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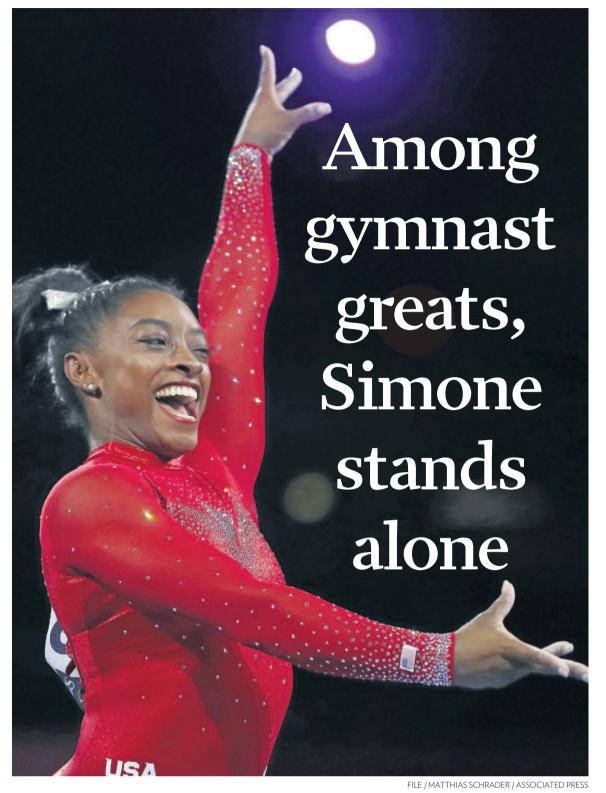
key players, but Detroit came out on top. B6

HURRICANES LOSE STEAM Miami shakes up staff prior to falling to Louisiana Tech in Independence Bowl. B2

SPORTS



AP FEMALE ATHLETE OF YEAR: SIMONE BILES



The U.S.' Simone Biles can't help but smile as she finishes her routine on the women's vault during the world championships in Germany on Oct. 12. It was one of five gold medals she won (below).

> **BY WILL GRAVES** ASSOCIATED PRESS

They're called "Simone Things," a catchall phrase for the casual ease with which Simone Biles seems to soar through her sport and her life. The irony, of course, is that there's nothing casual or easy about it. Any of it. The greatest gymnast of all time and 2019 Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year only makes it seem that way.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Fields, Lawrence to finally face off

NSIDE

GEORGIA PRODUCTS KEEPING TABS OF EACH OTHER'S PROGRESS

BY RALPH D. RUSSO AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.-Justin Fields and Trevor Lawrence went to high school about 20 miles from each other in the suburbs northwest of Atlanta.

They have worked out since middle school with the same quarterback trainer, a former Pac-12 QB and full-time firefighter who is more well-respected than well-known in the business.

Lawrence and Fields were the Nos. 1 and 1a recruits in the class of 2018, competed at the same Elite 11 camp and have been linked for most of their young lives despite never playing in the same football game.

The rivalry becomes real Saturday when Fields and No. 2 Ohio State take on Lawrence and No. 3 Clemson in the College Football SEE FIESTA BOWL, B3

PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Justin Fields (top) and Trevor Lawrence know each other quite well.

TUNE IN

SATURDAY'S CFP SEMIFINALS ON ESPN

Peach Bowl: LSU (13-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-1), 4 p.m. Fiesta Bowl: Ohio State (13-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 8 p.m.

For Sooners, success in CFP has been nil

FOR ALL ITS STORIED HISTORY, OKLAHOMA **STRUGGLES IN SERIES**

selves as the nation's best teams over the course of the long season. All three have 13–0 records. All three have sampled the top spot in either the CFP or Associated Press rankings. Then there's fourthranked Oklahoma (12–1), which had to overcome a shocking loss to Kansas State and get a lot of help just to nab the last spot in the four-team field. The Sooners are a whop-SEE PEACH BOWL, B3

have established them-

Those jaw-dropping routines that are rewriting her sport's code of points and redefining what can be done on the competition floor? Borne from a mix of natural talent, hard work and a splash of ego.

The 25 world championship medals, the most by any gymnast ever? The result of a promise the 22-year-old made to herself when she returned to competition in 2017 after taking time off following her golden run at the 2016 Olympics.

The stoicism and grace she has shown in becoming an advocate for survivors-herself included—and an agent for change in the wake of the Larry Nassar sexual abuse scandal that's shaken USA Gymnastics to its core? The byproduct of a conscious decision to embrace the immense clout she carries.

"I realize now with the platform I have it will be powerful if I speak up and speak for what I be-



FILE / MARIJAN MURAT / ASSOCIATED PRESS

RESULTS

Here is the voting for AP Female	
Athlete of the Year:	

Athlete	Points
Simone Biles	66
Megan Rapinoe	60
Mikaela Shiffrin	26
Elena Delle Donne	12
(7 athletes with single-dig	it votes)

lieve in," Biles told The Associated Press. "It's an honor to speak for those that are less fortunate. So if I can be a voice for them in a positive manner, then of course I'm going to do whatever I can."

And it's that mission-combined with her otherworldly skill and boundless charisma-that's enabled Biles to keep gymnastics in the spotlight, a rarity for a sport that typically retreats into the background once the Olympic flame goes out.

She is the first gymnast to be named AP Female Athlete of the Year twice and the first to do it in a non-Olympic year.

Biles edged U.S. women's soccer star Megan Rapinoe in a vote by AP member sports editors and AP beat writers. Skiing star Mikaela Schiffrin placed third, with WNBA MVP Elena Della Donne fourth. Biles captured the award in 2016 following a showstopping performance at the Rio de Janeiro SEE BILES, B6

BY PAUL NEWBERR ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA—No team in the College Football Playoff has claimed more national titles than Oklahoma. History, though, doesn't carry much weight in this year's field.

The Sooners are the clear outsider.

No. 1 LSU, No. 2 Ohio State and No. 3 Clemson



FILE / MARK J. TERRILL / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quinn Mittermeier (73) and the Sooners could only stare after Georgia won their 2018 CFP semifinal.



FILE / BILL FEIG / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tom Brady (12) and Drew Brees have just about done it all—except face one another in a big game.

PRO FOOTBALL

Amid hotshot passers, old men Brady, Brees roll on

BY BARRY WILNER AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Between them, Tom Brady and Drew Brees have played 38 pro football seasons, 39 if you count 2008 when the New Eng-

should be long retired and Bowl. counting the days until their induction into the terbacks should not still be of America wants to read

Pro Football Hall of Fame. slinging away—and could doing so. be doing so against each in Week 1. Both probably thing called the Super on the field. But Brady

setting NFL records. Yet this—a fourth straight Instead, they're still Brees always seems to be trip to the Super Bowl, and

And certainly 42-yearland star wrecked his knee other on Feb. 2 in a little old QBs don't even belong

has the Patriots in posi-No, 40-year-old quar- tion for-not that most his 10th overall, with six wins.

> The influx of hotshot **SEE QUARTERBACKS, B5**

SPORTS

Hawks' take flight late, leave Cyclones grounded

BY DEVIN PAYNE

CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

With just one player returning from last season, the Eastern View boys basketball team has been a chaotic mix of good and bad so far this winter.

The Cyclones got off to an 0–2 start while showing flashes of equal parts promise and growing pains against Orange and Massaponax, who are a combined 13-2.

Eastern View rebounded from its tough start to pick up a win over crosstown rival Culpeper just before the holiday break—a result the Cyclones hoped would generate some positive momentum heading into their annual Cyclone Classic holiday tournament.

However, Eastern View's performance against Hanover in Thursday's opening round of that tournament served only as a microcosm of its campaign to this point: an up-and-down, hot-andcold performance that ultimately resulted in a 79–71 loss.

"We have so many underclassmen playing key roles for us," said Cyclones head coach Patrick Thornhill, who played only period, Hanover went on one senior in the game. a 21-3 run to take a com-"They're working on being manding 63–52 advantage more consistent at both by the end of the stanza. ends of the floor, but that Jack Belcastro sank a pair

BOYS BASKETBALL

CYCLONE CLASSIC HANOVER EASTERN VIEW

only comes with hard work and experience."

79

71

Eastern View (1-3) looked nothing like a team that played only one senior during a first half where it put three players in double figures to take a 42-37 lead into the locker room. Junior Bryan Maxie scored 11 points, while sophomores Raq Lawson and Corey Long each added 10.

Long, who stands 6-foot-5, took charge in the paint to tally eight of his points in the second quarter, helping the Cyclones erase a 20-17 firstperiod deficit.

"He's gradually improving, and with that comes more confidence," Thornhill said of Long. "He showed his promise at times, especially in the [second quarter]."

Unfortunately for East- $\operatorname{ern}\operatorname{View}(1-3)$, the visiting Hawks (4–1) gained some confidence of their own in the third quarter.

Trailing 48–42 with five minutes left in the

STEPHANIE OLINGER / CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

Eastern View's Bryan Maxie drives to the basket against Hanover. Maxie had a game-high 20 points.

of 3-pointers and scored 10 points during the stretch, while Charles Rohr and Trevor Brooks contributed five points apiece.

'One of the strengths of our team is that we have six or seven guys who can flat-out shoot the basketball," Hawks head coach Darren Thornton said. "We preach sharing the ball above everything else, because wherever the ball lands, we have a shooter."

Belcastro and Rohr went on to finish the night with 19 points each. Teammate Michael Hustead complemented the duo with a very solid line of 13 points, seven rebounds, six assists and six steals.

The Cyclones were able to pull within 74–71 on sophomore Taharka Siaca Bey's three-point play with 1:32 remaining in the contest. However, a pair of turnovers—they had 27 in the game—prevented them from drawing any closer down the stretch.

Maxie paced Eastern View with a game-high 20 points, while Lawson and Long ended up with 14 apiece and Siaca Bey added 11.

The Cyclones will play Liberty in Friday's 3 p.m. consolation game, while Hanover will face Massaponax in the title game at 7. Massaponax defeated Liberty 66–48 in the afternoon's other semifinal matchup.

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0, Zechariah Christiansen 2, Grant Belcher 0, Cameron Mays 0, Stephen

Castle 2, Totals: 28 15-22 79. Eastern View (1-3): Rag Lawson 14, D'Aze Hunter 5, Corey Long 14, Bry-an Maxie 20, Meme Melvin 0, Rickey Butler 3, Raymond Siaca Bey 0, James Suter 4, Taharka Siaca Bey 11. Totals: 25 14-21 71.

3-pointers: Hanover 8 (Rohr 3, Belcastro 2, Elmore 2, Santos). Eastern View 7 (Lawson 2, Maxie 2, T. Siaca Bey 2, Hunter).



HENRIETTA WILDSMITH / SHREVEPORT TIMES VIA AP

Louisiana Tech's J'Mar Smith (8) celebrates following a successful run against Miami during Thursday's Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Dogs win Independence Bowl, hand 'Canes another lost season

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHREVEPORT, La.-J'Mar Smith threw a touchdown pass and had a late scoring run to help Louisiana Tech beat Miami 14–0 on Thursday night in the only shutout in the Independence Bowl's 44-game history.

Louisiana Tech (10-3)hit double-digit victories for the first time since 1984 and ran its postseason winning streak to six. Miami(6-7) completed its second losing season in 12 vears. Smith connected with

Israel Tucker on a 26-yard touchdown strike on a screen pass in the second quarter, capping a 13-play, 91-yard drive. Smith added an 8-yard scoring run with 1:15 left.

selected the Most Out- record of nine.

COLLEGE BOWL GAME CAPSULES

MILITARY BOWL: North Carolina (6-6) vs. Temple (8-4) When: Friday, noon

TV: ESPN Line: North Carolina by by 4 1/2 Series record: First meeting What's at stake: North Carolina



AL DIAZ / MIAMI HERALD VIA MCT Miami quarterback Jarren Williams (15) gets sacked by Louisiana **Tech's Milton Williams** early in the first half.

standing Offensive Player after rushing for 95 yards on 22 carries. Smith completed 13 of 28 passes for 163 yards with one interception.

The teams set the game Bulldogs running back record for punts at 18, with Justin Henderson was both tying the single-club

> He has emerged as one of the program's top NFL prospects. Wake Forest DE Boogie Basham has 10 sacks, three forced fumbles and became the first Wake Forest defensive end since 2002 to be named a first-team, All-ACC selection.

THE TAKEAWAY

Louisiana Tech: The season will forever be tainted by "what if" for the Bulldogs. Following a season-opening loss at Texas, Louisiana Tech rattled off eight straight wins before Smith was suspended two games for violating an undisclosed program policy. The Bulldogs lost those two games and won the finale when Smith returned. What if Louisiana Tech would have run the table? Could it have challenged Memphis for the Group of 5 slot in the CFP's New Year's Six?

Miami: This week, Hurricanes coach Manny Diaz said the "plan" wasn't to play three quarterbacks. Sure enough, Miami played three QBs-Jarren Williams, Tate Martell, N'Kosi Perry-and found no success.

return next season, a move that was unpopular with fans. Key matchup: USC's passing game, led by freshman QB Kedon Slovis and junior WR Michael Pittman, against Iowa's defense. Slovis has thrown for 3,242 yards and 28 touchdowns, against

HIGH SCHOOLS

Hanover 20 17 26 16 - 79 Eastern View 17 25 12 17 - 71 Hanover (4-1): Trevor Brooks 8, Charles Rohr 19, Braniel Santos 9, Jack Belcastro 19, Michael Hustead 13, Joshua Elmore 6, Ethan Samardge

Cyclones hold off Falcons at end

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Eastern View girls basketball team trailed Fauquier entering the third quarter of their firstday game of the Cyclone Classic, but the Cyclones LOUISA 64, were able to rally while holding the Falcons to just 16 second-half points to pick up a 43–36 victory on Thursday afternoon.

Eastern View got a balanced scoring attack, led by Anya Lawson who scored 10 points and Sarah Hatfield who had eight. Destiny Washington added seven and Gianna Gilmore contributed six points in the victory.

The Cyclones will face Louisa, which dominated Mountain View 64–40 in the day's other semifinal contest, for the tournament title at 5 tomorrow.

8 12 8 8 - 36 8 11 10 14 - 43 Fauguier Eastern View Fauquier (3-5): Emma Carter 0, Payton Swart 6, Tiana Minor 12, Skyler Furr 9, McMurphy 0, Makayla Foddrell 4, Sellers 0, Gilmore 0, Skye Corum 5. Totals: 14 6-13 36.

Eastern View (4-1): MaKayla Mc-Combs 4, Terese Green 0, Anya Law-son 10, Trinity Washington 3, Sarah Hatfield 8, McKenna Warren 0, Gianna Gilmore 6, Cherish Strother 0, Destiny

LIVERPOOL ROUTS

LEICESTER, England–When

Liverpool lifts the Premier

League trophy in May-bar-

the end of a three-decade title

drought will owe so much to

ring a monumental collapse-

Trent Alexander-Arnold.

LEICESTER

Washington 7, Christa Brown 0, Khloe Bowles 0, Montana Hoffman 5. Totals: **BOYS BASKETBALL** 16 10-21 43.

3-pointers: Fauquier 2 (Minor, Furr). Eastern View 1 (Hoffman).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MOUNTAIN VIEW 40

Led by 22 points from Alexis Miller, the Louisa Lions took down the Mountain View Wildcats in the Eastern View Christmas Tournament. Miller hit four 3-pointers to lead the scoring.

The Lions got points from 10 different players while Olivia McGhee contributed 13 points.

Emma Stalteri led Mountain View with 12 points. The Wilcats play Orange tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Mountain View11 16 8 5 Louisa 19 24 12 9 - 40 - 64 Mountain View (3-5): Emma Stalteri 12, Caroline Pollock 6, Jasmine Alex-ander 9, Tiara Bigelow, 5, Zarai Marbra L, Taleah Gaither 7. Totals: 11 13-24 40. Louisa (5-2): Olivia McGhee 13, Lydia Wilson 4, Emion Byers 8, Eliza-beth Rosson 2, Shakiya Jones 2, Alexis Chapman 8, Julia Smith 2, Alexis Miller 22, Anna Filipkowski 2, Kyla Banks 1.

Totals: 23 13-20 64. **3-pointers:** Mountain View 5 (Alexander 3, Stalteri, (Miller 4, McGhee). Stalteri, Bigelow). Louisa 5

No game more so than the

complete all-round perfor-

mance from the right back

that tore apart the closest

challenger on Thursday night.

three goals, Alexander-Ar-

nold netted himself to add

After a key role in the first

soccer note

MASSAPONAX 66. LIBERTY 48

Dorion Staples scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half and Akese Claiborne had a strong third quarter to kick-start the Panthers after a sluggish first half in the opening game of the Cyclone Classic at Eastern View High School.

Claiborne was the game's high-scorer with 19 points. He also contributed seven rebounds, three assists, three steals and three blocks.

Massaponax will take on Hanover in the championship game Saturday at 7 p.m.

Massaponax 12 8 26 20 - 66 Liberty 6 12 18 12 - 48 Massaponax (6-1): Alphonzo Williams 12, Tyheem Kimble 2, Noryen Lasley 4, Dorion Staples 18, Carlton Jacobs 0, Akese Claiborne 19, Mike Swain 5, Lanxton Athy 6, Kaiden Rosenbaum 0, Trevor Bennett 0. Totals: 24 14-16 66.

Liberty (5-4): A. J. Johnson 5, Hunter Humpkins 45, Derrick Rooks 14, Brian Barnes 4, Brian Ryman 0, Tre White 6, Dakota Hodgson 2, Chris Richard 2, Neimiah Raskin 2, Dakota Lindsey 5. Totals: 18 7-17 48. 3-pointers: Massaponax 2 (Clai-

borne, Swain). Liberty 1 (Lindsev).

the final flourish in a 4-0victory over Leicester that sent Liverpool 13 points clear. Roberto Firmino netted the winner against Flamengo in Qatar and the forward completed two crosses from Alexander-Arnold at King Power Stadium

-The Associated Press

seeks to complete a winning season with its first bowl victory since 2013. Temple is making its fifth straight bowl appearance after losing three of the previous four.

Key matchup: Temple defense against North Carolina guarterback Sam Howell. The Owls allowed only 212.5 yards passing per game and had 39 sacks. Mitchell threw for 3,347 yards and 35 touchdowns, most by a true freshman in FBS history. Players to watch: North Carolina LB Chazz Surratt, who played QB last year, had 110 tackles, six sacks, an interception, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Temple DE Quincy Roche, the AAC defensive player of the year, had 13 sacks—including 10 over the final four games. Roche ranked second in the FBS with 63 quarterback pressures.

PINSTRIPE BOWL: Michigan State (6–6) vs. Wake Forest (8-4)

When: Friday, 3:30 p.m. TV: ESPN

Line: Michigan State by 3 1/2 Series record: First meeting What's at stake: Wake Forest is one of nine schools to win a bowl game in each of the past three seasons and needs one more win to become just the third team in school history to finish with nine or more victories. Michigan State's offense has been wildly inconsistent this season and the Spartans still just enough to make a bowl game for the 12th time in 13 seasons. They'd like to cap it with a win.

Key matchup: Wake's QB vs. handful of injuries. The Spartans allowed 30-plus points four times this season

TEXAS BOWL: Oklahoma State (8–4) vs. Texas A&M (7-5)

When: Saturday, 6:45 p.m. TV: ESPN

Line: Texas A&M by 6 1/2. Series record: Texas A&M leads 17-10.

What's at stake: The Cowboys look to win their fourth straight bowl game after winning four of their last five games this season to reach a bowl for the 14th straight year. The Aggies are in their 11th straight bowl game and a win would be the 100th of coach Jimbo Fisher's career. Key matchup: Oklahoma State RB Chuba Hubbard vs. Texas A&M's defensive front. The Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year and first-team All-America honoree has 10 straight 100-vard rushing games, leads the nation with 1,936 yards rushing, and his 21 rushing TDs are tied for third in the country. The Aggies have been good against the run this season and rank 30th in the nation, allowing 129.1 yards rushing a game.

Players to watch: Oklahoma State S Kolby Harvell-Peel has 71 tackles, 13 passes defended, five interceptions, two forced fumbles and a sack. Texas A&M QB Kellen Mond has thrown for 2,802 yards with 19 touchdowns and nine interceptions. Mond is also a threat to run and has 384 yards rushing with seven scores.

HOLIDAY BOWL: No. 22 USC (8-4) vs. No. 18 Iowa (9-3)

When: Friday, 8 p.m. **TV:** FS1

Line: Iowa by 2 1/2

Series record: USC leads 7-2 What's at stake: The Hawkeyes will be playing for the memory of former coach Hayden Fry, who died on Dec. 17 at age 90, and for a 10-win season. Fry coached at Iowa for 20 seasons, taking the Hawkeyes to the Holiday Bowl three times. USC plays for the first time since new athletic director Mike Bohn announced that coach Clay Helton would

including 10 starts. Pittman has 95 catches for 1,222 yards and 11 touchdowns. Iowa ranks sixth nationally in scoring defense (13.2 points), 12th in total defense (304.3 yards) and 12th in passing defense (184.2 yards).

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Players to watch: USC' Slovis, who took over after JT Daniels suffered a season-ending knee injury in the opener, is coming off a school-record 515 yards as well as four touchdown passes in a 52-35 victory over UCLA. Iowa senior QB Nate Stanley (26-12 overall) will become the fifth player in program history to start three bowl games, and he is looking for his third straight postseason win.

CHEEZ-IT BOWL: No. 24 Air Force (10-2)

vs. Washington State (6–6)

When: Friday, 10:15 p.m. TV: ESPN

Line: Air Force by 2 1/2 Series record: First meeting What's at stake: Air Force is looking to finish with 11 victories in a season for the first time since going 12-1 in 1998. Washington State is hoping to close strong in a season that fizzled midway through with a string of five losses in six games. Kev matchup: Air Force's defense vs. Washington State QB Anthony Gordon. A senior, Gordon made the most of his lone season as the Cougars' starter, leading the nation with a Pac-12-record 5,228 vards passing and 45 TDs. The Falcons were decent against the pass this season, finishing 39th in the FBS but have faced nothing like what Washington State does.

Players to watch: Air Force's duel-threat QB Donald Hammond III leads the Falcons with 11 rushing TDs and has thrownfor 1,286 yards and 13 TDs this season. Washington State WR Easop Winston Jr. is the most dangerous of the Cougars' deep receiving corp. The senior led Washington State with 11 TDs and had 80 catches for 927 vards.

-The Associated Press

Michigan State's pass defense. The Demon Deacons are 12th in the nation in total offense, but guarterback Jamie Newman (244.8 yards per game, 23 TDs, 10 interceptions) is battling a

Players to watch: Michigan State DT Raequan Williams, a first-team, All-Big Ten selection the past two seasons, is set to start his 42nd consecutive game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FIESTA BOWL

FROM B1

Playoff semifinal at the Fiesta Bowl. It could be the start of something big.

"This is the future of the NFL playing in this game," said Ohio State defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley, who spent seven years as an NFL assistant. "For the next 10 years you have, God willing they both stay healthy, you have these two guys leading the way."

Fields, who went to Harrison High School in Kennesaw, Georgia, and Lawrence, who attended Cartersville High School, are more friendly than close friends.

"It's funny we have to come across the country to finally play each other," Lawrence said Thursday at Fiesta Bowl media day.

The first connection between Fields and Lawrence is Ron Veal, who played quarterback at Arizona in the late 1980s and now lives in the Atlanta area.

Veal started working with young quarterbacks in 2002. The personal OB business has boomed since then and created some superstar coaches who attract and seek out players with blue-chip potential. That's not Veal. He is now part of a group of trainers called the Quarterback Collective and he trains up-and-coming of always had a chip on my passers of all kinds as a shoulder." side gig to firefighting.

"Some other quarterback coaches, they brand themselves better." Field said. "He doesn't really care about all the glamour. guys that he trains have success."

That seems to be a perfect match for two prodigies whose priorities were spotlight.

grade and Lawrence when to become a leader.

their sessions were oneon-one with Veal, but at least once Lawrence came to Fields' high school for a joint session before both went off to college. It was not particularly eventful for either quarterback. Instead of sizing up each other, they were more interested in going about the business of getting better.

he was in seventh. Mostly,

"They work like nobody's business," Veal said. "They wanted to be different."

Lawrence was the more advanced of the two heading into high school. Veal attributed that to Fields spending a lot of time playing youth baseball.

Lawrence was a fourvear starter at Cartersville. a 3A high school. Clemson quarterback coach Brandon Streeter got his first look at Lawrence after the quarterback's freshman season and could hardly believe what he saw. "No flaws that I could see," Streeter said.

While Lawrence drew interest from Clemson. Fields' first offers came from North Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest. Fields said going to camps with players like Lawrence motivated him to want more.

"He has an offer. How come I don't have an offer? I think we're the same in talent," Fields said. "I kind

Fields broke out his junior season at Harrison, a 6A high school in Georgia's second-largest classification.

By the summer head-He just wants to see the ing into their senior seasons, Lawrence and Fields had become the top two quarterback recruits in the country. They were selected for Elite 11, a camp self-improvement, not the where top prospects train and compete on the field, Veal began working with spend time in the film Fields when he was in sixth room and are taught how

TEAMS' CFP HISTORIES



FILE / DAVID GOLDMAN / AP

The trophy will be presented at the end of Jan. 13's title game.

The 2019 CFP participants' histories in CFP semifinals and finals since the format was upgraded to four teams beginning with the 2015 season (schools' overall bowl record in parentheses):

CLEMSON (24-20): Jan. 7, 2019 CFP final-Clemson 44, Alabama 16 Dec. 29, 2018 Cotton Bowl (CFC SF)—Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3 Jan. 1, 2018 Sugar Bowl (CFC SF)—Alabama 24, Clemson 6 Jan. 9, 2017 CFP final-Clemson 35, Alabama 31 Dec. 31, 2016 Fiesta Bow (CFC SF)-Clemson 31, Ohio St. 0 Jan. 11, 2016 CFP final-Alabama 45, Clemson 40 Dec. 31, 2015 Orange Bowl (CFC SF)-Clemson 37, Oklahoma 17

LSU (26-23-1): No CFP games played

OHIO STATE (25-25) Dec. 31, 2016 Fiesta Bow

(CFC SF)—Clemson 31, Ohio St. 0 Jan. 12, 2015 CFP final-Ohio St. 42, Oregon 20 Jan. 1, 2015 Sugar Bowl (CFC SF)-Ohio St. 42, Alabama 35

OKLAHOMA (29-22-1): Dec. 30, 2018 Orange Bowl (CFC SF)-Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34 Jan. 1, 2018 Rose Bowl (CFC SF)—Georgia 54, Oklahoma 48, 20T Dec. 31, 2015 Orange Bowl (CFC SF)—Clemson 37, Oklahoma 17

PEACH BOWL

FROM B1

ping 13 1/2-point underdog heading into their Peach Bowl semifinal against LSU on Saturday, one of the widest betting lines in CFP history.

And, yes, that stings a bit. "It's crazy, man, how they're dogging and looking over us like this," cornerback Parnell Motley said Thursday. "It is so disrespectful, like we're not

a national contender team."

That's certainly not the case.

Oklahoma is the school of Wilkinson and Switzer. of Sims and Selmon, of Mavfield and Murravone of the most storied programs in college football history.

While the Sooners do have the longest national championship drought of the four teams—their last consensus title came during the 2000 season-they have finished No. 1 in the AP poll seven times, a tally topped only by Alabama (11) and Notre Dame (8).

In recent years, Oklahoma has maintained its place among the nation's elite programs. This will be the third straight year (and fourth time in the playoff's six-year history) the Sooners have earned an invitation.

Of course, they have yet to clear the next big hurdle: winning a semifinal.

In 2015, the Sooners were blown out by Clemson 37–17 in the Orange Bowl. Two seasons ago, there was a heartbreaking 54-48 overtime loss to Georgia in the Rose Bowl. A year ago, Alabama built a four-touchdown lead by early in the second quarter on the way to a 45–34 triumph in the Orange Bowl.

Those postseason flops are another reason to dismiss the Sooners as noth-"They kind of just forget into place.

us," Motley said. "It's going to inspire us. We're going to sit in this corner over here and just work on ourselves and do our job. Y'all don't need to worry about us. Just know," he added, pausing to parse his words, "well, I don't want to talk too much, but we're coming." At least the Sooners have

some playoff experience.

This is the first time LSU has made the field.

"These college football [playoff] games have a little bit different vibe around them, a lot more hype, a lot more buildup," said Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley, looking for any edge he can get. "It doesn't make the difference by itself, but it's certainly an advantage for us, and we've got to handle it like it is."

Then again, the Tigers have Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow and perhaps the most impressive win of any team this season, going into Tuscaloosa to knock off Alabama 46-41-a game that signaled a shift of power in the mighty Southeastern Conference and helped keep the Crimson Tide out of the playoff for the first time.

After that kind of performance, not to mention victories over No. 5 Georgia, No. 6 Florida and No. 9 Auburn, it's hard to envision LSU being intimidated by anything it will face in the postseason.

LSU coach Ed Orgeron is embracing his team's status as a playoff rookie.

"If you ain't been there before, you're excited," he said.

Oklahoma's season was on the brink after that 48-41 loss at Kansas State in late October.

The Sooners bounced back to win their last five games, though it was tenuous all the way. Even then, Oklahoma still needed some help to get into the ing more than an interloper. playoff. But everything fell

college note LSU'S TOP RUSHER **STILL MENDING**

Helaire was a no-show at both the Peach Bowl media day and the team's practice on Thursday, more signs that No. 1 LSU's leading rusher could miss the playoff semifinal because of his hamstring injury.

Edwards-Helaire leads the undefeated Tigers (13-0) with 1,290 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns. He was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference pick.

