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BY ADAM ZIELONKA THE WASHINGTON TIMES

ll indications are that Bryce Harper wants to be baseball's highestpaid player.

When the star slugger turned down a 10-year, \$300 million On baseball offer from the

Washington Nationals at the tail end of his last season with the club, he narrowed his pool of potential suitors to the select few willing to go bigger than that number.

In the 120-plus days since free agency began, signing

Harper has been an elusive task for the handful of teams pursuing him, while former Orioles star Manny Machado signed with the San Diego Padres for the same length and total value Washington offered Harper.

Then, this week, another young star earned his payday before Harper. The Colorado Rockies awarded their fourtime All-Star and six-time Gold Glove winner, Nolan Arenado, a new eight-year, \$260 million contract.

Arenado's deal has a \$32.5 million average annual value, second behind the \$34.42 million for pitcher Zack Greinke, but a record for a positional

player. Arenado has a full no-trade provision and can terminate the deal after three seasons.

Arenado's deal is the second financial splash by midmarket NL West teams during spring training after San Diego landed Machado.

In a way, this has turned the traditional power structure in MLB — the big spenders based in New York and Los Angeles, the smaller-market teams scraping by with low payrolls -6nits head.

More pertinently, if Harper wants to become the highest

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Losses

hough long considered ne favorites to land larper, the Phillies were oncerned about the Dodgers' re-entry into the sweepstakes. Philadelphia did not sign Manny Machado and could go 0-for-2 in their pursuit of the biggest free agents in a

decade.



Vashington Nationals

Jationals owner Mark erner told NBC Sports Vashington last Friday that ne team has "moved on"

rom Harper and claimed they had not heard from ..80 Harper's camp in "a Second in NL East couple months."

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When free-agent outfielder Bryce Harper turned down the Washington Nationals' offer of 10 years and \$300 million at the end of last season, he narrowed the pool of potential suitors to a select few willing to pay more.

Harper's excellent adventure now looks more like a bad horror flick

urely, the finale is approaching and the credits are about to roll as "Bryce Harper's Unfortunate Offseason" fades to black.

Expected to be a blockbuster adventure, it has been a dud of a horror flick, with Harper and agent Scott Boras as the victims and the market playing the killer.

The latest slashing was delivered Tuesday by the Colorado Rockies, who signed their All-Star third baseman

Nolan Arenado to an eight-year contract that averages \$32.5 million per year, a positionplayer record. Harper and Boras had barely recovered from the wounds San Diego inflicted by signing Manny Machado for \$300 million, the richest free-agent contract

in major sports history. You might recall that Harper

turned down \$300 million from the Nationals. That was supposed to be his floor; other teams would erect the walls

and ceiling. Boras had talked up Harper's free agency for years, amid suggestions that the slugger could become baseball's first \$400 million player.

Three spring trainings ago, Harper said "don't sell me short" when asked about a potential \$400 million deal.

It's safe to say he'll come up short, not even close enough to require a measurement.

Chasing the last dollar has its rewards and it makes scorekeeping simple. But it also entails some risk. Though Harper

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College wideouts face tough jump up to NFL

Falcons receiver Calvin Ridlev





Broncos receiver Courtland Sutton



INDIANAPOLIS | Minnesota Vikings general manager Rick Spielman gave some advice to his son J.D., a wideout at Nebraska. Knowing what it takes for receivers to have success at the professional level, Spielman said he told him it's not just enough to be able to win matchups on physical talent alone.

Spielman's message was simble: Learn the technique.

"You have to look at the physical ability, but a lot of times these guys are coming in having played basketball on grass," Spielman said of evaluating college wide receivers. "They never get in a

huddle. ... I looked at a lot of receivers that have never really had to sit there and face a top corner that's going to jam you off the line of scrimmage. That's all new."

Year after year, rookie wide receivers struggle to make an impact in the NFL. In 2018, only seven of the 34 wideouts drafted finished with at least 500 yards. Of those seven, just three — Atlanta's Calvin Ridley, Carolina's D.J. Moore and Denver's Courtland Sutton — gained more than 700 yards. None reached 1,000.

This year, the Redskins have a major need at wide receiver. But as they meet with prospects at the scouting combine this week,

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Forward Tom Wilson thinks the Capitals' slow starts may be because every team wants to give the defending Stanley Cup champions their best.

CAPITALS Sloppy finishes, slow starts plague Capitals

BY ADAM ZIELONKA

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Washington Capitals are a second period team. That's the good news.

The Capitals have scored 86 of their 217 goals this season in the second period, including four in Tuesday night's 7-2 drubbing of the Ottawa Senators. They've allowed just 64 in the middle frame this season, an average of one per game.

It's the bookends of games where Washington has been lackluster lately: slow starts and, occasionally, protecting one-goal leads at the end of the third period. They're separate problems, but taken together, it could spell

a difficulty to keep up intensity for a full 60 minutes — a bigger issue come playoff time.

The Capitals allowed a goal 3:40 into their loss to Buffalo last Saturday, a goal 21 seconds into the game the following day against the New York Rangers and two goals in 7:10 to Ottawa.

Tom Wilson thinks it might be because every team wants to give the defending Stanley Cup champions their 100 percent best.

"Teams definitely want to come out and play hard against us right away. They know that they need to," Wilson said Wednesday. "We've got a good team in this locker room, and it's our job to

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PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

Local hoops stars balance pros, cons of overseas careers

By David Driver

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STAROGRAD GDANSKI, POLAND | With the clock winding down, Baltimore native Cleveland Melvin connected on a shot from the top of the key, pumping his fist as his late heroics helped MKS Dabrowa Gor-

nicza to a road win

The former

to Poland, stints

in the top Polish pro basketball league. DePaul player has scored more than 1,500 points in a globe-trotting pro career that began in 2014 and has included, in addition

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in Hungary, Israel, Mexico, Thailand, Croatia and even Lebanon.

"I didn't feel in danger," the 6-foot-8

Melvin said of his time in the Middle East. "I stayed in my apartment and with my team. I was not in bad areas. I was more in the gym and staying in my space."

Melvin, who averaged double-digit scoring in four seasons at DePaul, is one of dozens of basketball players from the Baltimore-Washington region now playing overseas.

Managing an international basketball career isn't easy for the American players who choose that path, but it can be even tougher on loved ones back home.

It's true, says Carla Arrington, whose son, Rodney Glasgow Jr., played at Good Counsel High in Montgomery County and Virginia Military Institute. Since 2014, Glasgow has played in Switzerland and Belgium, and he's now in his second season with a team in Slovakia.

"I worry about his safety because of everything happening in the world right now," said Arrington, who lives in Waldorf, Maryland.

It's worth noting there were more than 150 homicides in the District in 2018 — and 57 murders in all of Slovakia. "I can't help it. He will always be my baby," Arrington texted.

Glasgow, 26, and his mother are close and communicate at least once a week, using the messaging app WhatsApp. The 5-foot-11 guard averaged 9.0 points per game in his first 21 games this season for Prievidza in the top Slovakian league.

"Honestly, I've been fortunate to play in countries where I don't have to worry about (my safety)," Glasgow said in an email. "The only concern is getting through customs. But I'd rather be in Europe than in my own country with all our problems being a black man and seeing what it's done to people who look like me, or minorities for that matter."

Omar Prewitt, once a standout at William & Mary, played in hoop-crazy Lithuania and Greece last season in his

first year overseas. His parents were visiting him in Greece last season when a riot and protest took place on the street near where his parents were staying. But his parents were safe, as they watched the action up high from their apartment balcony after being tipped by a local to stay inside for a few hours.

