah Stewart hit three consecutive baskets after Iowa got down by two with 4:19 to go, putting the Hawkeyes ahead 64-61. Stewart missed a jumper with 21 seconds left, but the ball knocked off a Mercer player.

Iowa's Tania Davis then missed two free throws, but the Hawkeyes were bailed out of the ensuing scrum by the possession arrow.

Kathleen Doyle finally sealed it for Iowa with two free throws with 8.9 second to go.

South Carolina 74,

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Te'a Cooper scored 13 points, Alexis Jennings added 12 points and nine rebounds, and South Carolina shook off a sluggish start to pull away from seed Belmont.

Tyasha Harris chipped in with 12 points and six assists and Doniyah Cliney added 10 points on 5-of-5 shooting for the Gamecocks. who won in their first game since getting upset by Arkansas in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

The Gamecocks (22-9) advanced to Sunday's second round, where they'll face Florida State.

Florida State 70, **Bucknell 67**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kiah Gillespie had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Florida State held on to beat Bucknell.

Nicki Ekhomu, Nausia Woolfork and Valencia Myers each had 15 points for the Seminoles (24-8).

Gillespie played big in the paint, helping Florida State outrebound Bucknell 44-23. She also hit a big 3-pointer in the closing minutes as the Seminoles battled back from a four-point deficit early in the fourth quarter.

Missouri 77, Drake 76

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Jordan Roundtree hit a free throw after being fouled with 1.1 seconds left in overtime and Missouri beat Drake.

Sophie Cunningham scored 21 points and Cierra Porter had 18 for the Tigers (24-10), who can advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2001 with a win over second-seeded and host Iowa on Sunday.

The Tigers found Amber Smith open underneath for a 76-74 lead on a jumper with 20.8 seconds left. Maddy Dean pulled Drake even at the line, but Bulldogs star Becca Hittner hit Roundtree's shooting hand while she was attempting a desperation 3. She missed the first free throw, hit the second and

missed the third.

ALBANY REGIONAL

Louisville 69, **Robert Morris 34**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Asia Durr and Sam Fuehring each had 19 points, and Louisville scored 27 straight points in the first half to overwhelm Robert Morris.

The absences of suspended coach Jeff Walz and injured point guard Arica Carter didn't affect the Cardinals (30-3), who led 32-4 early in the second quarter by holding the Colonials scoreless for nearly 15 minutes. Robert Morris (22-11) missed 17 consecutive shots during that drought before making three of five entering halftime, but the game was out of reach by then.

Natalie Villaflor had 13 points and Nneka Ezeigbo nine for the Colonials, who had won their last four games.

Michigan 84, Kansas State 54

LOUISVILLE, Kv. — Naz Hillmon scored 17 points off the bench, Nicole Munger and Kayla Robbins each added 13 and Michigan shot a season-high 56 percent to run away from Kansas State.

Michigan's 17-5 surge over 5:10 in the second quarter provided a 43-28 halftime lead that expanded to as many as 37 late in the fourth. The Wolverines (22-11) owned rebounding 50-19 — including a 33-13 gap defensively — and paint scoring 52-26 while holding the Wildcats (21-12) to 36 percent shooting.

Christianna Carr had 21 points and Rachel Ranke 11 for Kansas

Buffalo 82, Rutgers 71

STORRS, Conn. — Summer Hemphill scored 23 points and Cierra Dillard added 20 as Buffalo upset Rutgers.

Hanna Hall and Autumn Jones each added 12 points for the Bulls (24-9), who will be looking to advance to the Sweet 16 for a second straight season.

Connecticut 110, Towson 61

STORRS, Conn. — Napheesa Collier scored 23 points and UConn, in the unusual position of being a No. 2 seed, got off to its usual start with a rout of 15th-seeded Towson.

Collier added 14 rebounds in putting up her fourth straight double-double and 21st this season.

CHICAGO REGIONAL

Texas A&M 84, Wright State 61

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Chennedy Carter scored 27 points in her return from injury, with 14 coming in Texas A&M's huge first quarter, to help the No. 4 Aggies cruise to an 84-61 win over No. 13 Wright State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday.

Texas A&M, which is in the tournament for the 14th consecutive season, advances to the second round for the fourth straight year

where it will play five-seed Marquette on Sunday.

The Aggies (25-7) led by 18 early after scoring 31 points in the first quarter. The game was tied at 5-all in the first before Texas A&M used a 17-3 run to take a 22-8 lead, and it was never close again.

Marquette 58. Rice 54

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Natisha Hiedeman scored 13 points, Allazia Blockton had 12 and Marquette overcame a nine-point fourth quarter deficit to get a win over Rice.

The Golden Eagles (27-7), who are in the tournament for the third straight season, will play the winner of the Wright State-Texas A&M

Amani Wilborn made a jumper with 3 1/2 minutes left in overtime to put Marquette up 54-52 and extend its run to 11-0. Blockton extended the lead to 4 with a shot with just over a minute to go.

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Indiana 69, Texas 65

EUGENE, Ore. — Jaelynn Penn had 24 points and Bendu Yeanev added 17 to help 10th-seeded Indiana surprise No. 7 Texas.

Brenna Wise and Ali Patberg contributed another 10 points apiece for the Hoosiers (21-12), who were making their first appearance in the tournament since the 2015-16

Clemson 79, South Dakota 66

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Simone Westbrook scored 27 points, Danielle Edwards added 25 and ninthseeded Clemson pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat No. 8 seed South Dakota.

Edwards made four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to turn a tight game into a fairly comfortable victory. The 5-foot-7 senior made 10of 17 shots, including 5 of 9 from 3-point range.

Clemson (20-12) trailed for much of the game until late in the third quarter, when Westbrook made a 3-pointer to give the Tigers a 47-45 lead. The Tigers never trailed again, partly because of Edwards and partly because South Dakota's shooting touch vanished.

Arizona State 60, Central Florida 45

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Courtney Ekmark scored 15 of her gamehigh 20 points in the second half, and fifth-seeded Arizona State beat 12th-seeded UCF.

Ekmark opened the game with a 3-pointer, then opened the second half with a pair of 3s. Those two quickly turned what was a 10-point halftime lead to a 16-point edge, and Arizona State (21-10) wound up winning a first-round game for the sixth consecutive season.

Kay Kay Wright led UCF (26-7) with 18 points. It was the first NCAA tournament appearance for the Knights since 2011, and they're now 0-5 in their five tourney trips.

From wire reports

Bench comes up big for Flames

By Damien Sordelett dsordele@newsadvance.com

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The four players who come off Liberty's bench have dubbed themselves the "Ouality Minutes Crew." The bunch delivered for the Flames on Friday night in the NCAA Tournament.

Myo Baxter-Bell delivered inside scoring, and Keenan Gumbs hit a couple of big 3-pointers early to ignite Liberty's offense in an 80-76 victory over Mississippi State at the SAP Center.

"We just come in, provide a spark of energy," Gumbs said. "The game off started a little slow, so [Liberty coach Ritchie McKay] trusted us and put us in the game, and we made plays."

The Liberty bench held a 20-18 edge in scoring to mark the 25th time in 35 games this season the group has outscored its opponent.

Baxter-Bell was at the center of that advantage. He finished with 13 points, four rebounds and four assists in 17 minutes, delivering against Mississippi State's superior size.

The Bulldogs focused on slowing down Scottie James (who finished with six points and six rebounds), and Baxter-Bell took advantage with his ability to score off the dribble and use his 6-foot-5, 255-pound frame to bully his way into scoring position near the block.

"Scottie is a really good player, and he felt like he didn't get off to a good start, but that's what teammates are for," Baxter-Bell said. "We pick each other up. ... It was a great team effort."

Gumbs finished with six points on two early 3-pointers, but his defense in the waning moments helped the Flames stave off the Bulldogs when Liberty took the lead for good with 76 seconds remaining.

Baxter-Bell hit a pair of free throws with 3.6 seconds left that capped a 6-for-6 showing for the team in the final 14.2 seconds.

"We have great foul shooters," Gumbs said. "Lovell, I always want to get him the ball at the end of the game, because he's knocking them down. Myo stepped up and hit big free throws.

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We got big defensive rebounds when they started missing shots at the end."

Bulldogs' size creates problems for Flames

Liberty, despite only playing one true post player at a time, thrived in the paint throughout the season. The Flames outscored an opponent in the paint 28 times entering Friday night's contest.

Mississippi State's size and athleticism caused issues for James and the Flames' driving guards. MSU finished with whopping seven blocked shots and held a 32-22 edge in points in the paint.

"It obviously is going to affect us, their length and physicality, but you just pick your spots and know when to attack, know when to draw the help and kick it out," Baxter-Bell said. "It was just a matter of picking our spots and being smart."

The Bulldogs' guards were responsible for most of those points in the paint, as the post players did not get into a scoring

Reggie Perry, Abdul Ado and Aric Holman combined for 10 points on 4-of-14 shooting.

Guarding Peters, Weatherspoon

When Mississippi State needed a basket, it went to guards Quinndary Weatherspoon and Lamar Peters.

Weatherspoon, an all-SEC first-team selection, scored 27 points, and Peters added 21 as they found ways to score against Liberty's top two perimeter defenders, Elijah Cuffee and Cabbil.

"They're extremely tough to guard, extremely quick, they can both shoot and get to the rim, and they're green lighted," Cabbil said. "Them coming downhill and rising up for jumpers, they're pretty tough to guard."

Weatherspoon and Peters combined to shoot 14 of 26 from the field, 6 of 14 from 3-point range and 14 of 18 from the

free-throw line. The rest of the team shot 11 for 26 from the field, 2 of 8 from 3-point range and 4 of 5 from the charity stripe, highlighted by Robert Woodard's 13 points off the bench.



LU forward Myo Baxter-Bell drives to the basket against Mississippi State on Friday night.

REGION BRIEFS

JF nips LCA in high school baseball

Jefferson Forest's Jackson Cherry worked the count for a bases loaded walk in the top of the seventh inning to break a 2-2 tie and Connor Maggi held Liberty Christian scoreless in the bottom half to help JF earn a 3-2 win over its Seminole District rival in the first of two regular season meetings between the two clubs at LCA on Friday.

The game was a pitchers' duel that featured two Division I prospects in LCA's Christian Gordon (Liberty) and JF's Griffin Agee (UVa). Gordon allowed one hit through the first five innings, but found trouble in the top of the sixth, after LCA took a 1-0 lead in the fifth off an RBI single from Pell Collins.

In the sixth, JF (4-0) tied the game at 1 off a single by Powers Muller and then scored another run off a wild pitch.

Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth, LCA's Luke Ramsey then tied the game at 2 with an RBI single to center.

The Bulldogs (3-1) loaded the bases in the top of the seventh with a walk and two errors.

Agee threw five innings, while Gordon powered through six. Both pitchers recorded 12 strikeouts apiece. LCA's Luke Ramsey, who threw the final frame, took the loss. Maggi fanned five, allowed three hits and one run (unearned) in two innings of relief.

The rivals are slated to meet again on April 23.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Jefferson Forest, LCA boys tie

In a game rescheduled from Thursday and moved to Forest due to field conditions, Jefferson Forest and LCA's boys soccer teams battled to a 2-2 draw thanks to an own goal in the game's last

The teams each scored once in the first half before Minh Cho pulled LCA ahead, 2-1, with his unassisted goal around the 55th minute. But with seconds left on the clock, the ball skimmed off an LCA player to give JF the game-tying goal.

John Toney scored the game's first goal for IF off an assist from Sam Canning around the 10th minute, and Josiah King found the back of the net for LCA after receiving a pass from Alex Crickenberger in the 20th minute.

Camden Coleman had 10 saves for

LCA, while JF goalkeeper Kyle Wrabley stopped two shots on goal.

COLLEGE TRACK & FIELD

Liberty men, women third at FSU Relays

In fields that included seven Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference teams, the Liberty men and women both finished third at the FSU Relays at Mike Long Track.

The LU men racked up 101.5 points to finish behind No. 4 Florida (124.5 points) and No. 11 Florida State (20). On the women's side, the Flames tallied 100 points, while No. 6 FSU had 155 and No. 10 Florida had 106.

A pair of LU throwers recorded event victories, with Denzel Pratt winning the men's javelin with his 225-foot, 8-inch heave and Naomi Mojica finishing atop the women's shot put field with a 52-33/4 throw. Mojica broke her own school record in the event and punched her ticket to the NCAA Division I East Preliminary Round meet with the heave.

VUL's Romero wins long iump at University of Lynchburg meet

Virginia University of Lynchburg's Jonathan Romero was the lone event winner from the area on Day 1 of the University of Lynchburg's Dr. Jack M. Toms Alumni Invitational.

Romero took first in the long jump. His teammate, Key Resper-Robinson was third in the women's long jump to post VUL's best finish on the women's side.

UL recorded four second-place finishes in the men's meet, with Dalton Hoppe second in both the discus and hammer. On the women's side, UL took second in the 5,000-meter run, long jump and high jump.

Randolph, the other school from the area competing in the event, recorded a third-place finish in the men's 10,000-meter run and was 11th in the women's discus-

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Liberty 8, NJIT 2

NJIT scored the game's first two runs, but LU responded with eight unanswered runs — including four each in the second and fifth innings — to win the opener of a three-game series at Liberty

Baseball Stadium.

Brandon Rohrer, Jaylen Guy and Drew Baughman had two hits each, and Jonathan Embry led LU (16-5, 1-0 Atlantic Sun Conference) with three RBIs. NJIT had seven hits from seven players.

LU starter Andrew McInvale (5-0) went seven innings and gave up two runs (both earned) on six hits, walked three and struck out eight.

Jared Kacso (0-3) took the loss for NJIT (7-8-1, 0-1-0), allowing eight runs (all earned) on eight hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Lynchburg 5, Tufts 4

Lynchburg nearly gave away the game when it committed an error that let Tufts take the lead in the eighth, but the Hornets answered with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the frame to secure the victory at Fox Field.

Trailing 3-2, Tufts leapt ahead thanks to a two-run Lynchburg error — the Hornets' fifth of the game — in the penulti-

Kaden Warren and Brendan McDonald responded, each delivering RBI singles, to put UL back on top. And the Hornets held off the Jumbos' rally — which saw two batters reach on a single and hit by pitch with two outs — in the ninth.

Garrett Jackson (2 for 3) led UL with two hits, including a double, and added an RBI. Parker Shaffer and Kinston Carson each tripled, with Carson's threebagger leading off the eighth and setting up the game-tying run.

Justin Mills led Tufts with three hits. Michael Volgende (1-1) took the loss, scattering four hits and giving up two runs (both earned) in his one-inning relief appearance.

Carrson Atkins (1-0) earned the win, allowing two unearned runs on one hit in 12/3 innings of relief. Santiago Meneses recorded the final out and his first save.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

Liberty 14, Old Dominion 8

A trio of Liberty players notched hat tricks to power the Flames to a win over Old Dominion.

Kayla Foster, Jenna Joyal and Brianna McCaffrey scored three goals apiece for LU (8-2), which held a two-goal halftime lead before pulling away in the final period. Glory Johnson led ODU (3-9) with four goals.

Hollins 10, Randolph 9

Despite climbing back from a 5-0 deficit in the first half and tying the game five times, Randolph couldn't pull off the win against Hollins (1-6).