Freshmen Tyrion Davis-Price and John Emery Jr. are the leading candidates to fill in at running back

HUSKIES' EASON WILL TURN PRO

SEATTLE-Washington quarterback Jacob Eason announced Thursday he will skip his final year of college and enter the NFL draft.

Eason started 13 games for Washington, throwing for 3,132 yards and 23 touchdowns and compleing 64.2 percent of his passes. His decision caps weeks of debate about his future.

He chose to play in Washington's bowl game victory over Boise State rather than skip for the draft.

-The Associated Press

MIAMI. ENOS SAID TO BE PARTING WAYS

SHREVEPORT. La.-The Dan Enos era in Miami will last just one season, according to a report. Enos, the Hurricanes' offensive coordinator, and the team are expected to part ways following Thursday's Independence Bowl.

Enos came over to Miami after being Alabama's quarterbacks coach last season. Under his direction, the Hurricanes' offense finished the regular season last out of 130 Football Bowl Subdivision teams in offensive thirddown success rate and gave up the fourth-most sacks. The Hurricanes also were No. 120 in both rushing offense and red-zone offense.

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SCOREBOARD

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FOOTBALL

2019-20 BOWL GLANCE Tuesdav, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl (Honolulu) Hawaii 38, BYU 34

Thursday, Dec. 26 Independence Bowl (Shreveport, La.) Louisiana Tech 14, Miami 0 Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit) Pittsburgh vs. Eastern Michigan, late Friday, Dec. 27

Military Bowl (Annapolis, Md.) North Carolina (6-6) vs. Temple (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Pinstripe Bowl (New York) Wake Forest (8-4) vs. Michigan State (6-6), 3:20 p.m. (ESPN)

Texas Bowl (Houston) Oklahoma State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl (San Diego) Iowa (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-4), 8 p.m. (FS1)

Cheez-It Bowl (Phoenix) Air Force (10-2) vs. Washington State (6-6), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28 Camping World Bowl (Orlando, Fla.) Notre Dame (10-2) vs. Iowa State (7 5), Noon (ABC) Cotton Bowl Classic (Arlington, Texas) Penn State (10-2) vs. Memphis (12-1), Noon (ESPN)

Peach Bowl (Atlanta) CFP Semifinal, LSU (13-0) vs. Okla-homa (12-1), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl (Glendale, Ariz.) CFP Semifinal, Ohio State (13-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30 SERVPRO First Responder Bowl (Dallas) Western Kentucky (8-4) vs. Western Michigan (7-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl (Nashville, Tenn.) Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Louisville (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN) Redbox Bowl (Santa Clara, Calif.)

Illinois (6-6) vs. California (7-5), 4 p.m. (FOX)

Orange Bowl (Miami Gardens, Fla.) Florida (10-2) vs. Virginia (9-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31 Belk Bowl (Charlotte, N.C.) Kentucky (7-5) vs. Virginia Tech (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Sun Bowl (El Paso, Texas) Florida State (6-6) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 2 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl (Memphis, Tenn.) Kansas State (8-4) vs. Navy (10-2)

3:45 p.m. (ESPN) Arizona Bowl (Tucson, Ariz.) Wyoming (7-5) vs. Georgia State (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (CBSSN)

Alamo Bowl (San Antonio) Texas (7-5) vs. Utah (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 1 **Citrus Bowl (Orlando, Fla.)** Michigan (9-3) vs. Alabama (10-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Outback Bowl (Tampa, Fla.) Minnesota (10-2) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Rose Bowl (Pasadena, Calif.) Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl (New Orleans) Georgia (11-2) vs. Baylor (11-2), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

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-	San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m. END OF REGULAR SEASON										
	NFL CALENDAR										
•	Jan. 4-5 — Wild-card playoffs. Jan. 11-12 — Divisional playoffs. Jan. 19 — AFC. NFC champion	shin									

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Wednesday's Games No games scheduled

Thursday's Games No games scheduled

Friday's Games Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m. Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m. Pittsburgh at Nashville, 8 p.m. St. Louis at Winnipeg, 8 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, 8:30 p.m Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m. Vegas at Anaheim, 10 p.m. Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m. Colorado at Dallas, 7 p.m. Detroit at Florida, 7 p.m. Nashville at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 7 p.m. Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Arizona at Vegas, 10 p.m. Philadelphia at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games Winnipeg at St. Louis, 3 p.m. Chicago at Columbus, 5 p.m. New Jersey at Ottawa, 5 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Minnesota, 6 p.m. Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m. Montreal at Florida, 7 p.m. Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Dallas at Arizona, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Anaheim, 8:30 p.m. Vancouver at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

NHL SCORING LEADERS

Through Dec. 26												
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Connor McDavid, EDM	40	21	41	6								
Leon Draisaitl, EDM	40	22	39	6								
Nathan MacKinnon, COL	37	21	34	5								
Brad Marchand, BOS	38	19	35	5								
David Pastrnak, BOS	38	28	26	5								
Jack Eichel, BUF	37	24	27	5								
John Carlson, WSH	38	13	35	4								
Jonathan Huberdeau, FLA	36	14	34	4								
Patrick Kane, CHI	38	20	26	4								

CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 27 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL James Monroe Holiday Tournament Brooke Point vs. Colgan, J; Courtland vs. Gar-Field, 3; King George vs. Riv-erbend, 5; Mountain View vs. James Monroe, 7.

Other Colonial Forge at Wakefield Tourna-ment; Massaponax, Liberty at Cyclone Classic (at Eastern View H.S.); Stafford at Western Albemarle (Tournament); North Stafford at Martinsburg Tourna-ment; Carmel vs. St. Anne's-Belfield, 5 (Tournament at Benedictine-Sheppard St.) Louisa vs. Richmond Christian 5:30

(at Lafayette Invitational). HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL Caroline, Chancellor, Colonial Forge at Ronald Curry/Boo Williams Christmas Tournament: Stafford at Oakton Tournament; Mountain View, Lousia at Cvclone Classic (at Eastern View H.S.); Massaponax, Riverbend at Thomas Dale Tournament; Brooke Point vs. Charlottesville (Tournament at Monticello H.S.); North Stafford vs. Colonial Heights, 2:30 (at Lee-Davis Tournament).

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER TRACK Massaponax at Marine Corps Holiday Classic (at The Armory, NYC). HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

King George, Massaponax, Brooke Point at Woodbridge Invitational; Orange at William Byrd Invitational.

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Signed F Johnathan Williams.

NBA G League COLLEGE PARK SKYHAWKS — An-nounced G Brandon Goodwin was transferrer to Atlanta (NBA).

FOOTBALL National Football League TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed WR Ishmael Hyman and TE Jordan Leggett to the practice squad. TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed LB Nigel Harris to the practice squad. Removed LB Josh Smith from the practice squad. HOCKEY

American Hockey League GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed G Kevin Poulin to a professional tryout. HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled F Shawn McBride from Norfolk (ECHL).

COLLEGE PENN STATE — Named Kirk Ciarrocca offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

WASHINGTON — Junior QB Jacob Eason announced he will enter the NFL draft.

GOLF

2020 PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE Jan. 16-18 — Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Hualalai GC, Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii Jan. 30-Feb. 1 — Morocco Champions, Samanah GC, Marrakech, Morocco Feb. 14-16 — Chubb Classic, The Classics CC at Lely Resort, Naples, Fla. Feb. 28-March 1 — Cologuard Classic, Omni Tucson National (Catalina Course), Tucson, Ariz. March 6-8 — Hoag Classic, Newport Beach CC, Newport Beach, Calif. March 27-29 — Rapiscan System Clas-sic, Fallen Oak, Biloxi, Miss.

2020 LPGA TOUR SCHEDULE

roundup CHICAGO, ENCARNACIÓN AGREE TO DEAL



FIEL / SETH WENIG / ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO-The Chicago White Sox have agreed to a \$12 million, one-year contract with veteran slugger Edwin Encarnación, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Wednesday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been announced.

Encarnación is due \$11 million in salary next season and a \$1 million signing bonus, with the White Sox holding an option for the 2021 season.

Encarnación hit 34 home runs in 109 games for Seattle and the Yankees last season. The three-time All-Star led the American League with 21 homers when the Mariners dealt him to New York in June. But the Yankees declined an option for next season after he was limited by oblique problems down the stretch.

TN MAN HELD W/O **BOND IN STABBING**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-A Tennessee man was being held without bond Thursday in the stabbing deaths outside a Nashville bar of two men, including a Long Island University quarterback whose brother is a quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers.

Michael Mosley, 23, was charged with two counts of criminal homicide and one count of attempted criminal homicide in the deaths of Clavton Beathard, 22, and Paul Trapeni III, 21, and the wounding of a third man in an altercation that took place shortly before 3 a.m. Saturday, according to Nashville police.

CANADA BEATS US 6-4 IN WORLD JR. **HOCKEY OPENER**

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic-Arizona Coyotes forward Barrett Hayton scored twice to help Canada beat the United States 6-4 on Thursday night in their Group B opener at the world junior hockey championship. Alexis Lafreniere gave Can-

ada a 5-4 lead with 3:11 left. "We just tried to keep it simple and get pucks to the net," said Lafreniere, , the projected No. 1 pick in the NHL draft. "I think that worked out pretty good. Our power

WNBA. PLAYERS' **UNION SAY LABOR** AGREEMENT'S CLOSE

NEW YORK-The WNBA and the players' union an-nounced Thursday that they have agreed to extend their labor agreement for two weeks as they continue to negotiate a new one.

The current collective bargaining agreement was reached in 2014. In October, the two sides extended the deadline to Dec 31.

"We are making substantial progress toward a new collective bargaining agreement which we expect to finalize soon," the WNBA and players' union said in a joint statement Thursday.

PENN STATE HIRES OC KIRK CIARROCCA

ARLINGTON, Texas-Penn State has hired Kirk Ciarrocca as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, after he held the same role for Big Ten foe Minnesota for the past three seasons.

Ciarrocca replaces Ricky Rahne, who was named the head coach at OId Dominion earlier this month. Penn State head coach James Franklin, whose team plays Memphis in the Cotton Bowl on Saturday, made the announcement on Thursday.

Minnesota enjoyed a breakout season behind Ciarrocca's play was good. We've got to play calling and the developent of quarterback Tanner Morgan.

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Friday, Jan. 3 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise) Ohio (6-6) vs. Nevada (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Central Milwaukee Indiana Chicago Detroit	WLPct275.8442110.6771220.3751220.375			
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Monday, Jan. 13 College Football Championship (New Orleans) Fiesta Bowl winner vs. Peach Bowl winner, 8 p.m. (ESPN)	Denver Utah Oklahoma City Portland Minnesota Pacific	W L PCC 21 9 .700 18 12 .600 15 15 .500 14 17 .452 10 19 .345 W L Pct			
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SEMIFINALS—Saturday's Games North Dakota St. 42, Montana St. 14 James Madison 30, Weber St. 14

CHAMPIONSHIP—Saturday, Jan. 11

At Toyota Stadium (Frisco, Texas) North Dakota St. (15-0) vs. James Madison (14-1), Noon

BOXING

FIGHT SCHEDULE Dec. 28

At Marseille, France, Arsen Goulamirian vs. Constantin Bejenaru, 12 for Goulamirian's WBA Super World cruiserweight title.

At State Farm Arena, Atlanta (SHO), Gervonta Davis vs. Yuriorkis Gamboa, 12, for the vacant WBA World light-weight title; Jean Pascal vs. Badou Jack, 12, for Pascal's WBA World light heavyweight title; Angelo Leo vs. Cesar Juarez, 12, super bantamweights; Jose Uzcategui vs. Lionell Thompson, 10, super middleweights; Petros Ananyan vs. Juan Heraldez, 10, super light-weights; Malik Hawkins vs. Darwin Price, 10, super lightweights; Ahmed Elbiali vs. Brian Vera, 10, light heavyweights.

Dec. 31

At Tokyo, Kazuto loka vs. Jeyvier Cintron, 12, for loka's WBO super flyweight title; Kosei Tanaka vs. Wulan Tuolehazi, 12, for Tanaka's WBO flyweight title.

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Jan. 10

At Ocean Resort Casino, Atlantic City, N.J. (SHO), Shohjahon Ergashev vs. Keith Hunter, 10, super lightweights.

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Jan. 19 – AFC, NFC championship

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Jan. 26 — Pro Bowl.

Wednesday's Games Boston 118, Toronto 102 Philadelphia 121, Milwaukee 109 Golden State 116, Houston 104 L.A. Clippers 111, L.A. Lakers 106 New Orleans 112, Denver 100

Thursday's Games Detroit 132, Washington 102 New York 94, Brooklyn 82 Memphis 110, Oklahoma City 97 Dallas 102, San Antonio 98 Minnesota at Sacramento, late Portland at Utah, late

Friday's Games Cleveland at Boston, 4 p.m. Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m. Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Indiana at Miami, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games Memphis at Denver, 5 p.m. Indiana at New Orleans, 7 p.m Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m. Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m. Brooklyn at Houston, 8 p.m. Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m. New York at Washington, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Miami, 8 p.m. Dallas at Golden State, 8:30 p.m. Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m. Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m. Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sundav's Games

Oklahoma City at Toronto, 6 p.m. Charlotte at Memphis, 8 p.m. Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Denver, 8 p.m. Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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 Mark Scheifele, WPG **COLLEGE HOOPS MEN'S BASKETBALL** Friday's Games No games scheduled Saturday's Games No. 3 Louisville at No. 19 Kentucky, 3:45 p.m. No. 4 Duke vs. Brown, 11:30 a.m. No. 9 Memphis vs. New Orleans, 1:30 p.m. No. 12 Butler vs. Louisiana-Monroe 4 p.m. No. 15 San Diego State vs. Cal Poly, 7 p.m. No. 17 Florida State vs. North Alabama, 2 p.m. Sunday's Games No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 22 West Virginia, Noon No. 5 Kansas at Stanford, 3 p.m. No. 6 Oregon vs. Alabama State, 4 p.m. No. 8 Auburn vs. Lipscomb, 4 p.m.

No. 11 Michigan vs. UMass Lowell, 2 p.m. No. 13 Maryland vs. Bryant, Noon No. 14 Michigan State vs. Western Michigan, 8 p.m. No. 16 Virginia vs. Navy, 4 p.m. No. 20 Penn State vs. Cornell, Noon No. 23 Texas Tech vs. Cal State Bakersfield, 4 p.m. No. 25 Iowa vs. Kennesaw State, 4:05 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday's Games No games scheduled Saturday, Games No. 2 Oregon vs. Corban, 5 p.m. No. 5 Stanford vs. UC Davis, 5 p.m. No. 12 Maryland vs. No. 23 Michigan, 8 p.m. No. 14 Indiana vs. Michigan State, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Games

No. 3 Oregon State vs. Cal State Bakersfield, 3 p.m. No. 7 Louisville vs. Syracuse, 2 p.m. No. 8 Florida State vs. Virginia Tech, No. 9 N.C. State at Boston College, Noon No. 10 UCLA vs. Southern Cal, 4 p.m. No. 11 Texas A&M vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, 4 p.m. No. 15 Mississippi State vs. Little Rock, 3 p.m. No. 16 DePaul vs. Marquette, 5 p.m. No. 17 Gonzaga vs. Portland, 4 p.m. No. 18 Arizona at Arizona State, 2 p.m. No. 20 Arkansas vs. UT Martin, 3 p.m. No. 22 Tennessee vs. Howard, 2 p.m. No. 24 Miami vs. Wake Forest, 2 p.m. No. 25 Texas vs. Northwestern State, 2 p.m.

Jan. 16-19 — Diamond Resorts Tourna-ment of Champions, Four Seasons Golf and Sports Club Orlando, Lake Buena

Vista, Fla. Jan. 23-26 — Gainbridge LPGA at Boca Rio, Boca Rio GC, Boca Raton, Fla. Feb. 6-9 – ISPS Handa Vic Open, 13th Beach GL, Barwon Heads, Australia Feb. 13-16 — ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open, Royal Adelaide GC, Adelaide, Australia Feb. 20-23 – Honda LPGA Thailand, Siam CC, Chonburi, Thailand Feb. 27-March 1 – HSBC Women's World Championship, Sentosa GC, Singapore March 5-8 — Blue Bay LPGA, Jian Lake Blue Bay GC, Hainan Island, China March 19-22 — Founders Cup, Wildfire GC, Phoenix March 26-29 — Kia Classic, Aviara GC, Carlsbad, Calif.

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR SCHEDULE Jan. 3-12 — ATP Cup, Brisbane/Perth/ Svdnev, Australia Jan. 6-12 — Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Doha Jan. 12-19 — Adelaide (Australia) International Jan. 12-19 — ASB Classic, Auckland, New Zealand Jan. 20-Feb. 2 — Australian Open, Melbourne Feb. 3-9 — Cordoba (Argentina) Open Feb. 3-9 — Open Sud de France, Montpellier Feb. 3-9 — Tata Open Maharashtra, Pune, India Feb. 10-16 — ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament, Rotterdam, Netherlands Feb. 10-16 — Argentina Open, Buenos Aires Afres Feb. 10-16 — New York Open Feb. 16-23 — Rio Open, Rio de Janeiro Feb. 17-23 — Delray Beach (Fla.) Open Feb. 17-23 — Open 13 Provence, Marseille, France

WTA SCHEDULE

Jan. 4-11 — Shenzhen (China) Open Jan. 6-12 — Brisbane (Australia) International ASB Classic, Auckland, Jan. 6-12 New Zealand Jan. 13-18 — Adelaide (Australia) International Jan. 13-18 — Hobart (Australia) International Jan. 20-Feb. 2— ITF/Tennis Australia, Jan. 20-Feb. 2– TF/Tennis Australia, Australian Open, Melbourne Feb. 3-9 – ITF, Fed Cup Qualifiers Feb. 10-16 – St. Petersburg (Russia) Ladies Trophy Feb. 10-16 – Thailand Open, Hua Hin Feb. 17-22 – Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championshins Championships Feb. 17-23 — Hungarian Ladies Open, Budapest

working, keep getting better."

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, Dec. 27

College footabl

Noon-Military Bowl: North Carolina vs. Temple, ESPN. 3:20 p.m.-Pinstripe Bowl: Michigan St. vs. Wake Forest, ESPN.

6:45 p.m.-Texas Bowl: Oklahoma St. vs. Texas A&M, ESPN.

8 p.m.-Holiday Bowl: USC vs. Iowa, FS1. 10:15 p.m.–Cheez-It Bowl:

Air Force vs. Washington St., ESPN.

Soccer 2:55 p.m.-Manchester City at Wolverhampton, EPL, NBCSN.

Pro hockey

7 p.m.-Columbus at Washington, NHL, NBCSW. 8 p.m.—Minnesota at Colorado, NHL, NBCSN.

Pro basketball 7 p.m.—Philadelphia at Orlando, NBA, NBA-TV. 10:30 p.m.—Phoenix at Golden State, NBA, NBA-TV.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Soccer 7:25 a.m.-AFC Bournemouth at Brighton & Hove Albion, NBCSN. 12:30 p.m.—Tottenham Hotspur at Norwich City, NBC. 2:30 p.m.-Manchester United at Burnley, NBC.

College men's basketball

11:30 a.m.—Brown at Duke, ESPN2.

LOTTERIES

The lottery numbers were not available before press time. To find out the winning lottery numbers from all Virginia Lottery games, call the hotline at 804/662-5825.

Noon-American at Georgetown, FS1.

Noon—Central Michigan at Purdue, BTN.

1:30 p.m.-Univ. of Wisconsin (Madison) at Tennessee, CBS

1:30 p.m.—New Orleans at Memphis, ESPN2.

2 p.m.—Central Arkansas at Marquette, FS1.

3:45 p.m.—Louisville at Kentucky, CBS. 4 p.m.—Louisiana-Monroe at

Butler, FS1.

4 p.m.—Florida International at Minnesota, BTN.

College football

Noon-Notre Dame vs. Iowa State, Camping World Bowl, ABC

Noon—Penn State vs. Memphis, Cotton Bowl Classic, ESPN.

4 p.m.–Oklahoma vs. LSU, Peach Bowl, ESPN & ESPN2. 8 p.m.—Clemson vs. Ohio State, Fiesta Bowl, ESPN & ESPN2.

Rugby

1 p.m.–Leinster vs. Munster, ESPNNews.

College women's basketball

6 p.m.–Michigan State vs. Indiana, BTN. 8 p.m.-Michigan vs. Maryland, BTN.

Pro hockey

7 p.m.—N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, NHL, NHL Network.

Pro basketball 8 p.m.-New York at Washington, NBA, NBCSW.

PRO FOOTBALL

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.



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The Chiefs (left) need to win Sunday and have the Patriots lose to earn an AFC playoffs first-round bye.

First-round byes still up for grabs

ONLY THE RAVENS WILL HAVE IT EASY SUNDAY AS OTHER PLAYOFF TEAMS TRY TO GET COVETED WEEK OFF

BY ROB MAADDI AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Six teams are still fighting for three important spots to ease their path to the Super Bowl.

entering Week 17, only the Green Bay (12-3), New bye. The Ravens secured to clinch home-field adthe first time in franchise playoffs. history.

clinched playoff spots San Francisco (12-3), Baltimore Ravens (13–2) Orleans (12–3) and Seattle the last wild-card team to have earned a first-round (11-4) each has a chance the AFC's No. 1 seed for vantage throughout the of the 50 teams that played

New England (12–3) and the Super Bowl without a There were 13 No. 2 seeds, Kansas City (11-4) are first-round by since the two No. 3 seeds, six No. 4 battling for the No. 2 spot. 2012 Ravens. Eighteen seeds, one No. 5 seed and In the NFC, the top two of the last 25 Super Bowl two No. 6 seeds.

While 10 teams have seeds are still up for grabs. champions have been either a No. 1 or No. 2 seed.

The 2010 Packers were advance to the Super Bowl.

Over the last 25 years, 39 in the Super Bowl were ei-No team has reached ther a No. 1 or a No. 2 seed.

nfl note

BROWNS' LANDRY HAS A FRACTURED VERTEBRAE

BEREA, Ohio-Jarvis Landry has been plagued by hip pain since the Browns reported to training camp in late July, the Pro Bowl wide receiver revealed Thursday.

Landry said he was diagnosed with a fractured bone at the base of his spine early in the summer, limiting his practice time throughout this season and potentially requiring surgery to correct the problem.

" I wouldn't say it's gotten worse-I'd call it naggingbut it definitely is not getting better," he said.

Landry has played in all 15 games, leading the team with 81 receptions, 1,092 yards receiving and five touchdown catches. He earned his fifth Pro Bowl selection in six seasons

TITANS' HENRY WILL FACE THE TEXANS

NASHVILLE. Tenn.-Pro Bowl running back Derrick Henry makes it very clear he will play Sunday against the Houston Texans with a playoff berth on the line for the Tennessee Titans.

Henry didn't play in last week's 38-28 loss to New Orleans due to a sore left hamstring. He practiced fully Thursday.

-The Associated Press

QUARTERBACKS

arms, from Patrick Mahomes to

FROM B1

Lamar Jackson, from Carson Wentz to Deshaun Watson, has captured so much attention through the football galaxy. Still, it's the two 40-somethings who lord over the quarterbacking universe, possibly for their final seasons.

Adding spice to their continued presence center stage are the stats. Consider the career touchdowns passing mark that Pevton Manning held until Brees broke it in Game 14 for the Saints. He now has 544, beating Brady to the record in part because New Orleans has a more dangerous, dependable and varied attack than does New England these days. Brady is at 539.

While neither passer is a stats freak, they certainly are aware of the numbers they have compiled.

"Obviously, before the season you know you are a certain distance away, but then once the season starts, you just focus on winning games and doing what I need to do as a quarterback of this team to put us in the best position to succeed," Brees says. "With that, I guess the statistics come, and maybe they add up, and then all of a sudden, you're close enough to be within striking distance of some of those things."

With Michael Thomas running routes for him, Brees could always be closing in on unthinkable numbers. Thomas already has broken the single-season record for receptions with 145,



PHOTOS BY THE

Between them, Tom Brady (left) and Drew Brees have played 38 NFL seasons. They both could be playing in the Super Bowl.

and he caught 42 of those from tions to answer, and they will Teddy Bridgewater while Brees magnify after the playoffs. Brady was sidelined for five games with has had an inconsistent season a thumb injury.

The presence of Thomas, running back Alvin Kamara, a solid offensive line and coach Sean Pavton could be enticing enough for Brees to come back next year. Or he could walk away from the NFL with nothing to prove, particularly if the Saints can win a second NFL title since he ventured to the Big Easy in 2006. That's certainly doable: If New Orleans beats weak Carolina on Sunday while Green Bay and San Francisco lose, the dismiss him is foolish, and the Pa-Saints will be the NFC's top seed. A simple victory over the Panthers earns a bye.

New Orleans could wind up in an odd position for 2020 at quarterback because Bridgewater will be a high-demand free agent. The Saints would love to hang on to the 27-year-old Bridgewater, who went 5–0 replacing Brees. But at what price if Brees is still around? New England has similar ques-

with little established talent around him. His only dependable veteran target is Julian Edelman, and the protection has been spotty at best. Unlike Brees, who still has the mobility to make plays outside the pocket, Brady is pretty much stationary.

He's also perhaps the greatest pocket passer ever. Surely, the often combative (on the field) Brady is the most accomplished quarterback with his six rings. To ever triots are 12-3, just like the Saints.

But there are more negative vibes around Brady than ever. His passer rating could wind up his lowest since 2003. His contract ends after this season. There have been rumblings he wants out of New England, whether by retirement or, if you can imagine, by joining another club as a free agent. do. Entering their 40s has had no

those kinds of headlines, of when they are 50.

STILL SLINGIN'

The NFL turned 100 years old this year, yet its career passing leaders are both 40 or older and remain active. The list:

1. x-Drew Brees	77,163
2. x-Tom Brady	74,350
3. Peyton Manning	71,940
4. Brett Favre	71,838
5. Dan Marino	61,361
6. x-Philip Rivers	58,990
7. x−Eli Manning	57,023
8. x-Ben Roethlisberger	56,545
9. John Elway	51,475
10. x-Matt Ryan	50,873
x-active	

course. Then again, while he's been the face of the franchise in New Orleans, Brady for years has been the face of the NFL.

Brady notes that there really isn't a status quo in sports—not even for a quarterback with nearly two full decades of play on his résumé.

"Yeah, there's a lot of new pieces and you're always trying to incorporate from week to week," Brady says. "It's always a little bit of a challenge, but football season is not supposed to be easy. It's a hard grind for us. ... We're in the middle of it, we're deep into it and [you] just got to be ready to compete when we're called upon."

That's something Brady and Brees always have been able to Brees hasn't been drawing effect. The same might be true

B6 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019

WEATHER

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR FREDERICKSBURG								
TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY				
57°	58°	53°	69°	53°				
38°	40°	51°	41°	29 °				
Cloudy and mild	Warm with sunshine and patchy clouds	Cloudy, mild; showers around in the p.m.	An a.m. shower; otherwise, mostly cloudy	Cooler with times of clouds and sun				

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions

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of weather systems and

High: 83° Naples, Florida

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University of Mary Washington station, Fredericksburg through 7 p.m. yesterday. **Temperature**: 56°/30° High/Low 46°/24°

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Normal high/low Record high Record low

Precipitation: 24 hours ending 7 p.m. yesterday .. 0.00" Month to date . 2.00 Normal month to date 2.83 34.85 Year to date

Normal year to date 42.54 Air Quality Index:

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VIRGINIA WEATHER

Mild today with periods of sun. A brief shower or two in the west; sun through high clouds in central parts of the state. High 51 to 64. Partly cloudy tonight: wever, clearing in the north. Low 35 to 48. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow.

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Anchorage	5	2	DC	16	10	sf	Miami	81	74	DC	81	74	c
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Atlantic City	55	40	с	54	32	s	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	67	54	, pc	65	57	pc
Baltimore	51	40	с	55	37	s	Nags Head, N.C.	56	48	, pc	54	48	s
Boston	50	40	с	48	35	s	Nashville	63	51	ċ	68	61	рс
Buffalo	52	31	sh	42	32	рс	New Orleans	70	64	r	75	65	c
Charleston, W.Va.	60	47	sh	64	51	pc	New York	52	40	c	50	37	S
Charleston, S.C.	71	56	рс	71	61	pc	Norfolk	62	47	рс	56	44	S
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Charlottesville	61	41	c	61	44	S	Orlando, Fla.	78	69	sh	79	70	sh
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El Paso	57	36	рс	48	32	рс	Salt Lake City	33	22	рс	30	18	sn
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Houston	74	63	рс	76	59	с	St. Louis	51	43	рс	64	53	C
Indianapolis	54	40	рс	62	55	С	Tampa	80	69	рс	79	70	C
Kansas City	46	39	рс	61	39	r	Washington, D.C.	54	44	С	58	43	S
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BILES

FROM B1

Olympics, where she won five medals in all, four of them gold. She spent most of the following 12 months taking a break before returning to the gym in the fall of 2017, saying she owed it to herself to mine the depth of her talent.

Check social media following one of her routines and you'll find peoplefrom LeBron James to Michelle Obama to Chrissy Teigen—struggling to distill what they've wit-

first tumbling pass on floor exercise is a wondrous blur. Her doubletwisting double-flip beam dismount (the "double double") is so tough the International Gymnastics Federation made the unusual decision to downplay its value in an effort around her grows. Yes, to deter other gymnasts from even trying it.

This is both the blessing and the curse of making the nearly impossible look tantalizingly attainable. came from and she laughs When Biles learned about the FIG's decision, she vented. Her palpable frusnessed into 280 characters tration highlighted the tribute to and winking at or fewer, with whatever realness she's maintained her status at the same time. non-Olympic years." they settle on typically even as her first name has

cery story without being bothered. In other ways, she's trying to be respectful of the world she's built.