This year, Prewitt is with a team in the Polish capital of Warsaw.

"I personally don't (fear) for my safety," said Prewitt, sitting in a hotel lobby in downtown Warsaw.

Ben Richardson, who helped Loyola of Chicago to its magical Final Four run last spring, is also a first-year pro in Poland on the same team as Melvin.

"The biggest thing is you to come in with an open mind," he said. "I didn't know anything about Poland."

Glasgow said adapting is key. "The biggest challenge I had playing on the court overseas, would be adjusting to the European game," he noted. "The

language barrier can also be something if you have a coach who can't speak English really well. The same goes for teammates, he said, because every country's teams will have their own local players on the squad.

"So respecting everyone's culture is a key," Glasgow said.

Many American players have to decide whether to play minor league ball at home or go overseas. The advantage to staying in the U.S. is being closer to family and friends and, if playing for a G League team, being readily available for an NBA call-up.

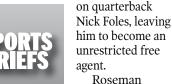
But playing overseas, especially in western European leagues, China or Russia, can mean a much better salary.

"The minuses are you might not be used to being overseas. You have to adjust to everything," Melvin said, acknowledging the lifestyle isn't for everyone. "You have to make that important decision in your career."

NFL

Foles to become free agent, won't be given franchise tag

INDIANAPOLIS | Philadelphia Eagles executive vice president of football operations Howie Roseman said at the NFL scouting combine Wednesday that the team will not place the franchise tag



him to become an unrestricted free agent.

Roseman reportedly said

Foles wants to lead a team and "deserves" the chance to do that. After Foles declined to pick up his contract option, many expected the Eagles to attempt to tag-and-trade him for some return. The announcement further emphasizes that Philadelphia wants to move forward with Carson Wentz as its franchise quarterback. Wentz is entering his fourth NFL season, but suffered injuries in 2017 and 2018 that ended his campaigns.

Foles took over both times, and after the 2017 regular season he led the Eagles to their first Super Bowl title.

Shurmur says Manning will return to Giants next season

INDIANAPOLIS | New York Giants coach Pat Shurmur said he "fully" expects quarterback Eli Manning to return in 2019. The Giants have the sixth pick in the draft and there's been heavy speculation they will take a quarterback with that pick.

Manning threw for 4,299 yards, 21



If Bryce Harper wants to be the highest-paid player in baseball, Colorado Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado's \$32.5 million annual average value is the new target.

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paid player — and it wouldn't be a surprise if mega-agent Scott Boras is in his ear about it — Arenado's \$32.5 AAV is a new target to surpass.

For context, the largest contract in baseball history (and North American sports history) in terms of total value is Giancarlo Stanton's \$325 million, spread over 13 years.

The math should work out simply

million. Boras got the Texas Rangers to give Rodriguez not a tidy \$250 million, but \$252 million, so it could be exactly double Garnett's deal.

The latest Harper news is that he met with the San Francisco Giants for a second time Tuesday, according to the San Jose Mercury News. San Francisco's CEO Larry Baer and president of baseball operations Farhan Zaidi were part of the meeting with Harper and Boras.

The Giants reportedly discussed a 10-year deal with Harper, when the previous collective belief among insiders was that they wanted to offer a short-term, big-money deal. While some had recently said the Harper sweepstakes was down to a two-team race between the Phillies and the Dodgers, this news makes one think the Giants are not out of the picture yet.

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might not lose financially in the end, he has lost in other regards. His pride has taken a blow and his peace has been disturbed. His stock has dropped and his anxiety has grown.

The embarrassment he suffered will not totally disappear when he smiles and holds a new jersey at a news conference.

I don't begrudge players who desire to test the market when the opportunity arrives. Most were in high school the last time they experienced similar freedom of choice. When an extension hasn't been reached as free agency draws nears, players can argue that testing the market is their fiduciary responsibility.

Then again, players can decide that their current situation is sufficient. They can conclude that the market, organization and people are virtually all they could ask for. Assuming the feeling is mutual, they can re-sign and skip the hullabaloo of finding a new team.

"At the end of the day my heart was here," Arenado told reporters Wednesday, adding that he wants to spend his entire career with Colorado. "I don't go off what everyone else is doing. I never have."

Meanwhile, Harper and Boras have a new number to shoot for if records are their thing. Now they must exceed Arenado's average of \$32.5 million, in addition to Machado's \$300 million total.

Worse, they might have to let Philadelphia meet their goals.

to be from the start, out west. Perhaps one of those teams will reconsider the shorter-term deals they prefer and go all-in for 10 years and \$345 million, giving Harper the record for overall amount and yearly average.

If so, Harper and Boras can claim victory. But it will have come at a cost, especially as other free agents continue to languish on the market.

"Bryce Harper's Unfortunate Offseason," featuring Machado in a supporting role, has been a sobering tale for players everywhere. When pitchers and catchers report to spring training before two All-Stars in their mid-20s have signed new contracts, that's a problem.

Arenado certainly was aware of baseball's two-year-old shift to an analytics-based stance toward free agents, and it played at least a small role in his decision to resign. "Obviously it's in your head," he said.

It should be in the head of Nationals third baseman Anthony Rendon, too, another Boras client. The agent will be inclined to use Arenado's contract as a starting point, a bar to clear. Rendon would be well-suited to consider the happy contentment of teammate Stephen Strasburg (also represented by Boras), who signed an extension in lieu of becoming a free agent.

"If both parties can be happy, then we'll see," Rendon told reporters last week at spring training, adding that his side and the team have discussed the idea "over the last year or so."

For his part, general manager Mike Rizzo confessed his love for Rendon and desire to continue the relationship. Strasburg reached a happy ending with Washington and Rendon has a chance to do likewise.

touchdowns and 11 interceptions last season. The Giants finished 5-11.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Jerome, Hunter lead Virginia's rout of Georgia Tech

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. | Ty Jerome scored 19 points, De'Andre Hunter had 18 and No. 2 Virginia took command with a 25-4 first-half run and beat reeling Georgia Tech 81-51 on Wednesday night.

The Cavaliers (25-2, 13-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) trailed 11-7 before a 3-pointer by Braxton Key sparked the eight-minute surge.

Maryland struggles from start, downed at Penn State

STATE COLLEGE, PA. | Lamar Stevens scored 16 of his 24 points in the second half, and Penn State had an easy time with No. 17 Maryland in a 78-61 win on Wednesday night.

Anthony Cowan Jr. led Maryland (21-8, 12-6) with 15 points, and Aaron Wiggins chipped in 11.

The Nittany Lions forced eight turnovers, turned them into 12 points and took the lead for good with a 13-2 run that broke a 3-3 tie less than two minutes in. Penn State led by 29 at one point in the second half.

Govan scores 26 to carry **Georgetown past DePaul**

Iessie Govan had 26 points as Georgetown topped DePaul 82-73 on Wednesday night.

Mac McClung had 15 points for Georgetown (17-11, 7-8 Big East Conference). James Akinjo added 13 points and six assists. Josh LeBlanc had seven rebounds for the hosts.

From wire dispatches and staff reports.

PRO CALENDAR

HOME GAMES Shaded	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Boston Celtics 8 p.m. NBC-W AM 1500	
		New York Islanders 7 p.m. NBC-W+ FM 106.7	

for Boras and Co., then. If Harper signed for 10 years and \$326 million, he would break both Stanton's record and eclipse Arenado's AAV record for nonpitchers.