Allie Helmbrecht torched Randolph, scoring seven times. Hannah Bradley was responsible for most of the WildCats' offense, finishing with four goals.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE TENNIS

Lynchburg 8, Mary Baldwin 0

Lynchburg ran its season-opening win streak to six with a sweep of Mary

The Hornets dominated doubles play for an early lead and then rolled through singles play without dropping a game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Liberty's Foutz suspended following arrest

Liberty tight end Zac Foutz has been suspended after being charged with a pair of misdemeanors and a felony in connection with a March 10 incident in Roanoke County.

Foutz, a 22-year-old Roanoke native, was charged with one felony count of entering a structure to commit armed robbery and burglary and one misdemeanor count each of obstruction of justice without force and attempted petit larceny in connection with the incident, according to Roanoke County General District Court records.

Foutz was arrested March 10 and released on his own recognizance, according to court records. He is scheduled for May 1 hearings on the three charges.

According to a Liberty spokesperson, football coach Hugh Freeze suspended Foutz pending the outcome of an investigation into the three charges.

Beau Carter, 22, of Kents Store, also was charged with entering a structure to commit armed robbery and burglary and obstruction of justice without force in connection with the incident.

The 6-foot-3, 250-pound Foutz, who has one year of eligibility left with the Flames, was sixth on the team last season with 10 receptions and fifth with 134 receiving yards.

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play with fight,' because that's what got them back in," he said.

UMBC, the Retrievers team. opened the second half on a 17-3 run and went on to their history-making 20-point victory.

draft lottery pick if he opts to play in this tournament to leave school early, didn't play in that game due to a wrist injury. Friday, he from quietly confident to loudly aggressive.

Virginia opened the second half on a turnoverfueled 23-3 run, pulling within a basket on a ferocious two-handed jam by Hunter. He let out a primal roar after his dunk cut the toward their benches, Jedeficit to 38-36.

feel like that dunk really helped our momentum, huddle.

spar Championship.

and from there I felt there apulted us in the second

And seeing Hunter's fire A year ago against helped fuel the rest of the

"He doesn't play with a whole lot of emotion,' guard Kyle Guy said. When you see that out of Hunter, a likely NBA a guy who's been wanting for two years now, it was tremendous for us."

UVA seized control of played and led the shift the game when Ty Jerome found Hunter for an open corner 3-pointer off a fast break. That put the Cavaliers up 52-41 with 11:23 to play and prompted Gardner-Webb coach Tim Craft to call timeout.

As the teams headed rome skipped in front of "I was excited," Hunter the media table, gesturing said almost sheepishly. "I at the Bulldogs fans before skipping back to the UVA

team really built off that rome said. "He hit it. That play. I feel like it really cat- was a big play for us. We never looked back from that moment."

Ierome added a long 3 with 7:42 left that put the Cavaliers up 60-45 and helped send them to Sunday's game against Oklahoma.

Mamadi Diakite scored 17 points and had nine rebounds, taking advantage of his size in the paint. Jerome finished with 13 points and six assists.

The dominant second half was a far cry from a sloppy and concerning first 20 minutes that saw Virginia commit eight turnovers and go 2 for 9 from 3-point range, leading to long rebounds. The result was that Gardner-Webb got to work against a broken defense on nearly half of its possessions before the break.

That helped the Bulldogs shoot 53.6 percent against

"There was so much run-the nation's top scoring was no looking back. Our ning through my head," Je- defense and build a 36-30 halftime lead.

> But this time, the Cavaliers were ready to stare down the deficit and their demons from last season's UMBC loss.

> "Last year, it was like, 'Oh [shoot], this might happen.' And everyone panicked," Guy said. "This year it was like, 'Oh [shoot], this might happen again,' but nobody panicked and we took care of business.'

GARDNER-WEBB (23-12)

Laster 5-14 0-0 10, Cornwall 1-4 0-0 2, Johnson 2-7 0-0 4, Efianayi 4-11 0-0 12, Perez 7-10 1-2 19, Jamison 1-2 2-2 4, Miller 1-1 0-0 2, Jenkins 1-1 0-0 3, Turner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-50 3-4 56.

VIRGINIA (30-3) Salt 0-0 0-0 0, Jerome 5-10 1-2 13, Clark 1-5 0-0 3, Hunter 9-16 3-3 23, Guy 2-8 3-5 8, Diakite 8-10 1-3 17, Huff 1-3 0-0 2, Badocchi 0-0 0-0 0, Stattmann 0-0 0-0 0, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Key 2-2 0-0 5, Nixon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-54 8-13 71. Halftime—Gardner-Webb 36-30. 3-Point Goals—Gardner-Webb 9-23 (Perez 4-6, Efianayi 4-7, Jenkins 1-1, Cornwall 0-2, Johnson 0-2, Laster 0-5), Virginia 7-23 (Jerome 2-6, Hunter 2-6, Key 1-1, Clark 1-3, Guy 1-5, Huff 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Gard-ner-Webb 18 (Johnson 7), Virginia 33 (Diakite 9). Assists—Gardner-Webb 10 (Johnson, Perez 3), Virginia 12 (Jerome 6). Total Fouls—Gardner-Webb 16, Virginia 9. A—15,417 (18,000).

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said. " ... After that, they kept the lead. That's the biggest shot of the game." Cabbil shot 3 of 4 from 3-point range and finished with 18 points.

"When I took it, I realized how deep it was when I was about to take it, but once it left my hand, it felt good and left the follow through up," Cabbil said. "I knew it was good when it left my hand.'

Myo Baxter-Bell came off the bench and finished with 13 points, four rebounds and four assists.

The Bulldogs cut the deficit to 74-72 on Quinndary Weatherspoon's free throws with 22.2 seconds left, but the Flames closed the victory by going 6 for 6 from the free-throw line in the final 14.2 seconds.

Cabbil was 4 of 4 from the line, and Baxter-Bell's free throws with 3.6 remaining capped the triumph.

The Flames closed the

game scoring on 12 of their final 15 possessions and shot 12 of 25 from 3-point range for the game.

"They were down 10, and they did a good job to fight to come back," Mississippi State coach Ben Howland said.

Weatherspoon 27 points and nine rebounds, and Peters added 21 points and five as-

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LIBERTY (29-6)
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1-5 0-0 3, Cuffee 1-5 0-0 3, Baxter-Bell
3-8 7-8 13, Gumbs 2-3 0-0 6, McGhee

3-8 7-8 13, Gumbs 2-3 0-0 6, McGnee 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 24-52 20-25 80.

MISSISSIPPI ST. (23-11)

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13. Totals 25-52 18-23 76.
Halftime—Mississippi St. 37-35.
3-Point Goals—Liberty 12-25 (Homesley 5-11, Cabbil 3-4, Gumbs 2-2, Pacheco-Ortiz 1-2, Cuffee 1-4, Baxter-Bell 0-1, McGhee 0-1), Mississippi St. 212, Pacheco-Ortiz 1-2, Outfee 1-4, Baxter-Bell 0-1, McGhee 0-10, Mississippi St. 212, Outputs 4-8, Outputs 1-8, O St. 8-22 (Peters 4-8, Q.Weatherspoon 2-6, Holman 1-3, Carter 1-4, Wood-ard 0-1). Fouled Out—Cuffee. Rebounds—Liberty 23 (James 6), Mississippi St. 32 (Perry 10). Assists—Liberty 16 (Cabbil 5), Mississippi St. 11 (Peters 5). Total Fouls—Liberty 15 Mississippi St. 22.

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Casey shares Valspar lead

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Paul Casey and Cook, who shot a Casey drove into Innisbrook 67, were at 6-under 136.

Luke Donald holed a bunand saw his picture on posters and programs, just what ker shot for birdie on the he needed to forget the cut he par-5 fifth to briefly take the missed last week. lead, only to miss a 4-foot He played Friday as though par putt on the next hole and he wants those photos to stay drop another shot on the par-3 eighth. He shot 70 and was there. Casey holed a 30-foot eagle one behind, along with Scott putt on the 599-yard fifth Stallings (68) and Sungjae Im

hole and made short birdie putts on the other three par Dustin Johnson overcame 5s on his way to a 5-under 66, a rough patch early in his giving him a share of the lead round with five birdies on with Austin Cook in the Valthe front nine to salvage a 69. Johnson was two shots be-No one has ever won backhind

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bench Friday after missing the past 12 games with an injured the first half.

He buried a 3-pointer to extend the lead to the first half.

at the crowd after making that shot.

The Hokies extended half. Saint Louis was 0 throws. of 7 from 3-point range at that point.

Virginia Tech led 40- half.

ing 55.2 percent from the field in the first half.

18 at halftime, shoot-

The Billikens scored the first eight points of the second half to foot. He entered the cut the lead to 40-26. game with 13:39 left in Alexander-Walker answered with five straight points.

26-8 with 8:24 left in lead to 51-41 with 10:20 to go. Robinson "I'm back!" he yelled answered with two free throws. The Billikens cut

Saint Louis cut the

the deficit to 53-43, the cushion to 34-12 but Tech answered with 4:34 left in the with four straight free

Tech made just four baskets in the second

CLASS 3 STATE SOFTBALL FINAL: LIBERTY 4, TURNER ASHBY 1

TEARS OF JOY



Liberty pitcher Millie Thompson has an emotional reaction as she and first baseman Kinnice Turner walk off the field after leading the Minettes to their first state championship in softball.

Minettes cap a sensational season with a state championship

By Emily Brown ebrown@newsadvance.com

SALEM — Millie Thompson faced the biggest three outs of her career. She'd been in important games before, of course, but no other play had carried so much weight.

On Friday, the left-hander took the circle for the last inning of her junior campaign with a state championship hanging in the balance.

But Thompson wasn't concerned about her ability to get the job done for her Liberty softball team.

"I just felt really confident about it," the Minettes' ace said.

She focused, instead, on staying calm. So she held back tears for each of the 13 pitches she delivered in the inning — and then couldn't keep them in any

Thompson crumpled to the ground Thompson said. "For sure." and let the emotions take over, let it sink in she and the Minettes defeated Turn- takes, the Minettes' resilience on the



Turner gives the state championship trophy a smooch after Friday's game.

"It is the highlight of my career so far,"

In the wake of a litany of early miser Ashby, 4-1, and captured the Class 3 defensive end — along with timely hit-

ting and another stellar performance from Thompson — paid dividends in the form of the first state softball championship in school history.

"It's something that we've all been wanting to do for years now," Liberty senior third baseman Kacey Whorley said, "and to finally do it, it just feels so good.

... The moment you realize you made something happen you thought you never could, we're living a dream."

For the first few innings of Friday's contest at Moyer Complex, though, it looked like Liberty might have to wait at least one more year to capture the elusive state championship.

A pair of errors gave Turner Ashby a 1-0 lead in the first inning, and the Minettes couldn't get anything going at the plate for 3 1/2 frames, putting just one runner on on Whorley's single in the first.

Things began to change, however, in the fourth inning.

"We have a big-stage team. We have a

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Liberty's Sydney Carter reacts after scoring a run during Friday's championship game against Turner Ashby at Moyer Complex in Salem.



Liberty shortstop Rieley Taylor bobbles a hard-hit ball

Friday.

Teammates' support the sweetest redemption for Liberty's Taylor

By Ben Cates bcates@newsadvance.com

SALEM — There were moments Friday morning when Rieley Taylor thought she'd cost her team the game, when she felt like she couldn't field a grounder cleanly, felt upset and angry and embarrassed.

But she never felt alone. For the junior shortstop known throughout her career as a sure-handed de-

fender, the Class 3 state Turner Ashby was rough.

Really, really rough.

rors, all within the first four the plate. And she spent at



Taylor reacts after committing an error against Turner Ashby.

Taylor committed five er- 1-0 lead. She went 0 for 3 at team's favor.

championship game against innings. She made two er- least part of the game with rors in the top of the first, a tear-streaked face, hophelping Turner Ashby to a ing things would turn in her

Then something extraordi-

nary occurred: The Minettes bonded, embraced Taylor, told her not to worry, and then caught fire to earn a 4-1 win at the Moyer Complex.

"They pulled me out of the slump," Taylor said. "They picked me up, and every time they would make a play or get a good hit, they would look at me and say, 'That was for you.' and they would say, 'We're pulling you up, we're doing this for you."

Champions don't leave their teammates behind. They don't watch their friends fail without offering support. Instead, they lean

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BASEBALL **CAROLINA LEAGUE Northern Division** GB 25 33 36 .627 .492 .446 .433 .354 Wilmington Lynchburg Potomac 29 12 Frederick 38 42 13 18 Salem Southern Division **L** 19 Pct. Down East Winston-Salem 37 25 .597

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Carolina

Down East 5, Myrtle Beach 4
Today's Games Winston-Salem at Carolina, 5 p.m. Potomac at Fayetteville, 6 p.m. Wilmington at Lynchburg, 6 p.m. Down East at Myrtle Beach, 6:05 p.m. Frederick at Salem, 6:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games Potomac at Fayetteville, 1 p.m. Winston-Salem at Carolina, 2 p.m. Frederick at Salem, 2:05 p.m. Wilmington at Lynchburg, 3 p.m. Down East at Myrtle Beach, 6:05 p.m.

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Perez SS	5	0	2	0	0	0	.265		
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Melendez C	4	1	1	1	0	3	.162		
Pratto 1B	3	1	1	2	0	1	.160		
Rivero DH	4	0	1	0	0	1	.194		
Kasser 2B	3	0	1	0	1	0	.333		
Marquez 3B	4	0	1	0	0	2	.278		
Martin RF	4	0	1	0	0	1	.173		
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3B: Melendez (2, Hillman). HR: Pratto (2, 8th inning off Clemmer,

0 on, 1 out). TB: Hicklen; Kasser 2; Marquez, J; Martin; Melendez 3; Perez 2; Pratto 4; Rivero. RBI: Melendez (33); Pratto 2 (18). SF: Pratto. LOB: 8.

BASERUNNING CS: Martin (4, 2nd base by Hillman/Rivera); Hicklen (8, 2nd base by Hillman/Rivera). PO: Martin (1st base by Hillman);

Hicklen (1st base by Hillman).

Hillcats

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BATTING 2B: Rivera (10, Martinez, M); Jones (7, Martinez, M). TB: Carter, J; Jones 2; Rivera 2; Waka-

RBI: Kwan (16). SF: Kwan. LOB: 3. BASERUNNING

SB: Wakamatsu (7, 2nd base off Martinez, M/Melendez). **FIELDING** E: Wakamatsu (8, fielding). Pickoffs: Hillman 2 (Hicklen at 1st base, Martin at 1st base).

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WP: Martinez, M. HBP: Hicklen (by Hillman).