Take the GOAT thing. It's a title she embraces but also takes with a grain of salt, determined to stay grounded even as the hype GOAT happens to be the acronym for her planned post-Olympic "Gold Over America Tour," but ask her where the inspiration and gives credit to a friend who came up with it in a group chat. It is both paying

Biles has become well

on the eve of winning her record sixth national title, when she fought back tears while talking about how USA Gymnastics, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the FBI failed to protect athletes during the probe into Nas-

The moment went viral,

'I'm starting to realize

The attention figures to

Studies at Stanford.

NOVEMBER

They chanted ...

c. He has lectured at Hong

Student protesters flooded

Harvard-Yale football game.

the field during halftime of the

a. No to Nike! Drop the brand! /

Asian sweatshops cannot stand!

b. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! / Fossil

c. Alpha, beta, upsilon, phi /

Tuition here is too damn high!

Baseball union leader Marvin

Miller-was finally voted into

the Hall of Fame. In 2008,

a. he no longer wants to be

considered for election.

b. the Hall of Fame is an

baseball establishment.

as a member.

four years before his death, he

obsolescent mouthpiece of the

c. he does not want to belong

to a club that has Bowie Kuhn

Answers: January b. February

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tournament teams with dog

nicknames-Gonzaga, Mississippi

test taker.) April c. May b. June a.

July a. August b. September c. Oc-

tober a. November b. December a.

State, Washington, Yale-were

not listed out of respect for the

fuels have got to go!

DECEMBER

wrote in a letter ...

Kong's Polytechnic University.

NBA GAME SUMMARIES

PISTONS 132, WIZARDS 102 DALLAS 102,

DETROIT–Blake Griffin had 14 points and a season-high 11 rebounds and the Detroit Pistons routed the Washington Wizards on Thursday night in a matchup of short-handed teams.

The Pistons were missing Reggie Jackson (back) and Luke Kennard (knee), while Griffin, Bruce Brown and Derrick Rose played through injuries.

John Wall, Davis Bertans, Isaiah Thomas, Thomas Bryant and Rui Hachimura sat out for Washington.

Detroit got 14 points and 10 rebounds from Andre Drummond. Pistons coach Dwane Casey was able to use the lopsided margin to rest his key players.

WASHINGTON (102): Bonga 1-4 0-0 , Schofield 0-6 0-0 0, Mahinmi 1-4 3-4 , Beal 5-14 5-7 15, Smith 3-11 2-2 9, Williams 4-6 1-1 9, Brown Jr. 6-14 0-1 13, Pasecniks 7-11 3-5 17, Mathews 1-2 1-1 4, McRae 5-10 4-6 15, Payton II 4-8 0-0 10, Robinson 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 38-92 19-27 102.

DETROIT (132): Griffin 5-11 4-6 14, Snell 3-9 2-2 10, Drummond 5-6 4-7 14, Frazier 5-8 2-2 17, Mykhailiuk 4-11 0-0 12, Brown 5-6 0-0 12, King 1-3 0-0 2, Morris 2-5 0-0 4, Wood 7-9 6-6 22, Maker 1-2 2-2 4, Galloway 2-5 1-1 6, Rose 6-11 0-0 15.

Totals: 46-86 21-26 132. Washington 23 25 28 26 102 31 37 38 26 _ 132 Detroit Goals—Washington 3-Point 7-24 (Pavton II 2-3, Brown Jr. 1-2, Mathews 1-2, McRae 1-3, Smith 1-4, Schofield 0-2, Beal 0-5), Detroit 19-48 (Frazier Mykhailiuk 4-9, Rose 3-6, Brown 2-2, Wood 2-4, Snell 2-8, Galloway 1-3, Morris 0-2, Griffin 0-6). Fouled Out –None. Rebounds—Washington (Williams 8), Detroit 48 (Griffin 44 11). Assists—Washington 18 (Pavtor II 5), Detroit 32 (Frazier, Rose 6). Total Fouls—Washington 25, Detroit 23. A-17,188 (20,491).

KNICKS 94, NETS 82

NEW YORK–Julius Randle had 33 points and eight rebounds, and the New York Knicks forced the Brooklyn Nets into the worst shooting performance in the NBA this season in a victory Thursday night.

Brooklyn finished 21 of 78 (26.9%) from the field. Chicago had the previous worst shooting game this season when it hit 29.9% against Toronto.

Marcus Morris added 22 points and eight rebounds for the Knicks, who snapped a threegame losing streak.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 25 points but was only 5 for 15 for the Nets. NEW YORK (94): Morris Sr. 8-16 5-5 2, Randle 14-26 0-0 33, Gibson 0-4 0-0 0, Barrett 2-10 0-0 5, Payton 6-12 0-1 13, Brazdeikis 0-0 0-0 0, Knox II 1-3

SAN ANTONIO 98

DALLAS-Luka Doncic returned to the Dallas lineup after missing four games to injury and scored 24 points to help the Mavericks beat the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday night.

Doncic finished with 10 rebounds and eight assists and barely missed adding to his NBA-leading total of eight triple doubles. He last had played on Dec. 14 against Miami, when he sprained his right ankle.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 17 points, Kristaps Porzingis and Dorian Finney-Smith had 13 each, and Delon Wright added 12 off the bench.

DeMar DeRozan led San Antonio with 21 points, 16 in the second half.

SAN ANTONIO (98): Aldridge 7-13 2-2 17, DeRozan 8-15 5-6 21, Lyles 2-6 0-0 5, Forbes 3-7 1-1 7, Murray 2-7 0-0 4, Gay 7-10 0-0 18, Poeltl 3-3 0-4 6, Be linelli 1-5 0-0 2. Mills 3-7 2-2 8. White 4-10 0-0 10. Totals 40-83 10-15 98.

DALLAS (102): Finney-Smith 5-6 0-0 13, Porzingis 4-15 2-4 13, Powell 4-9 3-3 11, Doncic 9-23 5-8 24, Hard-away Jr. 7-14 0-0 17, Kleber 2-7 0-0 6, Brunson 2-4 0-0 6, Curry 0-1 0-0 0, Wright 5-11 0-0 12.

Totals: 38-90 10-15 102.

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GRIZZLIES 110, **THUNDER 97**

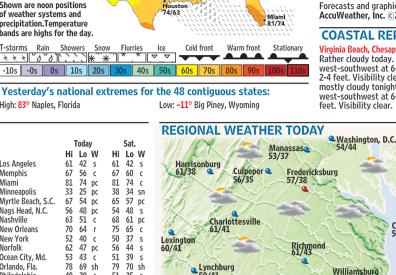
OKLAHOMA CITY-Frontcourt mates Jaren Jackson Jr. and Ionas Valanciunas combined for 41 points, the Memphis bench added 46 and a strong second half powered the visiting Grizzlies over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday.

Jackson continued his hot scoring touch of late, posting 20 points for his 13th 20-plus-point outing of the season. Valanciunas scored 11 of his team-high 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Tyus Jones led the Memphis bench mob with 15 points. Brandon Clarke added 13 points.

Chris Paul posted game highs of 23 points and 11 assists for the Thunder.

MEMPHIS (110): Crowder 2-8 0-0 5, Jackson Jr. 9-19 0-0 20, Valanciunas 9-11 3-4 21, Brooks 2-8 3-4 8, Morant



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RIVER LEVELS Present Change Today Little Falls 10 3.60 -0.08 Rappahannock River 1.17 -0.04 Culpeper 14 Remington 15 3.47 -0.05 Flood: flood stage. Present: stage in feet at 7 a.m. yesterday. Change: change in previous 24 hours.

SUN AND MOON

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Rather cloudy today. Wind from the west-southwest at 6-12 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility clear. Partly to

Sunrise today

FREDERICKSBURG, VA. THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Jan 24

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Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Eastern Shores

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COASTAL REPORT

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sar's abusive behavior.

as most things surrounding her tend to do.

it's not just the gymternet anymore," Biles said, using the term for her sport's dedicated fans. "It's weird to get that kind of attention, but... I feel gymnas-

tics has been overlooked in

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followed by multiple exclamation points and a her sport's royalty. goat emoji, a nod to Biles being considered the ancing act. In some ways, Greatest Of All Time.

become synonymous with aware her every word and

It can lead to a bit of a balshe's still the kid from Tex-Her triple-twisting as who just wants to hang

action carries far greater weight than she ever imagined. Her most impactful moment of 2019 might not have come during a meet double-flip (the "triple out with her boyfriend and but sitting for an interview pion.

only grow in the run-up to Tokyo, where she will attempt to become the first female gymnast in more than half a century to repeat as Olympic cham-Dinwiddie 5-15 12-17 25, Temple 2-10 1-2 7, Chandler 2-9 0-0 4, Kurucs 2-4

YEAR IN REVIEW: TEST YOU SPORTS KNOWLEDGE WITH 2019 QUIZ

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JANUARY

President Donald Trump served 'massive amounts" of burgers, fries and pizza at the White House to Clemson's championship football team because ...

a. he was unable to serve Tiger prawns-in honor of Clemson's nickname—due to a trade war with China.

b. a partial government shutdown led to furloughs among some federal workers, including those at the White House.

c. he believes real men are not afraid of cholesterol.

FEBRUARY

Who said the following? "My neck is killing me. But at the end of the day, no one cares if my neck hurts."

- a. Alex Ovechkin.
- **b.** Lindsey Vonn.
- c. James Dolan.

MARCH

Match the NCAA Tournament team with its canine nickname:

- a. Northeastern.
- **b.** Gardner-Webb.
- c. Wofford.
- 1. Terriers.
- 2. Runnin' Bulldogs.
- 3. Huskies.

APRIL

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Magic Johnson abruptly quit

as president of the Los Angeles Lakers. His reason?

a. He needs to concentrate on his health. **b.** He plans to enter business ventures with LaVar Ball.

c. He wants to have fun again.

MAY

Maximum Security finished first at the Kentucky Derby but was disqualified for interference because he suddenly ... a. jumped when whipped. **b.** jumped a puddle.

c. jumped to conclusions.

JUNE

The St. Louis Blues won their first Stanley Cup, with "Gloria" as their victory song. Why did it become the team's anthem?

- a. Blues players heard the song in a Philadelphia bar while watching an NFL game.
- **b.** Laura Branigan, who sang the 1982 hit, was a Blues fan. c. Video surfaced of Gary Bettman singing "Gloria" in a

JULY

karaoke contest.

Novak Djokovic won Wimbledon in an unprecedented fifthset tiebreaker. After the match, the longest Wimbledon final in history, Roger Federer said on court ...

a. he wants to forget what happened as soon as possible.

Sloan School of Management. **b.** he wishes Djokovic had taken up badminton instead of tennis. **b.** He majored in East Asian **c.** he needs to take a shower

AUGUST

and lie down.

Oakland Raiders receiver Antonio Brown traveled outside the country during the offseason and developed foot problems. What went wrong? **a.** He stumbled while running with the bulls in Pamplona.

b. He underwent cryogenic therapy in France, with the extreme cold leaving his feet severely blistered.

c. He had a botched acupuncture treatment in Japan while visiting the Itsukushima Shrine.

SEPTEMBER

The progeny of two baseball Hall of Famers had notable games on the same night. Which choice is incorrect?

a. Cavan Biggio hits for the cycle. **b.** Mike Yastrzemski homers at

Fenway Park. c. Vladimir Guerrero Jr. drives

in four runs.

OCTOBER

LeBron James said Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey was "misinformed" when he tweeted in support of Hong Kong activists. Which educational credential applies to Morey?

a. He has an MBA from the MIT

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2-2 8, Luwawu-Cabarrot 2-3 4-4 10, Musa 1-2 0-0 2, Pinson 1-3 0-0 3, El-lenson 0-2 0-0 0, Jordan 2-6 4-5 8. Totals: 21-78 27-36 82.
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 Brooklyn
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 94 82

3-Point Goals—New York 9-29 (Ran-dle 5-9, Ntilikina 1-3, Barrett 1-4, Morris Sr. 1-4, Payton 1-4, Portis 0-4), Brooklyn 13-50 (Dinwiddie 3-9, Kurucs 2-2, Luwawu-Cabarrot 2-3, Harris 2-7, Temple 2-7, Pinson 1-3, Prince 1-10, Ellenson 0-2, Chandler 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 60 (Robinson 10), Brooklyn 50 (Temple 9) Assists-New York 16 (Payton 4). Brooklyn 17 (Dinwiddie, Pinson 3). To-tal Fouls—New York 27, Brooklyn 19. A-17,732 (17,732)

BOWLING

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Jaco's trios (seniors)

John Fillis 252, 227, 224, 703; Doug Corum 289, 237, 696; David Matthews 239, 214, 190, 643; Robert Shelton 234, 225, 632; Jerry Haller 228, 195, 194, 617; Jose Roman 227, 195, 600; John Rourke 256, 599; Errin Antwine 221, 211, 593; William Williams 207, 194, 580; Larry Williams 225, 577; George Martin 215, 575; Bob McGann 226; Richard Jaco 224; Jimmie Durante 224; Jay Bowling 222; Gene Mulholland 220, 191; Joe Kelly 216; Bob Resio 204; Randolph Waddy 201; John Euson 201; Steve Pittman 198; Charles Stanley 196; Joe Kusina 192; Brad Loan 191; Butch Brewer 190; Mike Dearring 190; Otis Davis 190; Ralph Grubb 190. Pam Payne 216, 213, 205, 634; Adrienne Carrington 200, 199, 198, 597; Tina Corum 193, 517; Linda Kadar 193, 500; Linda Hara 187, 486; Karen Savoy 179, 486; Isabelle Pryor 174; Stephanie Foster 174; Wanda Andrews 172; Pong Cobb 170.

Green pin

Megan Heller 211.

5-9 0-0 10, Hill 1-3 0-0 2, Anderson 1-3 0-0 2, Clarke 5-6 1-2 13, Allen 2-3 0-0 5, Jones 6-7 0-0 15, Melton 4-7 1-1 9. Totals 46-84 8-11 110.

OKLAHOMA CITY (97): Bazley 1-5 0-0 3, Ferguson 2-6 0-0 6, Adams 7-10 2-4 16, Gilgeous-Alexander 8-19 4-4 21, Paul 9-15 3-3 23, Burton 0-2 0-0 0, Hervey 0-1 0-0 0, Nader 2-9 0-0 6, Noel 1-2 0-0 2, Muscala 0-2 0-0 0, Schroder 8-21 2-2 20.

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nba note **PISTONS' KENNARD OUT TWO WEEKS**

DETROIT–Detroit Pistons guard Luke Kennard is expected to be out of the lineup for two weeks because of knee tendinitis.

The third-year pro is averaging nearly 16 points per game. Kennard is making a team-high 2.6 3-pointers per game and 4.1 assists to rank second on the team.

-The Associated Press

RECREATION CALENDAR

Dec. 31-Jan. 1: Fredericksburg Area Running Club New Years track meet at James Monroe High School. Dec. 31: 1,500 and 3,000 meter runs, 3 p.m. Jan. 1: mile. 3,000 and relay, 11 a.m. Free. Details: Terry McLaughin, 540-371-9622 or tjmclaughlin80@ gmail.com.

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SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

THE FREE LANCE-STAR FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

SUNDAY

« EXPOS WOULD BE PROUD Wearing throwback Montreal jerseys, the Nats blank the Royals behind Scherzer. **B5**

RAIN DELAYS NASCAR RACE Heavy showers at Daytona result in Cup Series contest to be run on Sunday. B6

INSIDE

U.S. looks to finish French mission

GIVE THE AMERICANS A SECOND **STRAIGHT** CUP TITLE

BY ANNE M. PETERSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPORTS

LYON, France-The United States is about to conclude its summer in France with an opportunity to best team on artens

WIN WOULD WOMEN'S SOCCER

TUNE IN FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP Sunday's

championship match United States vs. Netherlands, 11 a.m. (Fox)

the international stage. The U.S. faces the Nethfurther cement erlands on Sunday for its place as the the Women's World Cup

than any other nation

"I'm like a kid in the candy story right now," said. "This is the absolute best stage. I already feel more anxious and more nervous than in any of the other games."

surpassing Norway's re- the last time." championship. A victory cord from 1995–99. The

would give the Americans team has also been unde- a Dutch a second straight title and feated in a record 16 World team on their fourth overall, more Cup matches, surpassing the rise. Germany's run between After reaching 2003 and 2007.

"We've celebrated the round in only U.S. star Megan Rapinoe amazing moments. We've its first World dug in, looked each other Cup four years in the eye in the hard mo- ago in Canada, ments and gone through the team won things as a team," Rapinoe the European said. "And we get to this Championship The United States has final moment and it's one for the Netherwon a record 11 straight more game and it's really lands' first major World Cup matches dat- just about experiencing trophy. Dating back ing back to 2015 in Canada, that game in its fullest for to the Euros, the

The Americans face

the knockout Dutch have won 12 SEE WORLD CUP. B2

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER: DAESEAN HAMILTON



PHOTOS BY JAY WESTCOTT FOR THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Denver Broncos wide receiver DaeSean Hamilton does a drill requiring him to step over, then slide under a series of track and field hurdles at West Springfield High School in Springfield last week.

Broncos WR sweats

TENNIS

In two wins, Williams is still one to watch

VETERAN PROVES WITH WIMBLEDON MATCHES SHE'S HEALTHY AGAIN

BY HOWARD FENDRICH AP TENNIS WRITER

WIMBLEDON, England-Serena Williams walked into her news conference at Wimbledon holding her phone, a cold bottle of water and a statistics sheet that reinforced what was clear from watching her third-round singles victory Saturday:

She is as close to being back to her best as she's been in a while.

for much of this season by injuries or illness, took a step forward against 18th-seeded Julia Goerges, a powerful hitter in her own right who lost to the American in last year's semifinals at the All England Club. Sure enough, Williams hit serves at up



Morgan

BEN CURTIS / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serena Williams was in her familiar form in beating Julia Goerges.

Williams, hampered to 120 mph, put in a tournament-best 71 percent of her first serves, never faced so much as one break point and won 6-3, 6-4.

> "It's been an arduous year for me," said Williams, who had competed only 12 times in 2019 until **SEE TENNIS, B3**

it out to stay on field

BY TAFT COGHILL JR. THE FREE LANCE-STAR

WEST SPRINGFIELD-When DaeSean Hamilton began to blossom into a standout wide receiver at Mountain View High School, his aspirations to compete at the major college level became realistic.

After Hamilton recorded 82 receptions for 899 yards as a redshirt freshman at Penn State in 2014, his belief grew that his NFL dreams could be realized.

Hamilton entered the Denver Broncos training camp last summer as a confident rookie fourthround draft pick.

During his first couple of days of camp in 2018, Hamilton and fellow rookie receiver Courtland Sutton demonstrated to the Broncos they were capable of excelling at the highest level.

Hamilton's career didn't get off to a blistering beginning but he wound up starting the final five games of the season and finished with 30 receptions for SEE HAMILTON, B3



Hamilton had to pick up his pace to meet the demands of trainers at The St. James Sports, Wellness and Entertainment Complex.

THE SERIES

Summer may be a time for most people to relax, but it can be a crucial training period for athletes. Each Sunday this summer, The Free Lance-Star will feature a local athlete who's preparing for a significant role with his or her team during the upcoming season.

PRO BASKETBALL

A trade, a signing and it's brand new day in NBA

LEONARD-GEORGE PAIRING GIVES LEAGUE A WELCOMED CHANGE

BY TIM REYNOLDS

AP BASKETBALL WRITER

LAS VEGAS-There is no favorite.

This is what the NBA wanted. And needed.

The biggest piece of valid criticism about the league in recent years has been its predictable. Golden State got to the last five NBA Finals. LeBron James had made it there eight years in a row, four with Miami and then four more with Cleveland. Brooklyn used to be the "other" team in New York, and the Clippers used to be the 'other' team in Los Angeles. No more.

ANALYSIS



Welcome to a new NBA. If you think the Clippers can win it all next season, or the Lakers, or Utah, or

George

Philadelphia, or Milwaukee, or Houston, or Denver, or even Golden State and maybe a few others, you're right.

Technically, there is a favorite: The sports books in Las Vegas, after hearing the news that Kawhi Leonard and Paul George are heading to the Clippers, listed them as the best bet Saturday to win SEE NBA, B6



Sweden tops England for third place

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NICE, France-Kosovare Asllani and Sofia Jakobsson each scored and Sweden beat England 2–1 Saturday night to take third place in the Women's World Cup.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

THIRD-PLACE GAME **SWEDEN** ENGLAND

Asllani gave the Swedes the lead in the 11th minute as they took advantage of early struggles by England.

Alex Greenwood had plenty of time to clear Fridolina Rolfo's cross but sent it straight into the path of Asllani, who drilled it into the bottom right corner. England goalkeeper Carly Telford got a hand to it but couldn't keep it out of the net.

Sweden almost doubled its lead five minutes later but Jakobsson's effort came off the right post and went out off of Telford's knee.

Jakobsson did score shortly after as she cut inside the left side before curling into the opposite side of the net.

England cut Sweden's lead to 2–1 in the 31st when Fran Kirby cut in from the right, beat her defender and fired one inside the left post.

Ellen White thought she had tied the score two minutes later but her goal was ruled out after the video review determined there had been a handball.



CLAUDE PARIS / ASSOCIATED PRESS Kosovare Asllani (center) celebrates Sweden's opening goal Saturday.



FRANCISCO SECO / ASSOCIATED PRESS

United States' coach Jill Ellis (left) is one victory away from becoming the first American coach—man or woman—to successfully defend a World Cup title.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Final with female coaches a 'wonderful statement'

UNITED STATES' ELLIS WILL MATCH TACTICS WITH DUTCH'S WIEGMAN

BY ROB HARRIS SOCCER WRITER

LYON, France-Just like four years ago, a female coach will lift the Women's World Cup.

This time, though, it is guaranteed.

When Jill Ellis bids to complete the American's title defense against Dutch counterpart Sarina Wiegman on Sunday, it will be only the second Women's World Cup final contested by two female head coaches.

"I think it's a wonderful statement," Ellis said. "The players do their thing on the pitch Pellerud with Norway in and there's a lot of young 1995 and Dorrance with women or former players that want to coach. I think the four subsequent edito see coaches doing it is really important."

The previous time two female coaches went headto-head in a final was 2003 when Tina Theune-Meyer's Germany beat Marika Domanski–Lyfors' Sweden.

of the Women's World

Of the 954,943 coaches worldwide tracked by FIFA, 93 percent are men. "There aren't enough of us in the game in coaching

... especially in the States at every level, whether it's collegiate, whether it's our professional league," said Ellis, who has coached the national team since 2014 after joining the federation in 2000.

The foundations for the Dutch run to a first Women's World Cup final began a decade ago when Vera Pauw led them to the semifinals at the 2009 European Championship during their tournament début. Amid what she felt was a macho culture, Pauw left her job in 2010.

In the association nobody ever congratulated me and from that moment intimidation was going a quarterfinal meeting on," Pauw told the Equal Playing Field conference in Lyon on Friday.

Wiegman is sure the culture has changed.

When Vera was coach it was a pretty long time ago and she had those struggles," Wiegman said. "In all those years things changed and I don't have the struggles she had."

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straight games in major tournaments.

They have star power in Lieke Martens, who was the FIFA Women's World Player of the Year in 2017. She scored twice in the team's 2-1 upset victory over Japan to open the knockout stage but she injured a toe in the celebration and it's bothered her ever since.

In the Netherlands' 1–0 extra-time victory over Sweden on Wednesday in the semifinals, Martens said it was painful. The United States defeated England on Tuesday night in its semi, giving the Americans an extra day to recuperate.

"As a player, you always want to play the biggest game of your career and this one of the biggest ones I hopefully am going to play," Martens said.

Jackie Groenen, who became the first overseas signing for Manchester United after the recently formed women's team was promoted to England's Super League in May, scored the lone goal for the Dutch against the Swedes.

"It is amazing to be able to play the final. I am so proud. It is amazing to be playing in a team that gives you self-confidence. We give that to each other," Groenen said. "We never knew this would be possible. It is one more match and we could be world champions. It will be difficult but it will be incredible to win."

The top-ranked Americans pose a considerable challenge for the eighthranked Dutch.

The United States had a particularly challenging run to its third straight World Cup final, with against No. 4 France before the semi against No. 3 England. The Americans won both games 2–1.

They'd been strong from the start, announcing their arrival in France with a 13–0 trouncing of Thailand in the opener. Along the way the Americans also vanguished nemesis Sweden, the team com/AP-Sports

CUP TITLISTS

Results of the Women's World Cup championship matches since their origination in 1995:

2015-United States 5, Japan 2

2011-Japan 2, United States 2

(Japan won 3–1 on PKs) 2007-Germany 2,

Brazil O 2003-Germany 2, Sweden 1, OT

1999-United States O, China O (U.S. won 5-4 on PKs)

1995-Norway 2, Germany 0

1991-United States 2, Norway 1

that knocked them out of the 2016 Olympics in the quarterfinals.

"I think we've come from a tough road in terms of the teams we've played to get to this point, so for sure they're battle tested. But what I love about this group is that they're locked in and they're still hungry," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said.

Alex Morgan leads the team, and the Golden Boot race, with six goals. Rapinoe has five, including four in the knockout round, but she did not play against England because of a minor hamstring issue. She said she expects to be ready for Sunday's match. Ellis said no one has been ruled out.

"I feel so good about this group," Ellis said. "They have a closeness that you're optimistic to have as a coach but it doesn't always come to fruition. And obviously I think we've got talented players as well, you can't do without that."

The teams share a commonality in that both have female coaches, with Ellis guiding the United States and Sarina Wiegman in charge of the Netherlands. It's the first time since 2003 that two women have matched wits as coaches in the World Cup final.

The most recent meeting between the two teams was in September 2016. The United States won 3–1.

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MICHEL SPINGLER / ASSOCIATED PRESS Netherlands coach

Sarina Wieqman says the 'macho culture' that ruled European football is long gone.

coaches: Anson Dorrance with the U.S. in 1991, Even the U.S. in 1999. But of tions, Norio Sasaki is the only man to have lifted the trophy when Japan triumphed in 2011.

Ellis will seek to become the first person-man or woman—to successfully defend the trophy.

Not only are opportuni-The first three editions ties limited but so is the pool of female coaches for Cup were won by male federations to pick from.

U.S. men know they're second fiddle on Sunday

BY RONALD BLUM ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO—Remember the U.S. men's soccer team?

It's also playing for a title Sunday, taking on Mexico at Soldier Field in the final of the CON-CACAF Gold Cup, the championship of North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Gone from the national sports consciousness since its October 2017 loss at Trinidad and Tobago ended a streak of seven straight World Cup appearances, the men's program is trying to regroup under new coach Gregg Berhalter.

The American women play the Netherlands in France at 11 a.m., chasing their fourth world championship, and they are livid they have to share the to I think party for half the af-

TUNE IN

CONCACAF GOLD CUP Sunday's championship in Chicago

Mexico vs. United States. 9:15 p.m. (FS1)

spotlight with the Copa America final between host Brazil and Peru at 4 p.m. and the U.S. men seeking their seventh Gold Cup title at 9:15 p.m.

"I look at it differently. I think that this is an opportunity to be Soccer Day in America," Berhalter said. "When you think about the opportunity for the women to win the World Cup in the morning and then you get

ternoon, then you get to take a little nap, and then you get up, you go to the game and you enjoy the final of Gold Cup."

The men have **Berhalter**

outscored opponents 15–1 in five matches, while the women have a 24-3advantage in six.

"Our whole focus is on us," We're wishing them all the best, of course, and we want really [on winning] our game."

The U.S. is 6-4 in Gold Cup '11. The Americans won their qualifying starts next year.

only consecutive regional titles in 2005 under Bruce Arena and 2007 under Bob Bradley.

Morris, whose late goal lifted the U.S. over Jamaica in the 2017 final, is among six holdovers from that roster, joined by defenders Matt Miazga and Omar Gonzalez, midfielders Michael Bradley and Paul Arriola, and forward Jozy Altidore.

Led by 20-year-midfielder Christian Pulisic, the U.S. is forward Jordan Morris said. mostly a young team with a sprinkling of veterans and is testing 24-year-old goalkeeper them to win ... but we don't Zack Steffen in a tournathink about that too much, just ment for the first time. The Gold Cup has been Berhalter's first extended time with his finals, beating Mexico in 2007 full player pool and the only and losing in 1993, '98, '09 and lengthy one before World Cup



MARK ZALESKI / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christian Pulisic will lead the U.S. men's national team against Mexico in the Gold Cup final.



CHRISTOPHE ENA / ASSOCIATED PRESS **Mike Teunissen crosses** the finish line Saturday to win the first stage of the Tour de France.

CYCLING

Teunissen wins Tour's opening stage

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS-MikeTeunissen claimed the first yellow jersey of this year's Tour de France with a sprint victory in Saturday's opening stage, which was marked by defending champion Geraint Thomas' crash in the finale.

Another top contender,

finish. Teunissen edged former world champion Peter Sagan and Caleb Ewan on the finish line in Brussels.

Thomas' Ineos team said he fell in the final meters of the stage but "feels fine."

Fuglsang, who is rated among the favorites this year, got back on his bike Jakob Fuglsang, also hit with blood on his face and the tarmac about 20 kilo- right knee, and scratches sels, which will also host meters (12 miles) from the on his jersey. The Astana Sunday's team time trial.

team leader managed to reach the finish without losing time.