If that sounds petty, remember that Boras was also in charge of Alex Rodriguez's 2000 negotiations. At the time, Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett had the most lucrative contract in sports at \$126

weather that and match the intensity, if

not take it to them a little bit. It's defi-

nitely something that we need to improve

on. It's too a good league to be trailing,

especially against good teams. If they

get up, they're pretty good at playing

Sunday's game, a 6-5 overtime win over

New York, what he could do to get play-

ers more prepared for puck drop. But

Reirden said that was up to the players,

which John Carlson echoed after Tues-

the game. That's not a coachable thing,"

Carlson said. "So I look at us, I look at

our leaders and myself, that gotta get the

guys sparked before better. That'll be

crucial going down the stretch I think.

"You can't coach getting ready for

day's latest sluggish start.

Coach Todd Reirden was asked after

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with a lead."

• Based in part on wire reports.

Harper has shown the city no love in continuing to court offers from San Francisco and Los Angeles. His message couldn't be clearer if he flew a plane over Philly with a banner that read, "I really, really don't want to play here, but I might for stupid money."

With the Dodgers and Giants reentering the picture this week, perhaps Harper will land where he's wanted

As for Harper, here's hoping he's happy wherever he lands.

No matter how circuitous, or unfortunate, the route.

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usually leading to overtime.

Most recently, it happened in Sunday's back-and-forth game with the Rangers, though Washington grinded out the overtime in after that.

The Capitals have yet to settle on a regular personnel group this season for countering that strategy.

"It's been a little bit of an audition for that position, so we've used a number of different players," Reirden said. "It was an opportunity that was out there for some, and some took advantage of that and some didn't."

The final 18 games of the regular season leave little room for these errors, because Washington is not only jockeying to win the Metropolitan Division, but also preparing to face primarily Eastern Conference competition. Eleven of the Capitals' last 18 games come against Metro rivals, and they still have to play the NHL-leading Tampa Bay Lightning three times.

You can really have your way with teams and make them change their game when you start off good and get on the board first early."

"I think we've got to come out and set the tone and set the pace. It's all in our heads," Lars Eller added. "Just be ready from the get-go. Don't wait to get angry or don't wait to see what's going to happen."

Then there's the trickiness of defending a one-goal lead when the opponent pulls its goalie in favor of a sixth skater. When defending that, it's referred to as a 5-on-6 situation — and the Capitals have given up seven goals that way this season,

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it will be about trying to find wideouts who can have an impact right away.

Even in this pass-happy generation of the NFL, that's not easy.

The term "basketball on grass" refers to an idea that modern football relies on fast-paced, one-on-one matchups, like in basketball. That concept has become increasingly true in the NFL, where teams have openly borrowed concepts and tendencies from college.

In doing so, quarterback play has thrived. Twenty-four quarterbacks finished with a passer rating over 90 last season — whereas just nine quarterbacks

did the same in 2008. Baker Mayfield, the No. 1 overall pick last year, looked especially comfortable after the Cleveland Browns adapted a college-style attack.

But there still appears to be a steep learning curve for rookie wide receivers.

"The step up in corner play at our level is significant," Ravens general manager Eric DeCosta said. "Most of these really good corners are all first-round picks or high draft picks, and these are some of the most talented, skilled athletes in all of sports.

"NFL offenses, with all the different checks at the line of scrimmage, all the different things we put on those guys ... It's just a really tough position to play."

Like the Redskins, the Ravens are looking to upgrade at the position.

Baltimore needs to develop quarterback Lamar Jackson and they need to surround him with adequate talent. On Monday, the Ravens released Michael Crabtree, a free agent signing from last year that didn't pan out.

Some teams, like the Atlanta Falcons and the Pittsburgh Steelers, have done a solid job of drafting wideouts who can play right away. In Atlanta, Ridley proved to be a perfect complement opposite Julio Jones - blowing past defenders en route to 821 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Falcons coach Dan Quinn said Atlanta's environment helped. Ridley got advice from Jones — a premier wideout in the NFL — and quarterback Matt Ryan. Quinn also credited Ridley's alma mater, Alabama, for having a system that

gave him the proper experience.

"I think it stills comes down to how quickly can a player learn the system," Quinn said. "Generally, the player gets better as the season goes. Especially, the rookies. More time, more reps."

No team is perfect. Even a franchise like the Vikings - who have two excellent wideouts in Stefon Diggs and Adam Thielen — appears to have missed on 2016 first-rounder Laquon Treadwell.

Spielman said wideouts have to learn the proper technique in order to win their matchup in the NFL.

"I think that's part of the process that he has to have the physical ability," Spielman said, "but they also have to learn the technical part of the game, which is a big jump for some."



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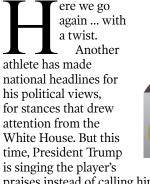
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Politics, sure, but sports has no room for hate



praises instead of calling him an SOB. "Congratulations to Nick

Bosa on being picked number two in the NFL Draft," POTUS tweeted Saturday after the San Francisco 49ers selected the Ohio State defensive end. "You will be a great player for years to come, maybe one of the best. Big Talent! San Francisco will embrace you but most importantly, always stay true to yourself. MAKE AMERICA GREAT

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AGAIN." Ha! You thought sports and politics don't mix! Actually, this is good. Anything that causes us to look

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The San Francisco 49ers drafted defensive end Nick Bosa with the second overall pick at last week's NFL draft. President Trump sent a congratulatory tweet on Saturday to Bosa, a longtime Trump supporter.

inward and ask difficult questions — like who we really are and what we really believe — is welcome. Maybe some of us will pull our heads from wherever and open our eyes.

Bosa is a big supporter of the commander in chief, previously tweeting that Trump and Ronald Reagan are GOATS (you know: Greatest of All Time). Nothing wrong with that. Like everyone else, he's entitled to back the politicians of his choice.

If Bosa wants the world to know who he's with, so be it.

Bosa also previously tweeted

his displeasure with Colin Kaepernick, calling the former 49ers quarterback "a clown;" Marvel's "Black Panther," which he said is the company's worst movie; and Beyoncé, dismissing her music as "complete trash."

Again, perfectly reasonable to expect art and politics to be criticized by some and not by others.

The fact is, Bosa's thinking probably aligns with a large percentage of NFL owners and a substantial number of NFL fans.

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PRETENDERS FOR MVP HOPEFULS HARDEN, ANTETOKOUNMPO, IT'S TIME TO STEP UP BY TIM REYNOLDS overall seed the home-court edge in their Eastern Conference semifinal series. ASSOCIATED PRESS And the Rockets were angered by The MVP front-runners are in some what they felt were a series of calls trouble. ■ It's a virtual certainty that either that didn't go their way in a 104-100 Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo or loss to Golden State on Sunday Houston's reigning MVP James Harden will in Game 1 of a West semifinal series. ■ Both matchups resume win the coveted award this season. And while the voting results there won't be with Game 2s on Tuesday: Bosknown until June 24, the ton at Milwaukee and Houston only results that truly at Golden State. ■ "Right now, matter right now to we've got to focus on playing both players are better," Antetokounmpo said the ones that were after Milwaukee fell 112-90 determined on in Game 1. "Obviously, it was one of the toughest Sunday - and

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the ones that are coming on Tuesday. Antetokounmpo and the Bucks were handed

tasks we've had all season long and especially at home. We've just got to regroup ... and be ready for Tuesday." ■ The Bucks were frustrated by Boston's defense; Milwaukee's 90 points represented its third-lowest



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James Harden and the **Rockets are down 0-1** to the Warriors in the West semifinals.