Att: 3,278. **MLB STANDINGS**

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New York	41	26	.612	_				
Tampa Bay	41	27	.603	1/2				
Boston	37	34	.521	6				
Toronto	25	43	.368	161/2				
Baltimore	21	48	.304	21				
Central Division								
	W	L	Pct	GB				
Minnesota	46	22	.676	_				
Cleveland	35	33	.515	11				
Chicago	33	34	.493	121/2				
Detroit	25	41	.379	20				
Kansas City	22	47	.319	241/2				
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Houston	46	23	.667	_				
Texas	37	32	.536	9				
Oakland	35	34	.507	11				
Los Angeles	34	35	.493	12				
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Boston 13, Baltimore 2 Cleveland 13, Detroit 4 Texas 7, Cincinnati 1 Minnesota 2, Kansas City 0 L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, late N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox

Toronto at Houston, late Seattle at Oakland, late

Today's Games
L.A. Angels (Suarez 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Morton 8-0), 1:10 p.m. Boston (Sale 2-7) at Baltimore (Bundy 3-7), 4:05 p.m. Toronto (Richard 0-2) at Houston

(Valdez 2-2), 4:10 p.m. Cleveland (Bieber 5-2) at Detroit (TBD), 6:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Sparkman 1-2) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 9-2), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (TBD) at Chicago White

Sox (Lopez 4-6), 7:10 p.m. Texas (Minor 5-4) at Cincinnati (Roark 4-5), 7:10 p.m. Seattle (LeBlanc 3-2) at Oakland (Montas 8-2), 9:07 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 1:10 p.m. L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m. Texas at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m. Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox,

Toronto at Houston, 2:10 p.m.

Seattle at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.

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New York	33	36	.478	7
Washington	32	37	.464	8
Miami	24	43	.358	15
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Milwaukee	39	29	.574	_
Chicago	38	30	.559	1
St. Louis	35	33	.515	4
Pittsburgh	31	38	.449	81/2
Cincinnati	30	37	.448	81/2
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Los Angeles	46	23	.667	_
Colorado	36	32	.529	91/2
Arizona	37	34	.521	10
San Diego	33	36	.478	13
San Francisco	28	38	.424	161/2
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Pittsburgh 11, Miami 0 St. Louis 9, N.Y. Mets 5, 2nd game Texas 7, Cincinnati 1 Philadelphia at Atlanta, late San Diego at Colorado, late Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers, late Milwaukee at San Francisco, late

Milwaukee at San Francisco, late Today's Games Arizona (Clarke 1-2) at Washington (Strasburg 7-3), 4:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Nelson 0-1) at San Fran-cisco (Bumgarner 3-6), 4:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Agrazal 0-0) at Miami (Lopez 4-5), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 4-4), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Minor 5-4) at Cincinnati (Roark 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 6-1) at Atlanta

(Newcomb 1-0), 7:20 p.m. San Diego (Lauer 5-5) at Colorado (Marquez 6-3), 8:10 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Darvish 2-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 7-1), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games Pittsburgh at Miami, 1:10 p.m. St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m. Texas at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m. Philadelphia at Atlanta, 1:20 p.m. Arizona at Washington, 1:35 p.m. San Diego at Colorado, 3:10 p.m. Milwaukee at San Francisco, 4:05

p.m. Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers, 7:05

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HBP-by S.Lugo (M.Carpenter).									
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J.Martinez (4), Wong (7), Matz (1).

TV Listings

AUTO RACING

FS1 – NASCAR Xfinity Series: practice, Newton, Iowa
NBC – Lucas Oil Motocross: High Point National, Mt. Morris, Pa.

NBCSN — Lucas Oil Motocross: High Point National, Mt. Norris, Pa.

FS2 — NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series, qualifying, Newton, Iowa **7 p.m.**FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: final practice, Newton, Iowa 8:30 p.m.
FS1 — NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series: The M&M's 200, Newton

10:30 p.m. FS1 — NHRA Drag Racing: Saturday Nitro Bristol, Bristol, Tenn. COLLEGE BASEBALL

2 p.m.ESPN — College World Series: Michigan vs. Texas Tech, Game 1, Omaha, **7 p.m.** ESPN — College World Series: Florida State vs. Arkansas, Game 2, Omaha,

Neb. GOLF 12 p.m.
FOX — PGA Tour Golf: U.S. Open, third round, Pebble Beach, Calif.

 ${f 1}$ p.m. GOLF - LPGA Tour Golf: Meijer LPGA Classic, third round, Grand Rapids,

5 p.m.FOX — PGA Tour Golf: U.S. Open, third round, Pebble Beach, Calif. 8:30 p.m. NBCSN — Breeders' Cup: Challenge Series, Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.

MLB BASEBALL **1 p.m.** MLB — LA Angels at Tampa Bay

4 p.m.FS1, MASN2 — Arizona at Washington

4 p.m.MASN — Boston at Baltimore **7 p.m.** MLB — Pittsburgh at Miami

MLB — Chicago Cubs at LA Dodgers
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

9 a.m.
FS1 — FIFA World Cup: Netherlands vs. Cameroon, Group E, France – FIFA World Cup: Canada vs. New Zealand, Group E, France **TRACK AND FIELD**

4 p.m.

NBC — IAAF Diamond League: The Oslo Bislett Games, Norway

WNBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m. NBA — Atlanta at Dallas 10 p.m. NBA — New York at Los Angeles

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Andrus ss	410	0 E.Sarez 3b	300
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Texas 9, Cincinnati 5. 2B—Choo (17), Federowicz (1), Puig (7). HR—Odor (8), Senzel (6). SB—Andrus (14), A.Cabrera

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Boston 10, Baltimore 7. 2B-Bradley Jr. (13), Severino (6), Santander (3). HR—Chavis (12), Martinez 2 (15), Holt (1), C.Vazquez (8), Bradley Jr. (7), Mancini (15). S—Broxton (1).

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ATP

MERCEDESCUP Stuttgart, Germany **Surface: Clay-Outdoor**

Quarterfinals Matteo Berrettini, Italy, def. Denis Kudla, United States, 6-3, 6-3. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Lucas Pouille, France, 6-4, 6-4. Felix Auger-Aliassime (7), Canada, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (2). Milos Raonic (6), Canada, def. Mar-

ton Fucsovics, Hungary, 6-4, 6-4. ATP/WTA **LIBEMA OPEN**

Den Bosch, Netherlands Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Second Round Richard Gasquet (8), France, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-4

Quarterfinals Borna Coric (2), Croatia, def. Cristian Garin (7), Chile, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (6). Adrian Mannarino, France, def. David Goffin (5), Belgium, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. Jordan Thompson, Australia, def Alex de Minaur (3), Australia, 4-6,

Richard Gasquet (8), France, def. Nicolas Jarry, Chile, 7-6 (8), 6-4. Women

Second Round Alison Riske, United States, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-4, 7-6 (5). Kiki Bertens (1), Netherlands, def. Alexandra Rus, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-3. Natalia Vikhlyantseva, Russia, def. Paula Badosa Gibert, Spain, 6-1, 6-1.

QuarterfinalsVeronika Kudermetova, Russia, def.
Greet Minnen, Belgium, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Alison Riske, United States, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 7-5, 6-3 Kiki Bertens (1), Netherlands, def. Natalia Vikhlyantseva, Russia, 6-3, 6-3. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, dei

Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-4, 6-4. BASKETBALL WNBA STANDINGS EASTERN CONFERENCE W L Pct

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SOCCER WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

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At Paris

United States vs. Chile, Noon Thursday, June 20 At Le Havre, France

Sweden vs. United States, 3 n.m. At Rennes, France Thailand vs. Chile, 3 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP
Luis Ortiz and LHP Josh Rogers from Norfolk (IL). Optioned RHP Evan Phillips to Norfolk. Placed RHP Josh Lucas on the 10-day IL.

BOSTON RED SOX - Placed RHP Heath Hembree on the 10-day IL, retroactive to June 11. Recalled LHP Josh Taylor from Pawtucket (IL). HOUSTON ASTROS — Recalled RHP Rogelio Armenteros from Round Rock

SEATTLE MARINERS — Reinstated INF J.P. Crawford from the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Matt Festa from Tacoma (PCL). Placed RHP Brandon Brennan on the 10-day IL. Optioned INF Shed

Long to Tacoma.

TEXAS RANGERS — Acquired RHP
Jake Petricka from Milwaukee for a player to be named or cash consider-ations and assigned him to Nashville

National League CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated INF Alex Blandino from the 10-day IL and was optioned to Louisville (IL). MIAMI MARLINS — Placed INF Martin Prado on the 10-day IL, retroactive to June 13. Transferred RHP Jose Urena to the 60-day IL. Selected the contract of INF Yadiel Rivera from New Orleans (PCL).

BASKETBALL **National Basketball Association**

SACRAMENTO KINGS - Named Igor Kokoskov, Bob Beyer, Jesse Mermuys and Roy Rana assistant coaches; Bobby Jackson assistant player development coach; Jonah Herscu advance scout; and Will Scott head video coordinator and player develop **FOOTBALL**

National Football League NFL — Suspended Dallas Cowboys TE Rico Gathers for the first game in

2019 for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. CHICAGO BEARS — Signed RB David Montgomery. DETROIT LIONS — Waived TE Michael

Roberts.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released RB Kapri Bibbs.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed LB Bobby Okereke

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed G
Michael Deiter.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DT Dexter Lawrence and CB DeAndre Baker. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed D Ilya
Lyubushkin to a one-year contract.
BUFFALO SABRES — Named Don Granato assistant coach and Mike Bales goalie coach. Retained assistant coach Steve Smith. NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed

to terms with F Jordan Eberle on a five-year contract through the 2023-24

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Acquired D Matt Niskanen from Washington for D Radko Gudas.

HIGH SCHOOL **BRIEFS**

Rakes finishes third

Rustburg golfer shoots par in AJGA tourney

In Ashland, Kentucky, Rustburg rising senior Nick Rakes shot a threeday total of even-par 210 and finished third overall in the American **Junior Golf Association** Bluegrass Junior at Belle-

fonte Country Club. Rakes shot 2-over 72 in Friday's final round to finish six shots back of winner Yuze Zhang and four shots behind second-place Jolo Timothy Magcalayo.

The Evington native shot back-to-back 69s in the opening two rounds and was one of three golfers under par heading into the final round.

He moved to 3 under for the tournament after birdieing No. 2, but he posted bogeys at Nos. 3 and 7 to fall back to 1 under at the turn. Rakes birdied Nos. 10 and 11 to get back to 3 under, but he recorded three bogeys over his final seven holes.

TRACK & FIELD

Pettyjohn posts top-10 finishes at New Balance

In Greensboro, North Carolina, Jefferson Forest rising sophomore Hannah Pettyjohn posted a pair of top-10 finishes in freshman events in the New Balance Nationals Outdoor at North Carolina A&T's

Irwin Belk Track. She finished in a tie for seventh in the girls freshman high jump with a jump of 4 feet, 11 inches, and posted a ninth-place finish in the freshman pole vault at 10 feet, 6 3/4 inches.

Liberty Christian's **Emory Pafford placed** 14th in the girls emerging elite pole vault finals at 11 feet, 6 1/2 inches, and the E.C. Glass quartet of Jade Lane, Amiqua Miller, Sarah Handel and Jette Davidson finished 17th in the girls 1,600 emerging elite sprint medley relay with a time

of 4:15.12. From staff reports

NFL BRIEF

Hall of Fame owner dies

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. - Pat Bowlen, who transformed the Denver Broncos from also-rans into NFL champions and helped the league usher in billion-dollar television deals, died late Thursday, just under two months before his enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was 75.

Bowlen was suffering from Alzheimer's.

Bowlen was the first owner in NFL history to oversee a team that won 300 games in three decades. He had as many Super Bowl appearances (seven) as losing seasons, and Denver is 354-240-1 since he bought the club in 1984.

The Broncos won Super Bowls in 1998, 1999 and 2016.

From wire reports

CAROLINA LEAGUE BASEBALL

Hillcats finish on short end of pitchers' duel

From staff reports

Wilmington pitching stymied Lynchburg's offense for the second night in a row.

out another close victory this

the Blue Rocks claimed a 3-1 vic-

WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS 3, LYNCHBURG HILLCATS 1 At City Stadium

The Hillcats were unable to eek tory Friday night at City Stadium. The Hillcats (32-33) recorded their first extra-innings victory Marcelo Martinez outdueled of the season Thursday night in a ily scored Melendez for a 2-0 ad-Juan Hillman and Nick Pratto nail-biter against the Blue Rocks, homered in the eighth inning as but Wilmington (42-25) was able

to use a pair of extra-base hits to

MI Melendez broke up the pitchers' duel with a triple to center field that scored Brewer to 2-1. Hicklen with no outs in the sixth for a 1-0 lead.

Pratto's sacrifice fly to left eas-

Mike Rivera doubled to lead off the bottom of the sixth and

generate enough runs for the tri- advanced to third on Luke Waka- struck out seven over six innings. matsu's single.

scored Rivera to trim the deficit

Wakamatsu stole second and his 14th save. advanced to third on a wild pitch, but was not able to tie the game as Martinez struck out Nolan Jones to end the frame.

earned run on three hits and struck out six in 5 2/3 innings.

Josh Mitchell and Tad Ratliff Steven Kwan's sacrifice fly combined to allow only one hit

over the final three innings, and Ratliff pitched a perfect ninth for

Pratto homered off Dakody Clemmer in the eighth for the final run.

Hillman (3-6) allowed two Martinez (4-2) allowed the one earned runs on eight hits and



Liberty shortstop Rieley Taylor slaps the tag on Turner Ashby's Makayla Cyzick during Friday's state championship game.

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on one another.

So there was Kacey Whorley, Taylor's best friend, going 3 for 3, all singles rifled up the middle, who delivered the go-ahead hit in the

There was Taylor Friess, who played sick after two hospital visits and five IV treatments, making an inning-ending diving catch in the fifth and then saving two runs by stretching out for an over-theshoulder grab on a ball to deep center one inning later.

There was Kinnice Turner, who continued obliterating Turner Ashby pitching by going 2 for 3 with an stuff like that happens, she just RBI double in the sixth after bruis- bounces back." ing the Knights with game-defining hits in the 2018 and 2019 Region 3C championship games.

And there was Millie Thompson, the fiery southpaw pitcher who had her changeup working particularly well in Friday's dominant two-hit performance.

They all came together for Rieley

"We just needed to have each other's back," said Friess, who underwent an IV treatment Thursday night for an abscessed tonsil and added, "I wanted to get this win for the same effect on Bedford County.

my team. That's all I really wanted to do."

Taylor said she struggled with the mental part of softball for a long time. In the last few years she's made great strides in that depart-

But on a day when she committed more errors in four innings than she had in her entire varsity career, the old problems flared up again.

"People were here to see me that have never been to see me before, and I was disappointed in my performance," she said. "But my team stepped up."

shortstop.

the game, but I know Rieley better than anyone," Whorley said. "When

tough Friday, one day after it played family. soft because of rain prior to the semifinal round.

"I told her multiple times there's still nobody else in the state I'd rather have at shortstop than her," the coach said.

The championship was Liberty's first in softball and fourth overall in school history. It taught Thompson's players something about teamwork. The coach hopes it will have

"I hope it's the first step as far as support goes," he said. "It's a great community, but at the same time it can be a tough community, and we have to support each other."

On the last day of the season, after a championship game she'll never forget, Taylor let the tears flow one more time. She talked about friendships and about how, in just 1 hour and 30 minutes, she had learned valuable lessons.

"I was a little more independent this year," Taylor said. "I didn't rely on my teammates as much as I should have. But at the time when I Whorley didn't doubt her friend at needed them most, I knew that was what I had to do. There were people "She had her shaky moments in trying to talk to me from the stands. But I was like, 'I need my team right

Sometimes teammates are the only ones who can help, and some-Liberty coach Mike Thompson times, on the long journeys like Libsaid the field at Moyer was dry and erty's, those teammates become a

> "Every one of them did an incredible job being there for me at the lowest point of my season," she said. "And it was just incredible to see everyone come together. They didn't turn on me, they didn't get down on me for anything. They didn't belittle me or denigrate me. They pulled me up. They're family. and I love them for that."