The race started from the Belgian capital to honor the 50th anniversary of cycling great Eddy Merckx's first of five Tour victories. The 120.8-mile trek took the peloton through the Flanders and Wallonia regions and back to Brus-

TOUR DE FRANCE AT A GLANCE

BRUSSELS-Here's a quick look at the current status of the Tour de France:

UP NEXT

A time trial Sunday where the eight-rider teams will go out one after another on a 17.1-mile (27.6-kilometer) course through Brussels, racing against the clock. The choreography of teams riding in a line, on speedy aerodynamic bikes and with riders taking turns to relay each other at the front. is always a spectacle but tough on lighter, less powerful

competitors who could lose significant time.

STAT OF DAY-30

That's the number of years since a Dutch rider had worn the canary-yellow "maillot jaune," the iconic jersey awarded to the Tour leader, which now rests on Teunis sen's shoulders.

He became the first Dutch rider to wear it since Erik Breukink, who was in yellow for one day at the Tour of 1989.

-The Associated Press

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HAMILTON

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243 yards and two touchdowns.

With leading receiver Emmanuel Sanders' timetable to return uncertain as he recovers from December surgery on his Achilles tendon, Sutton and Hamilton are suddenly atop the Broncos' depth chart entering training camp July 27.

Hamilton trained diligently this offseason in Miami before he returned home to Stafford County in the past several days to work out with other high school, college and pro players at The St. James Sports, Wellness & Entertainment Complex in Springfield.

As Hamilton was set to perform drills with St. James head high performance coach and director of football Myron Flowers on Tuesday at West Springfield High, he discussed his level of anticipation for the upcoming season, his ascension up the depth chart and the opportunity to catch passes from Super Bowlwinning quarterback Joe Flacco, who the Broncos acquired in an offseason trade with the Baltimore Ravens.

"I always had a dream of going to the NFL," Hamilton said. "I didn't think 'Yeah. I can definitely do it.' I just knew that I could training day as the unit get to the next level from opened with laps around high school and when I got to college I was like 'Yeah, I can definitely play in the NFL.' ... The next thing I'm looking forward to is



PHOTOS BY JAY WESTCOTT FOR THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Strength and conditioning coach Myron Flowers (not pictured) helps Denver Broncos wide receiver DaeSean Hamilton stretch during a workout last week.

performing at a high level and being successful in the NFL."

ARIGOROUS OFFSEASON

That quest requires commitment well beyond just practicing and performing on Sundays.

Flowers has several NFL players in his training group, including Washington Redskins tight end Vernon Davis and incoming rookie wide receiver Kelvin Harmon.

There's also Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Anthony Chesley, Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Ryan Smith and Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Zach Pascal.

group recently to train while he's at home. Last Tuesday was a speed Football League. "You the track followed by stretching. They then camp. The old-school days performed drills stepping are over in the sense that over and then sliding under track and field hurdles.



Penciled in atop the Broncos' depth chart, Hamilton wants to prove this fall he's earned the starting job.

close to 90 degrees, sweat was immediately pouring. "Their offseason was

the winter," said Flowers, Hamilton joined the a former North Carolina Central standout who had a career in the Canadian really got better for the season in the winter. This is just fine-tuning prior to guys got in shape in camp or started to get in shape

With temperatures in the summer for football. Nah, these guys are pretty much ready to rock and roll."

Hamilton (6-foot-1, 203 pounds) certainly fits that Flacco adds stability to category. He was applauded by Broncos coaches early in training camp last season for the professional manner in which he carried himself.

However, the start of the regular season didn't go exactly the way he envisioned or hoped. He knew campaign behind veterans Sanders and Demaryius Thomas and Sutton came on strong, as well. But Hamilton suffered a setback when he injured his knee in Week 7 against the Cardinals and missed the next two contests.

After Thomas was traded to the Houston Texans in November and Sanders injured his Achilles against the Bengals on Dec. 2, Hamilton was thrust into the No. 2 receiver role. He was targeted at least eight times in the final four games of the season. He's eager to see how he'll respond as that workload continues.

"The last half of the season last year you saw a little glimpse of what I'm expecting more of this year," Hamilton said. "I'm obviously looking forward to getting that second or third wide receiver role, playing a lot in the slot and getting a lot more targets this year."

GETTING ASSISTANCE

Hamilton said Broncos' coaches have looked closer at what helped him excel at Penn State, where he set the school's all-time career receptions record with 214.

Hamilton is also hopeful that veteran signal-caller the quarterback position. Another Stafford County wide receiver, Torrey Smith, teamed with Flacco to help deliver the Baltimore Ravens a Super Bowl championship to culminate the 2012 season.

The Broncos also have second-round pick Drew

that he would begin the Lock in the fold in case Flacco falters or is injured.

"Flacco was with us for the mini-camps and OTAs, so we're ready to build a relationship,' Hamilton said. "He looks great. He's really taken control of the offense. We haven't done too much yet, but from what I've seen going against our defense he's been slinging the ball well. Once training camp gets started I expect the same thing.'

Hamilton entered training camp last summer wanting to make sure he was in peak shape to compete for a 16-game grind (20 including preseason).

This offseason, he mostly focused on position-specific movements that will allow him to blossom into a high-caliber professional player.

In addition to all the physical training, Flowers said a professional environment is also a benefit of training at the 450,000-square-foot St. James facility. Now that Hamilton is aware of the offering less than an hour away from home, he may not have to venture outside of Northern Virginia to prepare for the rigors of the NFL.

Our philosophy is based on teaching these guys a lifestyle they need to develop to be pros," Flowers said. "It's not about them playing football. They're talented. It's about giving them the characteristics and things needed to be successful pros."

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TENNIS

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this week, mostly because of a bothersome left knee that finally is pain-free. "So every match, I'm hoping to improve tons."

Maybe it was a good thing she played twice Saturday, then.

About 4¹/₂ hours after getting past Goerges at No. 1 Court, Williams headed out to Centre Court for her much-ballyhooed debut as Andy Murray's teammate in mixed doubles. Other than one slip near the net when she lost her footing in the first set—she was fine and laughed it off-Williams looked good during the 6-4, 6-1 win against Andreas Mies and Alexa Guarachi, including smacking one serve at 122 mph. "Andy and I both love the competition. I know we both want to do well," Williams said. "We're not here just for show."



Andy Murray (in back) watches his mixed doubles partner Serena Williams return a shot Saturday.

balance in between there," serves immediately put the 37-year-old Williams her in control of points.

On the bottom half, it **GOLF** will be the 15-year-old American sensation Coco Gauff vs. No. 7 Simona Halep; No. 3 Karolina Pliskova vs. Karolina Muchova; No. 8 Elina Svitolina vs. No. 24 Petra Martic; and Dayana Yastremska vs. Shuai Zhang.

In the men's draw, eighttime champion Roger Federer and two-time winner Rafael Nadal both won in straight sets Saturday to move closer to a semifinal showdown. Federer's record 17th visit to the fourth round at Wimbledon will come against

Wolff climbs into a 3-way tie at 3M

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLAINE, Minn.—Matthew Wolff shot a 9-under 62 Saturday to share the lead with Collin Morikawa and Bryson DeChambeau at 15 under after three rounds of the inaugural 3M Open.

Morikawa shot a 64 at the TPC Twin Cities,



She rarely is.

But if Williams is going to win an eighth singles championship at Wimbledon, and a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title overall, she will want more performances like the one she gave against Goerges.

Forceful, yes, but nothing was forced.

"I play pretty good when I'm calm, but also super-

said. "So it's a hard balance to find, because sometimes when I'm too calm, I don't have enough energy. Still trying to find that balance."

Two more key stats on my service games." the paper she brought to her media session: She produced more winners than unforced errors, 19-15, while Goerges finished with 32 forced errors, a reflection of just how difficult Williams can make it for opponents to handle shots she sends their way. Goerges credited Williams with causing havoc No. 1 Ash Barty, who has a with her returns, as well.

After averaging 10 aces in the first two rounds, Riske of the U.S.; No. 21 Goerges was limited to Elise Mertens against half that many.

Of more significance, intense, just finding the liams' stinging replies to Johanna Konta of Britain.

"It's fair to say that she builds up enormous pressure with her returns," Goerges said. "That means I need to go to the limit in

After the traditional middle Sunday off, action resumes Monday with all fourth-round men's and women's singles matches.

Williams, who is seeded 11th, will face No. 30 Carla Suarez Navarro, while the other matchups on the top half of the women's field established Saturday are 15-match winning streak, against unseeded Alison Barbora Strycova; and two-time champion Petra perhaps, was that Wil- Kvitova against No. 19

No. 17 Matteo Berrettini, an Italian never before this far at the grass-court tournament.

"For me, I'm very happy how it's going so far," said Federer, a 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (4) winner over No. 27 Lucas Pouille. "I hope it's going to take a special performance from somebody to stop me, not just a mediocre performance."

Nadal, who defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6–2, 6–3, 6–2, meets an unseeded opponent next, either Dan Evans or Joao Sousa.

No. 8 Kei Nishikori meets Mikhail Kukushkin, and Sam Querrey plays Tennys Sandgren in the first Week 2 matchup at Wimbledon between two American men since Pete Sampras beat Jan-Michael Gambill in the 2000 quarterfinals.

while DeChambeau had a 70 on a fine summer day.

Wolff, 20, who won the NCAA individual title on Memorial Day, is playing in his third event since turning professional, and the 22-year-old Morikawa his fourth.

DeChambeau, who opened the day with a two-shot lead, is vying for his sixth career win and first since the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in November.

Seeking his first tour Clark, 25, shot a 64 and was tied with Adam Hadwin (69) one shot back.

Sixteen players are within four shots of the lead, including Hideki Matsuyama, Charles Howell III and Troy Merritt. Each shot a 66 and were two shots behind.

LPGA TOUR

THORNBERRY CREEK LPGA CLASSIC

ONEIDA, Wis.-A late slip cost Sung Hyun Park control and she slipped into a four-way tie for the lead going into the final round.

Park, who returned to No. 1 in the world after winning last week in Arkansas, made double bogey on the par-5 15th at the Thornberry Creek of Oneida course.

She missed a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole and remained tied for the lead with Shanshan Feng (65), Tiffany Joh (66), and Ariya Jutanugarn (67) They were at 20-under 196.

AARON LAVINSKY / STAR-TRIBUNE VIA AP Matthew Wolff hits out of the rough on the 18th during Saturday's third round of the 3M Open.

EUROPEAN TOUR IRISH OPEN

LAHINCH, Ireland—Robwin in 31 starts, Wyndham ert Rock narrowly missed a 30-foot putt for eagle that would have given him the second round of 59 in European Tour history.

The Englishman settled for a birdie, a 10-under 60 and first place on 13 under overall after the third round of the Irish Open.

Rock made 11 birdies, including six straight to close his round. His putt for eagle slid left of the cup.

Rafa Cabrera–Bello (63) will join Rock in the last group, one shot off the lead along with Eddie Pepperell (66). Second-round leader Zander Lombard is a stroke further back after a 68.



WIMBLEDON AT A GLANCE

WIMBLEDON, England-A quick look at Wimbledon:

LOOKAHEAD **TO MONDAY**

There is no play on the middle Sunday at Wimbledon. Play will resume Monday with all men's and women's fourthround matches.

The men's match-ups are: No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. Ugo Humbert; No. 2 Roger Federer vs. No. 17 Matteo Berrettini; No. 3 Rafael Nadal vs. Joao Sousa; No. 8 Kei Nishikori vs. Mikhail Kukushkin; No. 15 Milos Raonic vs. No. 26 Guido Pella; No. 21 David Goffin vs. Fernando Verdasco; No. 23 Roberto Bautista Agut vs. No. 28

Benoit Paire; Sam Querrey vs. Tennys Sandgren. The women's match-ups

Alison Riske; No. 3 Karolina

Pliskova vs. Karolina Mucho-

va; No. 6 Petra Kvitova vs.

7 Simona Halep vs. Coco

No. 19 Johanna Konta; No.

Gauff; No. 8 Elina Svitolina

vs. No. 24 Petra Martic; No.

Carla Suarez Navarro; No.

Strycova; Zhang Shuai vs.

Dayana Yastremska.

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21 Elise Mertens vs. Barbora

MONDAY'S FORECAST

Partly cloudy. High of 71 de-

grees Fahrenheit (22 degrees

11 Serena Williams vs. No. 30

are: No. 1 Ash Barty vs.

SATURDAY'S **KEY RESULTS**

Men's third round: No. 2 Roger Federer beat No. 27 Lucas Pouille 7-5. 6-2. 7-6 (4); No. 3 Rafael Nadal beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; No. 8 Kei Nishikori beat Steve Johnson 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; Tennys Sandgren beat No. 12 Fabio Fognini 6-3, 7-6 (12), 6-3.

Women's third round: No. 1 Ash Barty beat Harriet Dart 6-1, 6-1; Barbora Strycova beat No. 4 Kiki Bertens 7–5, 6–1; No. 6 Petra Kvitova beat Magda Linette 6-3, 6-2; No. 11 Serena Williams beat No. 18 Julia Goerges 6-3, 6-4.

Mixed doubles first round: Andy Murray and Serena Williams beat Andreas Mies and Alexa Guarachi 6-4, 6-1.

STAT OF THE DAY

17-The number of times Roger Federer has reached the fourth round at Wimbledon, eclipsing Jimmy Connors' previous record of 16.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're both the younger sibling, so we're used to being bossed by our older brother and sister."

-Andy Murray on whether he or Serena Williams is the boss in their mixed doubles team.

-The Associated Press

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL

American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP David Hess from Norfolk (IL).

Claimed RHP Aaron Brooks off waivers

from Oakland. Designated RHP Josh

Lucas for assignment. BOSTON RED SOX — Signed RHP

Noah Song to a minor league contract and assigned him to Lowell (NYP). CLEVELAND INDIANS — Recalled OF

Greg Allen from Columbus (IL). Op-tioned RHP Zach Plesac to Columbus.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed 1B C.J. Cron on the 10-day IL. Recalled OF

LaMonte Wade Jr. from Rochester (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned INF Mike Ford to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Selected the contract of

LHP Daniel Camarena from Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre. OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled RHP J.B. Wendelken from Las Vegas

(PCL). Optioned RHP Paul Blackburn to Las Vegas (PCL). SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled RHPs Parker Markel and David McKay

from Tacoma (PCL). Placed RHP Austin

Adams on the 10-day II, retroactive to

July 4. Placed RHP Dan Altavilla on the

TEXAS RANGERS — Selected the contract of RHP Pedro Payano from

Nashville (PCL). Optioned LHP Locke

St. John to Nashville. Designated INF Patrick Wisdom for assignment.

National League MIAMI MARLINS — Reinstated LHP Caleb Smith from the 10-day IL. Op-

tioned RHP Jeff Brigham to New Or-

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed RHP Trevor Williams on the paternity list. Recalled RHP Dario Agrazal from India-

Optioned RHP Dovydas Neverauskas

to Indianapolis. Placed LHP Steven Brault on the 10-day IL. Recalled RHPs

Montana DuRapau and Luis Escobar

American Association ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released RHP Ryan Schlosser. SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Alex Ogren. TEXAS AIRHOGS — Released RHP Ryan Smith. Removed LHP Sang Yang from the active rector Added PUP

from the active roster. Added RHP

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed LHP Spencer Herrmann.

Atlantic League LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed INF T.J. Rivera. Released LHP Andres Cace-res. Activated LHP Jake Fisher. Placed

RHP Travis Banwart on the inactive

Frontier eague JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released 2B Ridge Hoopii-Haslem.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Re-leased RHPs Austin Dubskty and Tyler

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS — Acquired G Al-len Crabbe, a conditional 2020 first-

CHICAGO BULLS — Signed F Thad-

future second-round draft picks, and

signed him to a five-year contract.

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SCOREBOARD

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON RESULTS LONDON (AP) — Results Saturday from Wimbledon at The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club (seedings in parentheses):

MEN'S SINGLES

Third Round

Sam Querrey, United States, def. John Millman, Australia, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (8), 6-3. Tennys Sandgren, United States, def.

Fabio Fognini (12), Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (12), 6-3 Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Daniel Ev

ans, Britain, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. Rafael Nadal (3), Spain, def. Jo-Wil-

fried Tsonga, France, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2. Kei Nishikori (8), Japan, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def Jan-Lennard Struff (33), Germany, 6-3,

7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-5. Matteo Berrettini (17), Italy, def. Diego Schwartzman (24), Argentina, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (2), 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Lucas Pouille (27), France, 7-5, 6-2,

7-6 (4). WOMEN'S SINGLES

Third Round

Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, 6-1, 6-1. Alison Riske, United States, def.

Belinda Bencic (13), Switzerland, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Serena Williams (11), United States,

def. Julia Goerges (18), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Carla Suarez-Navarro (30), Spain, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 6-3, 6-3 Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic,

def. Kiki Bertens (4), Netherlands, 7-5, 6-1.

Elise Mertens (21), Belgium, def. Qiang Wang (15), China, 6-2, 6-7 (9), 6-4

Johanna Konta (19), Britain, def. Sloane Stephens (9), United States, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 6-3, 6-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES Second Round

Bob Bryan, United States and Mike Bryan (7), United States, def. Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela, Mexico and Marcelo Arevalo-Gonzalez, El Salvador, 6-7 (13), 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, def. Cameron Norrie, Britain and Jaume Antoni Munar Clar, Spain, 1-6, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2, 6-2.

Ivan Dodig, Croatia and Filip Polasek, Slovakia, def. Nicholas Monroe, United States and Mischa Zverev, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-3.

Nikola Mektic, Croatia and Franko Skugor (6), Croatia, def. Andy Murray, Britain and Pierre-Hugues Herbert,

France, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2, 6-3. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina and Horacio Zeballos (9), Argentina, def. Feliciano Lopez Diaz-Guerra, Spain and Pablo Carreno-Busta, Spain, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Philipp Oswald, Austria and Roman Jebavy, Czech Republic, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria and Oliver Marach (14), Austria, 7-5, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (6).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Second Round

Kristina Mladenovic, France and Timea Babos (1), Hungary, def. Alison Riske, United States and Jennifer Brady, United States, 6-2, 6-2.

Alize Cornet, France and Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan and Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-4, 6-3. Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON RESULTS LONDON (AP) — Results Saturday from Wimbledon at The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club (seedings in parentheses):

MIXED DOUBLES

Second Round Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic and Wesley Koolhof (5), Netherlands, def. Philipp Oswald, Austria and Monique Adamczak, Australia, 6-1, 6-4. Artem Sitak, New Zealand and Laura Siegemund, Germany, def. Rohan Bo-panna, India and Aryna Sabalenka (13),

Belarus, 6-4, 6-4. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France and Andreja Klepac (11), Slovenia, def. Asia Muhammad, United States and Luke Bambridge, Britain, 6-4, 6-4. Eden Silva, Britain and Evan Hoyt, Britain, def. Divij Sharan, India and Ying-Ying Duan (16), China, 6-3, 6-4. Saisai Zheng, China and Joran Vlie-gen, Belgium, def. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands and Demi Schuurs (2), Netherlands, 6-4, 7-5.

JUNIORS MEN'S SINGLES

First Round Eric Vanshelboim, Ukraine, def. Le-andro Riedi, Switzerland, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Govind Nanda, United States, def. Rinky Hijikata, Australia, 6-2, 7-5. Arthur Fery, Britain, def. Matteo Arn-

aldi, Italy, 7-6, 6-1. Shintaro Mochizuki (8), Japan, def. Valentin Royer, France, 3-6, 6-3, 8-6. Martin Damm (4), Czech Republic,

def. Francesco Passaro, Italy, 6-2, 6-7,

Taha Baadi, Canada, def. Youcef Ri-hane, Algeria, 6-2, 6-2. Matheus Pucinelli de Almeida, Brazil, def. Alejo Lorenzo Lingua Lavallen, Ar-

gentina, 6-4, 6-4. Jiri Lehecka (5), Czech Republic, def.

Harry Wendelken, Britain, 6-2, 6-3. Tristan Schoolkate, Australia, def. Toby Alex Kodat (7), United States, 6-0, 7-5.

6-0, 7-5. Dalibor Svrcina, Czech Republic, def. Wojciech Marek, Poland, 6-1, 6-3. Filip Cristian Jianu (13), Romania, def. Toby Samuel, Britain, 7-5, 7-6. Flavio Cobolli, Italy, def. Sergey Fo-min, Uzbekistan, 6-2, 6-1. Carlos Ginano Valora, Spain def

Carlos Gimeno Valero, Spain, def. Thiago Agustin Tirante (3), Argentina,

6-7, 6-3, 6-4. Harold Mayot, France, def. Dane Sweeny, Australia, 6-4, 6-4. Shunsuke Mitsui (14), Japan, def. Juan Bautista Torres, Argentina, 6-7,

6-2, 6-3. James Story, Britain, def. Jonas Fore

jtek (2), Czech Republic, 6-4, 7-6. JUNIORS WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round Emma Navarro (1), United States, def. Diana Shnaider, Russia, 6-0, 6-2. Selena Janicijevic, France, def. Antonia Samudio, Colombia, 6-3, 6-2. Sonay Kartal, Britain, def. Annerly Poulos, Australia, 7-6, 7-6. Elina Avanesyan, Russia, def. Carlota Martinez Cirez, Spain, 6-3, 6-0. Qinwen Zheng (3), China, d Thasaporn Naklo, Thailand, 6-0, 6-2. def. Erin Richardson, Britain, def. Kristy-na Lavickova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1. Mai Napatt Nirundorn, Thailand, def.

Holly Fischer, Britain, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1. Sohyun Park (12), Republic of Korea def. Valentina Ryser, Switzerland, 7-5

4-6, 8-6. Hong Yi Cody Wong, Hong Kong, def. Anastasia Tikhonova (13), Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

Ane Mintegi del Olmo, Spain, def. Victoria Allen, Britain, 6-3, 6-3. Abigail Forbes, United States, def. Liubov Kostenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3. Aubane Droguet, France, def. Joanna Garland (14), Chinese Taipei, 6-2, 6-2. Fruhvirtova Linda, Czech Republic

SOCCER

2019 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SEMIFINALS Tuesday, July 2 At Lyon, France United States 2, England 1 Wednesday, July 3 At Lyon, France Netherlands 1, Sweden 0, ET THIRD PLACE Saturday, July 6 At Nice, France Sweden 2, England 1 CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, July 7 At Lyon, France United States vs. Netherlands, 11 a.m.

CONCACAF GOLD CUP SEMIFINALS Tuesday, July 2 At Glendale, Ariz. Mexico 1, Haiti 0, ET Wednesday, July 3 At Nashville, Tenn. United States 3, Jamaica 1 CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, July 7 At Chicago Mexico vs. United States, 9:15 p.m

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SEMIFINALS Tuesday, July 2 At Belo Horizonte, Brazil Brazil 2, Argentina 0

Wednesday, July 3 At Porto Alegre, Brazil Peru 3, Chile 0

THIRD PLACE Saturday, July 6 At Sao Paulo, Brazil

Argentina 2, Chile 1 CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, July 7

At Rio de Janeiro Brazil vs. Peru, 4 p.m.

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San Jose	7	7	4	25	29	30	
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round draft pick and the draft rights to G Nickeil Alexander-Walker from Brooklyn for F forward Taurean Prince and a 2021 second-round draft pick. NOTE: Three points for victory, one BOSTON CELTICS — Traded C Aron Baynes and the draft rights to Ty Jepoint for tie. Saturday, July 6 Orlando City at Philadelphia, ppd. Cincinnati 3, Houston 2 rome to Phoenix for a future protected first-round draft pick. deus Young. DETROIT PISTONS — Signed F Mar-kieff Morris and G Tim Frazier. INDIANA PACERS — Acquired G Malcolm Brogdon from Milwaukee for a 2020 first-round draft pick and two Minnesota United 3, Montreal 2 Seattle 2, Columbus 1 Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, late Real Salt Lake at San Jose, late

Vancouver at Los Angeles FC, late Sunday, July 7

New York at Atlanta, 2 p.m. Portland at New York City FC, 6:30 p.m.

roundup INDIANS' CARRASCO TREATED, LEUKEMIA



FILE / NAM Y. HUH / ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND-Indians pitcher Carlos Carrasco is being treated for leukemia, and he says it's going to make him stronger than he was before.

Carrasco hasn't played for Cleveland since May 30. The 32-year-old right-hander says he got a blood test after a spring-training physical prompted some concern, and he was diagnosed with leukemia in May. "I never thought that I would have something like this, be-

cause I play baseball, I'm like super healthy or something like that," Carrasco says in a video posted on the Indians' Twitter account. "But you never know what's going on inside your body

"When I found out, it made me even stronger, then I push myself to work through this. Then I have a lot of people behind me, helping me, especially my teammates and family."

EX-CLEMSON TAIL-BACK DROWNS IN GEORGIA LAKE

CLEMSON. S.C.-Former Clemson and East Carolina running back Tyshon Dye drowned Friday after swimming in a lake during a family outing.

Dye was 25 years old. Elbert County Corner Chuck Almond told several media outlets Dye was at Richard B. Russell State Park in Georgia when he tired in the water and could not make it to shore. The coroner's office ruled Dye's death accidental.

Dye played at Elbert County Comprehensive High School before coming to Clemson. He transferred to East Carolina for his final college season.

BUFFALO SIGNS F JOHANSSON TO 2-YEAR CONTRACT

BUFFALO, N.Y.-Marcus Johansson has signed a twoyear contract with Buffalo, giving new Sabres coach Ralph Krueger another option for his lines.

Johansson played for New Jersev and Boston last season. finishing with 13 goals and

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 7 Tennis

6 a.m.—Wimbledon Fourth Round coverage, ESPN2.

17 assists in 58 games. The 28-year-old forward also had four goals and seven assists in 22 playoff games, helping the Bruins reach the Stanley Cup Final.

Buffalo announced Johansson's deal on Saturday. The average annual value is \$4.5 million.

MONTAGLIANI SAYS SCHEDULE MISHAP WAS NOT PLANNED

CHICAGO-The president of soccer's North and Central American and Caribbean body refused to address FIFA's contention that having the finals Women's World Cup, the CONCACAF Gold Cup and the Copa America on the same day was planned, not inadvertent.

CONCACAF President Victor Montagliani has said the scheduling was a "clerical er-ror." FIFA issued a statement last month saying it resulted from "a comprehensive consultancy process, which has involved all key stakeholders." Players on the American women's team have been critical. The U.S. women play the Netherlands in the World Cup final on Sunday at 11 a.m. EDT, and the U.S. men face Mexico in the Gold Cup final at 9:15 p.m. EDT.

League, ESPN. 8 p.m.-Utah vs. Miami, NBA Summer League, NBA-TV.

9:30 p.m.—New York

and Su-Wei Hsieh (3), Chinese Taipei, def. Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland and Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.

Monica Niculescu, Romania and Irina-Camelia Begu (15), Romania, def. Xinyun Han, China and Oksana Kalash-

nikova, Georgia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, States and Danielle Rose United Collins, United States, def. Samantha Stosur, Australia and Shuai Zhang (5), China,

4-6, 6-2, 6-3. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus and Ashleigh Barty (10), Australia, def. Rebecca Peterson, Sweden and Tamara Zidansek, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-3.

Yafan Wang, China and Anna Blink-ova, Russia, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia and Maria Sakkari, Greece, 6-1, 6-4.

Laura Siegemund, Germany and Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Ly-udmyla Kichenok, Ukraine and Raquel Atawo (16), United States, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

MIXED DOUBLES First Round

Andy Murray, Britain and Serena Williams, United States, def. Alexa Guara-chi Mathison, Chile and Andreas Mies, Germany, 6-4, 6-1. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden and Jelena

Ostapenko, Latvia, def. Jay Clarke, Britain and Cori Gauff, United States, 6-1, 6-4.

Aisam Oureshi, Pakistan and Nadija Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico and Xinyun Han, China, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

Second Round

Bruno Soares, Brazil and Nicole Melichar (1), United States, def. Denys Molchanov, Ukraine and Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-3. Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands and Zhaoxuan Yang, China, def. Hao-Ching Chan, Chinese Taipei and Neal Skupski (9), Britain, 7-6 (1), 6-2.

Shuai Zhang, China and John Peers (4), Australia, def. Henri Kontinen, Finland and Heather Watson, Britain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

def. Destinee Martins, Britain, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1. Maria Camila Osorio Serrano (2),

Colombia, def. Mell Elizabeth Reasco Gonzalez, Ecuador, 6-1, 6-2.

GOLF

PGA TOUR - 3M OPEN SCORES Saturday At TPC Twin Cities Blaine, Minn.

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Friday, July 12 New England at D.C. United, 7 p.m. Los Angeles FC at Houston, 9 p.m. San Jose at LA Galaxy, 11 p.m.

Saturday, July 13 Columbus at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m. Toronto FC at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. Cincinnati at Chicago, 8 p.m. FC Dallas at Minnesota United, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m. Sporting Kansas City at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Colorado at Portland, 11 p.m.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

Friday's Games Houston 5, North Carolina 2 Reign FC 1, Portland 0 Saturday's Games Orlando 4, Washington 3

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Saturday's Games Minnesota 74, Connecticut 71

Las Vegas at New York, 3 p.m. Washington at Los Angeles, 5 p.m. Dallas at Chicago, 6 p.m.

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MIAMI HEAT - Acquired G limmy Butler from Philadelphia, F Meyers Leonard from Portland and cash from the Los Angeles Clippers. Miami sent F Hassan Whiteside to Portland. Philadelphia received G Josh Richardson from Miami. The L.A. Clippers received F Moe Harkless from Portland and a protected first-round draft pick from Miami. Waived G Ryan Anderson. ORLANDO MAGIC — Re-signed G Terrence Ross and F-C Nikola Vucevic

to four-year contracts. Signed F Al-Faroug Aminu to a three-year contract. Waived C Timofey Mozgov. PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS — Resigned G Damian Lillard to a four-year

contract. WASHINGTON WIZARDS - Traded C Dwight Howard to Memphis for F CJ

HOCKEY

National Hockey League BUFFALO SABRES — Signed F Mar-cus Johansson to a two-year contract.