> Giannis Antetokounmpo was imited in the Bucks' 22-point loss to the Celtics in Game 1 of the East semifinals.



REDSKINS

Sweat eager to prove Redskins got draft steal

BY MATTHEW PARAS

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Montez Sweat was at a Top Golf with 40 to 50 members of his family and friends at his side when the NFL draft began last Thursday. Once projected to go in Sweat the top 10, the 22-yearold edge rusher watched

and listened as team after team made their picks — and his name remained on the board.

As the night went on, Sweat's friends and family kept coming up to him to offer words of encouragement.

"There was definitely a lot of support there," Sweat said. "It was close friends, my grandparents,



my sister, all of them just walking up to me, just telling me, 'Just keep the faith, you're going to get a chance. Just stay humble and keep the chip on your shoulder." Eventually, the phone rang. It was Red-

skins coach Jay Gruden, telling Sweat the Redskins had ended Sweat's fall by trading back into the first

round for the 26th pick. Washington sent their second round pick and a 2020 second-rounder to the Indianapolis Colts to make the move.

By drafting Sweat, the Redskins, in theory, selected one of

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In two seasons at Mississippi State, Washington Redskins firstround draft pick Montez Sweat had 221/2 sacks at defensive end. Sweat was considered one of the draft's top pass rushers.

NATIONALS

Kieboom showing poise, making history

By David Driver

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The three Kieboom brothers grew up playing baseball together in suburban Atlanta, and years later, the sport still keeps the family close.

Trevor Kieboom is a college player-turned-agent while oldest brother Spencer is a catcher in the Nationals system who has spent time in the majors in recent years. So it's not surprising that younger brother Carter — the 21-year-old shortstop who is Nationals' latest phenom - would not be intimidated by being called up to the big leagues.

But poise and maturity are one thing. Making baseball history in your first weekend in the majors



is another.

The Nationals became the first team in Major League Baseball history to have three players under the age of 22 hit homers in the same game as Juan Soto, 20, Victor Robles, 21, and Kieboom all went deep Sunday against the Padres in a 7-6 ll-inning win.

It was the second homer in three games for Kieboom, who made his major league debut just two days earlier as his brother Trevor and other family members

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HORSE RACING Rate of horse deaths at Santa Anita overshadows reforms

BY STEPHEN WHYNO

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Linda Gaudet can't watch the replays. Even after 47 years in horse racing, she turns away from any video showing one of the 23 fatalities over three months at California's Santa Anita Park.

"It was just devastating," Gaudet said. "I still can't stomach it."

Neither can many others around horse racing. The alarming rate of horse deaths at Santa Anita plunged the industry into chaos and was a major blow to the sport's public image going into Triple Crown season.

The tragedy was all too familiar for those who were around for spates of breakdowns years ago in New York, New Jersey and Maryland, and many are still perplexed that California officials didn't act more quickly on proven reforms.

"Why they took so long to get on top of it is beyond any of us," said Alan Foreman, chairman and CEO of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. "When you see spates of breakdowns like this ... you know something's going on and something is impacting it."

Much like the 21 horse deaths at



The alarming rate of horse deaths from races and training at Santa Anita Park in California plunged the industry into chaos as experts across the country wondered what went wrong and groups have rushed to try to figure out solutions.

Aqueduct in New York in 2011-12, many believe the situation at Santa Anita was something of a perfect storm: a combination of a rainy winter after years

of drought that affected the surfaces, pressure from ownership on horsemen to fill fields and possibly problems with medications used on horses. After the

fatalities began Dec. 26, Santa Anita closed for almost all of March and has seemed to get the problem under control since reopening, though it already has hurt racing there.

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"They're seeing an exodus of horses, they're seeing an exodus of horsemen, they're now being forced to reduce racing days, they're running short fields and they're in deep trouble," Foreman said.

Horse racing officials from the Mid-Atlantic region, which consists of tracks in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Illinois, feel the findings of their 2012 New York Task Force on Racehorse Health and Safety should have provided a road map for Santa Anita. Since the recommendations from that task force were put into place, breakdowns in the Mid-Atlantic region have been reduced by 35%.

Foreman and Gaudet believe the magnitude of the fallout at Santa Anita could have been avoided.

"This thing with Santa Anita, it is chaos because they've not done the proper investigation, the protocols," said Gaudet, who has been with the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association since its inception. "Most of the things

that they want to do in California we've already done here. We've been doing it. It's nothing new. It should've been done a long time ago."

One issue that continues to be debated is the use of Lasix – a diuretic given to horses on race days to prevent pulmonary bleeding. The Triple Crown races are planning to phase out the use of Lasix over the next few years, even though independent regulators have found it is unrelated to horse deaths.

East Coast officials are also focused on the use of non-steroidal drugs that help a horse's joints. In their work on the task force, Foreman, Dr. Mary Scollay, New York equine medical director Scott Palmer and former jockey Jerry Bailey discovered horses were being overmedicated.

Bailey said in an effort to speed a horse's recovery for the next race, some trainers were medicating horses with anti-inflammatories so often that it masks pain or an injury a horse might be feeling.

"Trainers were giving them were way too close to race time," said Bailey, a sixtime winner in Triple Crown races who's now an analyst for NBC Sports.

NBA **Rockets' Paul fined \$35,000** for 'reckless' contact with ref

NEW YORK | Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul has been fined \$35,000 for what the NBA called "aggressively confronting and recklessly making contact" with an official during Game



ern Conference semifinals. The fine was handed down Monday by league discipline executive Kiki

VanDeWeghe. The incident occurred with 4.4 seconds remaining in the Rockets' 104-100 loss to the Golden State Warriors on Sunday. Paul was automatically ejected for a second technical foul for brushing referee Josh Tiven while arguing that Warriors guard Klay Thompson committed a loose-ball foul against him.

Paul said afterward he wasn't sure what he did wrong and wouldn't say whether he made contact with Tiven.

NFL

Ex-Raiders, Seahawks kicker Janikowski retiring

Former Oakland Raiders and Seattle Seahawks kicker Sebastian Janikowski will retire after an 18-year

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He might be in the minority among his fellow laborers, but certainly at least a few like-minded players exist in locker rooms across the league.

Freedom of expression, right? I mean, every player shouldn't lose that privilege just because Kaepernick

wasn't allowed to express his mind and remain employed.

We've seen sports figures take violence, cancer, world hunger, animal cruelty and a list of other causes. Many even offer lip service on matters such

But this is where the subject goes from rights, to what's right, with no room for deliberation on the latter. This is where "everyone is entitled to their opinion" must be shouted down, unequivocally, the exact opposite of saying there are "very fine people on both sides."

Let's overlook for a moment that Bosa seems to have issue with black pop culture. The problem isn't his preference in music and movies.

It's his past inclination to like tweets filled with homophobia and white supremacist leanings.

Of course, no one at NFL headquarters can publicly support a hate-based ideology that breeds fear and inspires violence. (The same is true of anyone at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, though there's a history of winks, nods and dog whistles).

There can't be even the slightest hint of approval - not from Bosa, commissioner Roger Goodell, or anyone else in the league — regarding a philosophy that turns blacks, Jews, Muslims and homosexuals into enemy targets.

If that's what Bosa believes in, by no

means should he "stay true" to himself.

That's like suggesting pedophiles, rapists and mass murders should stick with their primal instincts, too, embracing impulses that have fueled recent attacks on houses of worship and who-knows-how-many sex crimes.