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GOLF: U.S. OPEN

Tiger struggles to recapture Masters magic

By Tim Dahlberg The Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — The crowd lining the ninth hole some 100 yards short of the seaside green at Pebble Beach couldn't have been more pumped as Tiger Woods blasted out of a fairway bunker and his ball came to rest in the rough just in front of them.

No matter that Woods would have a difficult and ultimately unsuccessful — task of trying to save par on his last hole of the day. This was their chance to see greatness up close, with the only downside being they weren't supposed to use their cellphones to record the moment at hand.

That might not have been such a bad thing. Because there wasn't much memorable about the shot or a second round Friday in the U.S. Open that left Woods fuming about missed opportunities.

'l'm a little hot right now," Woods said after emerging from the scoring trailer off the ninth green. "I just signed my card about a minute ago. So need a little time to cool down a little bit."

Woods would bogey the hole after missing yet another putt, the second of two straight bogevs to finish a round of 1-over 72 that left him well off the lead. That's enough to make any player upset, especially Woods because the expectations — his and others — are always going to be higher.

He thrilled everyone in golf by winning the Masters two months ago to break an 11-year drought in the majors. The chatter among casual fans was that Woods was back to his dominating ways, and one bettor in Las Vegas even wagered \$100,000 that he would win all four majors this year.

But this isn't 19 years ago, when Woods romped to a historic 15-shot win in the Open here, then won the next three majors to hold all four at the same

This isn't even April, when he somehow managed to separate himself from a crowd of players on the back nine and win his fifth green jacket in a memorable moment at Augusta National.

A second day of inconsistent play in the U.S. Open made one thing clear for all except the most rabid fan boys — and girls.

Woods isn't going to win every major, not even close. Fact is, the odds are he won't win another for some time — if ever.

That's not a knock on Woods, who is certainly the greatest player of his generation and in the conversation when it comes to the greatest of all time. In his prime he won tournaments by bunches, overpowering courses and intimidating everyone playing against him.

But he's 43 now, and no longer blasts it by everyone. The putts that used to go in automatically don't anymore, something that was more than evident Friday when hit 13 greens and made only one birdie.

Meanwhile, new power players keep emerging to challenge him like they were manufactured in a factory somewhere.

"How do you compete against kids that were born — for me, born in the 2000s?" Woods asked earlier in the week. "They were born after I won this damn tournament."

Actually, there is only one player in the field born after Woods won here in 2000. That would be Michael Thorbjornsen, a 17-year-old amateur who was two shots behind Woods after two rounds.

Still, the huge throngs who crowded into Pebble Beach came early Friday to see a legend in person. They expected to see at least flashes of the greatness that defines his career and was on display at the Masters.

What they got instead was a player fast approaching middle age and mindful of how many majors he might have left. Woods talked about it earlier in the week, saying he figured he's got 10 years of competitive golf left, with 40 or so chances to add to his collection of 15 major titles and perhaps surpass the record of 18 owned by Jack Nicklaus.

"That's a lot of majors," Woods said.

But he also talked about having to conserve energy by not playing practice rounds before tournaments, something he wouldn't have even thought of in his prime. and he's always talking about the aches and pains that come with age that are compounded by swinging a golf club, and his former back troubles always lurk in the background.

Simply put, he's got a lot more to worry about these days than he did in his prime.

Woods showed with his win at Augusta National that he can still play golf at a very high level. But he didn't even make the weekend of the PGA Championship last month and his play at Pebble has been spotty at best.

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bunch of girls that, instead of choking under pressure, we absorb it," Whorley said. "... The girls that we have are used to being in this situation, having to make something happen."

Whorley broke through for her second hit of the day to lead off the frame, sending the ball through the middle once again. Although Whorley was erased as Gracie Dooley grounded into a fielder's choice, the Minettes still cashed in.

Dooley evened the score at 1-1 when Paige Naples put the ball in play with two outs. Naples adjusted against Turner Ashby pitcher Makayla Cyzick to jumpstart the Minettes' offense, taking the advice of her coach, Mike Thompson, to be aggressive on the first pitch.

She wanted to go inner-half on them, did it for [my teammates]." that first pitch, get that first strike across and then back us up a little bit and working us away and working us rise ball," Thompson said of Cyzick. "I just told them we're gonna have to push the pace of play a little bit, go after those first pitches, look for something inner-half, and if it's there, drive it, and if it's not, let it go."

Naples sent the ball to left to give Dooley a chance to cross home, but left fielder Kaylin Howard sent a rocket to catcher Carley Davis at the plate to prevent a second run

The run was the first of four unan-

swered for the Minettes. Liberty tacked on two runs in the fifth, as Whorley (3 for 3) provided the go-ahead run on her single through the middle and as Turner

Ashby committed an error. Whorley had half of Liberty's hits, reversing her 0-for-3 in the semifinals after spending Thursday night

in the batting cage back in Bedford. Kinnice Turner, who went 2 for 3, brought the score to 4-1 on an RBI double in the sixth.

the past when I've played against state championship, after suffering them," said Turner, who had a walkoff single against TA last season in the Region 3C championship and a three-run double against the Knights in this year's region title game, "so I just kept that same composure, and I just stayed in for

Thompson, meanwhile, shut down Turner Ashby from the circle. The southpaw, who didn't give up an earned run, stranded a Knights runner in the third and fourth innings after Liberty committed an error in each frame and didn't allow

a hit until the sixth inning. "She just took the things that she did well last game and did the same thing today so we couldn't hit her," Cyzick said of Thompson. "She knew where to pitch us. She's a really good pitcher."

Both of the hits Thompson gave Records: Turner Ashby 23-5. Liberty 21-6.

and help Turner Ashby escape the up came in the sixth inning, the first a leadoff single by Davis and the second a single from Cyzick that came screaming back to the circle and hit Thompson on the ankle.

Thompson, who had four strikeouts, retired the next three batters to end the threat.

"It hurt like hell," Thompson said of the bruising liner, "but I'm not coming out in this situation. Broken leg or not, this is what I wanted to do. You've just gotta hunker down and do your job, and we did."

The victory Friday capped an undefeated postseason run for the "I've just been so confident in Minettes. and to come away with a three straight losses to end the regular season (six close defeats overall), made the win that much sweeter.

"We had a lot of losses early in the season that we shouldn't have had," Whorley said. "But we came back from those late in the season. and look at us now."

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CLASS 3 CHAMPIONSHIP

LIBERTY 4, TURNER ASHBY 1 Ashby 100 000 0-Liberty 000 121 x-WP: Millie Thompson. LP: Makayla

Cyzick Highlights: TA - Carley Davis 1-3; Gracie Moyers 0-3, R; Cyzick 1-3, 6 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 9 Ks. LHS - Kacey Whorley 3-3, RBI; Gracie Dooley 1-3, 2B, 2 R; Paige Naples 0-3, RBI: Kinnice Turner 2-3, 2B. RBI; Thompson 7 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB,

CLASS 2 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: APPOMATTOX 42, STUARTS DRAFT 21

APPOMATTOX, AGAIN

Raiders claim their fourth state title in five years



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Ferguson, **Lawing spark** the attack

By Emily Brown ebrown@newsadvance.com

SALEM — This team doesn't give up, the Appomattox coach said as some of the celebration at Salem Football Stadium **INSIDE** died down.

> Appomattox After Doug Smith's Notebook. C4 Raiders went threeand-out on the opening possession of the second half, then gave up a game-tying score, they didn't give

After Stuarts Draft perfectly exup another score, which cut their lead to one touchdown, the Raiders reward every team longs for: a state ship, of course, was the sweetest. didn't give up.

And when they started the season with two losses in their first three games, Appomattox didn't give up.

So on Saturday, as they responded Draft 42-21. to every one of Stuart Draft's attacks on the biggest stage of the 2019 season, the hard work paid off in the tory in the Class 2 state champion-



ecuted a couple trick plays to set Appomattox quarterback Tre Lawing eludes a Stuarts Draft defender Saturday.

championship.

Appomattox hoisted the champi- whether the postgame feeling lived onship trophy by defeating Stuarts up to his expectations. "This mo-

In their past 12 games, the Raiders put together 12 wins. Saturday's vic-

"Oh, it feels 100 times better," Ty-For the fourth time in five years, ler Gilliam said when asked about ment is a moment I'll never forget." Gilliam's first taste of the

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Appomattox running back Cristian Ferguson reacts after scoring a touchdown against Stuarts Draft in Saturday's state championship game at Salem Football Stadium in Salem. Appomattox thrives with a powerful

By Ben Cates bcates@newsadvance.com

ALEM — In between celebrations Saturday night, coach Doug Smith huddled with his team one final time. They wore smiles. They looked at one another and

closely. This is what they heard: Don't stop believing in yourselves. Don't stop being an example to others.

laughed. And they listened

Always keep the faith. "Faith and hard work," Smith said as he looked his players in the eye, "that's a powerful combination."

It certainly is. The Class 2 state championship game, in which Appomattox defeated Stuarts Draft 42-21, was an exercise in whether players would remember

combination to instill in them all year, the ones that go beyond gridiron assignments or proper techniques or executing plays to perfec-

> These lessons are about character. They go to the heart of becoming not just a champion, but a better human being.

And the lessons — perseverance, love for others, faith and hard work stuck with Appomattox players.

So Tre Lawing knelt on the turf at Salem Football Stadium after the clock expired and didn't get up until several of his teammates pulled him to his

And Cristian Ferguson

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FOOTBALL

CLASS 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP APPOMATTOX 42, STUARTS DRAFT 21 Appomattox 7 14 -21 Stuarts Draft 0

First Quarter

A — Cristian Ferguson 46 run (Samuele Bianco kick), 8:09. Drive: 4 plays, 78 yards, 1:29. Key play: Ferguson breaks through the middle on thirdand-4 on his way to the end zone.

SD - Aaron Nice 1 run (Tyler Lingfelter kick), 0:32. Drive: 13 plays, 87 yards, 7:31. Key play: Dustyn Fitzgerald's 38-yard run on Stuarts Draft's first play of the drive gets the Cougars into Appomattox territory.

Second Quarter

A - Tre Lawing 2 run (Bianco kick), 3:11. Drive: 7 plays, 35 yards, 2:53. Key play: Lawing picks up 9 yards on third-and-1 to keep the drive alive.

Third Quarter

SD - Henry Cooke 1 run (Lingenfelter kick), 3:49. Drive: 15 plays, 68 yards, 5:56. Key play: Cooke completes a 14-yard pass on fourth-and-6 to keep the drive alive.

A - Lawing 5 run (Bianco kick), 2:33.Drive: 3 plays, 17 yards, 1:04. Key play: Tyler Gilliam's 62-yard kickoff return sets Appomattox up at the Stuarts Draft 17-yard line.

A — Tyler Gilliam 7 pass from Lawing (Bianco kick), 1:00. Drive: 1 play, 7 yards, 0:05. Key play: A 0-yard punt on Stuart's Draft's previous possession set Appomattox up at the Cougars' 7-yard line.

Fourth Quarter - Freddie Watkins 7 pass from Cooke (Lingenfelter kick), 9:26. Drive: 12 plays, 80 yards, 2:27. Key play: On fourth-and-3, Latrell Fomby takes the snap on the fake punt and goes 14 yards for a first down.

A - Lawing 80 run (Brendan Gallier kick), 9:14. Drive: 1 play, 80 yards, 0:12. Key play: Lawing breaks to the outside for an 80-yard scoring run. A - Ferguson 14 run (Gallier kick), 2:37. Drive: 3 plays, 15 yards, 1:28. Key play: Tez Booker's interception and 10-yard return on Stuarts Draft's previous possession set up the short

Team Statistics

	Α	SD
First Downs	10	13
Rushes-Yards	33-253	35-116
Passing Yards	9	162
Passing	2-5-1	12-33-1
Total Offense	262	278
Penalties-Yards	8-55	5-22
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0

Individual Statistics RUSHING – Appomattox, Lawing 16-121, Ferguson 11-117, Keyshawn Baker 2-4, Jaheim Scruggs 4-11. Stuarts Draft, Cooke 7-(minus-5), Nice 9-17, Blake Roach 6-7, Watkins 3-11, Jo'El Howard 2-14, Dustyn Fitzgerlad 7-58, Latrell Fomby 1-14.

PASSING - Appomattox, Lawing 2-5-1-9. Stuarts Draft, Cooke 11-32-1-120, Watkins 1-1-0-42. RECEIVING — Appomattox, Ferguson 1-2, Gilliam 1-7. Stuarts Draft, Watkins

3-29, Howard 1-8, Fitzgerald 4-94, Branch 4-31.

Records: Appomattox 13-2. Stuarts Draft 13-2.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

Class 6

South County 14, Oscar Smith 13

Class 5 Maury 28, Stone Bridge 21

Class 4 Lake Taylor 34, Tuscarora 14

Class 3 Hopewell 35, Lord Botetourt 7 Class 2

Appomattox 42, Stuarts Draft 21 Class 1 Riverheads 31, Galax 24

BOYS INDOOR TRACK & FIELD LIBERTY CHRISTMAS INVITATIONAL

At Liberty Indoor Track Complex

55: 1. Nyckolas Harbor (Archbishop Carroll) 6.47; 300: 1. Matthew Spicer (Courtland) 35.09, 6. Patrick McCray (Jefferson Forest) 37.52; 500: 1. Spicer (Courtland) 1:05.33, 14. Addison Hilton (Jefferson Forest) 1:11.03; 1,000: 1. Sam Rodman (Liberty Bealeton) 2:32.03; 1,600: 1. Carlos Shultz (Loudoun Valley) 4:18.15, 27. Luke Richards (Heritage) 4:47.52; 3,200: 1. Schultz (Loudoun Valley) 9:09.71; 55H: 1. Aazon Timmons (Cummings) 7.71; 4x200: 1. Colonial Forge 1:33.10, 3. Jefferson Forest (Danteas Braxton, Devon Watts, Davis Lane, Patrick McCray) 1:33.67; 4x400: 1. Oakdale 3:36.10; 4x800: 1. Harrisonburg 8:19.81, 5. Jefferson Forest (Buck Arthur, Lance Jonzen, Timothy Krone, Will Schepens) 8:42.64; HJ: 1. Samuel Cleek (Dobyns Benne) 6-06.00. 5. Judah Praise (Jefferson Forest) 6-00.00; PV: 1. Cleek (Dobyns Benne) 14-00.00, 7. Kai Moore (Liberty Christian) 13-00.00; LJ: 1. Trevor Thomas (Colonial Forge) 22-00.50; TJ: 1. Timmons (Cummings) 43-07.75, 4. Jaleal Hamlett (Heritage) 42-06.50; SP: 1. Garrison Wheatley (Monacan)

51-11.75, 14. Luke Beisser (Liberty Christian) 42-07.50.