BOXING

FIGHT SCHEDULE

July 12

At Edion Arena, Osaka, Japan, Robert Brant vs. Ryoya Murata, 12, for Brant's WBA World middleweight title; Joe Noynay vs. Satoshi Shimizu, 12, for Noynay's WBO Asia Pacific su-per featherweight title; Ken Shiro vs.

Jonathan Taconing, 12, for Shiro's WSC World light flyweight title. At Liverpool, England, James Dickens vs. Nathaniel May, 10, featherweights; Martin Murray vs Kim Poulsen, 10, su-per middleweights.

At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Derrieck Cuevas vs. Jesus Alberto Beltran, 10 for Cue-vas' WBA Fedelatin welterweight title. At Emerald Queen Casino, Tacoma, Wash., Jermaine Franklin vs. Jerry Forrest, 12, heavyweights; BJ Flores vs. Otto Wallin, 12, heavyweights; Giovanni Mioletti vs. Luis Porozo, 10, featherweights.

Cycling

8:30 a.m.—Tour de France Stage 2 Bruxelles Palais Royal-Brussel Atomium, NBCSN.

Soccer

11 a.m.—United States vs. Netherlands, Women's World Cup Final, FOX.

2 p.m.—Atlanta at N.Y. Red Bulls, MLS, FOX.

6:30 p.m.—Portland at New York City FC, FS1. 9 p.m.-Mexico vs. United

States, Gold Cup Final, FS1.

Softball

Noon—International Cup, ESPN.

Pro baseball

1 p.m.—Baltimore at Toronto, MLB, MASN. 1 p.m.—N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, MLB, TBS. 1:30 p.m.—Kansas City at Washington, MLB, MASN2.

Auto racing

1 p.m.—New England Nationals, FS1.

1 p.m.—Mobil 1 Grand Prix SportsCar Championship, NBC.

Golf

3 p.m.-3M Open Final Round, CBS.

Pro basketball

3:30 p.m.—San Antonio vs. Charlotte, NBA Summer League, ESPN2.

4 p.m.-Brooklyn vs. Croatia, NBA Summer League, NBA-TV.

5:30 p.m.-Minnesota vs. Atlanta, NBA Summer League, ESPN2.

6 p.m.-Denver vs. Orlando, NBA Summer League, NBA-TV.

7:30 p.m.—Chicago vs. Cleveland, NBA Summer

LOTTERIES

The lottery numbers were not available before press time. To find out the winning lottery numbers from all Virginia Lottery games, call the hotline at 804/662-5825.

vs. Phoenix, NBA Summer League, ESPN.

10 p.m.-Houston vs. Portland, NBA Summer League, NRA-TV

11:30 p.m.—Memphis vs. L.A. Clippers, NBA Summer League, ESPN2.

Monday, July 8

Tennis

8 a.m.—Wimbledon Fourth Round coverage, ESPN.

Pro basketball

3 p.m.–Oklahoma City vs. Philadelphia, NBA Summer League, ESPNU.

3:30 p.m.—Sacramento vs. Dallas, NBA Summer League, NBA-TV.

5 p.m.—Indiana vs. Detroit, NBA Summer League, ESPNU.

5 p.m.–NBA Summer League, ESPN2.

5:30 p.m.—Washington vs. Brooklyn, NBA Summer League, NBA-TV.

7 p.m.—San Antonio vs. Toronto, NBA Summer League, **ESPNU**

7:30 p.m.—Cleveland vs. Boston, NBA Summer League, NBA-TV.

9 p.m.-Milwaukee vs. Minnesota, NBA Summer League, ESPNU.

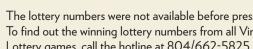
9:30 p.m.—New Orleans vs. Chicago, NBA Summer League, NBA-TV.

11 p.m.-China vs. Charlotte, NBA Summer League, ESPNU.

11:30 p.m.—Golden State vs. L.A. Lakers, NBA Summer League, NBA-TV.

Pro baseball

8 p.m.—Home Run Derby, MLB, ESPN and ESPN2.





Sunday's Games Atlanta at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE ROUNDUP

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Milwaukee			.522					27-18	
St. Louis			.512					24-18	
Pittsburgh			.489					21-21	
Cincinnati	41	45	.477			5-5	L-1	24-20	17-25
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Los Angeles	60	30	.667	_	_	6-4	L-1	37-10	23-20
Colorado			.506					24-19	
Arizona			.494					18-22	
San Diego								23-24	
San Francisco	59	48	.448	191/2	6½	6-4	L-1	18-26	21-22

N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 4, 11 innings L.A. Angels 5, Houston 4 Minnesota 15, Texas 6 Oakland 5, Seattle 2 Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 6, 10 innings Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 2 Atlanta 1, Miami 0	Saturday's games Washington 6, Kansas City 0 Baltimore 8, Toronto 1 Minnesota 7, Texas 4 Cleveland 7, Cincinnati 2 Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 3 Houston 4, L.A. Angels 0 Pittsburgh 12, Milwaukee 2 Miami 5, Atlanta 4 Boston at Detroit, late Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, late Oakland at Seattle, late Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, late St. Louis at San Francisco, late Colorado at Arizona, late San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late
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TODAY'S PITCHING MATCHUPS

							3 STARTS	
	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L		V.OPP.			
Baltmore	Wjchski (R)		0-1	6.75	0-1	0-1	5.1 6.75	
Toronto	Thrntn (R)	1:07p	2-6	5.18	6-12	0-1	12.110.22	-
Phldlphia	Nola (R)		7-2	3.89	11-7	1-1	23.0 0.39	
<u>N.Y. (NL)</u>	Wheler (R)	1:10p	6-5	4.42	9-9	1-0	19.1 1.86	
Cleveland	Bauer (R)		7-6	3.82	11-8	2-0	16.2 5.94	
Cincinnati	Mahle (R)	1:10p	2-8	4.36	4-12	0-1	18.0 4.50)
Boston	Price (L)		6-2	3.33	8-7	2-0	17.0 2.65	;
Detroit	Soto (L)	1:10p	0-2	8.06	2-4	0-0	11.1 6.35	;
N.Y. (AL)	Pxton (L)		5-3	4.09	9-5	1-0	15.1 4.70	Ĵ
T. Bay	Mortn (R)	1:10p	9-2	2.36	11-7	1-1	19.2 2.29)
Miami	Rchrds (R)		3-9	4.02	4-13	0-2	15.2 5.74	Ī
Atlanta	Kechel (L)	1:20p	1-2	4.08	1-2	1-2	17.2 4.08	3
K. City	Junis (R)		4-8	5.53	7-11	0-2	16.2 6.48	3
Wshngtn	Corbin (L)	1:35p	7-5	3.55	10-7	2-0	21.0 1.29)
Milwauke	Andrsn (R)		4-2	4.31	6-5	1-1	16.0 5.06	5
Pitsbrgh	Msgrve (R)	1:35p	6-7	4.13	8-9	2-0	16.0 0.56	5
L.A. (AL)	Suarz (L)		2-1	5.40	3-2	1-0	14.2 6.14	į.
Houston	Urqudy (R)	2:10p	0-0	4.91	1-0	0-0	3.2 4.91	L
Texas	Minor (L)		8-4	2.54	10-8	2-0	21.1 2.11	Ē
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Chi. (AL)	Nova (R)	2:10p	3-7	5.92	7-10	0-2	17.0 4.24	ł
St. Louis	Flhrty (R)		4-5	4.90	7-10	0-2	16.1 7.71	Ē
S. Frnsco	Smrdja (Ŕ)	4:05p	5-7	4.32	8-9	2-1	19.0 5.68	3
Colorado	Mrgez (R)		8-3	4.38	13-6	1-0	19.0 3.32	2
Arizona	Young (L)	4:10p	1-0	1.23	1-0	1-0	5.0 1.80)
S. Diego	Luchesi (L)		6-4	3.91	8-8	1-0	17.1 3.12	2
L.A. (NL)	StrpIng (R)	4:10p	3-2	3.45	6-2	0-0	12.1 3.65	5
Oakland	Mngdn (R)		3-1	4.67	4-1	2-0	15.2 3.45	5
Seattle	TBD	4:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0 0.00)
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Scherzer stays hot, Nats blank Royals

BY HARVEY VALENTINE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON-Max Scherzer sustained a dominant stretch with seven strong innings, Kurt Suzuki homered and the Washington Nationals beat the Kansas City Royals 6-0 on Saturday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ROYALS

NATIONALS

The NL pitcher of the month for June, Scherzer (9-5) allowed four hits and struck out 11 with one walk in his final start before heading to Tuesday's All-Star Game. He struck out the side in the seventh.

Scherzer has won seven straight starts and has an 0.84 ERA over his last nine appearances. He returned in 11 games. from the paternity list fol-



NICK WASS / ASSOCIATED PRESS Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer

delivers during the first inning.

lowing the birth of his daugh- back uniforms in celebration ter Thursday to help Wash- of their franchise's 50 years ington win for the ninth time since joining Major League

Both teams wore throw- Nationals wearing the pow-

INDIANS 7, REDS 2

MAJOR LEAGUE BOX SCORES

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MARLINS 5, BRAVES 4

Miami

Roias ss

ATLANTA–Yadiel Rivera hit a go-ahead, two-run single in Lindor homered twice, Rothe fifth inning and the Miami Marlins beat Atlanta 5-4 on Saturday. AB R H BI BB SO Avg. 5 0 2 0 0 0 .293

kojas ss Puello cf-rf	50		0	0.293	fifth straigl	nt v	ict	ory		/er	the
Cooper 1b	31			0.308	Cincinnati						
Riddle pr-cf	10			0.197				ы	пп	50	A
Castro 2b	52			1 .242	Cleveland						Avg.
Walker 3b-1b	50			2 .269	Lindor ss		2 2		0	1	.295
Alfaro c	51		ŏ	1.274	Mercado cf		0 0		0	0	.281
Ramirez If	51			2 .291	Santana 1b	4 4			1 1		.298 .235
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Atlanta	AB R	R H BI	BB S	O Avg.	Bieber p		0 0		0	1	.202
Acuna Jr. cf	41		0	0 .291	Bradley ph		0 1		0	0	.194
Albies 2b	42		0	1 .287	Allen pr-If		1 0		0	Ő	.169
Freeman 1b	40		0	1 .309	Totals		711		5	ğ	.107
Donaldson 3b	30		1	1 .247	Cincinnati	AB			BB		Avg.
Markakis rf	4 0		0	0.280	Winker If		0 0		0		.253
Riley If	4 1		0	2 .262	Votto 1b		0 1		Ő	_	.271
Camargo ss	4 0		0	1 .237	Suarez 3b		1 1		ŏ		.251
Flowers c	4 0		0	3.244	Puig rf		1 3		ŏ	ī	.253
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Atlanta 4. 2B-					Farmer c		0 0		0	0	.238
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(67), Markakis					Votto (17), Pui	g (1	.0).	HR-	-Lin	dor	(13),
left in scoring p					off DeSclafani; L						
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N.Anderson, H,			0	0 4.10	9; Cincinnati 0 f	or 7.	KUI	nner	s mo	oved	up—
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Atlanta	IP H			O ERA	Cleveland		н к 4 2		BB		ERA
Fried, L, 9-4	511		1	7 4.29	Bieber, W, 8-3		4 2		0 0	8 3	3.45 2.57
Tomlin	2 3		0	2 3.75	Goody Cincinnati						ERA
Webb	1 1		0	1 1.41	DeSclafani		72		<u>ь</u>		4.26
Sobotka	10		0	1 5.21	Lorenzen, L, 0-2					3	4.20 3.74
T-3:19. A-37,2	210 (41	.,149).			Rowman	2					2.26

CINCINNATI-Francisco berto Perez connected on a tiebreaking shot in the eighth

inning, and the Cleveland Indians pulled away to their th straight victory over the ncinnati Reds.

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nirez 3b	4	1	1	1	1	3	.217	
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en pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.169	
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PIRATES 12, BREWERS 2

PITTSBURGH-Kevin Newman and Starling Marte each drove in three runs, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 12-2 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday night. AB R H BI BB SO Avg Milwaukee

Baseball in 1969, with the

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(25), off Agrazal; Grandal (19), off Agrazal; Newman (6), off Houser; Cabrera (6), off Smith. RBIs—Grandal (48), Moustakas (53), Marte 3 (45), Moran 3 (49), Dickerson (18), Newman 3 (32), Cabrera 2 (31). CS-Yelich (2). Runners left in scoring der blue uniforms of the Montreal Expos.

Kansas City starter Glenn Sparkman (2-5) gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings.

Alex Gordon had two hits and a walk for the Royals, who have lost eight of 10.

With Washington leading 1-0, Matt Adams walked leading off the second and Suzuki followed with his 11th homer of the season.

Juan Soto had two RBI singles.

EXPOS DAY

Hall of Famer and former Expo Vladimir Guerrero threw out the ceremonial first pitch.... It wasn't the first time in an Expos uniform for Nationals manager Dave Martinez, who caught Guerrero's pitch, and third base coach Bobby Henley.

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NATIONALS 6, RUTALS 0										
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Gordon If	3	ŏ	2	ŏ	ĭ	ō	.272			
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Soler rf	4	ŏ	ĭ	ŏ	ŏ		.240			
Duda 1b	3	ŏ	Ō	ŏ	ŏ	2 3	.159			
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Hamilton cf	ī	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	.217			
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Turner ss	4	1	2	0	0	1	.288			
Eaton rf	4	ī	2	Õ	Õ	ō	.280			
Rendon 3b	3	ō	1	1	Õ	Õ	.304			
Soto If	4	0	2	2	0	0	.304			
Kendrick 2b	4	Ō	1	0	Ō	Ō	.324			
Adams 1b	2	1	0	0	2	1	.238			
Suzuki c	4	1	1	2	0	1	.270			
Robles cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.242			
Scherzer p	2	0	1	0	0	1	.167			
Parra ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	.229			
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COMING UP ACROSS THE MAJORS

Monday's games (no games scheduled)

Tuesday's game All-Star Game: NL vs. AL at Cleveland, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.

minor leagues

READING 5, RICHMOND 0

RICHMOND— Grenny Cumana hit a grand slam in the fifth inning, and Bailey Falter allowed just two hits over seven innings as the Reading Fightin Phils beat the Richmond Flying Squirrels 5-0 on Saturday.

POTOMAC 6, WILMINGTON 1

WOODBRIDGE—Jakson Reetz hit two home runs and drove in five runs, as the Potomac Nationals defeated the Wilmington Blue Rocks 6-1 on Saturday. Reetz hit a two-run shot in the sixth inning and then hit a three-run homer in the seventh.

mlb note

RANGERS' MINOR TO SKIP SUNDAY START

MINNEAPOLIS-The Texas Rangers' All-Star Mike Minor will skip his final start Sunday against Minnesota ahead of the break.

Minor, a first-time All-Star, already had been replaced on the American League roster by Cleveland's Shane Bieber because Minor was slated to start Sunday. Minor will attend the game but not pitch. The team wanted to give the left-hander more rest before the season resumes.

Minor (8-4) is second in the AL with a 2.54 ERA and owns a league-leading two complete games. His 117 innings pitched are tied for third in the AL heading into Saturday's games.

Texas announced Joe Palumbo will be recalled from Triple-A Nashville on Sunday and could make the start. The team is also considering the use of an opener in front of Palumbo to wrap up a three-game series with the Twins.

-The Associated Press

RAYS 4. YANKEES 3

ST. PETERSBURG. Fla.-Travis d'Arnaud hit a two-out homer off Chad Green in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Tampa Bay Rays past the New York Yankees 4-3 on Saturday.

AB R H BI BB SO Avg. New York 4 0 1 4 0 0 0 0 .336 LeMahieu 2b 1 1 Judge dh 2 .20 1 .23 4 .24 1 .21 0 .24 2 .29 1 .30 0 .22 5 1 3 4 0 0 Hicks cf 20 0 Sanchez c 1 0 Encarnacion 1b 4 Ō 0 $\begin{array}{c}
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\end{array}$ Gardner If 1 2 1 0 1 7 Torres ss ō Urshela 3b 0 0 Tauchman rf Totals 33 3 8 3 11 AB R H BI BB SO AN Tampa Bay 4 0 0 4 0 2 Heredia If 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 .2 0 .2 1 .2 0 .2 1 .2 1 .2 1 .2 1 .4 1 .2 2 .2 0 .2 0 .2 Pham dh 0 0 0 0 1 0 Diaz 3b ŏ Wendle 2b 0 0 Garcia rf 0 0 0 0 Brosseau 2b-3b 311 0 1 4 0 1 4 0 0 Kiermaier cf 0 0 0 1 2 Adames ss 0 4 2 3 2 2 1 1 2 d'Arnaud c 0 0 Lowe 1b 32 4 8 4 2 7 Totals New York 010 000 101 Tampa Bay 010 000 201 - 3 - 4 New York 8 LOB-New York 10, Tampa Bay 5. 2B Hicks (8), Tauchman (8). HR—Gardn (14), off Snell; Hicks (8), off Poche; Lov (2), off Sabathia; d'Arnaud (6), off Gree 2(2), on Sabada (4), and (4), on receiver (40), of Arnata 2 (22), Lowe 2 (4). SB–Gardner 2 (8 Pham (8). CS–LeMahieu (1). Runners le in scoring position–New York 8 (Judg Hicks 2, Encarnacion 2, Gardner, Torr Tauchman); Tampa Bay 3 (Heredia 2, Bro seau). RISP—New York 1 for 12; Tam Bay 1 for 8. Runners moved up—LeMahi Garcia 2. GIDP—LeMahieu, Brossea Kiermaier. New York IP H R ER BB SO EI 7633 1100 2 5 4. 0 1 1. Sabathia Ottavino Green, L, 2-3 2/3 1 1 1 0 1 **IP H R ER BB SO EF** 5 5 1 1 2 5 4. Tampa Bay Snell 3 5. 0 5. 1 0 0 0 Roe 2 2 0 Alvarado 2/3 2 1 1 0 1/3 0 0 Faria Drake, H, 3 12/3 0 0 0 23 Poche, W, 2-1, BS, 1-11/3 1 1 1 0 1 3. T-3:28. A-21,477 (25,025).

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Cincinnati	IP	н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
DeSclafani	6	7	2	2	2	6	4.26
Lorenzen, L, 0-2	2	2	2	2	0	3	3.74
Bowman	1	2	3	3	3	0	3.86
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TWINS 7. RANGERS 4

MINNEAPOLIS-Michael Pineda struck out a seasonhigh nine over six efficient innings, Jason Castro had two hits and three RBIs, and the Minnesota Twins beat the Texas Rangers 7-4 on Saturday.

TOT	Saturday.								
238	Texas	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	50	Avg.	
245	Choo rf	4	0	3	0	0	1	.284	
219									
242	Calhoun If	4	1	1	2	0	1	.291	
002	Andrus ss	3	1	1	1	1	0	.307	
292	Gallo cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.271	
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ASTROS 4, ANGELS 0

HOUSTON-Yuli Gurriel homered for the fourth straight game and Gerrit Cole pitched seven scoreless innings before two relievers completed the four-hitter, leading the Houston Astros to a 4-0 win over the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday night.

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Washington

TORONTO-Andrew Cashner pitched seven strong innings to win his third straight start, Renato Nunez hit a two-run home run and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-1 on Saturday.

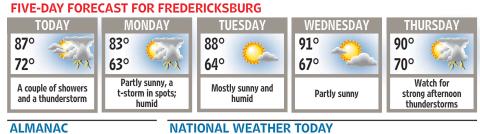
Stevie Wilkerson hit a solo home run and Jonathan Villar scored three times. The Orioles used a five-run fourth inning to win their third straight

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B6 SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

WEATHER



ALMANAC

University of Mary Washington station, Fredericksburg through 7 p.m. yesterday. Temperature High/Low 92°/74°

Normal high/low 105°/1977 Record high Record low . 45°/1979 Precipitation 24 hours ending 7 p.m. yesterday .. 0.00" Month to date . 0.08' Normal month to date . . 0.63' 19.30 Year to date

Normal year to date 21.76 Air Quality Index: 52

Saturday ... moderate Today's ozone 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy sensitive groups; 151–200, Unhealthy: Source: Virginia DEQ

VIRGINIA WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and humid today. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm; arriving during the afternoon in the southwest. A shower or thunderstorm in the north. High 73 to 91.

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Atlanta	90	74	t	92	75	t	Minneapolis	83	65	рс	84	67	рс
Atlantic City	83	69	t	82	64	рс	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	88	75	t	88	74	t
Baltimore	86	71	t	85	67	рс	Nags Head, N.C.	87	75	t	83	74	t
Boston	75	65	рс	79	67	S	Nashville	89	72	t	90	70	рс
Buffalo	79	57	S	81	57	S	New Orleans	98	77	S	97	79	рс
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Charleston, S.C.	88	75	t	90	73	t	Norfolk	88	73	t	84	71	t
Charlotte, N.C.	93	75	t	90	74	t	Ocean City, Md.	83	73	t	78	69	с
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Chicago	80	63	рс	83	65	рс	Philadelphia	84	69	рс	84	68	рс
Cincinnati	86	69	рс	86	67	рс	Phoenix	107	77	S	104	77	S
Cleveland	83	66	рс	82	63	рс	Pittsburgh	81	65	рс	84	64	рс
Dallas	96	78	рс	96	78	рс	Portland, Ore.	76	59	рс	78	61	рс
Denver	85	60	рс	84	57	рс	Raleigh	90	70	t	87	69	t
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El Paso	91	72	t	99	74	рс	Salt Lake City	94	68	S	87	60	S
Harrisonburg	81	68	t	78	60	рс	San Francisco	67	56	рс	67	56	рс
Honolulu	88	78	рс	89	78	sh	Seattle	68	57	sh	75	59	рс
Houston	96	76	S	96	76	S	St. Louis	85	69	рс	86	70	рс
Indianapolis	84	67	рс	85	64	рс	Tampa	86	78	t	89	77	t
Kansas City	83	68	рс	86	72	t	Washington, D.C.	86	73	t	84	70	рс
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Denv 85/6 Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation.Temperatur Ð nds are highs for the day. Showers Snow Cold front Flurries F-storms 100 4 + + + -10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s Yesterday's national extremes for the 48 contiguous states:

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SUN AND MOON

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PHELAN EBENHACK / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michael McDowell's crew pushes his car back to the garage after Saturday night's race was postponed.

AUTO RACING

Daytona race gets nudged back a day

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.-Rain spoiled one of NAS-CAR's last great traditions when Saturday night's race at Davtona International Speedway was postponed because of persistent poor weather.

The race will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, which helps NBC avoid a head-to-head conflict with the final game of the Women's World Cup.

NASCAR has run at Daytona during the July 4th weekend since 1959 but is abandoning that tradition next season. Daytona will instead host the regular-season finale in August, while the holiday weekend race will move to Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

RESULTS

MONSTER ENERGY CUP COKE ZERO SUGAR 400

WHEN: Sunday, 1 p.m. WHERE: Daytona International Speedway, Daytona, Fla. TV: NBC (channels 4, 12)

DEFENDING **CHAMP:** Erik Jones **ON THE POLE:** Joey Logano

Weather in part made Daytona amenable to surrendering the holiday weekend—every day since the track opened Thursday has been disrupted by either lightning or rain.

Royals outlast **MBA** Nats in 11th

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

WASHINGTON—Adalberto Mondesi hit a goahead single in the 11th inning, and the Kansas City Royals outlasted the Washington Nationals 7-4 on Friday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

BASEBALL

FRIDAY'S LATE GAME (11 INN.) 7 ROYALS NATIONALS

The Nationalsleft 19 men on base—including didn't work out that way. the bases loaded in the

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FROM B1

the 2020 NBA championship. Yes, the Clippers. A team that has won exactly four playoff series since moving to Los Angeles in 1984. A team that had 12 consecutive losing seasons a generation ago.

There wasn't much NBA intrigue at this time last year. The Warriors were adding DeMarcus Cousins to a team that won the last two championships and were seemingly locks to win a third straight title.

Evervone knows it Toronto took care of sixth, seventh and 10th that. It was just more proof innings. Jonny Venters that what seems obvious at this time of year doesn't always come to fruition.



BEN MARGOT / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kawhi Leonard won a title for the Raptors, but he'll play for the Clippers rather than stay in Toronto.

Durant next season, once Dallas figures to be better he returns from his Achil- if Kristaps Porzingis is les tendon rehab. Atlanta's healthy to run alongside young core may be the most promising in the NBA.

nba notes **CLIPPERS' BOLD MOVES STUN NBA**

LAS VEGAS-Toronto said farewell to Kawhi Leonard. Miami said hello to Jimmy Butler. Free agency finally became real Saturday.

Toronto awoke to the news Saturday that two starters from this past season's NBA champion Raptors-Leonard and Danny Green-were moving on. Leonard picked the Clippers and will sign a \$142 million, four-year deal. Green is joining the Lakers on a two-year deal.

The Clippers weren't done early Saturday morning. Oklahoma City superstar Paul George was traded to Los Angeles for Danilo Gallinari, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and five draft picks in a blockbuster deal that shook up both conferences. The Clippers and Thunder couldn't talk about their deal until it was finalized. The four-team trade that sent Butler to the Heat was one of the first big moves to get done once the league's offseason moratorium ended. Josh Richardson leaves the Heat for Philadelphia, Hassan Whiteside departs Miami for Portland as part of that deal and Moe Harkless leaves the Trail Blazers for the Clippers. Others deals that got done Saturday: The Lakers added De-Marcus Cousins and kept Rajon Rondo and JaVale McGee. Orlando completed the signings of its top two free agents, Nikola Vucevic and Terrence Ross. Indiana's sign-andtrade acquisition of Malcolm Brogdon (four years, \$85 million), a former University of Virginia standout, from Milwaukee was completed.

round draft pick from the Boston Celtics in exchange for three-time All-Star Kemba Walker and a 2020 secondround draft pick.

■ Chicago signed forward Thaddeus Young to a \$41 million, three-year contract.

SOURCE: WIZARDS TRADE HOWARD TO GRIZZLIES

A person familiar with the situation says the Washington Wizards have traded center Dwight Howard to the Memphis Grizzlies for forward CJ Miles.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity late Friday because

the trade hasn't been an-

nounced. ESPN reported the

Grizzlies plan to waive How-

played just nine games for

the Wizards last season. The

eight-time All-Star under-

went spinal surgery for a her-

Miles, 32, played a combined

53 games with the Toronto

Raptors and Grizzlies last sea-

son. He averaged 5.5 points, 1.7

rebounds and 14.1 rebounds in

WILLIAMSON OUT

OF SUMMER LEAGUE

LAS VEGAS-Zion William-

The New Orleans Pelicans

announced Saturday that the

No. 1 pick in this year's NBA

draft will not play any more

at the Summer League in Las

Vegas because of a bruised

left knee. He scored 11 points

in nine minutes in his Friday

night début game against the New York Knicks.

-The Associated Press

son's summer league is over.

40 games for Toronto.

niated disk last November.

33-year-old Howard

ard or trade him elsewhere.

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This year, though, the newfound balance of power-dare we say "parity"seems like a done deal.

The East still has a 60win team in Milwaukee rick Beverley, have an returning the reigning amazingly talented bench MVP in Giannis Antetokounmpo and shooting guard Khris Middleton. so the Bucks may be the favorite right now on that side of the league.

Philadelphia lost JJ Redick and Jimmy Butler, adding Josh Richardson and Al Horford to a team that looks be dominant defensively. No one will count out Boston, because of Brad Stevens and now Kemba Walker.

Miami got better even after losing Dwyane Wade with the addition of Butler—and the Heat might throw their hat in the ring if the Thunder make Russell Westbrook available, as is expected now that George is traded. Brooklyn gets Kyrie Irving this

And let's not forget the East also has the reigning NBA champion Raptors, albeit without Leonard and Danny Green.

But the West ... wow.

The Clippers kept Patled by Lou Williams, a coach everybody wants to play for in Doc Rivers and now gets two of the very best players in the game with Leonard and George.

Across the city, the Lakers still have James, added Anthony Davis, kept Ja-Vale McGee and Rajon Rondo, signed DeMarcus Cousins and Green—and might be in the market for another shooter.

Portland went to the West final last season and have an elite backcourt in Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum. Utah had a brilliant summer, giving Donovan Mitchell more good players like Mike Conley to surround himself with.

Houston still has James season and will add Kevin Harden and Chris Paul.

Luka Doncic.

The Lakers are almost certainly coming for someone's playoff spot out West. Same goes for the Heat in the East.

And before long, New Orleans, with Zion Williamson and David Griffin at the controls; Atlanta, with that core led by Trae Young and Kevin Huerter; and potentially Memphis, with the Ja Morant era set to begin, will all be making their push for a seat at the playoff table.

It's been a top-heavy league for a long time. Only five different franchises have represented the West in the NBA Finals over the last 20 years. In the East, it's five over the last 15 years.

Right now, the oddsmakers in Vegas are predicting next June it'll be Clippers vs. Bucks.

A couple days ago the Lakers were the betting favorites.

A new day is here in the NBA.

Tim Reynolds is a national basketball writer for The Associated Press. Write to him at treynolds(at)ap.org

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Courtland grad **Ryan** 0 6.12 0 5.30 McBroom is batting .310 with 2 7.11 111.25 16 homers and 38 RBIs for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and will play in next Wednesday's Triple-A All-Star Game in El Paso.

In his fourth pro start,

Chancellor grad Jason Morgan worked a career-high five innings for Great Falls (Mont.) against Billings Thursday. He's 0–1 with a 5.63 ERA

Andrew Knizner, who has King George County ties, is

batting .276 with seven homers and 24 RBIs at Triple-A Memphis.