The message from the NFL and all righteous people should be clear, stressed loudly and repeatedly:

No, you're not entitled to the opinion that certain individuals deserve to be slaughtered for no reason beside their religion, skin color or sexuality. No, that point-of-view isn't welcome, not in this league or anywhere in the civilized world. No, this isn't a subject for debate because your points are invalid and unworthy of consideration.

As a first-round draft pick, Bosa has a tremendous platform to espouse his views. He'll probably tone down now that he's in the league, just like he scrubbed his social media accounts

of my social media when it comes to that and deleted whatever he thought would rub people the wrong way."

conference. "My agent took control

before the draft in a futile attempt to

do a lot of the time," Bosa told 49ers

reporters during his introductory news

"It's kind of what (draft) prospects

avoid controversy.

Not liking certain music or certain movies — or even a certain posture during the national anthem — is nothing to get worked up over. But not liking certain groups of people, as a whole, because you've demonized and "other-rized" them? That should rub everyone the same way. It's not right.

Now, remind me again how sports and politics don't mix.

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total of the season. The Rockets were frustrated by Golden State's defense, for far different reasons

Houston contended that Golden State was closing out recklessly on

Antonio star Kawhi Leonard got hurt in the playoffs two years ago.

Harden took 858 free throws during the regular season, 172 more than Antetokounmpo — who was No. 2 in the league in that category - attempted. And Harden got to the line 14 more times against the Warriors on Sunday, but felt he should have been there more.

And I'll live with the results."

Losses on Tuesday obviously wouldn't doom either the Rockets or Bucks, but the task would get significantly tougher going forward. Only 20 teams in NBA history have successfully rallied from a 2-0 series deficit in a best-of-seven matchup. Milwaukee is trying to avoid becoming the 28th team to lose the first two games of a seven-game series at home; of those, only four have recovered and actually won the series.

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stands against bullying, domestic as systemic racism.

career.

Janikowski spent 17 seasons with Oakland before kicking last season with Seattle. Janikowski's agent, Paul Healy, confirmed to The Associated Press on Monday that his client intends to retire. Janikowski, 41, told ESPN he didn't believe his body could handle kicking in the NFL anymore.

The Raiders took Janikowski with the 17th overall pick in the 2000 draft out of Florida State. Nicknamed "Seabass," Janikowski converted 80.4% of his field goal attempts during his career, including a career long of 63 yards during the 2011 season, the only time he was selected for the Pro Bowl. The kick at the time matched the NFL record for longest field goal made.

Janikowski played in 268 regularseason games for the Raiders and made more than 30 field goals in three straight seasons from 2010-12, including a league-high 33 in 2010.

Giants: Player shot in Topeka will join team this weekend

TOPEKA, KAN. | Two Washburn University football players who were shot outside of an off-campus house party hours after one of them was drafted by the New York Giants were "in the wrong place at the wrong time," authorities said Monday.

The shooting early Sunday killed defensive back Dwane Simmons and injured cornerback Corey Ballentine, whom the Giants drafted in the sixth round on Saturday. Giants general manager Dave Gettleman told SiriusXM NFL radio Monday that Ballentine was expected to join the team for its minicamp this weekend.

Topeka Police Chief Bill Cochran said a preliminary investigation showed that Simmons and Ballentine were among roughly 50 people at the party, which was not specifically to celebrate Ballentine being drafted, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported. From wire dispatches and staff reports.



3-point attempts and not giving the Rockets the proper space to land in many cases — a play that the NBA has tried to crack down on over the last couple seasons, especially since then-Warriors center Zaza Pachulia was involved in such a play where then-San



Houston Rockets guard James Harden got to the free throw line 14 times against the Golden State Warriors on Sunday, but felt he should have been there more.

"I just want a fair chance, man," said Harden, who had a 3-point attempt to tie the game late Sunday — on a play where he wound up falling to the court after a closeout by Warriors forward Draymond Green. "Call the game how it's supposed to be called and that's it.

"It's going to be tough to surprise anybody with a strategy," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "It's all about execution."

REDSKINS

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the best pass rushers in this year's class. In his two years at Mississippi State, Sweat was a highly productive player finishing with 22¹/₂ sacks. Combined with eye-popping physical attributes and Washington's need for a pass rusher, it's easy to see why Gruden called Sweat the "perfect fit."

But for all the Redskins' optimism, his fall only creates more questions. Was it primarily related to a report that said Sweat was diagnosed with a heart condition? Or were there other factors at play?

Sweat, though, is used to having to prove himself. The 6-foot-6 defensive end started college at Michigan State. But during his second year, he was suspended indefinitely for breaking team rules two games into the 2015 season. He was later

dismissed the following spring and transferred to a junior college.

"I've always played with an edge and chip on my shoulder, but when I got dismissed from Michigan State, that chip immediately came on my shoulder," Sweat told The Washington Times. "I knew I had to make a fight and be very humble to get back to the (Division I) level.

"Once I got back to that Dl level, that chip stayed with me."

Sweat said his dismissal was related to "personal reasons," though a former teammate who was also kicked off the team at the same time said they were dismissed for marijuana.

Sweat chose to attend Copiah-Lincoln Community College instead of another Division I school, so he could play football right away. If Sweat had transferred, he would have had to sit out a year because of NCAA rules.

"It's almost like me going to punish

myself," Sweat said of going to junior college. "Just going to make a man out of myself and just grinding out of the hole that I dug myself. So I definitely did that, man. I'm a better person today."

As for a potential heart condition, Sweat said he was misdiagnosed - noting a doctor from the Houston Texans diagnosed him "correctly." The Redskins aren't worried about Sweat's health, either. Gruden said the team did its due diligence and feel "very strongly" that Sweat is healthy.

On paper, Sweat is filling a big need for the Redskins. The team lost starter Preston Smith in free agency to the Green Bay Packers, and the team's coaches wonder if third-year linebacker Ryan Anderson can handle a larger role. Sweat and Smith will compete for the starting job opposite Ryan Kerrigan. The Redskins could also use Sweat's speed. At the NFL scouting combine, Sweat ran a 4.41 40-yard dash a record for defensive linemen. He also

has incredibly long arms, measuring an 84-inch wingspan.

"If you're 6-foot-6, run a 4.41 40 and you have the production he had at Mississippi State and you performed like he did at the Senior Bowl, it just is a perfect fit for us," Gruden said.

Washington's defense benefited from the way the draft unfolded in recent years. The team grabbed Jonathan Allen in the first round after the defensive end fell amid injury concerns in 2017. Last year, the Redskins grabbed defensive tackle Daron Payne, who was available because four quarterbacks went in the top 10.

Now, the Redskins hope Sweat ends up being another draft day steal.

"I know how hard I worked for this moment," Sweat said. "I know God makes no mistakes and I knew at some point initially I was going to get some chance. And definitely, the Redskins believed in me to be a part of this organization."

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cheered him on.

"I just know he is really proud," Carter said of Trevor, whose playing career was cut short by injuries. "He wishes (pro ball) was something he could have pursued. It wasn't in the playing cards for him. I guarantee you he wishes he could be doing the same thing I am doing right now. That is every kids' dream. But at the same time, he gets to stay involved and be close to it."

The Kieboom family - minus Spencer, 28, who was catching for red-hot Double-A Harrisburg in Hartford — was caught on camera Friday at Nationals Park celebrating Carter's first homer.