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK & FIELD LIBERTY CHRISTMAS INVITATIONAL

At Liberty Indoor Track Complex 55: 1. Zaria Hall (Oscar Smith) 7.24, 7. Alaysia Oakes (Heritage) 7.49; 300: 1. Akala Garrett (Harding) 40.38; 500: 1. Kylie Cooper (Franklin County) 1:16.39, 11. Kylie Litke (Jefferson Forest) 1:23.16; 1,000: 1. Hannah Holland (Loudoun Valley) 3:07.97, 15. Sarah Handel (E.C. Glass) 3:20.15; 1,600: 1. Ava Gordon (Loudoun Valley) 5:10.87, 28. Shauna Skow (Jefferson Forest) 5:53.01; 3,200: 1. Gordon (Loudoun Valley) 10:56.58; 55H: 1. Garrett (Harding) 8.06; 4x200: 1. Parkland Magnet IB 1:43.89; 4x400: 1. Battlefield 4:03.29, 7. Liberty Christian (Jenkins Holland, Elle Soistmann, Maddy Wade, Gracie Jones) 4:24.93; 4x800: 1. Hanover 10:04.30, 3. Jefferson Forest (Ashley Laneve, Lauren Vossen, Beall Roberts, Skow) 10:44.65, 8. E.C. Glass (Handel, Megan Knight, Malanie Myaing, Leah Selihan) 11:14.32; HJ: 1. Aalyiah Chunn (Skyline) 5-02.00, T13. Victoria Johnson (Heritage) 4-10.00; PV: 1. Emory Pafford (Liberty Christian) 12-09.00, 4. Tayrn Harvey (Jefferson Forest) 9-06.00, 5. Hannah Pettyjohn (Jefferson Forest) 9-06.00, 8. Bella Elder (Liberty Christian) 8-06.00, 10. Nadiyah Abdussalaam (Appomattox) 7-06.00; LJ: 1. Ija Mumford (Parkland Magnet) 18-01.75, 2. Oakes (Heritage) 17-09.25; TJ: 1. Jordyn Johnson (Archbishop Carroll) 37-09.75, 2. Oakes (Heritage) 36-11.25, 3. Tya Blake (Heritage) 36-04.50; SP: 1. Makayla Watkins (Western Guilford)

36-07.75, 11. Graysen Arnold (Heri-

tage) 32-03.50.

WRESTLING TITAN TOUGHMAN

At Hidden Valley

Team scores: William Byrd 176, Brookville 148.5, Liberty Christian 145.5, Abingdon 136, Patrick Henry (Roanoke) 117, Lord Botetourt 111.5, Blacksburg 106, Salem 105, Glenvar 103.5, Amherst 102, Northside 82, James River (Buchanan) 79, Hidden Valley 76, Roanoke Catholic 61, Staunton River 51, E.C. Glass 50, Carroll County 42, Radford 2.

Championship results: 106:Walker Chambers (Salem) p. Dalton Minnick (Abingdon), 1:03; 113: Jalen Fyfffe (Brookville) d. Derek Burton (William Byrd), TB-1 5-4; 120: John McCann (Liberty Christian) d. Garrett Good, 7-3; 126: Christopher Hunt (Northside) p. Steve Tingler (William Byrd), 2:42; 132: Trey Lawrence (Glenvar) d. Dylan Noell (Roanoke Catholic), 8-2; 138: Jack Newton (Abingdon) d. Bobby Moran (Brookville), 5-2; 145: Chauncey Wilson (Patrick Henry) d. Nicholas Young (Lord Botetourt), 6-2; 152: Jack Campbell (Abingdon) won via forfeit over Toby Schoffstall (Liberty Christian), 0:02 (injury); 160: Jerze Webb (William Byrd) d. Gavin Snyder (Blacksburg), 11-9; 170: William Lankford (E.C. Glass) d. Parker Hoden (Amherst), 5-1; 182: Ricardo Harrington (Patrick Henry) p. Josh Brooks (Amherst), 3:49; 195: Isaac Dolph (Brookville) p. Zach Moore (Glenvar), 1:16; 220: Jacob Elliott (Northside) d. Zach FiGart (William Byrd), SV-1 5-3; 285: Hunter Richards (William Byrd) p. Levi Walker (James River), 1:31.

NATIONAL SCORES/STANDINGS

BASKETBALL

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NBA	STANDINGS	,

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB					
Philadelphia	20	7	.741	_					
Boston	17	7	.708	11/2					
Toronto	17	8	.680	2					
Brooklyn	13	12	.520	6					
New York	6	20	.231	131/2					
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB					
Miami	18	7	.720	_					
Orlando	11	14	.440	7					
Charlotte	12	16	.429	71/2					
Washington	7	17	.292	101/2					
Atlanta	6	20	.231	121/2					
Central	W	L	Pct	GB					
Milwaukee	23	3	.885	_					
Indiana	17	9	.654	6					
Detroit	10	15	.400	121/2					
Chicago	9	18	.333	141/2					
Cleveland	6	19	.240	16½					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB					
Dallas	17	7	.708	_					
Houston	17	8	.680	1/2					
San Antonio	10	15	.400	71/2					
Memphis	9	17	.346	9					
New Orleans	6	20	.231	12					

Northwest 8 11 Pct GB .652 .577 11 10 10 13 15 16 .458 .400 .385 4½ 6 Oklahoma City Portland Pct .885 **Pacific W** 23 **L** 3 GB L.A. Lakers .A. Clippers 20 11 14 11 14 5 22 .440 11½ .440 11½ .185 18½ Phoenix Sacramento

Golden State Friday's Games Houston 130, Orlando 107 L.A. Lakers 113, Miami 110 Philadelphia 116, New Orleans 109 Indiana 110, Atlanta 100 Charlotte 83, Chicago 73 Milwaukee 127 Memphis 114 Utah 114, Golden State 106 L.A. Clippers 124, Minnesota 117

Saturday's Games
San Antonio 121, Phoenix 119, OT Toronto 110, Brooklyn 102 Memphis 128, Washington 111 L.A. Clippers at Chicago, late Cleveland at Milwaukee, late Miami at Dallas, late Detroit at Houston, late

New York 103, Sacramento 101

Oklahoma City at Denver, late Today's Games
Orlando at New Orleans, 3:30 p.m. Charlotte at Indiana, 5 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 6 p.m Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 6 p.m. New York at Denver, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Golden State, 8:30

Monday's Games Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m. Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Dallas at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Miami at Memphis, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Houston, 8 p.m. Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

NBA BOX

SPURS 121, SUNS 119 SAN ANTONIO (121)

DeRozan 7-15 4-7 18, Lyles 2-4 0-0 4, Aldridge 7-18 3-5 18, Murray 8-12 2-4 18, Forbes 0-8 0-0 0, Gay 2-10 6-7 10, Poeltl 1-2 3-4 5, White 1-4 0-0 2, Mills 10-23 0-0 26. Walker IV 5-8 5-5 16. Beli -2 2-2 4. Totals 44-106 25-34 121.

PHOENIX (119)Oubre Jr. 5-15 5-5 17, Saric 8-17 2-2 19, Kaminsky 10-19 0-3 22, Rubio 10-20 3-4 25, Bridges 1-3 3-4 5, C.Johnson 3-7 1-2 9, Baynes 6-11 0-0 13. Okobo 2-6 3-4 7 T.Johnson 0-5 2-2 2. Totals 45-103 19-26

San Antonio 28 16 34 31 12 - 121 Phoenix 18 30 32 29 10 - 119 3-Point Goals—San Antonio 8-30 (Mills 6-14, Walker IV 1-1, Aldridge 1-3, DeRozan 0-1, White 0-1, Lyles 0-2, Gay 0-3, Forbes 0-5), Phoenix 10-40 (C.Johnson 2-5, Rubio 2-5, Oubre Jr. 2-7, Kaminsky 2-8, Baynes 1-4, Saric 1-6, Okobo 0-1, Bridges 0-1, T.Johnson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds— San Antonio 62 (Poeltl 11), Phoenix 59 (Saric 17). Assists-San Antonio 23 (Murray 5), Phoenix 29 (Rubio 13). Total Fouls—San Antonio 22, Phoenix 24.

COLLEGE SCORES EAST

Technicals-Rubio, Booker.

Army 89, Buffalo 76 Boston U. 78, Dartmouth 76 Canisius 80, Holy Cross 72 Georgetown 89, Syracuse 79 Hartford 71, Wagner 63 Immaculata 64, Dickinson 62 La Salle 85, Morgan St. 68 Lake Erie 94, Ohio Valley 48 Mass.-Boston 85, Suffolk 69 Montclair St. 88, College of NJ 86 New England Coll. 92, Husson 80 Penn St. 73, Alabama 71 Penn St. Behrend 79, Mount Aloysius

Pitt.-Greensburg 82, Hilbert 62

Plymouth St. 99, Gordon 90 Princeton 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 65 Ramapo 77, Rowan 76 Rider 89, LIU Brooklyn 74 Rutgers 68, Seton Hall 48

S. New Hampshire 78, Goldey Beacom 58 St. Bonaventure 75, Gannon 50 St. Francis Brooklyn 73, NJIT 71 Villanova 78, Delaware 70 West Virginia 83, Nicholls 57

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 81, Howard 59
Auburn 67, Saint Louis 61
Coastal Carolina 91, NC Central 71
Columbia (SC) 75, Bluefeld 61 Duquesne 71, Radford 49 East Carolina 79, Campbell 67 Elon 91, NC Wesleyan 60 FAU 81, High Point 64 Furman 80, Winthrop 73 Indiana-Southeast 94, Cumberlands

Jacksonville 93, Middle Georgia 79 Kentucky 67, Georgia Tech 53 Louisiana Tech 77, Louisiana-Lafayette 59

Louisville 99, E. Kentucky 67 Memphis 51, Tennessee 47 Miami 88, Alabama A&M 74 Mississippi 82, Middle Tennessee 64 North Florida 72, Southern Miss. 69 Richmond 78, Coll. of Charleston 71 Southeastern (Fla.) 101, Toccoa

Thomas More 116, Miami (0hio)-Middletown 46 UNC Asheville 91, UT Martin 72 Forest 80, Xavier 78 MIDWEST

Butler 66, Southern U. 41 DePaul 86, UIC 65 IUPUI 74, Purdue Fort Wayne 65 Illinois 69, Old Dominion 55 Kansas 98, UMKC 57 Michigan St. 72, Oakland 49 Mississippi St. 67, Kansas St. 61 Notre Dame 75, UCLA 61 Oregon 71, Michigan 70, OT South Dakota 96, Mayville St. 60 Toledo 80, Detroit 72 Wichita St. 80, Oklahoma 75

Arkansas 98, Tulsa 79 TCU 79, Lamar 50 Texas 87, Cent. Michigan 76

FAR WEST
Air Force 79, Denver 75
Boise St. 100, Alabama St. 57 Oregon St. 80, Ark.-Pine Bluff 46 S. Utah 62, UC Santa Barbara 61 San Francisco 91, Cal St.-Fullerton 69 Santa Clara 60, Sacramento St. 58 Utah 60, Weber St. 49

SOUTHWEST

COLLEGE BOXES

LIBERTY 61, VANDERBILT 56 LIBERTY (12-0)

James 1-5 0-0 2, Pacheco-Ortiz 3-7 2-2 8, Homesley 6-11 0-0 14, McGhee 2-8 0-0 6, Cuffee 5-11 2-2 13, Rode 0-2 0-0 0. Robinson 0-1 0-0 0, Baxter-Bell 5-8 8-8 18. Totals 22-53 12-12 61. VANDERBILT (6-3)

Brown 2-3 1-3 5, Nesmith 6-16 5-5 19, Disu 2-8 0-0 6, Pippen 1-7 1-2 4, Evans 1-4 1-1 3, Mover 0-0 1-2 1, Obinna 0-0 0-0 0, Lee 6-11 2-2 16, Wright 0-2 2-4 2.

Totals 18-51 13-19 56.

Halftime—Vanderbilt 32-27. 3-Point Goals—Liberty 5-22 (Homesley 2-4, McGhee 2-7, Cuffee 1-5, Robinson 0-1, James 0-1, Pacheco-Ortiz 0-2, Rode 0-2), Vanderbilt 7-24 (Lee 2-4, Disu 2-5, Nesmith 2-8, Pippen 1-4, Evans 0-1. Wright 0-2). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds—Liberty 34 (James 11), Vanderbilt 27 (Disu 7). Assists—Liberty 9 (Pacheco-Ortiz 5), Vanderbilt 9 (Pippen 6). Total Fouls-Liberty 15, Vander-

LOUISVILLE 99, E. KENTUCKY 67 F. KENTUCKY (3-7) Hicks 4-5 0-0 8, Moreno 3-8 1-2 8, Tay-

lor 4-10 2-2 13, Hobbs 4-10 0-0 9, Brown 3-12 1-2 9. Anderson 0-0 0-0 0. T.King 8 6-6 12, Balogun 0-0 0-0 0, Carmid 0-0 0-0 0, Cruickshank 1-1 0-0 3, H.King 1-9 2-3 5. Totals 23-63 12-15 67.

1-9 2-3 5. Iotals 23-0s 12-15 67. LOUISVILLE (10-1)

Nwora 10-14 3-3 26, Sutton 3-4 4-4
11, Enoch 9-10 5-6 23, Perry 2-3 0-0 5, McMahon 2-6 2-2 7, Slazinski 0-0 4-4
4, Iglehon 1-1 0-0 2, M.Williams 4-6 1-1 11, Kimble 0-2 0-0 0, Johnson 2-3 0-0 5, Nickelberry 0-1 2-2 2, Williamson 1-4 1-1 3. Totals 34-54 22-23 99.

Halftime—Louisville 50-32. 3-Point Goals—E. Kentucky 9-27 (Taylor 3-7, Brown 2-6, Cruickshank 1-1, Hobbs 1-3, Moreno 1-4, H.King 1-6), Louisville 9-19 (Nwora 3-5, M.Williams 2-3, Johnson 1-1, Sutton 1-1, Perry 1-2, McMahon 1-4, Williamson 0-1, Kimble 0-1, Nickelberry 0-1). Fouled Out—Hicks. Re-bounds—E. Kentucky 22 (T.King 5), Louisville 35 (Enoch, Nwora 7). Assists-E Kentucky 12 (Brown 6), Louisville 22 (McMahon 6). Total Fouls-E. Kentucky 20, Louisville 14.

GEORGETOWN 89, SYRACUSE 79

SYRACUSE (5-5)Hughes 8-18 2-5 21, Dolezaj 6-9 1-2 13, Sidibe 1-2 0-0 2, Girard 5-11 2-2 16, Boeheim 9-18 0-0 25, Guerrier 0-2 0-0 0, Edwards 0-0 0-0 0. Washington 1-2 0-0

TV LISTINGS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

3 p.m. ESPN - Oklahoma State at Houston

ACCN — Wofford at North Carolina Purdue at Nebraska
 Southern Illinois (Edwardsville) at Northwestern

SECN - Southern Illinois (Carbondale) at Missouri 4:30 p.m.
PAC-12N — California (Riverside) at Washington State

5 p.m. ESPN2 - South Carolina at Clems

BTN - Ohio State at Minnesota

PAC-12N — Long Beach State at Southern California **7 p.m.**MASN — Missouri at Virginia Commonwealth

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

ACCN - Elon at North Carolina State ESPN - Louisville at Kentucky

ACCN — St. John's at Florida State SECN — Houston at Texas A&M

8:30 p.m. PAC-12N - Ohio State at Stanford

6 p.m.
ESPNU — NCAA College Cup: Virginia vs. Georgetown, Championship,
GOLF

NBATV - NY Knicks at Denver

CBS — Houston at Tennessee, FOX — Philadelphia at Washington 4:25 p.m.