Despite striking out four in three innings of relief, Orange grad Bradley Hanner took the loss in the Golf Coast League Twins' 5-4 loss to a team of Braves rookies Thursday. Hanner is 0-2 with a 2.70 ERA in three appearances.

■ The Hornets announced they acquired Terry Rozier and a protected 2020 second-

WNBA

Quake postpones Mystics game

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS—The game between the surging Washington Mystics and the Las Vegas Aces was postponed on Friday night because of an earthquake that struck Southern California.

It was halted at halftime with Washington leading 51–36.

LaToya Sanders scored half as the Mystics were streak of the season.

shooting 59 percent from the field. Liz Cambage had 12 points for Las Vegas, but the rest of her teammates were a combined 9-of-28 shooting.

Washington (9-3), which owns the best record in the WNBA, was seeking a sixth straight win. Las Vegas (8-5)was looking for its first 14 points in the first three-game winning

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SECTION B

SPORTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

THE FREE LANCE-STAR FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

FRIDAY

« TIME FOR TEQUILA SUNSET Johnson passes out mini bottle of favorite drink as he explains reasons to retire. B6

NO BREAK FOR GARRETT NFL's lengthy suspension of Browns DE for infamous helmet swing is upheld. B3

INSIDE

MEN'S BASKETBALL SURGING EARLY IN THE STATE



PHOTOS BY (TOP LEFT) THE NEWS AND ADVANCE, (BOTTOM LEFT) THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, (BOTTOM CENTER) THE ROANOKE TIMES AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Liberty, ODU, Richmond, Virginia, VCU and Virginia Tech have rolled through the early portions of their fall schedules.

Commonwealth teams off to another hot start

TIVE TEAMS from the Commonwealth earned bids to the 2019 NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament, led by eventual national champion Virginia. That matched a state record set of talent to the NBA, Virginia in 2011—one that may not last for another season.

Granted, a small pre-Thanksgiving sample size isn't enough to make any meaningful projections. But early results bode well for another heavy dose of state representation when the brackets are announced next March 15. Despite a rare early exodus



is 4–0 and ranked seventh after Tuesday night's narrow escape against Vermont. No. 21 VCU, another perennial tournament team, is also 4-0, including a home victory over

surprises. Here are a few that

are: ■ Virginia Tech is 5–0 despite seeing its roster deci- first three games and scored at mated by defections, including least 90 points in each, ranking that of former coach Buzz Williams and star players Nickeil Alexander–Walker (to the NBA) and Kerry Blackshear Jr. (who transferred to Florida).

■ After a similar turnover, William & Marv was 4–1 under rookie head coach Dane Fischer entering Thursday night's game at Stanford. George Mason is off to the first 5–0 start in school apparent game-winning shot history, although that mark

will be tested Friday night at sixth-ranked Maryland.

Richmond has won its fifth in the nation at 94.3 points per contest.

 Defending Big South tournament champion Liberty is 4-0, and one of its top challengers, Radford, scored a major résumé-padder with a win at Northwestern Tuesday

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Patriots, Lions to rekindle a rivalry

LONGTIME NEIGHBORS GET TO SEEK WHO'S THE BEST ON THE BLOCK

BY TAFT COGHILL JR.

THE FREE LANCE-STAR

A large chunk of Louisa County borders Hanover County.

Patrick Henry High School in Ashland and Louisa High are just 31 miles apart.

But while one would think the Patriots and Lions would be natural rivals, the programs haven't faced off on the football field since 1978.

That changes tonight when Louisa (11–0) hosts Patrick Henry (8-3) in the Region 4B semifinals. The winner will take on Eastern View or Dinwiddie next week in the region championship game.

"I would say P.H. is probably a 30 or 40 minute drive,' Louisa head coach Will Patrick said. "But they were [Group AAA] for so long and we were [AA] and we didn't play ... Some of these people probably go to church together. So hopefully it'll be a great crowd."

Patrick and Patriots head coach Ken Wakefield are anticipating an intense game.

The Patriots handled Spotsylvania 56–6 in the opening round of the playoffs last week. Louisa took care of King George 41–12.

When Wakefield took over the program earlier this year after a seven-year stint at Culpeper, he noticed he

LSU and former coach Will Wade that knocked the Tigers out of the rankings.

Those starts aren't major

Speaking

night.

And despite having an SEE DESHAZO, B5

SCHEDULE

VHSL FOOTBALL REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Friday's local contests (7 p.m. kickoff, unless noted)

Region 6B

Massaponax (9-2) at Freedom (W) (11-0) Colonial Forge (9–2) at Patriot (10-1)

Region 5B

William Fleming (4-7) at Mountain View (9-2)

Region 4B

Patrick Henry (A) (8–3) at Louisa (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Dinwiddie (6-5) at Eastern View (10-1)

Region 3B

Brentsville (8-3) at James Monroe (8–3)

Region 1A

Washington & Lee (6-5) at Essex (9-1)

Full pairings, game capsules B2

Nicholson says decision to play vs. Jets was 'rough'

'SKINS' SAFETY WON'T TALK ABOUT EVENTS IN WOMAN'S DEATH

BY LES CARPENTER THE WASHINGTON POST

PRO FOOTBALL

WASHINGTON-Washington Redskins safety Montae Nicholson said Thursday that the last several days have been "tough," after a woman apparently overdosed at his home and later died late last week.



Nichols

ing, Nicholson refused to talk about what happened in the hours that led up to Nicholson and another man bringing 21-year old Julia

TUNE IN

LIONS (3-6-1) at REDSKINS (1-9) FedEx Field, Landover, Md. Sunday, 1 p.m. (Fox; WGRQ-FM 95.9)

unconscious to an Ashburn hospital.

Crabbe unresponsive and extremely hard on not did not identify the drugs,

friends and family, as well," Nicholson said. "I would appreciate if you all respect my privacy while everything is going on."

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has been investigating the death. A police search of Nicholson's home turned up pills, marijuana and foil with residue on the day "This week has been of her death. The warrant

only myself but Julia's or explain who they belonged to or how they got into Nicholson's home. Nicholson was not asked

about the drugs. Most of what he addressed in a seven-question news conference at the team's Ashburn practice facility involved how he has dealt with the death of Crabbe, who, according to her family, was dating Nicholson.

"It's been rough, to say SEE REDSKINS, B3

MLB to probe Astros' conduct in 2017–19 seasons

SIGN-STEALING CLAIMS HAVE ENOUGH LEGS TO WARRANT ACTION

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS AP BASEBALL WRITER

ARLINGTON, Texas-Major League Baseball has widened its investigation of alleged sign stealing by the Houston Astros and

PRO BASEBALL

seasons.

After the conclusion of owners meetings Thursday, baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said MLB will "investigate the Astros situation as thoroughly as humanly possible." The probe includes extent we are talking to the team's firing of an people all over the induswill probe activity by the assistant general manager try, former employees, team over the past three during the World Series competitors, whatever.

directed at female reporters, behavior the club at first accused Sports Illustrated of fabricating.

"That investigation is going to encompass not only what we know about '17, but also '18 and '19," Manfred said. "To the

for clubhouse comments To the extent that we find other leads, we're going to follow these leads."

Manfred has said for now the Astros are the only team being investigated for cheating allegations.

Our clubs, all 30 of them, recognize that the integrity of the competition on the field is crucial to what we do every



SETH WENIG / ASSOCIATED PRESS

day," he said. "I think The Astros would have someone in the duqout SEE ASTROS, B6 whistle to a batter a stolen sign, a report claims.

COMING UP >> NORTH STAFFORD FACES FRANK COX FOR CLASS 5 VOLLEYBALL CROWN

VHSL FOOTBALL CAPSULES

(All games at 7 p.m. unless noted) FRIDAY'S REGION SEMIFINALS

REGION 6B

MASSAPONAX (9-2) **AT FREEDOM-WOODBRIDGE (11-0)**

Last week: The Panthers beat Stonewall Jackson-Manassas 35-18. The Eagles beat John Champe 60-6.

Notes: Joshua Hale rushed for a season-high 121 yards and added a touchdown as the Panthers rushed for 327 yards, just below their season average, and four scores on the ground in last week's win. Their ground game, which has been led by Jr. QB Luke Morley (1,205 yards, 23 TDs), will need to be running on all cylinders in this one to keep Freedom's high-octane offense, which is averaging 49 ppg, off the field as much as possible. Eagles' Sr. QB Quest Powell has thrown for 3,094 yards and 40 TDs, about half of that to Jr. WR Umari Hatcher (1,400 yards, 17 TDs). The pair connected for 156 yard and two scores in last week's win. Freedom hasn't been too shabby on the ground either led by Jr. RB Julian Edwards (1,344, 22 TDs).

COLONIAL FORGE (9-2) AT PATRIOT (10-1)

Last week: The third-seeded Eagles shut down Gar-Field in a 40-0 win. The Pioneers beat Hylton 35-0. Notes: Sr. QB Madden Lowe helped led the Eagles to last week's win with 176 total yards and two scores, as well as kicking two fields goals and handling extra-point duties. The defense pitched its third shutout of the season and will need to be up to the task again this week. RB Tim Baldwin finished with 133 yards and four TDs rushing for the Patriots last week. The senior has rushed for 1,387 yards and 23 scores on the season. The Pioneers can also be dangerous through the air led by Jr. QB Cody Rogers (1,595 yards, 13 TDs), who passed for 210 yards and score last week.

REGION 5D

WILLIAM FLEMING (4-7) AT MOUNTAIN VIEW (9-2)

Last week: The fifth-seeded Colonels beat Harrisonburg 20-17. The top-seeded Wildcats beat Stafford 45-28. Notes: Shareef Anderson scored the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter and then sealed the win an interception with under five minutes to play to help William Fleming get its first playoff win since 2003 last week. The Colonels have no players averaging over 50 yards rushing on the season, but Anderson comes into the game with 1,161 yards passing and nine touchdowns. Sr. QB Edward Ware returned from an injury last week with 256 total yards and three scores. Another strong effort from Fr. RB lke Daniels, who rushed for three scores in the second half to secure last week's win, could only help the Wildcats' cause as they try to reach their first region final since 2012.

REGION 4B

PATRICK HENRY-ASHLAND (8-3) AT LOUISA (11-0), 7:30

Last week: The fourth-seeded Patriots beat Spotsylvania 56-6. The top-seeded Lions beat King George 49-12. Notes: Patrick Henry won its fourth straight game-outscoring opponents 175-6 in that run—last week behind a defensive effort that held Spotsylvania to just 75 total yards, while the offense built a 43-0 lead behind Sr. QB Alex Sikkar and a ground attack that scored six touchdowns. Sikkar leads the team in rushing, but the Patriots have spread the ball around recently with Jayden Mines, Tyler Newell and Zeik Williams also being keys offensively. Louisa hasn't missed a beat offensively with leading rusher Jarett Hunter now at QB. The senior ran for three scores and passed for another in last week's win. Kalup Shelton and Robert Morgan the IV may need to step up in support of Hunter in the backfield.

DINWIDDIE (6-5) AT EASTERN VIEW (10-1)

Last week: The seventh-seeded Generals upset Monacan 49-27. The third-seeded Cyclones dispatched Huguenot 42-0. Notes: This season, Dinwiddie has scored plenty of points, but has allowed a lot as well against its tougher opponents. With that in mind, the Generals may have a tough time with Eastern View which has outscored opponents 476-80 this season. Sr. RB Robert Barlow has been their catalyst offensively rushing for 1,690 yards and 30 TDs. Sr. QB Brenton Hilton (100-183-7, 1,319 yards, 12 TDs) can also be a threat, but the defense will have to find way to stop the Cyclones and QB Till Butler. The senior has thrown for 28 TDs, including three in last week's win, and just one interception. Raq Lawson has led the running game, which was bolstered by the return of Ronta Robinson from injury last week.

LIONS

FROM B1

wasn't leading a rebuilding program.

Although the team was coming off a 3–7 season, players were committed and the potential was there for a stellar campaign.

Senior quarterback Alex Sikkar has 1,943 total yards (1,103 rushing and 840 passing). Sophomore Jayden Mines has been used at quarterback, wide receiver and running back. He burned Spotsylvania Louisa has lost little of its offensive firepower now with four catches for 86 yards and two scores.

Wakefield said the "buy-in of the kids" has made his first season a memorable one.

"Right away you could see the commitment," Wakefield said. "From rising ninth-graders all the way up to 12th, they were very attentive and wanted to be better. They're very coachable. Any time you have a combination of those things you're set up for success.'

share of success, as well.

They reached the state championship game two years ago and fell to Salem. In this round last fall, they suffered a heart-breaking got to go out and exe-19-14 loss to Eastern View on a 58-yard pass play as time expired.

TOM ROTHENBERG FOR THE FREE LANCE-STAR that the Lions' Jarett Hunter (1) is under center.

onax on Sept. 13.

cute our game plan and to do for the team," Hunter do our jobs offensively, said of changing positions. defensively and on spe-Patrick said he's expect- cial teams," Patrick said. with me at quarterback, tcoghill@freelancestar.com

"We've got to take care of ourselves."

Wakefield said the Lions pose all kinds of problems even without starting quarterback Landon Wilson.

Wilson went down with a fractured ankle Nov. 1 against Western Albemarle. He's been replaced by running back Jarett Hunter.

Hunter has rushed for 1,005 yards and 18 touchdowns this season. He's Louisa has won its other gone 18 of 27 for 392 yards passing with five touchdowns and no intercep-

"I'll do whatever I need "If we can be successful

Wakefield said the Lions' offense is unpredictable. He said they line up in various formations and they have differing pack-

then I'll do that."

ages so that a defense is never allowed to get comfortable.

The Lions have been bolstered by the return of wide receiver Noah Robinson, an Old Dominion commit who was injured earlier in the season.

Robinson now has 16 catches for 338 yards and two touchdowns.

"They do a really good job of getting their ath-letes in space," Wakefield said. "They make you guess at what you want to take away."

Wakefield said he's also wary of Louisa's "rangy" linebackers Aaron Aponte and Austin Sims. In addition, he said the defensive line is stout up front.

Patrick Henry's defense jumped out on film to Hunter and Patrick. The Patriots had shut out three straight opponents before Spotsylvania scored on Ty-Shaun Colbert's 6-vard run in the third quarter last Friday.

"They've got a really good D-line and some athletic fast guys all over their defense," Hunter said. "They're able to make a lot of plays."

Taft Coghill Jr: 540/374-5526

-WILL PATRICK

ing a "dogfight" against the Patriots. He said he's not con-

The Lions have had their 27 victory over Massap-

10 games by an average of 34.7 points per game.

"Our concern is we've tions.

AREA FOOTBALL STATISTICAL LEADERS

(Stats reported through Nov. 20)											
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VHSL FOOTBALL REGIONAL SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS (Tonight, 7 p.m. unless noted) **REGION 6A**

REGION 4B Patrick Henry-Ashland (8-3) at Louisa (11-0), 7:30 Dinwiddie (6-5)

REGION 2D

Central-Wise (9-2) at Ridgeview (9–2

Gretna (8-3) at Radford (9-2) Altavista (4-7) at Sussex Central (9-2)

REGION 1C

Some of the [schools' fans] go to church together. Hopefully, it will be a great crowd

cerned that the Lions haven't been involved in such a contest since a 28-

REGION 3B

BRENTSVILLE (8-3) AT JAMES MONROE (8-3)

Last week: The third-seeded Tigers beat George Mason 32-21. The second-seeded Yellow Jackets beat Central-Woodstock 60-28.

Notes: Both teams come into the game with six-game winning streaks. Last week, Brentsville fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter, but Jr. QB Guy Hayes, the team's leading passer and rusher on the season, scored three rushing touchdowns to help orchestrate the comeback. Jr. RB Brady Hoad had 118 yards rushing and Jr. RB Kyler Cornwell scored his eighth rushing touchdown in that win. While Brentsville has been hot offensively during their win streak, they have also allowed 21.5 ppg in the stretch. JM's quick-strike offense will look to inflate that number after exploding for 33 points in the first quarter of last week's win. QB Aidan Ryan passed for three scores and ran for another in the frame as the Yellow Jackets improved to 8-1 with the junior under center. Look for Jawuan Fauntleroy to provide support on the ground along with a plethora of receivers to do so in the passing game.

REGION 1A

WASHINGTON & LEE (6-5) AT ESSEX (10-1)

Last week: The fourth-seeded Eagles edged Colonial Beach 34-33. The top-seeded Trojans rolled over Mathews 45-0.

Notes: Essex has won eight straight since a loss to King William in September led by its defense which has shut out three straight opponents—five total on the season—and allowed just 5.5 ppg during the streak. The shutout streak started three weeks ago against W&L. Avante Banks ran for a score and caught another in that Trojans' win. The W&L defense showed they can keep the Essex offense somewhat in check in their earlier meeting, but they will need to find some points on offense despite possibly missing two of the team's biggest weapons. The Eagles were without leading rushing LJ Kelly Jr. and leading receiver Shane McNeill due to injuries last week—McNeill is done for the season and Kelly is questionable for tonight's rematch. Juniors Jawun Tolson and Christian Mountjoy stepped up in their absence with two rushing and two passing scores, respectively.

-Tom Leiss

Landstown (8-3) at Oscar Smith (10-1) Thomas Dale (8-3) at Ocean Lakes (8-3)

REGION 6B

Massaponax (9–2) at Freedom-Woodbridge (11-0) Colonial Forge (9–2) at Patriot (10–1)

REGION 6C

T.C. Williams (8-3) at South County (11-0) Lake Braddock (9–2) at Mount Vernon (10–1)

REGION 6D

South Lakes (7-4) at Westfield (11-0) Yorktown (10–1)

at James Madison (8-3) **REGION 5A**

Woodside (10-1) at Salem-Va. Beach (11-0) Nansemond River (9–2) at Maury (11-0)

REGION 5B

Varina (9–2) at Highland Springs (11–0)

Deep Run (11-0) at Manchester (10-1)

REGION 5C

Potomac Falls (5-6) at Stone Bridge (9–1) Briar Woods (6-5) at Woodgrove (6-4)

REGION 5D

William Fleming (4–7) at Mountain View (9–2)

Patrick Henry-Roanoke (7-4) at North Stafford (7–4), 2 p.m. Saturday

REGION 4A

Warwick (7-4) at Lake Taylor (9-2) King's Fork (4–7) at Churchland (9-2) at Eastern View (10–1)

REGION 4C

Loudoun Valley (7-4) at Broad Run (11-0) Tuscarora (10–1) at Liberty-Bealeton (11-0)

REGION 4D

Pulaski (9–2) at E.C. Glass (10–1) G.W.-Danville (8-3) at Salem (10-1)

REGION 3A

Phoebus (10–1) at York (11–0) I.C. Norcom (7-4) at Hopewell (11–0), Saturday, 2

REGION 3B

Brentsville (8-3) at James Monroe (8–3) Skyline (6-5) at Goochland (10-1)

REGION 3C

Liberty Christian (8-3) at Heritage-Lynchburg (10-1), Saturday, 7 Rockbridge County (9-2)

at Spotswood (11-0)

REGION 3D

Hidden Valley (7-4) at Lord Botetourt (11-0) Magna Vista (8-3)

at Northside (8-3)

REGION 2A

Greensville County (8-3) at T.J.-Richmond (9-2) Poquoson (7-4)

at King William (8-3) **REGION 2B**

Strasburg (8-3) at Stuarts Draft (10-1) East Rockingham (7-4) at Buckingham County (10-1)

REGION 2C

Glenvar (7–4) at Appomattox (9-2) Graham (9-2) at Union (9-2)

REGION 1A

Washington & Lee (6-5) at Essex (9–1)

West Point (7-4) at Rappahannock (8-3)

REGION 1B

Franklin (4-7) at Riverheads (11-0)

VHSL VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 6 Friday's final at VCU Siegel Center Kellam vs. W.T. Woodson, 8 p.m.

CLASS 5

Friday's final at VCU Siegel Center North Stafford vs. Frank Cox, 6 p.m.

CLASS 4 Friday's final at VCU Siegel Center Grafton vs. Loudoun

County, 4 p.m.

ALL-STATE TEAMS

FIELD HOCKEY

CLASS 6 ALL-STATE

Player of the year: Tori Canaway (Kellam). Coach of the year: Katie Robinson (Langley).

FIRST TEAM

F—Tori Carawan (Kellam), Bella Holloman (Langley), Sara Silarszka (Fairfax), Margaret Stephan (W.T. Woodson). MF—Maddie McGaughey (Langley), Anna Stribling (WTW), Victoria Kennedy (Colgan), Riley Woolerton (Western Branch). D—Mikayla Schoff (Langley), Tristen Craig (Massaponax), Bridget Cassata (WTW), Gwendolyn Via (Fairfax). AL—Aly Trumbull (Langley), Auburn (6-5) at Galax (9-1) George Wythe-Wytheville (8-2) at Narrows (11-0)

REGION 1D

Holston (7-4) at Patrick Henry-Glade Spring (11-0)

Chilhowie (9-2) at J.I. Burton (9-2), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

CLASS 3 Saturday's final At Salem Civic Center Tabb vs. Lord Boetourt,

4 p.m. CLASS 2 Saturday's final At Salem Civic Center Radford vs. Poquoson, 2 p.m.

CLASS 1 Saturday's final At Salem Civic Center Auburn vs. Riverheads, noon

Tatum Lynch (Fairfax), Josi John (WB). GK-Alyssa Maryanopolis (West Springfield).

SECOND TEAM

F—Lauren Gresham (Patriot), Avery Burke (Marshall), Olivia McCafferty (Colgan), Rebecca Bartheld (Battlefield). MF-Adrian Risi (Chantilly), Zoe Kraweitz (Rob), Jayden Moon (Riverbend), Rebecca Stewart (Washington-Liberty). D-Carly Williams (Madison), Marie Iverson (Tallwood), Hailey Beaudoin (Fairfax), Rocia Gayoso (Bat). AL-Caroline Porter (Kellam), IvyLynn Powell (Osbourn), Caitlin Weber (Tallwood). GK—Gillian Dumont (Marshall).

FOOTBALL

REDSKINS

FROM B1

the least," Nicholson said. "But, you know, with my teammates and friends who aren't in the state or just aren't around here, the [Redskins front office] made it very well known that they have my back in everything that was going on and if I needed anything, just to talk or anything like that, they made that known that the door was wide open."

Nicholson started and played all of Sunday's game against the New York Jets, a decision that has drawn some criticism given the game was just three days after her death and a police investigation was ongoing. He said the team gave him the option of playing or sitting out, and he decided to play, even though: "It wasn't easy at all trying to separate the field from everything that was going on."

But, he added, the decision over whether to play was not particularly difficult.

"It wasn't that hard," Nicholson said. "If I can play, I'm going to play. I love this game.... If I can, I will be going."

He said he has spoken to a counselor about dealing with the death as well as "the people who are closest to me," but did not offer any details about those conversations.

COLLEGE

Spiders, Tribe, Dukes reverting to 11-game slates

BY THE TIMES-DISPATCH

RICHMOND-The FCS goes back to 11-game schedules in 2020, and the state's CAA members on Thursday released their slates. FCS programs were permitted, but not required, to play 12-game schedules this season because there are 13 Saturdays between Labor Day weekend and Thanksgiving weekend. JMU, UR and W&M play 12 games.

Starting times for games will be determined



David DeCastro tries to keep Myles Garrett (95) from Mason Rudolph during their Nov. 14 fight.

NFL

Garrett's suspension is upheld

BROWNS DEFENSIVE END'S APPEAL IS NIXED, MEANING HE'LL HAVE TO SIT OUT SEASON

BY TOM WITHERS AP SPORTS WRITER

CLEVELAND-Myles Garrett's goal was to be NFL's top defensive player this season. He won't finish it.

Garrett's indefinite suspension for smashing Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph over the head with a helmet was upheld Thursday by an appeals officer who decided the severe penalty on the Cleveland Browns star defensive end is fair.

One of the league's most dominant edge rushers, Garrett is banned for the final six regular-season games and playoffs—if Cleveland qualifies—for pulling off Rudolph's helmet and cracking him with it in the closing seconds of the Browns' 21–7 win over their AFC North rival last week.

On Wednesday, Garrett attended his appeals hearing in New York and made his case to former player James Thrash for a reduction of his penalty, which will damage Cleveland's season and stain the 24-year-old's budding career.

kice Pouncey from three games to two for punching and kicking Garrett following the shocking assault on Rudolph, who earlier this week said he "should have done a better job keeping my composure in that situation.'

Brooks also upheld a \$35,096 fine for Pouncey, who will miss the Steelers' rematch with the Browns on Dec. 1 at Heinz Field, where the atmosphere is intense for every game between Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Garrett's violent act—he pulled Rudolph's helmet off and clobbered him with it—on national TV and its aftermath have been a dominant topic since it happened. The story took a new twist when ESPN, using anonymous sources, first reported that Garrett told the league during his meeting with Thrash that Rudolph used a racial slur just before the brawl erupted.

... You have two people [with two versions of the helmet



SETH WENIG / ASSOCAITED PRESS Garrett made his appeal directly to James Trash, but the league appeals officer wasn't swayed to change the punishment.

didn't mention anything to him about Rudolph making a comment.

"I wouldn't doubt it, though," said Richardson, who felt Rudolph deserved a suspension. "Had to be something to get him out of his body. ... I know he wouldn't lie on nothin' like that."

Garrett will lose \$1.14 million in salary and his absence is a significant set- with life is you have two back to the Browns (4-6), people and you're probadest defensive player as the exact truth. It's always they try to end a postseason drought dating to 2002. The suspension is the longest issued for a single le Larry Ogunjobi was on-field behavior. Tennessee defensive lineman Albert Haynesworth was Rudolph to the ground. suspended five games in Thrash upheld his suspen-2006 for stomping on the face Cowboys center Andre Gurode in 2006. Garrett's stunning behavior was out of character their respective sidelines for the soft-spoken Pro Bowler who likes to write poetry. His teammates were shocked by what NFL spokesman Brian happened, and several released Saturday. wondered if Rudolph, who avoided suspension but will be fined, did something to trigger the out-

were, this is a guy I've never seen anything like that," wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. said moments before Thrash's decision was announced. "Who knows? You don't know whatever evidence and things they find. I'm just praying there's a resolution for him. He's a very good dude and we all miss him."

Browns guard Joel Bitonio didn't condone Garrett's behavior, but never imagined seeing his teammate lose control.

"It's still one of those things where you can't really swing a helmet like a weapon," he said. "It's tough to justify that no matter what's happening. Obviously in the heat of the moment it could anger you even more if that's what was said, and you could see why he was kind of upset out there. End of the game, you'd think he would want to try to get off the field and stuff, but you really never know.

"That's the crazy part

nfl notes **RIVERS' FUTURE** WITH CHARGERS **GETS SCRUTINIZED**

COSTA MESA, Calif.-The Los Angeles Chargers' final five regular-season games af-ter their bye this week could go a long way toward deter-mining whether Philip Rivers

will return next year. The franchise quarterback is in the final year of his contract with neither side indicating it's close to an ex-tension. Rivers has spent his entire 16-year career with the Chargers but is having one of his most frustrating seasons.

Despite Rivers' uncertain future, coach Anthony Lynn isn't considering benching the quarterback, who has made 219 consecutive regular-season starts.

"I'm not going to entertain that right now. Right now, Philip Rivers is our starting quarterback," Lynn said. "You know, we're sitting here 4-7. Everybody could be doing something better."

RYAN, JONES BACK AT FALCONS FACILITY

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga.-Quarterback Matt Ryan and receiver Julio Jones returned to practice for the Atlanta Falcons and appear set to start against Tampa Bay.

Ryan, nursing a sore ankle, and Jones, bothered by a sore foot, went through Thursday's full session with no problems. Neither practiced the day before. Cornerback Desmond Tru-

fant (toe) was a full participant, too.

The Falcons (3-7) have won two straight as they prepare to host the Buccaneers (3-7). Atlanta might be without tight end Austin Hooper (knee), running back Devonta Freeman (foot) and defensive end Takk McKinley (shoulder). All three have yet to practice this week.

-The Associated Press

BEARS' TRUBISKY STAYS ON TRACK TO PLAY SUNDAY

CHICAGO-Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky practiced in full for the second straight day Thursday at Halas Hall as he recovers from a right hip pointer.

Bears coach Matt Nagy, who speaks to the media before practice, said Wednesday's practice was light, and it was difficult to see how Trubisky's mechanics looked during what he described as "half-speed" work. He exwho will be without their bly never going to find out pected to have a better idea of Trubisky's status after Thursday's session. "It's kind of hard to see exactly [where he's at], just because of that," Nagy said. "But I liked the way he looked. Nagy said Trubisky said he felt pretty good, and Nagy thought that was "a step in the right direction" as the Bears gear up for Sunday's game against the Giants.

at a later date.

STATE FCS'20 SCHEDULES JAMES MADISON

September: 5, Delaware; 12, Chattanooga; 19, at North Carolina; 26, at Albany. October: 3, William & Mary; 17, at Towson; 24, at Villanova; 31, Maine. November: 7, Elon; 14, at Richmond; 21, Merrimack.

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September: 3, Saint Francis; 12, at New Hampshire; 19, at Pittsburgh; 26, Maine. October: 3, at Stony Brook; 17, at Yale; 24, Towson; 31, at Elon. November: 7, Rhode Island; 14, James Madison; 21, at William & Mary.

WILLIAM & MARY

September: 5, at Stanford; 12, Colgate; 19, at Lafayette; 26, Elon. October: 3, at James Madison; 17, Albany; 24, at Delaware; 31, Stony Brook. November: 7, at New Hampshire; 14, at Rhode Island; 21, Richmond.