Trevor's firm represents Carter and Spencer, who played in college at Clemson. Carter was drafted in the first round by the Nationals out of Walton High in



Nationals shortstop Carter Kieboom hit the first two home runs of his career over the weekend. Kieboom may see more time with Trea Turner injured.

Georgia in 2016. Trevor began his college career at Clemson, then played at a junior college and the University of Georgia before his playing days ended.

"I wanted to stay in baseball," Trevor told The Washington Times last year. "I went to business school at Georgia. It was a seamless transition."

"That was a great moment for everybody that supported me along the way," Carter said of his game-tying homer Friday that came off former Nationals reliever Craig Stammen.

"It's awesome," Nationals outfielder Michael A. Taylor said. "He speaks to the young talent we have in this organization."

"He is very mature for his age," Nationals manager Dave Martinez said Monday. "He is very poised."

Martinez could have been talking about any of young players who homered Sunday, but this time it was Carter Kieboom who drew praise.

While Carter hit .379 at Triple-A Fresno this season, his improvement on defense was just as important in leading to his promotion.

He played a lot of second last year in the minors and he saw more action at short as he began this season in the Pacific Coast League. He worked on his defense with several instructors, including former Kansas City Royals minor league infielder Jeff Garber.

"Carter's defense has evolved over the last couple of years," Washington director of player development Mark Scialabba said. "He deserves a ton of credit for the improvements he's made."

With regular shortstop Trea Turner out with a finger injury, Carter could see his name in the starting lineup at shortstop for the next few weeks.

What advice does Martinez give him? "Just play good defense and take your walks," Martinez said.

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Maryland prepares for Friday prime-time tilt with No. 12 Penn State. **B11**

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Trade request objections show fans' selfishness

here's been a lot of coverage lately about players who request — no, demand! — to be traded. Their desire to work elsewhere has caused great consternation among some fans and media members, who fret that these players are upsetting the natural order.

Detractors insist that the universe isn't supposed to work like that.

Only management gets to decide if and when a player is shipped out.

You say he loves being part

of that franchise? Sorry. He and his family are entrenched in the community? Tough. He's being sent to a horrible situation with a terrible organization? Oh well.

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ERON YDER That's part of the job and comes with the territory.

The same imbalance of power surfaces in the private sector from time to time. When a company decides to relocate its headquarters, some lucky workers get to choose between keeping their job or staying put. I imagine former employees of the Baltimore Colts weren't required to

steal away in the middle of the night, but they likely can offer moving advice to current employees of the Oakland Raiders.

The general public has a lot more empathy for transplanted office workers than, say, wideout Demaryius Thomas, who earlier this month was traded from New England to the New York Jets. Thomas

didn't request, demand or suggest a move. Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey

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Nonetheless, he went from a favorite for the Super Bowl to a contender for the toilet bowl.

I know, I know. Pro athletes make a whole lot more money than average Joes and Janes, enjoying an income level that disallows any dissatisfaction over working conditions. If players on the Miami Dolphins have

an issue with management's blatant tanking, they must shut up and bear it, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to earn NFL paychecks.

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NFL WEEK 3 | REDSKINS VS. BEARS



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Washington Redskins quarterback Case Keenum is sacked by Chicago Bears safety Eddie Jackson in the first half of Monday's game. Full coverage, washingtontimes.com/sports.

Week 3: Panthers 28, Cardinals 20 Allen's line: 19 of 26 passing for 261 yards and four touchdowns. Replaced:

KYLE ALLEN CAROLINA PANTHERS ⁴

Cam Newton, who is out indefinitely with an ailing foot. The 9-year veteran was the 2015 NFL

MVP.

TEDDY BRIDGEWATER New orleans saints

 Week 3: Saints 33, Seahawks 27
 Bridgewater's line: 19 of 27 passing for 177 yards and two touchdowns.

• **Replaced:** Drew Brees, who suffered a torn ligament in his thumb in Week 2. The 12-time Pro Bowler and Super Bowl champion is expected to return when he is healthy.

GARDNER MINSHEW JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

- Week 3: Jaguars 20, Titans 7
- Minshew's line: 20 of 30 passing

for 204 yards and two touchdowns. • **Replaced:** Nick Foles, who suffered a fractured collarbone in Week 1 against the Kansas City Chiefs. The former Super Bowl MVP is expected to miss the majority of the season with a possible Week 11 return.

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IASON RUDOLPH PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Week 3: 49ers 24, Steelers 20
 Rudolph's line: 14 of 27 passing for 174 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.
 Replaced: Two-time Super Bowl champion Ben Roethlisberger, who will miss the season with an elbow injury.

DANIEL JONES NEW YORK GIANTS • Week 3: Giant

NEW YORK GIANTS • Week 3: Giants 32, Buccaneers 31 • Jones' line: 23 of 36 passing for 336 yards and two touchdowns. • Replaced: Eli Manning, 38, who was benched for the 22-yearold Jones after the Giants started the season 0-2. Manning led the Giants to two Super Bowl wins in his 16-year career.

NEW QUARTERBACKS LOOK MORE LIKE POTENTIAL STARTERS THAN SUBSTITUTES

By BARRY WILNER

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Oh, the moans and groans in Nawlins.

The consternation in Steeltown. The woe is me refrains in Carolina's Queen City. The joke's on me attitude in Jax. And the tabloid screams in the Big Apple.

Maybe all of that dread and disgust will quiet down, at least for a week. Hey, folks, the new guys at quarterback did pretty darn well for your teams.

On football

Teddy Bridgewater was steady in place of Drew Brees, guiding the Saints to victory in Seattle, as tough a place to win as any. Kyle Allen, probably most famous in the NFL for once being a teammate of Kyler Murray's at Texas A&M, was a revelation in place of Cam Newton as the Panthers got their first victory of the season, in Arizona.

Gardner Minshew is making Jaguars fans wonder why he was

a sixth-round draft pick, stepping in for Nick Foles and looking like a starter (and future star).

Daniel Jones, the guy who caused Giants general manager Dave Gettleman to be vilified for

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NATIONALS

Fedde, Voth seek to make Nationals' postseason roster

By David Driver

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON TIMES

When Washington Nationals ace Max Scherzer missed several starts during two stints on the injured list this summer, young pitchers Austin Voth and Erick Fedde filled in with mixed success.

Whether or not that helped them earn spots on the Nationals' playoff roster is still unclear.

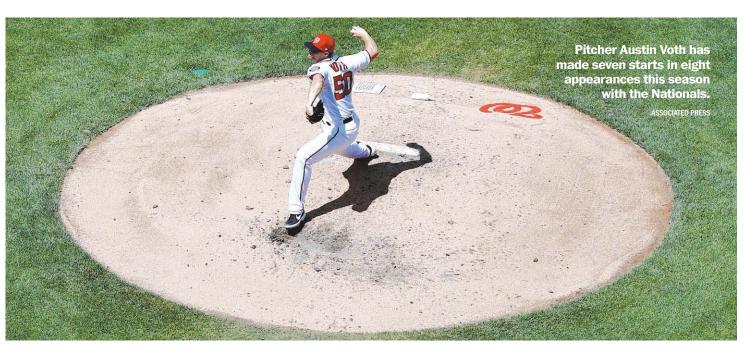
"I guess it is the back of my mind," Fedde said. "I really hope

so. This roster is so deep and talented. It will be interesting to see."