FOX — Los Angeles Rams at Dalla: 8:20 p.m. NBC — Buffalo at Pittsburgh

NHL HOCKEY

2. Totals 30-62 5-9 79. **GEORGETOWN (7-3)**

2-3 16. Allen 3-5 8-11 14. Muresan 0-2 0-0 0, Wahab 0-1 0-0 0, Blair 3-8 0-0 9. Totals 27-61 24-31 89.

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MIAMI (6-3)

Halftime-Miami 44-35. Goals—Alabama A&M 7-21 (Alford 2-4, Hicks 2-6, B.Miller 1-2, Tucker 1-3, Parham 1-6), Miami 8-19 (Vasiljevic 5-6, Stone 1-2, Lykes 1-3, McGusty 1-6, Beverly 0-1, Wong 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds-Alabama A&M 26 (Tucker Parham, Hicks 5), Miami 31 (Waardenburg 9). Assists-Alabama A&M 20 (Tucker 5), Miami 16 (Lykes 5), Total

NOTRE DAME 75, UCLA 61 UCLA (7-4)

Riley 3-11 0-1 6, Hill 0-5 3-4 3, Ali 3-7 3-4 9, Campbell 2-5 0-2 5, Jaquez 3-8 2-3 9, Olesinski 2-5 0-0 5, O'Neal 3-6 1-4 8, Singleton 2-4 0-0 6, Smith 4-12 1-2 10, Kyman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-63 10-20 61. NOTRE DAME (8-3)

Durham 1-3 0-1 2, Mooney 5-11 3-3 14, Gibbs 4-14 3-4 15, Hubb 6-12 3-5 20, Pflueger 0-5 0-1 0, Laszewski 3-6 0-0 8 Goodwin 5-12 3-3 16. Totals 24-63 12-17

8, Jones 2-10 8-12 12, Goodin 2-7 4-4 9,

Scruggs 13-19 0-0 30, Freemantle 0-2

1-2 1, Tandy 0-4 0-0 0, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Bishop 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 27-67 18-27 78. WAKE FOREST (6-5)

Oguama 1-1 1-2 3, Mucius 1-8 0-0 2, Brown 11-16 2-2 26, White 3-5 7-8 13, Childress 5-12 10-12 22, Massoud 1-3

0-0 3, Johnson 0-3 0-1 0, Wright 1-1 0-0 2, Wynn 0-1 0-0 0, Neath 3-5 1-2 9. To-tals 26-55 21-27 80.

Halftime-Wake Forest 39-30, 3-Point

Goals—Xavier 6-22 (Scruggs 4-9, Marshall 1-4, Goodin 1-4, Moore 0-1, Tandy

0-2, Bishop 0-2), Wake Forest 7-16 (Neath 2-2, Brown 2-4, Childress 2-4, Massoud 1-2, Mucius 0-1, Wynn 0-1,

White 0-2). Fouled Out—Oguama, Mucius, Marshall. Rebounds—Xavier 37 (Jones 11), Wake Forest 32 (Oguama,

Brown, White 6). Assists—Xavier 8 (Goodin 5), Wake Forest 11 (White, Neath, Childress 3). Total Fouls—Xavier

KENTUCKY 67, GEORGIA TECH 53

Wright 6-11 0-0 13, Moore 4-8 1-2 10.

Banks 3-8 0-2 6, Parham 4-7 0-0 10, Devoe 2-11 1-2 5, Cole 2-2 0-0 5, Price

2-5 0-0 4, Phillips 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-

Montgomery 0-4 0-0 0, Richards 5-6 2-4 12, Quickley 6-12 2-2 16, Maxey 0-9 6-6 6, Hagans 8-10 3-4 21, Whitney 1-2 0-0 2, Brooks 4-7 2-2 10, Juzang 0-1 0-0

O. Totals 24-51 15-18 67.

Halftime—Kentucky 36-30. 3-Point Goals—Georgia Tech 5-18 (Parham 2-5,

Cole 1-1, Wright 1-2, Moore 1-3, Price 0-2, Devoe 0-5), Kentucky 4-12 (Hagans

2-3, Quickley 2-6, Maxey 0-3). Fouled Out-Banks. Rebounds-Georgia Tech 22 (Wright 10), Kentucky 31 (Maxey,

Hagans 7), Assists-Georgia Tech 11

(Devoe 4), Kentucky 18 (Hagans 7). Total Fouls—Georgia Tech 18, Kentucky

DUQUESNE 71, RADFORD 49

Weathers 8-11 3-5 19, M.Hughes 5-5

0-0 11, Dunn-Martin 3-8 3-3 12, Austin 2-6 2-2 7, Carry 2-6 1-2 6, Rotroff 0-0 0-0

0, Steele 4-7 1-1 9, Ellis 1-1 0-0 2, Miller

1-3 0-0 2, Buckley 0-1 0-0 0, Norman 1-5

0-0 3, Harper 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0.

Butts 6-9 0-2 12, Holland 0-6 0-0 0, Hicks 0-5 1-2 1, C.Jones 2-10 5-6 9, Fields 4-9 0-0 9, Walker 1-4 1-2 3,

Djonkam 0-2 0-0 0, Greene 2-6 0-0 6, Jeffers 1-3 0-0 3, Morton-Robertson 0-0

0-0 0, Hutchinson 1-1 0-0 3, M.Jones 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 18-57 7-12 49.

Halftime—Duquesne 40-23. 3-Point Goals—Duquesne 7-24 (Dunn-Martin 3-6, M.Hughes 1-1, Carry 1-3, Austin

1-4, Norman 1-4, Weathers 0-1, Miller 0-2, Steele 0-3), Radford 6-23 (Greene

fers 1-3, Fields 1-3, Walker 0-1, C.Jones

0-2, Butts 0-2, Hicks 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Duquesne 38 (Weathers 13), Radford 25 (Butts

5, Hutchinson 1-1, M.Jones 1-2, Jef-

24, Wake Forest 22.

GEORGIA TECH (4-4)

KENTUCKY (8-1)

13.

DUQUESNE (9-0)

Totals 27-53 10-13 71.

RADFORD (3-6)

COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)

12 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour: The QBE Shark Shootout, Final Round, Naples, Fla.

NBA BASKETBALL

NFL FOOTBALL 1 p.m.

NHLN - Minnesota at Chicago

Pickett 2-8 0-0 5, Yurtseven 7-13 5-7 19, McClung 7-16 9-10 26, Mosely 5-8

Halftime—Georgetown 48-36, 3-Point Goals—Syracuse 14-32 (Boeheim 7-13, Girard 4-9, Hughes 3-9, Guerrier 0-1), Georgetown 11-25 (Mosely 4-6, Mc-Georgetown 11-25 (Mosely 4-6, Mc-Clung 3-8, Blair 3-8, Pickett 1-3). Fouled Out—Dolezaj, Boeheim. Rebounds— Syracuse 29 (Dolezaj 9), Georgetown 39 (Yurtseven, Pickett 9). Assists— Syracuse 18 (Hughes 9), Georgetown 20 (Allen 6). Total Fouls—Syracuse 24, Georgetown 14 Technicals—Syracuse 24, Georgetown 14. Technicals—Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, McClung. Eject-

MIAMI 88, ALABAMA A&M 74

ALABAMA A&M (2-6) Parham 4-13 2-2 11, Williams 4-6 1-2 9, Alford 4-8 0-0 10, Tucker 3-6 0-0 7, Hicks 5-12 0-0 12, Johnson 7-9 0-2 14, Houston 1-1 0-0 2, Scissum 1-1 0-0 2, Wiley 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 1-1 2-2 4, B.Miller 1-3 0-0 3

Waardenburg 3-5 5-9 11, R.Miller 2-2 2-2 6, Vasiljevic 5-6 2-2 17, McGusty 9-15 2-3 21, Lykes 5-12 2-2 13, Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Stone 1-3 1-2 4, Beverly 3-6 6-8 12, Wong 1-7 2-2 4. Totals 29-56 22-

3-Point Fouls—Alabama A&M 23, Miami 12.

Halftime-Notre Dame 31-24, 3-Point Goals—UCLA 7-16 (Singleton 2-4, Olesinski 1-2, O'Neal 1-2, Campbell 1-2, Smith 1-2, Jaquez 1-3, Ali 0-1), Notre Dame 15-39 (Hubb 5-10, Gibbs 4-10, Goodwin 3-8, Laszewski 2-5, Mooney 1-3, Pflueger 0-3). Fouled Out—Jaquez. Rebounds—UCLA 45 (O'Neal 11), Notre Dame 38 (Mooney 15). Assists—UCLA 9 (Ali, Campbell, Smith 2), Notre Dame 15 (Hubb 6). Total Fouls—UCLA 18, Notre Dame 14.

WAKE FOREST 80, XAVIER 78

XAVIER (9-2)Marshall 6-15 3-6 16, Carter 3-6 2-3

0-3, Richmond 9-25 (Francis 4-9, Gustavson 2-4, Golden 1-1, Gilyard 1-5, Sherod 1-6). Fouled Out–None. Rebounds—Coll. of Charleston 31 (Miller 8), Richmond 32 (Golden, Sherod 7). Assists—Coll. of Charleston 6 (Riller 3), Pichmond 19 (Gilyard 8) Total Foule. Richmond 19 (Gilyard 8). Total Fouls-Coll. of Charleston 11, Richmond 9. **ILLINOIS 69, OLD DOMINION 55**

Assists-Duquesne 20 (Carry 6),

Radford 9 (C.Jones 3), Total Fouls-

RICHMOND 78, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON 71

COLL. OF CHARLESTON (5-5) McManus 2-5 0-0 4, Smart 1-2 0-0 2, Jasper 1-6 0-0 3, Riller 7-15 7-8 21, Gal-

loway 10-17 0-0 22, Epps 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 5-8 3-4 16, Reddish 0-0 1-2 1, Tucker 0-0 0-0 0, Richard 0-1 0-0 0, McCluney

1-7 0-0 2. Iotals 27-61 11-14 / I. **RICHMOND (9-1)** Cayo 5-6 1-2 11, Golden 8-11 0-1 17, Sherod 4-9 0-0 9, Francis 6-14 4-4 20, Gi Iyard 2-6-2-7, Burton 0-3 0-0 0, Grace 0-0 0-0 0, Koureissi 2-2 0-0 4, Gustavson

4-8 0-0 10, Wojcik 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-59 7-9 78. Halftime—Richmond 39-31. 3-Point

Goals—Coll. of Charleston 6-26 (Miller 3-6, Galloway 2-8, Jasper 1-5, Richard 0-1, McCluney 0-1, McManus 0-2, Riller

1-7 0-0 2. Totals 27-61 11-14 71.

Duquesne 12, Radford 16.

OLD DOMINION (3-8)

Dickens 2-10 0-0 4, Carver 0-0 0-0 0, Godwin 4-8 0-0 9, Curry 0-4 0-0 0, Green 5-12 2-2 13, Ezikpe 0-1 0-0 0, Pilavios 0-1 Wade 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 21-57 7-8 55. ILLINOIS (8-3)

Bezhanishvili 1-3 4-4 6, Cockburn 3-6 5-6 11, Dosunmu 4-9 4-4 14, Frazier 3-7 2-2 9, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Nichols 2-6 3-4 8, Bosmans-Verdonk 0-0 0-0 0, Griffith 0-0 0-0 0, Hamlin 0-0 0-0 0, Oladimeji 0-0 0-0 0. Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Feliz 3-6 0-0 6. Griffin 6-7 0-0 15, Underwood 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-47 18-20 69. Halftime—Illinois 40-25. 3-Point

Goals—Old Dominion 6-18 (Oliver 4-6, Green 1-3, Godwin 1-4, Curry 0-1, Reece 0-4), Illinois 7-20 (Griffin 3-4, Dosunmu 2-4, Nichols 1-3, Frazier 1-4, Jones 0-1, Underwood 0-1, Williams 0-1, Feliz 0-2). Fouled Out-Fzikne, Rebounds-Old Dominion 27 (Godwin 6), Illinois 28 (Cockburn 9). Assists—Old Dominion 12 (Green 5), Illinois 15 (Bezhanishvili Total Fouls-Old Dominion 23, Illi-

ST. FRANCIS (NY) 73, NJIT 71

NJIT (2-9)
Diakite 4-5 2-4 10, Breland 3-9 0-0 6, Gibbs 4-14 6-8 14, Walsh 2-8 0-1 5, Cooks 5-11 11-13 24, Mayo 0-0 2-2 2, LWilliams 2-2 0-0 4, Matthews 1-3 0-0 2, Williams 2-2 0-0 4, Wi 3, Willis 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 22-55 21-28 71. **ST. FRANCIS (NY) (5-6)**

Celen 2-6 2-2 6, Evans 0-2 0-0 0, McLean 3-7 0-0 8, Hawkins 7-16 7-9 21, Krtinic 5-10 1-3 14, Cosic 0-1 0-0 0, Rohlehr 1-2 0-0 2, Quartlebaum 0-0 0-0 0, Higgins 6-13 4-4 19, Hurley 0-3 3-6 3.

Totals 24-60 17-24 73. Halftime—St. Francis (NY) 37-33. 3-Point Goals—NJIT 6-16 (Cooks 3-4, Matthews 1-3, Walsh 1-3, Willis 1-3, Breland 0-3), St. Francis (NY) 8-20 (Kruis) 3-4 Melos 2-3 (Col. tinic 3-4, Higgins 3-8, McLean 2-3, Celen 0-1, Cosic 0-1, Hawkins 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—NJIT 39 (Dia-kite 13), St. Francis (NY) 31 (Hurley 9). Assists-NJIT 10 (Diakite 4), St. Francis (NY) 8 (Higgins 3). Total Fouls-NJIT 25, St. Francis (NY) 22.

NORTH FLORIDA 72. **SOUTHERN MISS. 69**

NORTH FLORIDA (7-5) Hendricksen 5-13 0-0 13, Aminu 5-6 3-4 13, Gandia-Rosa 4-6 2-2 13, Escobar 5-15 0-1 14, Sams 4-11 2-2 14, Day 0-3 2-2 2, James 1-2 0-0 3, Burkhardt 0-0 0-0 0, Adedoyin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-57

SOUTHERN MISS. (3-8)

Stevenson 11-18 5-8 27, Harper-Baker 4-15 1-3 9, Watson 7-15 1-2 16, Malone 0-5 0-0 0, Draine 5-13 2-2 15, Dean 0-0 0-0 0, Konontsuk 0-0 0-0 0, Leslie 0-0 0-0 0, McCoy 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 28-69 9-15 69. Halftime—North Florida 32-29. 3-Point Goals—North Florida 15-42 (Sams 4-10, Escobar 4-13, Gandia-Rosa 3-4, Hendricksen 3-11, James 1-2, Day 0-1, Adedoyin 0-1), Southern Miss. 4-17 (Draine 3-9, Watson 1-3, McCoy 0-1, Malone 0-2, Harper-Baker 0-2). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-North Florida 37 (Hendricksen 10), Southern Miss. 39 (Harper-Baker 11). Assists-North Florida 18 (Gandia-Rosa 6), Southern Miss. 15 (Malone 5). Total Fouls—North Florida 13, Southern Miss. 11.