Thrash didn't find enough compelling evidence to lessen Garrett's punishment, which will keep him off the field until 2020—at the earliest.

As part of his historic suspension for using his helmet "as a weapon," Garrett must also meet with Commissioner Roger Goodell's office before he can be reinstated. He's been fined \$45,623.

Appeals officer Derrick Brooks, a Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker, did reduce the suspension for Steelers center Maur- Richardson said Garrett

-swining incident] and you're probably never going to find out the exact truth.

> JOE BITONIO, **BROWNS GUARD**

Steelers spokesman Burt Lauten said Rudolph "vehemently denies" the report. Rudolph had been scheduled to speak to reporters after practice but declined shortly after the report surfaced.

McCarthy said the league investigated Garrett's claim and "found no such evidence."

Browns tackle Sheldon burst.

"Whatever the actions stating regret.

somewhere in between usually."

Browns defensive tacksuspended one game for shoving a helmet-less sion on Wednesday.

Several players from both teams are expected to be fined for leaving as the officials tried to restore order during the game's chaotic ending. Those penalties will be

The Browns and Steelers organizations were each fined \$250,000 for their roles in the incident. Both released statements

'BOYS' VANDER ESCH **EXPECTED TO MISS PATRIOTS GAME**

FRISCO, Texas-The Cowboys plan to be without linebacker Leighton Vander Esch on Sunday against the New England Patriots and likely longer, sources said Thursday. Vander Esch practiced this week before a flare-up in his neck area prompted an MRI on Thursday, one person familiar with the situation said. Those results dictated that he will rest the ailment for an indefinite period. Vander Esch already missed one game this season following an Oct. 20 neck stinger versus the Philadelphia Eagles. He won't practice Friday.

Sean Lee is now expected to see an expanded role Sunday. Past usage would suggest Lee will flip from strong- to weakside linebacker while working beside linebacker Jaylon Smith in the nickel defense.

-Tribune Newspapers



Penn State ready for 'heavyweight fight' at Ohio State

BY JOE JULIANO

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

PHILADELPHIA-Asked about the first time he experienced a football game that resembled a heavyweight fight, Penn State defensive end Shaka Toney recalled a Pennsylvania high school state championship game.

"It was my senior year," Toney said. "Game came down to the wire. [His quarterback] threw a in his face."

Toney mentioned some monumental games since he's been with the Nittany Lions, including in



Franklin

urday's game against undefeated and second-ranked Ohio State on the road in Columbus with a chance at the Big Ten East championship on the line.

Head coach James game-sealing pick. I was Franklin said his ninthranked Lions have to come of Ohio—and answered out and match the Buckeyes play for play, or punch for punch.

2017 at Iowa match their confidence, when Penn and we're going to have to match their playmaking," he said. "For us to sit here and expect that Ohio State isn't going to make plays on Saturday, they're going to. That guy delivers a blowyou counter. That's what it's going to need to be."

Ohio State hasn't been punched much during its brilliant 2019 season to date. Its average scoring margin is 41.7 points. The Buckeyes have trailed only once—5–0 to Miami with 76 straight points. Their top running back, J.K. Dobbins, has carried "We're going to have to just 42 times in the second Penn State's 79 points off you can get drowned out."

COLLEGE

No. 9 PENN STATE (9-1) at No. 2 OHIO **STATE (10-0)** Saturday, noon (Fox).

half, and has four games of zero carries in the final two quarters.

As for explosive plays, Ohio State has 29 runs and 27 pass completions of 20 or more yards. The Nittany Lions' numbers are 14 runs and 37 completions of have scored 111 points off

17 takeaways.

With most of the 102,000-plus in attendance at Ohio Stadium wearing scarlet and gray, the Lions won't be reluctant to take shots.

"I think one of the worst things that people do is they play a really talented team and you play conservatively," Franklin said. "You can't do that. We're going to have to match their confidence."

Toney feels the same

"Football truly is a mo-20 or longer. The Buckeyes mentum sport," he said. "If you don't react to the 22 takeaways, compared to momentum the right way,

way.

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squad.

SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE

FOOTBALL

Fridav's Games Cent. Arkansas (8-3) at Incarnate Word (5-6), 7:30

Colorado St. (4-6) at Wyoming (6-4), 9:30

Saturday's Games

EAST CCSU (10-1) at Duquesne (6-4), Noon Georgetown (5-5) at Holy Cross (6-5), Noon

Merrimack (5-5) at LIU (0-9), Noon Hampton (5-6) at Monmouth (NJ) (9-2), Noon

James Madison (10-1) at Rhode Island

(2-9), Noon Sacred Heart (7-4) at Robert Morris

(6-5), Noon Michigan St. (4-6) at Rutgers (2-8), Noon East Carolina (3-7) at UConn (2-8), Noon BYU (6-4) at UMass (1-10), Noon

BYU (6-4) at UMass (1-10), Noon Bryant (3-8) at Wagner (1-10), Noon Oklahoma St. (7-3) at West Virginia (4-6), Noon Harvard (4-5) at Yale (8-1), Noon Dartmouth (8-1) at Brown (2-7), Noon Lafayette (3-8) at Lehigh (4-6), 12:30 Bucknell (3-7) at Fordham (3-8), 1 Morgan St (2-8) at Howard (1-10) 1 Morgan St. (3-8) at Howard (1-10), 1 Maine (6-5) at New Hampshire (5-5), 1 Princeton (7-2) at Penn (5-4), 1 Delaware (5-6) at Villanova (8-3), 1 Columbia (3-6) at Cornell (3-6), 1:30 St. Francis (Pa.) (5-6) at Delaware St. (2-9), 2

Albany (NY) (7-4) at Stony Brook (5-6), 2 Elon (4-6) at Towson (7-4), 2 Nebraska (4-6) at Maryland (3-7), 3:30

SMU (9-1) at Navy (7-2), 3:30 SOUTH W. Carolina (3-8) at Alabama (9-1), Noon Samford (5-6) at Auburn (7-3), Noon San Diego (8-2) at Jacksonville (3-8), Noon

William & Mary (4-7) at Richmond (5-6), Noon Wofford (7-3) at The Citadel (6-5), Noon

UCF (7-3) at Tule Ctade (0-5), Noon Liberty (6-4) at Virginia (7-3), Noon Drake (5-4) at Davidson (8-3), 1 Point (Ga.) (5-6) at Furman (7-4), 1 Stetson (6-4) at Morehead St. (5-6), 1 NC Central (4-7) at NC A&T (7-3), 1 SC State (7-3) at Norfolk St (5-6), 1 SC State (7-3) at Norfolk St. (5-6), 1 St. Andrews (0-0) at Presbyterian (1-10), 1 Chattanooga (6-5) at VMI (4-7), 1:30 MVSU (2-8) at Alabama A&M (6-5), 2 South Alabama (1-9) at Georgia St.

(6-4), 2 E. Kentucky (6-5) at Jacksonville St. (6-5), 2

Gardner-Webb (3-8) at Kennesaw St. (9-2), 2

Texas St. (3-7) at Appalachian St. (9-1), 2:30

Tennessee St. (2-9) at Tennessee Tech (6-5), 2:30

E. Illinois (1-10) at Austin Peay (8-3), 3 Alcorn St. (7-3) at Jackson St. (4-7), 3 Campbell (6-4) at Charleston Southern (5-6), 3:30

(3-6), 3:30 Marshall (7-3) at Charlotte (5-5), 3:30 Bethune-Cookman (6-4) vs. Florida A&M (9-1) at Orlando, Fla., 3:30 Texas A&M (7-3) at Georgia (9-1), 3:30 UT Martin (7-4) at Kentucky (5-5), 3:30 Mercer (4-7) at North Carolina (4-6), 3:30

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3:30 Syracuse (4-6) at Louisville (6-4), 4 Memphis (9-1) at South Florida (4-6), 4 Old Dominion (1-9) at Middle Tennessee

(3-7), 4:30 Troy (5-5) at Louisiana-Lafayette (8-2), 5 Coastal Carolina (4-6) at Louisiana-Monroe (4-6), 5

Miami (6-4) at FIU (5-5), 7 Arkansas (2-8) at LSU (10-0), 7

Abilene Christian (5-6) at

Mississippi St. (4-6), 7:30 Duke (4-6) at Wake Forest (7-3), 7:30

DAVIS CUP RESULTS WORLD GROUP FINALS At La Caja Magica Thursday Group A Serbia 2, France 1 SINGLES Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, def. Jo-Wil-fried Tsonga, France, 7-5, 7-6 (5). Novak Djokovic, Serbia, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-3, 6-3. DOUBLES Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Janko Tipsarevic and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.

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Edmonton at Los Angeles, late Friday's Games New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games Vancouver at Washington, 12:30 p.m. Calgary at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. Arizona at Los Angeles, 4 p.m. Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Columbus at Winnipeg, 7 p.m. Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Boston, 7 p.m. Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m. Toronto at Colorado, 7 p.m. Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Chicago at Dallas, 8 p.m. Edmonton at Vegas, 10 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. Sunday's Games Buffalo at Florida, 5 p.m. Carolina at Detroit, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Arizona, 8 p.m.

PGA TOUR — THE RSM CLASSIC PAR SCORES Thursday At Sea Island Golf Course h-Host Course, Yardage: 7,005; Par

GOLF

70<&pts>(35-35) p-Plantation, Yardage: 7,060; Par 72<&pts>(36-36) St. Simons Island, Ga.

First Round

Webb Simpson 30-35-65 32-32-64 32-32-64 Cameron Tringale Kyoung-Hoon Lee Rhein Gibson 35-31-66 Scott Harrington 34-31-65 Tyler Duncan Brian Harman 34-33—67 35-32—67 34-33—67 35-32—67 Alex Cejka Rory Sabbatini Scott Brown Sebastian Munoz 33-32—65 34-33—67 Nick Taylor Hank Lebioda 34-33—67 34-33—67 Mackenzie Hughes Dylan Frittelli 32-34—66 35-33—68 Doc Redman Fabian Gomez 34-32—66 33-35—68 Mark Hubbard Mark Anderson 35-33—68 33-33—66 33-35-68 Ryan Brehm 34-34-68 Will Gordon 36-32—68 35-33—68 Vaughn Taylor Ben Crane 32-36-68 34-32-66 Tim Wilkinson Brendon Todd J.T. Poston Patrick Rodgers 34-32-66 37-31-68 31-35-66 32-36-68 David Hearn Davis Rilev Doug Ghim 34-34—68 34-33-67 Johnson Wagner 35-34—69 32-35—67 Talor Gooch Luke List 34-35—69 35-32—67 Zach Johnson Vincent Whaley Nick Watney 34-33—67 37-32-69 Patton Kizzire 33-34—67 33-34—67 Henrik Norlander Scott Stallings Kyle Stanley 35-34—69 David Lingmerth 36-33-69 32-35—67 35-35—70 D.J. Trahan Chad Campbell **Ricky Barnes** 35-33—68 37-33-70 Martin Laird 33-35—68 33-35—68 Troy Merritt Satoshi Kodaira 36-34—70 34-34—68 Scottie Scheffler James Hahn 32-36—68 37-33—70 Roberto Castro Harry Higgs Chase Seiffert 33-35-68 Matthew NeSmith 34-34-68 Bo Hoag John Merrick 33-35—68 33-35—68 33-35—68 36-34—70 Alex Noren Tim Herron 34-34—68 36-32—68 Charles Howell III Davis Love III 35-35—70 37-33—70 Ryan Armour Luke Donald 35-35—70 31-37—68 Matt Jones Bill Haas Kramer Hickok 36-32-68 Davis Thompson 35-33-68

PRO BASKETBALL

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Wednesday's Games Maine 113, Raptors 102 Canton 124, Erie 118 Grand Rapids 96, Westchester 91 Wisconsin 115, Lakeland 93 Iowa 129, South Bay 105 Stockton 140, Texas 122 Windy City 115, Fort Wayne 105 Salt Lake City 111, Sioux Falls 99 Thursday's Games

Delaware 120, College Park 112 Northern Arizona at Santa Cruz, late Friday's Games

CALENDAR

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS See pairings on page, B2.

Friday, Nov. 22 HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL Class 5 final at VCU Siegel Center North Stafford vs. Frank Cox, 6. HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL Carmel Tip-Off Tournament Richmond Christian vs. Churchill Academy, 5:30; Carmel vs. Williams-

burg Christian, 7. HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Fredericksburg Christian at Fredericksburg Academy, 5:20.

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON Swimming—at Franklin & Marshall Invitational, 9 a.m. (at Lancaster, Pa.); Men's basketball—vs. Lynchburg, 5:30 (at CNU Classic).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB — Announced that the owners of the Major League Clubs unanimously approved the ownership group of the Kansas City Royals, led by John Sherman and partners. Approved the desig-nation of Greg Johnson as the control person of the San Francisco Giants.

American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Eve Rosenbaum director of baseball development.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with C Yasmani Grandal on a four-year contract. Designated OF Daniel Palka for assignment. National League PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Named

Joe Dillon hitting coach.

Frontier League GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Traded INF Gunnar Buehner, LHP Jason Seever, and C Zak Taylor to the Lincoln Saltdogs of the American Association for INF Christian Ibarra and INF Cody Regis. Released RHP Carlos Polanco. Exercised the 2020 contract options on LHP Jordan Barrett, RHP Lucas Lanphere, RHP Grant Black, RHP Ian Kahaloa, RHP Chris Carden, RHP Reign Letkeman, INF Connor Owings, INF Brent Sakurai, INF Aaron Hill, OF Dustin Woodcock, INF Matt Brown, INF Wesley Jones, INF Luke Lowery, and OF Anthony Ray. Declined the options on INF Cletis Avery, catcher Isiah Cul-lum, LHP Brandon Maddern, RHP Dominic Topoozian, RHP Nelson Martz, INF Shane Mardirosian, RHP Jackson Klein, RHP Chris Metrick, and OF Greg White. WASHINGTON WILD THINGS —

Signed INF Jonathan White. WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed C Joe Lytle to a contract extension.

FOOTBALL

National Football League DETROIT LIONS — Released OT Dan

Skipper. HOUSTON TEXANS — Activated TE Jordan Thomas from reserve/injured list. Signed S Jonathan Owens from the practice squad. Waived DE Joel Heath and WR Steven Mitchell Jr. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DL Tashawn Bower to the practice

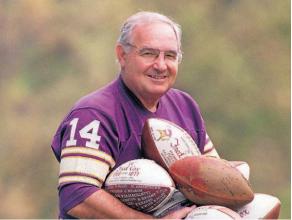
HOCKEY

National Hockey League NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Kevin Rooney on injured reserve, ret-

roactive to Nov. 13. SOCCER Major League Soccer

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roundup FORMER KICKER FRED COX DIES AT AGE 80



FILE / JEAN PIERI / ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS-Former Minnesota Vikings kicker Fred Cox, one of the last of the straight-on placekickers and a standout on several conference championship teams, has died. He was

Cox's wife, Bonnie, notified the Vikings' alumni affairs office of his death. Cox had had been in hospice care at his home in Monticello northwest of the Twin Cities because of kidney and heart problems.

"My health is not good, obviously," Cox told the Pioneer Press on Saturday in an interview at his home. "I have kidneys that don't work and a heart that doesn't function, but other than that I'm great."

SIMPSON SHOOTS CANADA DEFEATS 7-UNDER 65 TO LEAD AUSTRALIA, GETS **TO DAVIS CUP SEMIS** 2019 RSM CLASSIC

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga.-Webb Simpson birdied seven of his last 10 holes at the Plantation Course on Thursday for a 7-under 65 and the first-round lead in the RSM Classic, the final PGA Tour event of the year.

The top-ranked player in the field at No. 12, Simpson is coming off a six-week break since tying for seventh in Las Vegas.

"I only have a week off before Tiger's tournament and we leave from there for the Presidents Cup, so I've had my time off," Simpson said. "I've been home a lot lately, so it's nice to get back at it."

MADRID-Canada became the first team to reach the semifinals of the new Davis Cup Finals, winning the decisive doubles match to beat Australia 2-1 on Thursday.

Vasek Pospisil and Denis Shapovalov defeated John Peters and Jordan Thompson 6-4, 6-4 to give Canada its first Davis Cup win against the Aussies.

Nick Kyrgios surprisingly did not play for Australia, being left with a cheering role because of a collarbone injury picked up on Wednesday.

Kyrgios had won both of his matches in the group stage without dropping a set. John Millman substituted for him.

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, Nov. 22

Auto racing 6:30 a.m.—Ad Diriyah E-Prix Formula E championship, FS1.

College men's basketball 11:30 a.m.—Nicholls St. vs. North Carolina A&T, Jamaica

Classic, CBSSN. Noon-Myrtle Beach Invistational consolation game, ESPNU.

- Noon—Charleston Classic semifinal, ESPN2.
- 2 p.m.–UMBC vs. Eastern Michigan, Jamaica Classic, CBSSN.
- 2:30 p.m.-Charleston Classic consolation, ESPNU. 2:30 p.m.—Myrtle Beach
- PNNews. Invitational semifina, ESPN2.
- 4:30 p.m.—North Texas vs. Maryland, BTN.

Noon—Illinois at Iowa, BTN. Noon—Kansas at Iowa State, MASN2.

Noon-Minnesota at Northwestern, ABC.

Noon—Central Florida at Tulane, CBSSN.

- Noon-Western Carolina at Alabama, ESPN. Noon–Oklahoma State at
- West Virginia, ESPN2. 12:30 p.m.–Lafayette at

Lehigh, MASN. 2:30 p.m.—Boston College at

Bethune-Cookman, ES-

Georgia, CBS.

Notre Dame, NBC & NBCSN. 3:30 p.m.-Texas at Baylor, FS1.

3:30 p.m.—Florida A&M vs.

3:30 p.m.–Nebraska at

3:30 p.m.—Texas A&M at

MIDWEST

Illinois (6-4) at Iowa (7-3), Noon Kansas (3-7) at Iowa St. (6-4), Noon Ball St. (4-6) at Kent St. (4-6), Noon Minnesota (9-1) at Northwestern (2-8), Noon

Penn St. (9-1) at Ohio St. (10-0), Noon Illinois St. (8-3) at Youngstown St. (5-6),

Butler (3-8) at Dayton (7-3), 1 W. Illinois (1-10) at N. Iowa (7-4), 2 S. Utah (3-8) at North Dakota (6-4), 2 Murray St. (4-7) at SE Missouri (8-3), 2 Marist (3-7) at Valparaiso (1-10), 2 Boston College (5-5) at Notre Dame (8-2), 2:30

Indiana St. (4-7) at Missouri St. (1-9), 3 N. Dakota St. (11-0) at S. Illinois (7-4), 3 S. Dakota St. (7-3) at South Dakota

(4-7), 3 Michigan (8-2) at Indiana (7-3), 3:30 Purdue (4-6) at Wisconsin (8-2), 4 Temple (7-3) at Cincinnati (9-1), 7 Tennessee (5-5) at Missouri (5-5), 7:30

SOUTHWEST

Texas Southern (0-9) at Ark.-Pine Bluff (5-5), 2 Georgia Southern (6-4) at Arkansas St. (6-4), 3 Houston Baptist (5-6) at Sam Houston St. (6-5), 3 Texas (6-4) at Baylor (9-1), 3:30 North Texas (4-6) at Rice (1-9), 3:30 McNeese St. (6-5) at Lamar (4-7), 4 FAU (7-3) at UTSA (4-6), 6 Kansas St. (6-4) at Texas Tech (4-6), 7 Houston (3-7) at Tulsa (3-7), 7:30 TCU (5-5) at Oklahoma (9-1), 8

FAR WEST

Montana (9-2) at Montana St. (8-3), 2 Air Force (8-2) at New Mexico (2-8), 2 Cal Poly (2-8) at N. Colorado (2-9), 2:05 UCLA (4-6) at Southern Cal (7-4), 3:30 Idaho (4-7) at N. Arizona (4-7), 4 UTEP (1-9) at New Mexico St. (1-9), 4 California (5-5) at Stanford (4-6), 4 San Jose St. (4-6) at UNLV (2-8), 4 Idaho St. (3-8) at Weber St. (8-3), 4 Portland St. (5-6) at E. Washington (6-5), 4:05 UC Davis (5-6) at Sacramento St. (8-3), 5 Oregon (9-1) at Arizona St. (5-5), 7:30 Oregon St. (5-5) at Washington St. (5-5), 9 Utah (9-1) at Arizona (4-6), 10

Washington (6-4) at Colorado (4-6), 10 Washington (6-4) at Colorado (4-6), 10 Nevada (6-4) at Fresno St. (4-6), 10:30 Boise St. (9-1) at Utah St. (6-4), 10:30 San Diego St. (8-2) at Hawaii (7-4), 11

BOXING

FIGHT SCHEDULE Nov. 23

At Liverpool, England, Callum Smith vs. John Ryder, for Smith's WBA su-per middleweight title; Craig Glover vs. Chris Billam-Smith, 10, cruiser-weichter baren construction weights; James Tennyson vs. Craig Evans, 10, lightweights; Anthony Fowler vs. Harry Scarff, 10, super welterweights.

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Thursday's Game Indianapolis at Houston, late Capital City at Erie, 7 p.m. Fort Wayne at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m. Long Island at Canton, 7 p.m. Windy City at Greensboro, 7 p.m. Wisconsin at Westchester, 7 p.m. Austin at Iowa, 8 p.m. Memphis at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Stockton at Rio Grande Valley, 8:30 p.m. Sioux Falls at Agua Caliente, 10 p.m.

COLLEGE HOOPS

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCORES Thursday, Nov. 21

EAST Colgate 89, SUNY-Cortland 50 Florida 70, Saint Joseph's 62 Hartford 78, Emerson 63 Pittsburgh 66, Ark.-Pine Bluff 41 Xavier 73, Towson 51

SOUTH Alcorn St. 92, Our Lady of the Lake 56 Appalachian St. 64, Charlotte 55 Clemson 87, Alabama A&M 51 Miami 74, Missouri St. 70 Mississippi St. 80, Tulane 66 NC Central 68, Bluefield State 44 South Florida 69, Wofford 55 UNC-Asheville 105, St. Andrews 69 Villanova 98, Middle Tennessee 69

MIDWEST Akron 82, Youngstown St. 60 Duquesne 74, Indiana St. 71 Iowa 83, North Florida 68 Kent St. 89, Concord (WV) 59 SOUTHWEST Abilene Christian 90,

Champion Christian College 58 Baylor 76, Ohio 53

FAR WEST

Loyola Marymount 78, Air Force 64 Nebraska-Omaha 85, Washington St. 77

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCORES Thursday, Nov. 21 EAST

James Madison 66, Georgetown 59 Morgan St. 57, Marshall 52 Penn St. 68, Clemson 55 Stony Brook 59, Iona 40 UMass 95, Brown 42 Villanova 63, Manhattan 50 West Virginia 82, Coppin St. 47 Yale 67, Mass.-Lowell 59

SOUTH

Georgia 76, Mercer 60 Louisville 86, Chattanooga 37 N. Kentucky 57, Nebraska-Omaha 40 Radford 67, ETSU 43 South Carolina 112, SC-Upstate 32 UAB 80, Auburn 75 UNC-Greensboro 58, Liberty 53 MIDWEST Cent. Michigan 81, Dayton 80

FAR WEST CS Northridge 73, Portland 64 California Baptist 98, N. Arizona 79 Oregon St. 95, S. Utah 45 Pacific 76, Weber St. 53

ΔΤΙ ΔΝΤ/ MITE tract options on D Leandro Gonzalez Pirez and Ms Mo Adams, Andrew Car-leton and Julian Gressel. Declined contract options for Ds Jose Hernandez and Florentin Pogba; Ms Chris Goslin and Justin Meram; and Forward Patrick Okonkwo. LA FOOTBALL CLUB — Exercised

2020 contract options on Ds Tristan Blackmon and Mohamed El-Munir, and Fs Adrien Perez and Josh Perez. Declined the options on Ds Lamar Batista and Dejan Jakovi and Ms Javier Perez

and Peter-Lee Vassell. LA GALAXY — Exercised contract options on G Justin Vom Steeg, D Rolf Feltscher, M Emil Cuello and F Cristian Pavon. Declined contract options for Ds Diego Polenta, Tomas Hilliard-Arce and Hugo Arellano; Ms Favio Alvarez, Juninho, Joao Pedro and Servando Carrasco; and G Matt Lampson. An-nounced the retirement of M Chris

MINNESOTA UNITED — Re-signed Ike Opara and Michael Boxall to multi-season contracts. Picked up the options for Hassani Dotson, Ethan Finlay, Chase Gasper, Marlon Hairston, Kevin Molino and Wyatt Omsberg. Declined the options for Lawrence Olum and Miguel Ibarra. NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Ex-

ercised the contract options on Isaac Angking, Teal Bunbury, Luis Caicedo, Antonio Delamea, Diego Fagundez, Andrew Farrell, Cristian Penilla and Wilfried Zahibo. Declined contract op-tions for Juan Agudelo, Juan Fernando Caicedo, Edgar Castillo, Michael Mancienne and Brian Wright.

NEW YORK CITY FC – Announced the resignation of sporting director Claudio Reyna to take a position with Austin FC. Promoted technical director David Lee to sporting director. NEW YORK RED BULLS — Exercised

contract options on G Ryan Meara; Ds Rece Buckmaster, Kyle Duncan, Mi-chael Amir Murillo, Sean Nealis and Amro Tarek; Ms Cristian Casseres Jr. and Florian Valot; and Fs Tom Barlow and Brian White. Declined contract options for Gs Luis Robles and Evan Louro: and Ms Vincent Bezecourt, Marcus Epps, Derrick Etienne Jr. and Jean-

Christophe Koffi, and G Evan Louro. PORTLAND TIMBERS — Declined contract options for M Diego Valeri, G Kendall McIntosh, D Modou Jadama and F Foster Langsdorf. SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES —

ercised contract options on G Matt Bersano, D Paul Marie and M Jackson Yueill. Declined contract options for Ds Francois Affolter, Jimmy Ockford and Kevin Partida.

SPORTING KANSAS CITY - Exercised contract options on G Eric Dick, D Graham Smith and Fs Gerso Fernandes, Erik Hurtado and Daniel Salloi. Declined contract options for D Seth Sinovic and Ms Benny Feilhaber and Gedion Zelalem.

Rhode Island, Jamaica Classic, CBSSN.

5 p.m.-Myrtle Beach Invitational consolation, ESPNU. 5 p.m.—Empire Classic third-place game, ESPN2.

7 p.m.–Morehead St. at Butler, FS1.

7 p.m.-McNeese St. at Richmond, MASN.

7 p.m.—Charleston Classic consolation, ESPNews. 7 p.m.—George Mason at

Maryland, BTN. 7 p.m.-LSU vs. Utah St.,

Jamaica Classic, CBSSN. 7 p.m.—Empire Classic

championship, ESPN2. 7:30 p.m.—Myrtle Beach championship, ESPN2.

9 p.m.—Cal Poly at Creighton, FS1.

9:30 p.m.-Charleston Classic semifinal, ESPNU.

Pro basketball

7 p.m.—Charlotte at Washington, NBA, NBCSW. 8 p.m.—San Antonio at Philadelphia, NBA, ESPN. 10:30 p.m.—Houston at L.A. Clippers, NBA, ESPN.

Pro hockey

7 p.m.—New Jersey at Pittsburgh, NHL, NHL Network.

College football

9:30 p.m.-Colorado St. at Wyoming, ESPN2.

Saturday, Nov. 23

(Partial schedule)

College football Noon—Harvard at Yale,

- ESPNU. Noon—Michigan State at
- Rutgers, FS1. Noon-Penn State at Ohio
- State, FOX. Noon-William & Mary at

Richmond, CBS.

LOTTERIES

The lottery numbers were not available before press time. To find out the winning lottery numbers from all Virginia Lottery games, call the hotline at 804/662-5825.

3:30 p.m.-UCLA at USC, ABC. 3:30 p.m.-Southern Methodist at Navy, CBSSN. 3:30 p.m.—Michigan at Indiana, ESPN. 3:30 p.m.—Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech, ESPN2. 4 p.m.–Memphis at South Florida, ESPNU. 4 p.m.—Syracuse at Louisville, ACCN. 4 p.m.—Purdue at Univ. of Wisconsin (Madison), FOX. 7 p.m.—Kansas State at Texas Tech, FS1. 7 p.m.–Miami vs. Florida International, CBSSN. 7 p.m.—Arkansas at LSU, ESPN. 7 p.m.—Temple at Cincinnati, ESPN2. 7:30 p.m.—Duke at Wake Forest, ACCN. 7:30 p.m.–Houston at Tulsa, ESPNU. 7:30 p.m.—Oregon at Arizona State, ABC. 8 p.m.-TCU at Oklahoma, FOX. 10 p.m.—Utah at Arizona, FS1 10 p.m.—Washington at Colorado, ESPN. 10:30 p.m.—Boise State at Utah State, CBSSN. 10:30 p.m.-Nevada (Reno) at Fresno State, ESPN2. College men's basketball Noon-Bucknell at Syracuse, ACCN. Noon-Virginia vs. Massachusetts, Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament Semifinal,

ESPNNews. 2 p.m.—St. Francis (PA) at Florida State, ACCN. 7 p.m.—Florida Gulf Coast at VCU, MASN.

BASKETBALL

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FROM B1

against James Madison waived off Wednesday night, reigning Conference USA kingpin Old Dominion is 4–2.

The Cavaliers aren't favored to repeat as national champions after watching De'Andre Hunter, Kyle Guy and Ty Jerome head for the NBA with eligibility remaining, but their trademark pack line defense and a talented frontcourt led by the much-improved Mamadi Diakite will keep Tony Bennett's team in the hunt.