The final decision likely will make an important mark on the playoff identity of the Nationals, who were in a virtual tie with the Milwaukee Brewers (86-70) for the top wild-card spot Monday as they began a five-game home series against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Voth tried to aid the cause

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NFL **Giants' Barkley time out** uncertain with high ankle sprain

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. | NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year for 2018 Saquon Barkley has a high sprain to his right ankle and there is no immediate timetable for his return.

Other than confirming it was a high ankle sprain, Giants coach Pat Shurmur didn't have much additional



information to offer Monday, a day after rookie quarterback Daniel Jones rallied New York (1-2) from an 18-point deficit to a 32-31

win over Tampa Bay. Barkley was hurt with less than four minutes left in the first half. He caught

a swing pass from Jones and was chopped down near the sideline by defensive back Mike Edwards. He had to be helped to the locker room before halftime and was on crutches and with a boot on the ankle in the second half.

Wayne Gallman is going to take over for Barkley, who had 10 rushes for a career-low 8 yards before being hurt. The Giants are probably going to have to sign another running back, Shurmur said. Eli Penny is the only other running back on the roster.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas receives notice of allegations from NCAA

LAWRENCE, KAN. | The University of Kansas received a notice of allegations from the NCAA on Monday that alleges significant violations within its storied men's basketball program, including a responsibility charge leveled against Hall of Fame coach Bill Self.

The notice includes three Level 1 violations tied primarily to recruiting and cites a lack of institutional control. It also includes notice of a secondary violation in football tied to then-coach David Beaty that involved the use of an extra coach during practice.

The school said in a statement that it "strongly disagrees with the assertion that it 'lacks institutional control.' In fact, the university believes the record will demonstrate just the opposite."

"The University of Kansas has high standards of ethical conduct for all our employees, and we take seriously any conduct that is antithetical to our values and missions," Kansas chancellor Doug Girod said. "While we will accept responsibility for proven violations of NCAA bylaws, we will not shy from forcefully pushing back on allegations that the facts simply do not substantiate."

Former Texas Tech standout Emmett killed in Dallas

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Terrapins focus on Penn State after 'outlier' loss

BY ADAM ZIELONKA THE WASHINGTON TIMES

COLLEGE PARK | The concourse above the west end zone at Maryland Stadium received a temporary expansion: bleachers, auxiliary seating for a student body that suddenly found interest in football again.

Of course, most of the Terrapins' ticket sales boom occurred after they thumped Syracuse 63-20 on Sept. 7, but before they lost to Temple on the road on Sept. 14 and fell out of the Top 25 a week after entering it.

Maryland opens its Big Ten schedule Friday night by hosting No. 12 Penn State. The Terrapins expect a packed stadium that could help coach Mike Locksley and his team pull off an upset to get back on track after the Temple loss.

Locksley expressed faith in starting quarterback Josh Jackson after his shaky performance two weeks ago, and said Jackson has turned in good practices and worked with offensive coordinator Scottie Montgomery on areas to improve.

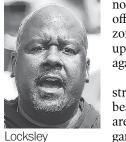
"I take it back to having the right kind of eye discipline as a quarterback in the RPO game," Locksley said at his weekly press conference Monday. "We went back and looked at the tape ... I think that that's kind of an outlier game for Josh. He's a guy that really has made really

good choices and been really disciplined. Jackson — who went 15-for-38 passing

for 183 yards, one touchdown and one interception — liked the word Locksley chose.

"Yeah, I'd definitely like to chalk that up as an outlier," Jackson said. "It was not a very good game on my side. Probably one of my worst games in college. So yeah, we'll leave that as an outlier and hopefully it stays like that."

Jackson said he has to do better seeing the field, something he doesn't



normally struggle with. The offense also focused on redzone situations after coming up crucially short in that area against Temple.

The Terrapins will need a strong game from Jackson to beat the Nittany Lions, who are undefeated through three games. Or maybe not.

After all, Maryland ranks eighth in FBS football in rushing offense with 277.3 yards per game

along with 12 touchdowns, thanks to running backs Anthony McFarland Jr., Javon Leake and Tayon Fleet-Davis.

"I could care less if I'm in a rhythm," Jackson said. "If we're just running the ball and Ant and Fleet and Leake are all in a rhythm, I don't think it matters too much for me if they're just taking care of it."

That wasn't a sign of disinterest from Jackson. A few seconds later, he admitted, "I guess as (Locksley) was saying,

I'm pretty laid back."

Indeed, the coach had just finished noting how cool-headed Jackson usually remains, not allowing highs or lows to affect him.

"In my experience, I like that quarterback that feeds and has the energy," Locksley said, but added, "Josh has got to play to his personality, just like as a coach, I've got to coach to my personality. But we both kind of have a happy medium there."

Even as the program anticipates a big crowd on Friday, Locksley tried to downplay its effect on the team. He said the Terrapins "insulate" themselves from campus and control what they can control.

"It's great to hear we'll hopefully have the type of crowd that our players deserve to have," Locksley said. "I know our fans are excited about this game, but for us, all of our focus is on being the best version of Maryland football that we can be come Friday."

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drafting the Duke QB sixth overall last April, looked worthy of a No. 1 overall pick. He stepped in for what the TV announcers were calling a New York legend, the benched Eli Manning, and lifted the team to last-minute victory at Tampa.

Only Mason Rudolph, replacing Ben Roethlisberger (elbow surgery) for the Steelers, didn't get a win among the newcomers. But he didn't embarrass himself at all — and had Pittsburgh in position to beat San Francisco.

Plus, in Indianapolis, this stuff isn't new for Jacoby Brissett, but his name certainly belongs high on the list of quarterbacks — eight teams already have them - who were not considered the starter last month and now are in charge of their teams.

Yes, one-quarter of the league, as injuries, ineffectiveness and in one case, a retirement (Andrew Luck), created a sea wave of change that still could turn into a tsunami.

There's no guarantees the likes of Marcus Mariota, Case Keenum, Jameis Winston or even Andy Dalton, despite his solid performances in Cincinnati's 0-3 start, will remain behind center.

And that's not even considering more injuries that often come, no matter how much NFL rules try to protect the passer.

For Week 3, though, let's celebrate these youngsters who stepped in and stepped up.



New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones replaced two-time Super Bowl champion Eli Manning as the starter and led his team to their first win of the season Sunday.

18-point halftime hole to win 32-31.

"There's certain things that I knew about this kid when we drafted him. He was tough, he was competitive, and in my opinion he's a winner," Giants coach Pat Shurmur said. "Now the rest of it is just quarterback stuff. But those first three things give him a chance to move forward."

• Teddy Bridgewater, Saints: It's been a long road back for Bridgewater, who looked like Minnesota's franchise quarterback before a severe knee injury forced him to miss almost two seasons. Teaming with coach Sean Payton, whose offensive expertise obviously isn't limited to handing game plans to Brees, Bridgewater was exactly what the team needed. "I said all week Teddy is a leader," Saints running back Alvin Kamara said after Bridgewater threw for a touchdown and helped New Orleans to a huge road victory. "He had composure. He had poise and we got it done."

against Tennessee last Thursday and also had a receiver drop a ball in the end zone. He's already a star in North Florida.

"Nothing rattles this kid," coach Doug Marrone said. "He's really good at communication and I think he's really good at preparing himself and making sure there are no surprises out there for him. That's just a guy that has a maniacal work ethic?

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This might be a radical concept, but money doesn't buy happiness.

Miami appears to be an exceedingly gloomy workplace, and no rightminded person should fault a player like defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick, who sought and was granted a trade. He joins offensive lineman Laremy Tunsil and wideout Kenny Stills on the list of talented young players Miami unloaded in recent months.