JACKSONVILLE 93. **MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE 79** MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE (0-1)

Passius 1-4 0-2 2. Graham 5-8 0-0 10. Lockett 4-10 1-3 12, Owens 5-14 0-0 13, Edwards 5-10 3-3 13, Glover 8-13 5-5 21, Smith 3-8 0-0 6, Willis 1-5 0-0 2, Cooper 0-2 0-0 0, Cummings 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-74 9-13 79.

JACKSONVILLE (6-6) Norman 5-12 2-2 14, Bell 3-5 4-6 10, McCallum 3-6 9-10 16, Barnes 7-15 0-0

17, Santos 3-8 2-4 11, Workman 3-4 1-2 7. Sides 1-2 2-2 5. Arnold 1-3 1-2 3. Wood 3-6 1-2 7, Flowers 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 30-63 22-30 93.

Halftime-Jacksonville 48-31. 3-Point Goals—Middle Georgia State 6-24 (Lockett 3-6, Owens 3-7, Cooper 0-1, Graham 0-1, Passius 0-1, Edwards 0-2, Smith 0-3, Willis 0-3), Jacksonville 11-28 (Santos 3-7, Barnes 3-10, Norman 2-6, Sides 1-1, Flowers 1-1, McCallum 1-3). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Middle Georgia State 32 (Edwards 8), Jacksonville 45 (Bell 12). Assists-Middle Georgia State 10 (Lockett, Edwards 2), Jacksonville 16 (Santos, Bell 3). Total Fouls—Middle Georgia State 21, Jacksonville 13.

GOLF PRESIDENTS CUP

At Royal Melbourne Golf Club Melbourne, Australia Saturday Yardage: 7,047; Par: 71
INTERNATIONAL 10, UNITED STATES 8
Fourballs

International 2½, United States 1½ Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas, United States, def. Haotong Li and Marc Leishman, International, 3 and 2. Abraham Ancer and Sungjae Im, International, def. Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay, United States,

C.T. Pan and Hideki Matsuyama, Webb Simpson, United States, 5 and 3. Tony Finau and Matt Kuchar, United States, halved with Byeong Hun An and Adam Scott, International.

Foursomes **United States 3, International 1** Gary Woodland and Dustin Johnson, United States, def. Adam Scott and

Louis Oosthuizen, International, 2 and 1.
Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas, United States, halved with Abraham

Ancer and Marc Leishman, Interna-Patrick Cantlay and Xander Schauffele, United States, def. Sungjae Im and Cameron Smith, International,

Tony Finau and Matt Kuchar, United States, halved with Joaquin Niemann

and Byeong Hun An, International. HOCKEY

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Saturday's Games N.Y. Islanders 3, Buffalo 2, OT Ottawa 4, Columbus 3, OT Anaheim 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, SO Carolina 4, Calgary 0 Dallas 4, Nashville 1 Toronto 4, Edmonton 1 Minnesota 4, Philadelphia 1 Pittsburgh 5, Los Angeles 4, SO Detroit 2. Montreal 1 Washington 5, Tampa Bay 2 Boston 4, Florida 2 Chicago at St. Louis, late New Jersey at Arizona, late

Vancouver at San Jose, late Today's Games Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 5 p.m. Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m. Vancouver at Vegas, 8 p.m.

Ottawa at Florida, 7 p.m. Nashville at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m. Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m. Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m Edmonton at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

NFL GAMEDAY

AFC STANDINGS

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East	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	3	0	.769	338	168
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	274	212
N.Y. Jets	5	9	0	.357	247	343
Miami	3	10	0	.231	221	399
South	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	8	5	0	.615	317	309
Tennessee	8	5	0	.615	318	255
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	296	295
lacksonville	4	9	0	308	230	337

North	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
y-Baltimore	12	2	0	.857	472	257
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	259	242
Cleveland	6	7	0	.462	273	291
Cincinnati	1	12	0	.077	198	325
West	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
West y-Kansas City	W 9	<u>L</u>	T 0	Pct .692	PF 371	PA 281
y-Kansas City	9	4	0	.692 .462	371	281 366
y-Kansas City Oakland	9	4	0	.692 .462	371 258	281 366

NFC STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	334	267
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	297	301
Washington	3	10	0	.231	188	310
N.Y. Giants	2	11	0	.154	247	362
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South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New Orleans	10	L3			244	
				.769		296
y-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	344	296 381
y-New Orleans Tampa Bay	10	3	0	.769 .462	344 378	296 381 360

North	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	309	270
Minnesota	9	4	0	.692	339	249
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	243	232
Detroit	3	9	1	.269	287	335
West	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	397	229
Seattle	10	3	0	.769	341	321
L.A. Rams	8	5	0	.615	311	262
Arizona	3	9	1	.269	272	374

THURSDAY'S GAME



MONDAY New Orleans, 8:15 p.m., ESPN

GAME OF THE WEEK // HOUSTON AT TENNESSEE



Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (left) is pressured by Broncos linebacker Jeremiah Attaochu during Denver's win at Houston last Sunday. The Texans and Tennessee Titans square off this Sunday. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AF

Sweep of Texans is key to Titans winning AFC South



» Series record: Titans lead 18-16 » Last meeting: Texans beat Titans 34-17, Nov. 26, 2018 » AP Pro32 ranking: Texans No. 11,

Titans No. 12 » Texans offense: Overall (9), Rush (7), Pass (10)

» Texans defense: Overall (26), Rush (18), Pass (27) » Titans offense: Overall (17), Rush

(8), Pass (22) » Titans defense: Overall (19), Rush (10), Pass (26)

» Notes: Texans and Titans currently tied atop AFC South and will meet twice in final three weeks of season. ... Texans defending division champs looking to win fourth AFC south title in six seasons. have won four straight and six of last seven games. ... Titans have won two of last three in series. .. Texans have led or had piece of AFC South lead all but three weeks this season. ... Houston QB Deshaun Watson threw for 292 yards and TD last week and also ran for two TDs. Watson has three career games with two or more rushing TDs, tied for second most by QB in first three seasons. ... Watson has 10 TDs and 120.7 passer rating in three career games vs. Titans. ... Texans RB Carlos Hyde needs 74 vards for first 1,000-yard rushing season. ... Houston WR DeAndre Hopkins had seven catches for season-high 120 yards last week. ... Texans WR Keke Coutee had season-high five catches for 68 yards last week. ...

Tennessee and Houston will meet Sunday in first of two meetings in final three weeks of the regular season

By Teresa M. Walker Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have some very simple math to clinch their first AFC South title since 2008 and second playoff berth in three seasons.

Sweep the Houston Texans. The Titans (8-5) have won four straight and six of seven to have a chance at the postseason after a 2-4 start in a season salvaged after the switch at quarterback from Marcus Mariota to Ryan Tan nehill. How much better this season becomes depends on what they do Sunday when they host the Texans, the first

Titans cornerback Logan Ryan says the old cliche of one week at a time has helped them put together a nice streak. Ryan says that string won't help against Houston

of two games between these

teams in the final three weeks.

"We got to handle Houston," Ryan said. "Just like in years past we never could win in Indy, and we won in Indy. We're due to have a bad upset in Oakland, and we didn't. So I just think we're taking it one week at a time, and we've got a big matchup with their receiving corps coming to town, and Deshaun Watson, so I think that's enough on our plate."

Beating the Raiders, combined with Houston's surprise loss to Denver last week is what allowed Tennessee to tie the Texans atop the division. The Texans currently have the tiebreaker thanks to a better conference record. The Titans' first sweep in this rivalry since 2007 would give Tennessee the division title.

The stakes are equally as big for Houston, with the Texans trying to win their fourth AFC South title in six seasons under coach Bill O'Brien. The Texans host Tennessee in the regularseason finale.

"You just always want to be in your own driver's seat and control your own destiny," Texans linebacker D.J. Reader said. "That's all vou can ask for."

Houston's Derrick Henry is second in the NFL with a career-high 1,243 yards rushing, and he's tied for the league lead with 13 TDs rushing. But his left hamstring has had him on the injury report now three straight weeks. Even though Henry said Thursday he will be ready Sunday, he was affected last week even as he notched his fourth straight 100-yard rushing game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

BY TERESA M. WALKER | Associated Press



HOUSTON AT TENNESSEE

The Houston Texans have won the AFC South three times in coach Bill O'Brien's five seasons, and they have led or shared the divisional lead all but three weeks this season. Adding a fourth title to that list means going through Tennessee, the franchise the Texans replaced in Houston. The Titans last won the AFC South back in 2008 and haven't swept the Texans since 2007.



NEW ENGLAND AT CINCINNATI

The Patriots' two-game skid has delayed New England's annual clinching of its perfunctory playoff berth. Now the Pats go into Cincinnati as heavy favorites to both snap that rare losing string and secure that playoff berth with a victory. Tom Brady needs three touchdown passes to tie Peyton Manning (539) for most in NFL history.



CHICAGO AT GREEN BAY

The Bears need a fourth straight win to keep their playoff hopes alive in the NFC, where the only teams without double-digit victories assured of reaching the postseason play in the NFC East. But this time, Chicago is playing Green Bay, which can clinch an NFC playoff berth with a victory or a tie and a loss by the Rams. Aaron Rodgers has thrown 17 TD passes with only one interception in his past five games at home against Chicago.



SEATTLE AT CAROLINA

The Seahawks can hounce back from their loss to the Rams and possibly clinch a playoff berth with three different scenarios. They also need a victory to keep a game back of San Francisco in the NFC West if the Niners win Cam Newton's recovering from foot surgery, and the Panthers have lost five straight.



DENVER AT **KANSAS CITY**

The Chiefs already have clinched their fourth straight AFC West title, and the biggest question for Kansas City is the health of Patrick Mahomes' right hand. Rookie Drew Lock won't catch the Chiefs by surprise after he threw for 309 yards and three TDs last week in Denver's rout of Houston



TAMPA BAY AT DETROIT

The Buccaneers are trying to finish the season strong in coach Bruce Arians' first year, and Jameis Winston is trying to prove he deserves a contract from someone this offseason. Detroit rookie quarterback David Blough has to contend with Shaquil Barrett, the NFL's sacks leader with 15 this season. The Lions are trying to snap a six-game skid.



MIAMI AT N.Y. GIANTS

The Dolphins have to return to the same stadium where a rare pass interference penalty was called during review and helped cost them a onepoint loss to the Jets last week. This is a prime opportunity for the Giants to snap a nine-game losing streak. Another loss would mark the first 10-game skid in franchise history.



PHILADELPHIA AT WASHINGTON

need blinders to focus only on the Redskins and not next week's home game against Dallas, which could decide the struggling NFC East. This

will be Washington rookie quarterback Dwayne Haskins' first career start against an NFC East opponent, and the Eagles have won the past five in this series.



4:05 P.M **CLEVELAND AT ARIZONA**

A pair of rookie head coaches face off when Freddie Kitchens takes his Browns to visit Kliff Kingsbury in the desert. The Browns have won four of their last five to keep faint playoff hopes alive. Unfortunately, top overall draft choice QB Kyler Murray doesn't play defense, and Browns running back Nick Chubb is the NFL's rushing leader with 1,281 yards.



The final game at Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, at least for the Raiders, who move to Las Vegas next season. The Jaguars have lost five straight, and not even the sequel of Minshew Mania has helped Jacksonville stop the struggles.



MINNESOTA AT L.A. CHARGERS

The Vikings are trying to hold off Los Angeles' other team, the Rams, for one of the NFC's wild-card berths. It should help that Kirk Cousins is at his best against teams from the AFC West, having thrown for 16 TDs and only two interceptions in his last seven against this division. Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers needs 252 yards to give him seven straight seasons with 4,000 yards passing or more, the NFL's longest active streak.



ATLANTA AT SAN FRANCISCO

The 49ers need a win to clinch a playoff berth after that big victory in New Orleans pushed them back atop the NFC in the chase for the No. 1 seed. They still can clinch if the Rams or both Minnesota and Green Bay lose. The Falcons have won three of their last five.



L.A. RAMS AT **DALLAS**

The Cowboys have lost three straight to turn their chase of the NFC East title into a game of survivor trying to stay ahead of Philadelphia. Being back home in Dallas couldn't hurt, but they're only 3-3 there this season. The Rams are playing catch-up, trying to chase down Minnesota for the NFC's last wild-card spot after playing in the Super Bowl in February. It doesn't help that they visit San Francisco next week.



8:20 P.M **BUFFALO AT PITTSBURGH**

These teams currently hold the wild-card spots in the AFC, which helped this game move to prime time. Buffalo can clinch a playoff berth with a victory, while the Steelers are trying to stay ahead of the Titans. The Bills are 5-1 away from Buffalo this season. A big chunk of the reason the Steelers are in the playoff chase is how good they are at home, going 5-2.



8:15 P.M. MONDAY **INDIANAPOLIS AT NEW ORLEANS**

The Colts are trying to keep their slim playoff hopes alive after three straight losses. Not only are the Saints still chasing a bye week in the playoffs, Drew Brees needs only three TD passes to pass Manning (539) for the most in NFL history or Brady if the Patriots quarterback has already reached that mark by Monday night.

THREE THINGS TO WATCH THIS WEEK



Texans LB Jacob Martin has had

sack in three straight games.

Baker Mayfield. AP

1. Bills looking to clinch playoff bid;

Steelers want to hold on to hope: Who would've thought before the season that a Week 15 game between Buffalo and Pittsburgh would have key playoff implications? The Bills need just one win to clinch just their second postseason appearance since 1999, and Buffalo still holds hopes of a division title. The Steelers need a win to maintain their hold on a wildcard spot.

2. Sooner vs. Sooner: Two Heismanwinning quarterbacks from Oklahoma will clash for the first time when Baker Mayfield and the Cleveland Browns take on rookie Kyler Murray and the

Arizona Cardinals. The two played together for two seasons as Sooners (one of which Murray sat out after transferring from Texas A&M). Murray has had a promising first year, while Mayfield has been erratic with the Browns. But Cleveland is clinging to playoff hopes after going 4-1 its past five games.

3. Cowboys' division title hopes fading: Dallas has lost three straight and four of its past five, letting Philadelphia get back into the hunt in the NFC East. They'll face a desperate Rams team that needs a win as much as the Cowboys do to stay in the playoff race.

FANTASY FORECAST BY NEIL GREENBERG | Washington Post The fantasy football

playoffs are in full swing, and here's hoping you are playing for your league's championship trophy. If that's the case, selecting the right matchups is more important than ever. Win and you move on. Lose and you have to wait an entire year before weighing your lineup choices.

Here are favorable start/sit moves you will want to make to ensure you can still compete for bragging rights in your league.

Ronald Jones II, RB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers: He carried the ball 11 times for 36 yards and hauled in four of five targets for 23 yards in Tampa's win over the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday. He also played three fewer snaps than teammate Peyton Barber, However, this weekend's matchup against Detroit should be friendlier to the pass-catching back. The Lions have allowed a league-high eight touchdowns (and no interceptions) to opposing quarterbacks targeting their running backs this season.

Darius Slayton, WR, New York Giants: The rookie caught five of eight targets for 154 yards and two touchdowns in Monday night's loss to the Philadelphia Eagles and will next face a Miami defense that surrenders the fourth-most fantasy points per game (27.1) to receivers.