Expectations weren't nearly that high in Blacksburg after Williams headed home to Texas A&M and most of his roster also departed. But new coach Mike Young, who did a lot with a little at Wofford, has the Hokies humming.

Young has a potential star in redshirt freshman Landers Nolley, who set a school record with 30 points in his début, a season-opening win over Clemson and is averaging 20.2 points per game. Nolley sat out last season due to eligibility questions and entered the NCAA transfer portal before returning. Hokie fans are glad he did.

In Williamsburg, Fischer faced a similar rebuilding job after several of William & Mary's players left following the unpopular firing of coach Tony Shaver. But with arguably the Colonial Athletic Association's best frontcourt duo in 6-foot-10 Nathan Knight (20.8 points, 11 rebounds) and 7-1 Wisconsin transfer Andy Van Vliet (17.8/10.2), Fischer nearly beat Oklahoma this week and could produce the elusive first NCAA tournament bid that Shaver



Georgie Pacheco-Ortiz and the Flames are perfect so far this fall.

couldn't.

Before he came to William & Mary, Fischer was an assistant at George Mason, and the Patriots haven't seemed to miss him. They have four players (none of them seniors) averaging double figures. Friday's game at Maryland will be their first true test.

George Mason and the rest of the Atlantic 10 are still chasing VCU, which still has the pressure defense (21 forced turnovers per game) and quality big man (Marcus Santos–Silver) to contend for another title. The same goes for Bennett's former right-hand man, Ritchie McKay, at Liberty, although Radford should give the Flames a run for their money in the Big South.

And while Richmond still runs coach Chris Mooney's Princetonstyle offense, the Spiders are the nation's only team with two players (Jacob Gilyard and Nick Sherod) averaging at least 22 points per game.

That's eight state teams with legitimate early NCAA tournament hopes. And we haven't even mentioned Division III Mary Washington, which won its first four games before falling 84–80 at Bridgewater Wednesday night.

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TOP-25 MEN

Hoyas surprise No. 22 Longhorns

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Mac Mc-Clung scored 19 points to help give coach Patrick Ewing another signature moment at Madison Square Garden, leading Georgetown to an 82–66 victory over No. 22 Texas on Thursday night.

The Hoyas (4–1) used a 12–0 run early in the second half that rallied the crowd and had "Let's go Hoyas!" chants echoing throughout the arena. With his retired No. 33 New York Knicks jersey hanging in the rafters, Ewing helped orchestrate another wild one at his favorite arena.

The Hoyas are trying to make their first NCAA Tournament since 2015 and an early win over a Top 25 team could give that résumé a boost.

Matt Coleman made all six 3-pointers and scored

UMW



Georgetown center Omer Yurtseven (44) loses the ball as Texas Jericho Sims defends.

22 points for the Longhorns (4–1).

Texas lost with former Longhorn and injured Nets center Kevin Durant watching courtside.

The Longhorns shot 37 percent from the floor and had 12 turnovers.

had 14 for the Hoyas.

NO. 12 TEXAS TECH 72, **TENNESSEE STATE 57**

LUBBOCK, Texas—Davide Moretti scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half, including all four of his 3-pointers, and the Red Raiders (4-0) finally pulled away from Tennessee State (3-2).

NO.17 VILLANOVA 98, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 69

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. -Cole Swider scored a career-high 26 points, hitting six 3-pointers, and the Wildcats (3-1) routed the Blue Raiders (3-2) in the Myrtle Beach Invitational quarterfinals.

NO. 18 XAVIER 73, **TOWSON 51**

CHARLESTON, S.C. -Jamorko Pickett scored Tyrique Jones had 12

Shifflett leads Eagles over Blue Jays

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Maddie Shifflett scored 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds to pace the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team to a 70-51victory over visiting Johns Hopkins University on Wednesday night.

Molly Sharman added 14 points while Tory Martin contributed 13 in the win at Rosner Arena.

The Eagles were 44 percent from the field and outrebounded the Blue Jays 47–34. UMW will next host N.C. Wesleyan on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Johns Hopkins (2–2): Erin Walsh 13, Elise Moore 2, Diarra Oden 10, Emily Howie 12, Maggie Wodicka 3, Halie Egan 4, Lyndsey Hovd 3, Kenz Wilkinson 2, Jess

Sweeney 2. Totals: 14 18–28 51. UMW (4-1): Tory Martin 13, Maddie Shifflet 17, Molly Sharman 14, Emily Thompson 10, Ashley Martin 5, Karissa Highlander 3, Bri Harper 3, Hannah Stockman 5. Totals: 22 21-24 70. Halftime: UMW, 33-20. Threepoint basket: Johns Hopkins 5 (Howie 4, Wodicka), UMW 5 (Shifflett, Thompson, Martin, Harper, Stockman). Rebounds: Johns Hopkins 34 (Egan 9), UMW 47 (Shifflett 7, Stockman 7)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UMW built a six=point halftime lead on Bridgewater but could not maintain its momentum, falling to the ODAC member 84–80 in a nonconference road game.

Anias Saunders scored 18 points to lead UMW, while Da'Shawn Cook

drained 17 points and Drew Johnson 13. UMW will play Lynchburg as part of the Christopher Newport University Classic in Newport News on Friday.

UMW (4-1): Da'Shawn Cook 17, Drew Johnson 13, Greg Rowson 12, Anias Saunders 18, Trey Barber 12, Ra'Shawn Cook 4, Rilev Welch 4. Totals: 32 8–10 80. Bridgewater (1-2): Chandler Murray 18, Davrion Grief 14, Liam Casewell 14, Kellen Hodge 4, Jalil Langston 11, T.J. Turner 6, Will Bowser 16, Ryan Norman 1. Totals: 27 16-24 84.

Halftime: UMW, 50-44. Threepoint basket: UMW 8 (Saunders 4, Rowson 2, Cook, Johnson), Bridgewater 14 (Murray 4, Bowers 4, Casewell 2, Langston 2, Turner 2). Rebounds: UMW 48 (Johnson 12), Bridgewater 46 (Murrav 9).

15 points and James Akinjo points and 12 rebounds to lead the Musketeers (5-0)past the Tigers (2-3) in the Charleston Classic.

NO. 24 BAYLOR 76, OHIO 53

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. - Jared Butler scored 19 points and the Bears (3–1) pulled away to beat the Bobcats (3-2) in the Myrtle Beach Invitational quarterfinals.

HIGH SCHOOL

FCS downs Lighthouse Academy

FROM STAFF REPORTS

After starting out a bit flat, the Fredericksburg Christian boys basketball team got a major second half boost from Tyson Jones in defeating Lighthous Academy 58-56 on Thursday night.

Jones scored nine of his game-high 17 points in the fourth quarter despite foul trouble, leading the Eagles to their first season win.

Josh Hill racked up 10 points, five assists, and four rebounds for the Eagles. Caleb DeVeau added 15 points.

Fredericksburg Christian (1–1) has a bit of a break before their next contest, set for December 3rd at Tandem Friends School.

7 23 12 14 - 56 8 19 13 18 - 58 Lighthouse Lighthouse Academy: Jennings 17, Hill 12, Johnson 7, Gonzalez 5, Bove 4, Thomas 4, Brightly 4, Munoz 3, Perges 0. Totals: 24 10-23 56

Fredericksburg Christian (1-1): Tyson Jones 17, Caleb DeVeau 15, Josh Hill 10, Elijah Lambros 7, John Varlas 5, Blake Johnson 2, Kaleb Van Hoven 1, Nick Miller 1, Tyler Madison 0, Luke Chilton 0. Totals: 18 12-20 58.

3-pointers: Lighthouse Academy 2 (Gonzalez 1, Jennings 1). Fredericksburg Christian 10 (DeVeau 4, Jones 3, Hill 2, Varlas 1).

NBA STANDINGS

Spurs unfamiliar with losing streaks

NBA SUMMARY

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NBA

IT'S BEEN OVER 20 YEARS SINCE SAN ANTONIO HAS BEEN IN A RUT, BUT THAT'S THE TEAM'S SITUATION

BY HOWARD FENDRICH ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Forgive Gregg Popovich for not being in much of a mood to discuss the current state of the San Antonio Spurs.

Fact is, he's just not used to losing like this.

Here's how long it's been since the Spurs dropped seven games in a row, the way they now have after DeMar DeRozan, LaMarcus Aldridge and the rest of the team were beaten by the lowly Washington Wizards 138–132 on Wednesday: You have to go all the way back to the 1996–97 season to find such a rut for Pop and Co.

That was before Tim Duncan had even played a game for them—and that guy was in the arena Wednesday, sitting on the sideline as an assistant to Popovich. Before Popovich led the franchise to five NBA championships and 22 consecutive playoff appearances. Before Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili and Kawhi Leonard had come and gone.

After the latest setback, Popovich spoke to reporters only briefly.

"All in all, if you score 132 points, you should probably have a pretty good chance to win a game. The bad news is, if the third quarter, when he drought was eight defeats We've got to find a way and



NICK WASS / ASSOCIATED PRESS

A San Antonio teammate lends a hand to the Spurs' DeMar DeRozan after he was fouled late during the team's 138–132 to the Wizards on Wednesday night.

not going to win," he said. "I'm a really smart guy. I'm figuring that's logical. I could be wrong. ... There's not much else to say."

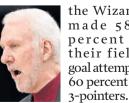
His players didn't offer a whole lot in the way of explanations, either.

DeRozan, who scored 31 points but missed a pair of free throws with 9.9 seconds left and a chance to cut San Antonio's deficit to two, called the way things are going at the moment "extremely frustrating."

"Every single game we've lost," DeRozan said, "feels worse than the last game."

The Spurs led this one 69–63 at halftime, but let it get away with some lax en straight since Feb. 23 said Patty Mills, who defense.

score 21 of his 33 points in time they had a longer



Popovich

ton, remember, began the day last in the No. 1 overall pick. the Eastern Conference, with a 3-8 record.

San Antonio started off this season well enough, going 4-1. Since then, though, the Spurs have gone 1-9, so their skid has put them at 5-10 entering Friday night's game at the Philadelphia 76ers.

They hadn't lost sevto March 5, 1997, under They let Bradley Beal Popovich, and the last you give up 138, you are shot 9 for 9. As a whole, from Nov. 15-30, 1996, we'll get through it."

the Wizards under Bob Hill. It was made 58.7 during the next month percent of that Popovich, the team's their field- general manager, fired Hill goal attempts, and moved from the front 60 percent on office to the sideline.

San Antonio finished Washing- 20-62, won the draft lottery and took Duncan with

The rest, as they say, is history.

Now Popovich will try to figure out a way to turn things around this season. There's plenty of time left, of course.

The important thing is that we're holding strong to our core values and we're going to find a way," scored 16 points in his first start of the season. "We've just got to stay positive.

MILWAUKEE-Giannis Philade Antetokounmpo had his Brookly New Yo second triple-double of Southe the season and the Milwaukee Bucks beat Car-Orland Charlot melo Anthony and the Washir short-handed Portland Atlanta Trail Blazers on Thursday Central night. Chicago

Antetokounmpo had 24 points, 19 rebounds and a career-high 15 assists to lead the Bucks to their sixth straight victory.

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Wednesday's Games Philadelphia 109, New York 104 Washington 138, San Antonio 132 Brooklyn 101, Charlotte 91 Dallas 142, Golden State 94 Miami 124, Cleveland 100 Milwaukee 135, Atlanta 127 Toronto 113, Orlando 97 Chicago 109, Detroit 89 Utah 103, Minnesota 95 Denver 105, Houston 95 L.A. Clippers 107, Boston 104, OT Thursday's Games Milwaukee 137, Portland 129

New Orleans at Phoenix, late

Friday's Games Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m. Sacramento at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. Cleveland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Boston at Denver, 9 p.m. Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m. Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games Phoenix at Minnesota, 5 p.m. Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m. Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m. Portland at Cleveland, 8 p.m. Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m. New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.

B6 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

WEATHER

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR FREDERICKSBURG											
TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY							
57°	47°	54°	55°	61°							
32°	39 °	29°	34°	44°							
Variably cloudy, a couple of showers	Mostly cloudy, cooler; a little p.m. rain	Some sun	Sunshine and a few clouds	Increasing cloudiness							

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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Shown are noon positions

of weather systems and precipitation.Temperatur

High: 88° Alice, Texas

nds are highs for the day.

T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Co

Yesterday's national extremes for the 48 contiguous states:

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Seattle

12°/1951

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Cold front

60s 70s

Low: -4° Crosby, North Dakota

Lynchburg 58/38

WORLD CITIES

Canada

Latin America

Buenos Aires

Africa/Midd

Toronto

Baghdad

Cape Town

Jerusalem

Cairo

Kabul

ALMANAC

University of Mary Washington station, Fredericksburg through 7 p.m. yesterday. Temperature: 56°/35° 58°/33° High/Low Normal high/low Record high 79°/2007

Record low

Precipitation 24 hours ending 7 p.m. yesterday .. 0.00" Month to date .. 0.50 Normal month to date 2.60 . 32.19' Year to date Normal year to date 38.48"

Air Quality Index:

45 Thursday ... moderate Today's ozone 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy sensitive groups; 151–200, Unhealthy: Source: Virginia DEQ

VIRGINIA WEATHER

Showers today; however, dry in the southeast. High 47 to 63. A little rain in the southwest tonight; partly cloudy in the north and central parts of the state. Mostly cloudy in the west and southeast. Low 25 to 47. Periods of rain tomorrow.

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Albuquerque	50	31	рс	50	28	рс	Memphis	57	43	r	52	35	рс
Anchorage	41	32	r	37	28	рс	Miami	81	69	рс	82	70	рс
Atlanta	68	59	рс	65	45	r	Minneapolis	37	27	S	42	30	рс
Atlantic City	56	28	sh	49	41	r	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	69	54	рс	68	54	рс
Baltimore	55	29	sh	47	40	r	Nags Head, N.C.	61	48	pc	58	54	c
Boston	56	31	с	47	37	s	Nashville	56	49	r	55	36	r
Buffalo	41	29	с	43	33	рс	New Orleans	78	65	рс	70	48	r
Charleston, W.Va.	52	33	r	52	35	r	New York	56	34	pc	46	40	рс
Charleston, S.C.	74	55	рс	74	53	рс	Norfolk	63	43	pc	53	49	r
Charlotte, N.C.	68	52	c	60	46	r	Ocean City, Md.	56	34	r	48	44	r
Charlottesville	59	35	r	45	38	r	Orlando, Fla.	79	58	рс	81	65	рс
Chicago	39	26	S	42	30	рс	Philadelphia	54	32	рс	48	39	r
Cincinnati	48	32	с	43	31	r	Phoenix	65	47	s	70	47	S
Cleveland	42	27	рс	45	33	рс	Pittsburgh	46	26	рс	44	32	r
Dallas	53	37	r	59	38	S	Portland, Ore.	50	36	рс	51	42	рс
Denver	38	27	рс	53	31	рс	Raleigh	66	48	c	56	48	r
Des Moines	40	27	pc	45	30	pc	Richmond	58	35	sh	47	42	r
Detroit	42	26	рс	42	30	рс	Roanoke	59	41	r	43	40	r
El Paso	58	37	s	61	36	s	Salt Lake City	47	30	рс	48	30	рс
Harrisonburg	55	26	r	41	37	r	San Francisco	62	48	s	64	47	s
Honolulu	85	75	рс	85	74	рс	Seattle	47	39	рс	53	47	с
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Indianapolis	44	30	рс	41	30	sn	Tampa	78	61	S	79	68	рс
Kansas City	38	29	c	47	31	S	Washington, D.C.	55	35	sh	49	41	r
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Weather (w): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain -snow flurries, **sn**–snow, **i**–ice

mlb notes

PHILLIES HIRE FORMER NATIONALS ASSISTANT DILLON

PHILADELPHIA-Joe Dillon has been hired as hitting coach for the Philadelphia Phillies under new manager Joe Girardi.

Dillon served as assistant hitting coach for the Washington Nationals for the past two seasons and previously spent two seasons as the minor league hitting coordinator for the Miami Marlins. He began his coaching career with the Nationals in 2014 as hitting coach for Triple-A Syracuse for two seasons.

Under Dillon and hitting coach Kevin Long, the Nationals led the National



SHERMAN CLEARED TO RUN THE ROYALS

ARLINGTON, Texas—John Sherman, 64, was approved Thursday as the new controlling owner of the Kansas Citv Royals, and his group plans to close its deal to purchase the team from David Glass and his family next week.

Major League Baseball own-

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that there's wide support across the industry for the idea that when we have a problem in this area, there should be firm, serious disciplinary action that discourages people from engaging in this type of behavior.'

Oakland pitcher Mike Fiers told The Athletic in a story last week that while he was playing with the Astros during their 2017 World Series championship season the team stole signs during home games by using a camera positioned in center field. During this year's playoffs, Houston players were suspected of whistling in the dugout to communicate pitch selection to batters. Asked if he wished more had been done before Fiers spoke out publicly, Manfred said baseball has chased every lead it has received to the "the extent that we felt was investigatively possible." "Obviously, an individual breaking what is a pretty firm commitment to silence about what goes on in dugouts and in clubhouses is a big break in an investigation, provides an opportunity to push forward that we haven't had previously," Manfred said. Manfred fined the Boston Red Sox in September 2017 for using an Apple Watch to steal signals from New York Yankees catchers. "It's a challenge for our sport and all sports to regulate the use of that technology in a way that makes sure that we have integrity in our play," he said. When the Red Sox were fined, only weeks before the Astros won their first World Series title, Manfred said all 30 clubs were notified that future violations would be subject to more serious sanctions, including the possible loss of draft picks. As whether he felt that was sufficient and his message received, Manfred responded: "Well, we know at least one instance it probably wasn't heeded."



Astros owner Jim Crane is not inclined to discuss the investigation into his team's activities.

comment on the allegain the hotel lobby Wednesday, Manfred and Manfred wouldn't talk about any conversations they had this week. In other issues addressed during the meetings at a luxury hotel adjacent to the new \$1.2 billion Texas Rangers ballpark that will open next season: Labor: While MLB and the players' association decided to start labor talks more than two years before their contract expires in December 2021, negotiations with union head Tony Clark and top lawyer Bruce Meyer have not progressed. Minor leagues: Manfred detailed how MLB arrived at its initial proposal to drop 42 minor league teams from their current circuits for the 2021 season as part of a new Professional Baseball Agreement with the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. Rules: Owners supported Manfred in a proposal to require a threebatter minimum for pitchers next season, a rule MLB has the right to change for 2021 even without the union's agreement. **TV:** Owners voted to have digital streaming rights within a team's broadcast market revert to each team from Baseball Advanced Media starting with next season. That could lead to the Yankees' YES Network being streamed on Amazon

AUTO RACING

BY JENNA FRYER

AP AUTO RACING

CONCORD, N.C.-Jimmie

Johnson handed out mini

bottles of Patron at his re-

tirement announcement-

so perfectly on brand for

the cool Californian who

stormed to a record-tying

seven NASCAR cham-

pionships yet somehow

bored fans who found him

too vanilla for their liking.

was ever boring, though.

Nothing about Johnson

Certainly not as the un-

known Xfinity Series driv-

er in 2000 who slammed

Johnson: It's time to end racing grind

SUN AND MOON

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updates at fredericksburg.com

RIVER LEVELS

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Flood: flood stage. Present: stage in feet at 7 a.m. yesterday. Change: change in previous 24 hours.

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REGIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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Second high	1:21 p.m.	2.3f
Second low	7:56 p.m.	0.11
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COASTAL REPORT

Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Eastern Shore Periods of rain into the early afternoon today. Wind west 10-20 knots. Seas 3-5 feet. Visibility under 3 miles at times.

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headfirst into a foam wall at Watkins Glen, climbed Clearing tonight. Wind northwest 8-16 knots. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility clear. from the wreckage and Washington, D.C.

raised his arms in triumph from the roof of his car. Or the time he tried to prove he could surf on top of a moving golf cart, only to Salisbu 57/30 fall and break his wrist weeks after winning his first championship. Horseplay at The Palms Ca-Chincoteague 56/35 sino with crew chief Chad Knaus after title No. 4 left both scrambling on the floor searching for a mis-

placed championship ring. Now 44, Johnson has made friends with celebrities from practically every industry-musicians, actors, athletes, artists—and is legendary for a work hard, play hard mantra. His love of tequila is wellknown, and the bottles celebrating him Thursday were a nod to the seven Patron toasts he did with



Johnson

His work ethic made him the best NASCAR driver of much of the last two decades, and his desire to play

a bit more certainly led to his decision to retire after the 2020 season. He said Thursday he made the decision earlier this fall and was at peace with it. He said he is committed to chasing a record eighth championship next year -but ready to take a break immediately after it.

"This is not a retirement from driving race cars, this is slowing down from 38 races," Johnson said, noting the length of the NASCAR Cup Series schedule. "A little more balance is really where that sits. This is not retirement from racing, this is stepping down for the 38 races and the commitment it takes to being competitive. I look forward to what might develop. I feel like I need to take a deep breath and see what comes from there, put my family first instead of racing first and see where that takes us."

Making his 19th season the last one as a fulltime racer was a decision Johnson has pondered for much of the year. He visited team owner Rick Hendrick in late October his team during every and discussed his decision championship celebration. with Jeff Gordon.

BOWLING SCORES

AMF FREDERICKSBURG Jaco's trios (seniors) Nov. 18 scores

John Fillis 289 ,257, 232, 778; Doug Corum 263, 245, 232, 740; William Williams 232, 210, 621; Rick Marvin 237, 225, 613; David Matthews 219, 203, 605; Robert Shelton 225, 191, 595; Richard Jaco 235, 594; John Rourke 196, 195, 195, 586; Bill Bonds 210, 190, 585; Bob McGann 220, 585; George Martin 234; Brad Loan 215, 197; Ron Daniels 214; Pete Gunn 205; D.J. Johnson 204; Steve Pittman 202, 193; Coach tions when Brant 202; Jose Roman 199; he was seen Richard Cox 199; David Wells

Pollard 267; Thomas Franklin 247, Gregory Fox 237; Donnie Via 235. Tammy Hatfield 232, 602; Tracey Ware 215; Tiffany Bell 212; Patty Blanton 206; Donna Tutt 205; Caitlin Crandall 204; Wanda Volpp 202; Caudia Bayless 200. Nov. 12 scores

Gerald Brusich 264, 255, 733; Bryan Gallahan 259, 245, 723; Glenn Williams 254, 300, 726; John Oliver 256, 238, 717; Richard Holmes 264, 234, 696; Thomas Marinari 235, 235, 686; Jerry Haler 279, 682; Paul Rumbaugh 248, 246, 665; James Myers 257, 654; Michael Zemore 635: John Zentner 633: Leonard Turner 263, 632; Michael Johnson 237, 632; Steven Pittman 632; Joseph Hodge 627; Bruce White 626; Gerald Volpp 621; Michael Hughes 253: Stan Trunack 236, 233; Jamie Dalton 236; William Symanowski 236; James Borden 235; David Henningsen 234. Tiffany Bell 212, 207, 253, 672; Wanda Volpp 206, 225, 614; LaTonia Livingston 220, 213, 601; Tammy Hatfield 224, 584; Gina Seifert 212; Alicia Marlor 211; Lottie Gorham 205; Cindy Spitler 201.

DAVID J. PHILLIP / AP



League in on-base percentage (.338) and ranked second in batting average (.259), runs (1,644), OPS (.775) and walks (1,215) over the past two seasons. Washington's 20.7 percent strikeout rate was the fifth-lowest in the majors.

ROSENBAUM **FOLLOWS ELIAS TO ORIOLES**

BALTIMORE-Eve Rosenbaum is the latest member of the Houston Astros' front office to leave, following Mike Elias to Baltimore and joining the Orioles as director of baseball development.

The 29-year-old Rosenbaum becomes the Orioles' highest-ranking female employee in the baseball operations department. Her responsibilities will include analytics, scouting and player development.

Rosenbaum was hired by Houston in 2015 as international baseball operations coordinator and served as international scouting manager for the past two years.

GRANDAL, WHITE SOX REACH DEAL

CHICAGO-Yasmani Grandal saw a young team stocked with promising pitchers and hitters. He envisioned a bright future for the Chicago White Sox, and he chose to be part of it.

No longer burdened by draft-pick compensation, Grandal found the multiyear contract he failed to get last offseason. The All-Star catcher agreed Thursday to a \$73 million, four-year contract with the White Sox.

"There's a lot of young talent," he said. "This team could be a dark horse in the next year or so."

ers voted unanimously to approve the deal, which was announced Aug. 30 and was expected to be worth about \$1 billion. Sherman and his local co-investors will become only the third owners since Ewing Kauffman founded the club ahead of the 1969 season

JOHNSON NAMED **GIANTS' NEW CONTROL PERSON**

SAN FRANCISCO-Greg Johnson was approved by the major league clubs as the new controlling owner of the San Francisco Giants.

decision Following the Thursday at the owners meetings in Arlington, Texas, Giants president and CEO Larry Baer still will represent the club at the meetings. along with Johnson and Rob Dean, who had been handling leadership duties since March. Baer was suspended March 4 through July 1 after a video showed him in a physical altercation with his wife.

YANKS RELEASE PRICEY ELLSBURY

NEW YORK-The Yankees have given up on Jacoby Ellsbury, cutting the oft-injured outfielder with more than \$26 million left in his \$153 million, seven-year contract. Ellsbury, who has not played since 2017, was released Wednesday to clear a 40-man roster spot as New York added seven players to protect them from next month's Rule 5 draft.

Ellsbury is owed \$26,285,714 by the Yankees in one of their biggest free agent mistakes.

Now 36, Ellsbury hit .264 with 39 homers, 198 RBIs and 102 stolen bases in 520 games in six seasons with the team.

-The Associated Press

Astros owner Jim Crane Prime and similar deals.

Davis 193; Larry Williams 192, 191; Mike Dearring 192; Jimmie Durante 191.

Linda Kadar 212, 202, 175, 589; Tina Corum 192, 190, 526; Clyde Miller 205, 524; Isabelle Prvor 192, 175, 519; Stephanie Foster 202, 173, 518; Irene Crossland 199, 516; Pat Jaco 223, 498; Sherika Jenkins 176, 171, 493; Ruby Charity 180, 487; Robin Matthews 185; Peggy Roath 178; Linda Jones 178; Linda Peck 178; Helen Sobolak 177; Pong Cobb 174; Deborah Johnson 170.

Nov. 11 scores

Rick Marvin 235, 235, 233, 703; Marcus Sparks 267, 229, 664; John Fillis 226, 226, 209, 661; Brad Loan 262, 225, 635; Jim Jenkins 278, 625; Bob Resio 220, 199, 191, 610; Richard Jaco 246, 609; Robert Shelton 215, 199, 576; Bob McGann 224; Steve Pittman 214: Chris Worthington 213; Rick Watkins 212; Chris Hara 205; George Martin 204; Errin Antwine 202; Larry Williams 200; Butch Brewer 199; Jimmie Durante 199; Cecil Franklin 196; D.J. Johnson 192; Pete Gunn 192; David Wells 191. Sherika Jenkins 206, 191, 561; Clyde Miller 200, 177, 513; Tina Corum 181, 511; Isabelle Pryor 204, 507; Wanda Andrews 170, 485; Billie Mitchem 178, 475; Dottie Branscome 186; Linda Peck 180; Karen Savoy 173; Jackie Allen 171

Merchants mixed league

Nov. 19 scores

Kenneth Whitley 246, 245, 720; Gerald Brusich 268, 258, 719; Todd Long 236, 267, 717; Bruce White 257, 247. 708; Bill Young 243, 247. 705; James Einhorn 269, 258, 696; Richard Holmes 235, 257, 684; Bryan Gallahan 248, 243, 676; Thomas Marinari 265, 671; Mark Britton 267, 668; Wayne Ferrell 257, 667; Pete Oli ver 245, 656; John Zentner 257, 652; Jason McDonald 255, 651; Wesley Washington 235, 647; Jaymes Chase 256, 646; Mark Gallahan 644; John Oliver 235, 642; William Symanowski 242 633; Roland Jackson 630, 627; David Henningsen 621; James

Colonial Beach ladies (seniors)

Nov. 19 scores

Terry Lucas 186, 519; Linda Peck 222, 519; Clyde Miller 188, 503; Megan Haller 213, 502; Joanne Verdin 196; Ann Haller 188, 181; Soledad Russell 184; Julia Grimes 177; Deborah Johnson 176; Billie Mitchem 171; Pong Cobb 171; Peggy Roath 171; Nell Allen-Rollins 170.

Nov. 12 scores

Pat Jaco 209, 185, 558; Ann Haller 207.514: Clyde Miller 179. 175, 514: Julia Grimes 187, 514: Terry Lucas 205, 505; Flo Wattier 198: Billie Mitchem 194: Lisa Watts 193: Pauline Husted 181: Susan Eby 180; Linda Peck 178; Pat Gibbons 172.

LOW fun league (seniors)

Jerry Haller 225, 209, 616; John Rourke 211, 203, 192, 606; David Allen 288, 603; Rick Watkins 231, 557; Ralph Debnam 206, 555; Paul Jacobson 212; Bill McClary 205; Bob McGann 203; Paul Nunnenkamp 200; Cecil Hurst 198; Terry Hill 190. Linda Kadar 202, 186, 551; Michelle Mullikin 182, 175, 487; Ginny Ball 179, 460; Tracy Jacobson 178; Ann Boyd 170.

Jet setters

Daniel Pittman 245, 631; Roger Baldwin 241, Edgar Watson 230. Dolores Michaud 224; Lottie Gorham 204, 200; Shelley Surfer 201.

LOW ladies and friends (seniors)

Julie Meehan 200, 483.

Green pin

Daniel Pittman 247.