Whether or not they asked to be traded, they must feel like they received pardons. But circumstances don't have to be as dire as Miami's for a player to seek a change, for whatever reason.

Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey requested a trade last week. (I refuse to portray them as demands; teams have 99.9% of the power and therefore do whatever the heck

they choose.) Ramsey played in Week 3 but missed practice on Monday after calling in sick. His claim has generated skepticism

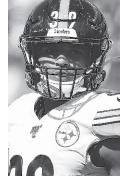
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DALLAS | Former Texas Tech basketball standout Andre Emmett, the team's all-time leading scorer, was shot to death early Monday near his home in Dallas.

Emmett, 37, was sitting in his vehicle outside his home at about 2:30 a.m. when he was approached by two people who displayed a handgun, police said. An altercation ensued and Emmett was shot as he ran away, police said.

Police said the suspects fled and a passer-by called 911 after finding Emmett several hundred feet from his home. Emmett died at a hospital. Texas Tech spokesman Wes Bloomquist said a university administrator had spoken to Emmett's family to confirm his death.

Emmett scored 2,256 career points from 2001-04 with the Red Raiders. He averaged 17.6 points per game.

SOCCER

Rapinoe, Messi win FIFA player of the year awards

MILAN | Lionel Messi won his sixth FIFA player of the year award, while Megan Rapinoe won her first at a lavish ceremony at Milan's iconic Teatro all Scala on Monday.

Rapinoe was rewarded at the FIFA Best awards for leading the United States to the Women's World Cup title in July, as was Jill Ellis who won the women's coach award.

Rapinoe scored six goals in the tournament, earning her the Golden Boot for the tournament's top scorer and the Golden Ball as the top player.

Messi's award moved the Barcelona and Argentina forward one ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo, who was also among the three finalists. From wire dispatches and staff reports.

PRO CALENDAR

HOME GAMES Shaded	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
D	Philadelphia Phillies 1 p.m./7 p.m. MASN FM 106.7	Philadelphia Phillies 7 p.m. MASN FM 106.7	Philadelphia Phillies 4 p.m. MASN FM 106.7		
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• Kyle Allen, Panthers: In his second-career start, Allen had four touchdown passes and a 144.4 QB rating.

"He's a guy who really keeps his composure," Carolina coach Ron Rivera said. "He understands. He's smart. He's got a good football mind."

Not to mention the arm and legs he showed.

• Daniel Jones. Giants: At some point, it was clear the struggling Giants would turn to Jones. It came a bit earlier than some expected. So did his first NFL heroics.

Jones threw for 336 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for two TDs, including the go-ahead score with 1:16 remaining, as New York rallied from an

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that limited his off-speed selection.

appearances this year for Washington,

with seven starts. A fifth-round pick in

2013, Voth has also spent time this year

with Triple-A Fresno and Double-A

Harrisburg and made one rehab outing

itous season. He pitched at three levels,

including Double-A and Triple-A, and

has been used as both a starter and

A first-round selection in 2014, Fedde

Nationals pitching coach Paul Men-

"They have big league pitches that

is 4-2 for Washington with a 4.68 ERA in

hart said both men have bright futures.

only lack consistency," Menhart said.

"But overall, we've been very pleased

with their efforts. Being able to start

and pitch out of the bullpen has really

increased their value. Experiencing both

roles is only going to help them obtain

a major league spot moving forward."

Like Voth, Fedde also has had a circu-

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decision in the 5-3 loss.

in the Gulf Coast League.

19 games, with 12 starts.

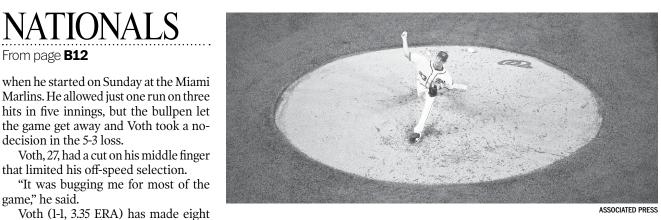
game," he said.

reliever.

• Gardner Minshew, Jaguars: The rookie threw two touchdown passes

• Mason Rudolph, Steelers: The showing by the second-year QB, basically a caddie for Roethlisberger until now, should calm the three rivers a bit in Pittsburgh. Rudolph wasn't spectacular, but also was victimized by some errors around him in the 24-20 loss to the Niners. He has no reason to hang his head.

"For a young guy to come and start his first game in an away game on the West Coast and going against a great team, I think he handled himself well," wideout JuJu Smith-Schuster said. "There were situations where we messed up, didn't execute or turned the ball over, he stayed positive and kept us going."



Nationals pitcher Erick Fedde is 4-2 with a 4.68 ERA. Fedde started three games for the Nationals in July when Max Scherzer was out.

Fedde made three starts in July for the Nationals, a month in which Scherzer was limited to two. Fedde won all three of his starts in August. In his last start on Aug. 18 against the Brewers, he allowed four runs on 10 hits in five innings but still got the win.

"I feel like I have learned a lot this year for the future," Fedde said. "It has been a whirlwind of a year, starting and relieving. I have been pretty happy with the way I have thrown. I feel I have helped the team."

With the postseason on the horizon, there won't be a need for a No. 5 starter very soon. Fedde and Voth instead could be used as bullpen arms during the playoffs. Fedde has recent experience as a reliever and manager Dave Martinez has mentioned Voth as an option for the

same role.

"I often think about, once we get there, [Voth could] be a guy that we can plop in and he can get big outs for us," Martinez said this month. "He's got good stuff, and we just got to keep him going."

But until then, they will play whatever role the team needs them. For instance, Fedde has been a spot starter throughout the season. He had to be ready to pitch while Scherzer was injured earlier in the year in case the ace couldn't go.

Fedde realizes the obvious - Scherzer (10-7, 2.81 ERA) at less than 100 percent is better than most alternatives.

"I had to kind of shadow him in a way and stay out of his way, but be able to go," Fedde said. "We want the Cy Young Award winner on the mound when we can."

for reasons unrelated to health. "Jalen Ramsey is everything that's wrong with NFL,"

Minkah Fitzpatrick was drafted by the Dolphins in the first round of the 2018 draft before being traded to the Steelers

read a recent newspaper headline, topping a column that decried Ramsey's "selfish trade demands."

Of course, columnists don't selfishly request trades. They simply accept job offers elsewhere, leaving their old "team" to fend for itself. Employees who aren't bound by noncompete clauses customarily do likewise.

Critics believe athletes shouldn't have a say in decisions that other workers make routinely, like where to work. The paradigm starts with the draft, which is built on an illogical fear that the best athletes would flock to certain teams and forsake others. Supposedly, big markets like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago would horde all the talent, leaving crumbs for outposts like Green Bay, Buffalo and Jacksonville.

But think a little deeper about life without a draft.

How many top college quarterbacks over the last 15 years would've chosen to start their career in New England? How many stellar left tackles or middle linebackers could be stockpiled by Chicago? Players would be drawn to teams based on a number of factors: the opportunity for playing time, proximity to hometown, childhood association, friends on the rosters, etc.

Giving players freedom of choice from the outset wouldn't be nearly as messy as feared. Alas, that's another subject for another day.

For now, I'm simply questioning the outcry as a handful of players try to be active participants in charting their career paths. I'm wondering why so many folks adamantly oppose players making trade requests, yet accept teams trading (or cutting) players who want to remain.

Yes, selfishness is involved. But it emanates from the fans way more than the athletes.

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