Kirk Cousins. AP file

SIT

Kirk Cousins, QB, Minnesota Vikings: In Sunday's comfortable win over the Lions, Cousins failed to throw multiple touchdowns for the first time in four games and was asked to throw just 10 passes in the second half. Perhaps it's nothing to worry about, but next he will be facing a Los Angeles Chargers defense that hasn't allowed more than 19 fantasy points to an opposing quarterback since Week 7. The Chargers have allowed a quarterback to produce an above-average rate of fantasy points just twice all

Dak Prescott, QB, Dallas Cowbovs: Prescott injured the index finger on his right hand and sprained his left hand during Dallas' loss to the Chicago Bears last week. He says he is "good to go" but you can't love his prospects against the Los Angeles Rams, whose defense features the NFL's second-best pass rush and fourth-best secondary, per the game charters at Pro Football Focus.

APPOMATTOX NOTEBOOK

Gilliam all over the field for the Raiders

By Ben Cates and Emily Brown The News & Advance

Playing in his first state championship game, wrapping up his first-ever season of varsity football, the senior couldn't be stopped.

Stuarts Draft has just tied the score at 14 when Tyler Gilliam took the ensuing kickoff 62 yards, weaving around defenders, cutting up the turf and getting blocks along the way.

He was finally brought down, but not until he was deep in Cougars territory, on the 17-yard line. Appomattox scored three plays later for a 21-14 lead, a score that jumpstarted a 28-7 second-half

"We needed a spark, and my teammates set up the blocking perfectly," Gilliam said. "I just had to find a hole and run as hard as I could."

The senior filled the stat sheet. He had a 44-yard punt return and two kick returns for a total of 77 yards, and also punted for the Raiders, totaling 137 yards on three punts (45.7 average).

Gilliam also caught a 7-yard touchdown pass from Tre Lawing with one minute left in the third quarter to give ACHS a 28-14 lead.

"It's an amazing feeling finally getting my own ring," he said. "But for this community, it's definitely big. Starting [the season] off slow and coming together and having the community behind our backs the whole way, them.'

Despite injuries, Baker still

For several weeks, Keyshawn linebacker, has been fighting in-

The Appomattox staff still isn't sure what kind of knee injury



Appomattox's Tyler Gilliam celebrates the Raiders' Class 2 state championship Saturday in Salem.

slowed up enough to get it taken and was in on tackles and had a soccer for 11 years. His job then care of. Now that the season is pair of carries. over — and he's picked up his second career state champion- the entire game, but I just prayed ship — getting to a doctor is in to God that I could still play and on the docket for the near future, he promised.

"He doesn't stop," coach Doug it's a good feeling to give back to Smith said of Baker. "He just wants to keep on giving for his team."

> Saturday, he fought through more pain.

The existing injuries contrib-Baker, a junior running back and uted, but so did an injury on the game's opening kickoff.

He had to be helped off the turf champ. by athletic trainers.

"I had a little pain throughout is the same now. fight with my brothers," Baker said, "and he allowed me to."

Foreign exchange student contributes with foot

Samuele Bianco, a junior, came to the U.S. this year as a foreign exchange student to Appomattox County High School.

In his first year with the Raiders, he's walking away a state

Bianco, the Raiders' place kick-No matter. The junior returned, er, came from Italy and picked he has. That's because he hasn't of course, to fight some more, up football after having played mage seven times.

was to kick the ball, he said, and

Bianco has been the Raiders' consistent placekicker all season, and in the win Saturday, he converted all four of his extrapoint attempts.

"I am so glad," Bianco said. "That's my family."

Defending the run

Stuarts Draft put up 253 rushing yards, using lengthy drives to try to wear down the Appomattox defense. Sometimes, the also dropped ball carriers in the make it 28-14. backfield or at the line of scrim-

Tez Booker led the way with eight tackles, JaQuan Walker added five, Jordan Scott finished with 41/2 and Cristian Ferguson

The final dagger

With 4:05 remaining and Appomattox up 35-21, Booker intercepted a pass from Draft quarterback Henry Cooke that sealed the deal. Appomattox went on to score again on its ensuing drive.

"As soon as the quarterback released the ball I broke on it and tried to get as many yards as I could," Booker said. "I knew my offense would get on the field and score once again."

From the stat sheet

Stuarts Draft had remarkable success in certain areas, while it struggled in others. For instance, the Cougars converted 6 of 8 fourth-down chances and all three scoring chances in the red zone.

But its defense also allowed Ferguson and quarterback Tre Lawing to tear up the turf. Lawing averaged nearly 9 yards per carry, while Ferguson averaged 11 yards per tote.

Quick strikes

Appomattox's run to state titles in 2015, '16 and '17 were defined by quick strikes: defensive touchdowns and short drives that changed the outcome of the game in a hurry.

That's what the Raiders did Saturday, too. The second half was one in which the lead ballooned and a young Raiders team looked like teams of old. The most telling moment: a one-play drive after the Cougars, pinned to the end zone, chose to punt. The ball went straight up in the air, Appomattox took over, and Lawing plan worked. But Appomattox hit Gilliam with a touchdown to

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LSU's Burrow wins Heisman Trophy

By Ralph D. Russo The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Born into state, Joe Burrow left his 93.8, breaking the mark set Young was fourth. roots behind and became by Troy Smith of Ohio State a Heisman Trophy winner in 2006. at LSU.

the Heisman on Saturday night in a record landslide vote, becoming the first ota in 2014. LSU player to bring college football's most presti-Rouge in 60 years.

Burrow received 2,608 in 1968. points and 841 first-place

the first-place votes avail- with 762 points. able.

Burrow was named on The quarterback won 95.5% of all ballots, breakby Oregon's Marcus Mari-

Burrow's margin of victory of 1,846 broke the record record with 48 touchdown gious award back to Baton of 1,750 set by O.J. Simpson of Southern California

Oklahoma quarterback pearance.

votes, a record 90.7% of all Jalen Hurts was second

Quarterback Justin Fields Burrow also set a record of Ohio State was third a family of Cornhuskers for percentage of points and Buckeyes teammate and raised in the Buckeye available received with and defensive end Chase

> Burrow transferred last year to LSU from Ohio State, where he was a sparingly used reserve. After ing the record of 95.2% set finishing strong for the Tigers in 2018, he broke out this season, setting a Southeastern Conference passes and leading topranked LSU to its first College Football Playoff ap-

VES runner an All-American

From staff reports

In San Diego, California, Virginia Episcopal School senior Daniel O'Brien earned All-American status for the second straight year with a career showing at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships held Saturday at Balboa Park's O'Brien Morley Field.

O'Brien concluded his high school cross country career with a seventhplace finish, which easily topped his 12th-place showing as a junior.

"It definitely feels great," he said in a phone interview after the race.

O'Brien finished with a time of 15:24.1 earned third-team honors.



"I'm really happy," he said.

O'Brien said he attacked the 5,000-meter course the same as he did last year with a conversative start and not to "go out super hard" over the first 2.000 meters.

The difference this year was his ability to keep the front pack in sight, which allowed him to attack in the race's second half.

"It was faster this year," he noted.

Josh Methner, a senior at John Hersey High School in Mount Prospect, Illinois, to claim second-team All-America hon- won in a time of 15:08.8. He finished ors. The time was 21 seconds faster eight seconds ahead of second-place than his performance last year when he Carter Solomon, a senior from Plymouth High School in Canton, Michigan.



Appomattox's Cristian Ferguson breaks free during Saturday's state championship game in Salem.

Attack

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Appomattox football season opener in August. Back then, reaching Salem again seemed, perhaps, instead of reality.

But thanks to their determination to work as a fake punt and then exone unit, with offense, defense and special teams all reverse for a 42-yard pass clicking, the Raiders (13- — that cut the Appomat-2) pulled off what looked tox lead to seven points. so improbable about four Then, the Raiders locked months ago.

that we could do it," Gil- out, coming up with an to actually capitalize and and forcing a turnover on do it, it's just crazy."

As it defeated a Stuarts the fourth quarter. Draft team that entered

Offensively, ter, set up a score. Defen- pleted the puzzle." sively, when the Cougars

guson, the senior running yard reception) each addback who collected his ed a score. third career championship Saturday, who deliv- They made good plays, and ered. He opened the scor- we just didn't play our best ing with a 46-yard run that tonight," Watkins, a senior, gave Appomattox plenty said. "We just didn't block of momentum early in the the way we wanted to, game.

line, and just green grass," Ferguson said of his touchdown run.

14-yard run that capped finished with 121 yards the scoring with 2:37 left in on 16 carries to go with 9 the game.

sophomore quarterback, the Salem Stadium turf for stepped up, too. In his first a state championship. chance to lead the Raiders to a state title, he did the let the feeling of accomjob, accounting for four plishment wash over him touchdowns.

yards first to give his team had a hard time encoma 14-7 lead in the second passing everything it took quarter, then punched it in for his team to get there. from the 5-yard line in the But the victory, he'd be fine third quarter after Gilliam's long kickoff return.

thing himself on a one- how hyped I am." play drive, ripping off an 80-yard run down the right

sideline. He also found Gilliam for a 7-yard touchdown pass on another oneplay drive.

Although Lawing's 80wasn't so sweet, though. yard run effectively sealed The Raiders dropped their the win for the Raiders, the defense stepped up, too.

Freddie Watkins took a 7-yard pass from Henry like a dream relegated only Cooke for a Stuarts Draft to the realm of imagination score in the fourth quarter — made possible after the Cougars converted on ecuted what looked like a down on the defensive "Nobody really believed side, forcing a three-andliam said, "and being able interception by Tez Booker downs for the remainder of

"Everybody had to play with just one loss on the their part. They couldn't season, ACHS, indeed, put play anybody else's part," all aspects of the game to-said junior Keyshawn Baker, who went down on multiple the game's opening kickpeople contributed for six off with an injury, but then total touchdowns. Special returned to help out espeteams play, including a big cially on the defensive side 62-yard kickoff return by of the ball. "They played Gilliam in the third quar- their part, and we com-

For Stuarts Draft, Cooke (13-2) reached into their accounted for a pair of bag of tricks to set up a touchdowns - one rushtouchdown that cut the ing and one passing—and Appomattox lead to 28-21, had 120 yards on 11-of-32 the Raiders clamped down. passing. Aaron Nice (1-First, it was Cristian Fer- vard run) and Watkins (7-

"They're a good team. catch the way we wanted "Good blocking by the to, play defense the way we wanted to, and the scoreboard showed it."

Ferguson had 117 yards The burly back added a on 11 rushes, and Lawing yards on 2-of-5 passing in Tre Lawing, the team's his first time playing on

The young quarterback as teammates and coaches Lawing ran it in from 2 rejoiced around him. He to experience that again.

"I could play another Later, Lawing did every- one," Lawing said. "That's

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AREA COLLEGE BASKETBALL

remains unbeaten with win at Vanderbilt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Myo Baxter-Bell scored 18 points and Liberty kept its unbeaten season alive with a 61-56 upset at Vanderbilt on Saturday.

The Flames (12-0) were one of five undefeated teams coming into the game. Vanderbilt fell to

Caleb Homesley scored 14 and Elijah Cuffee added 13 for Liberty.

Aaron Nesmith threw in a game-high 19 points for Vanderbilt. Saben Lee scored 16. Nesmith (22.8) and Lee (17.4) entered the game as the second-highest-scoring duo in the nation.

The second half was a backand-forth affair with the teams swapping the lead seven times. Liberty took the lead for good at 51-50 with 3:07 left on a layup by Cuffee.

Vanderbilt went cold from the field down the stretch and did not hit a field goal for 6:15 until Lee made a layup with 7 seconds left and hit a 3 at the buzzer to end the game.

Vanderbilt finished the first half on an 11-0 run. Over the last 2:56, the Commodores got 3-pointers from Dylan Disu, Lee pull away for a comfortable vicand Nesmith. Nesmith's 3 broke a 27-all tie with 15 seconds left, then Scotty Pippen Jr. threw a perfect alley-oop pass from beyond the arc to Lee at the buzzer to give Vanderbilt a 32-27 lead at the break.

It was the first time the Flames have trailed at the half this year.

St. Mary's College 89, Randolph 55

In St Mary's City, Maryland, Gary Grant scored 18 points to lead five players in double figures and the Seahawks (3-5) shot 50% in the second half to

tory over the WildCats (4-6) at O'Brien ARC Arena.

Evan Makle had 15 points and Brian Smith 14 points for RC.

Liberty 83, Hampton 59

In Hampton, Keyen Green scored 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting to lead three players in double figures, Liberty shot 68.9% in the second half, and the Flames routed Hampton.

The Flames (4-6) have won three of their past four games.

Bridgette Rettstatt scored 16 points and added five rebounds and four assists.

Emily Lytle, making her first start since Nov. 24 at James Madison, posted her second double-double in three games with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Liberty outscored Hampton 49-31 in the second half, and the Pirates shot 13 of 34 from the field over the final 20 minutes.

Lauren Vanarsdale led the Pirates (2-4) with 15 points, four rebounds, seven assists and three steals.

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felt as if he were living in a dream.

And Tyler Gilliam couldn't stop smiling as he talked about having joy through the struggle that was the 2019 season.

Yes, the lessons stuck.

"We had a lot of struggles early on this year," Gilliam said. "But having joy and coming together as one, it's definitely gonna have an impact on me for the rest of my life."

Some championships, like the ones Appomattox celebrated in 2016 and 2017, came a little easier. This one was tough.

This group wasn't projected to win even the Dogwood District, much less a state title. This group lost two of its first three games and looked like an empty shell compared to recent teams that had come before it.

But the group few people believed in accomplished big things Saturday by claiming its fourth state championship in a five-season span.

"It's a wonderful experience to come all the way from people doubting us to now we just won states," junior receiver and



The Appomattox Raiders hug after winning the state championship Saturday against Stuarts Draft.

defensive back Tez Booker said. "Because there were people who didn't even think we were gonna make the playoffs."

Sometimes it seems like no one believes in you. That's when it's so important to believe in yourself.

'We just stayed true to ourselves," said Ferguson, who rumbled for 117 rushing yards and two touchdowns Saturday night. "We didn't give up on

ourselves. We never stopped believing."

That's a hallmark trait of this program. That's why fans chanted "PO1" as the clock wound down in Salem, channeling the first great season in 2015 when Appomattox's motto was "Power $o\bar{f}\,\bar{O}ne."$ That term still means a great deal in Raider Country.

And this year's "Joy through the struggle" motto was emblematic of the offseason trials and early-season tribulations.

"Everybody on this team has been through something," Lawing said.

The sophomore quarterback accounted for four touchdowns Saturday, including a 5-yard run that broke a 14-14 tie and an 80-yard run that gave the Raiders a sudden 35-21 lead just five minutes later.

After the game, he took a moment to reflect on the turf.

"I was just thanking the Lord for giving me the potential," he said.

In the post-game huddle, Smith told his group that, trophy or no trophy, the journey was worth it.

"I'd give away every ring, every single one of 'em, for this experience with you guys tonight," he

He wanted to leave his players with something they'd remember forever.

"Faith in their creator, something bigger than themselves, and then learning what he wants us to do: love other people, serve other people, which is exactly what they're doing out here," he said.

"That line is blocking for their backs, every special team is trying to do something for either the offense or the defense." That's why Smith told his team

all year to keep believing and working.

Turns out, faith and hard work was what Appomattox needed

"If they carry that on in life with their families, their coworkers and the people around them, their friends," Smith said, "then I just think they're gonna be some terrific people."

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