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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES GAME 3 (LATE THURSDAY)



Norfolk pitcher Nick Vespi, center, embraces catcher Maverick Handley as teammates converge to celebrate the Tides' clinching victory in the International League Championship Series on Thursday night at Harbor Park. Vespi struck out Evan Edwards to end the 7-0 win. **BILLY SCHUERMAN/STAFF PHOTOS**

State of euphoria

Tides roll in Game 3 to capture their first IL crown since 1985

By David Hall
Staff writer

NORFOLK — The Norfolk Tides won a championship Thursday night in the most Norfolk Tides way possible: with prospects and pitching.

And now one of the most stacked teams in the minor leagues has made history.

Uber-prospects Jackson Holliday and Coby Mayo homered and four pitchers combined for a three-hit shutout to lift the Tides to a 7-0 win over the Durham Bulls in the decisive third game of the International League Championship Series at Harbor Park.

The league title is Norfolk's first since 1985, long before the 19-year-old Holliday or any of his teammates were born.

The victory came mere moments after the parent Baltimore Orioles clinched the American League East title at Camden Yards, meaning that champagne was flying through both clubhouses simultaneously.

"It means a lot, man," said Tides manager Buck Britton, who made the playoffs just once as a player and had never won a



Norfolk manager Buck Britton hoists the championship trophy after the Tides defeated the Durham Bulls in Game 3 on Thursday night.

title as a manager. "And that was kind of the message to these guys: You don't know when it's going to happen, if it's going to happen again. We're very fortunate. Our major league team's just clinched the division as well, so it's good day for the organization."

Mayo, the fourth-ranked prospect in the organization, went 4 for 4 with a double and four RBIs. His two-run homer in the eighth inning accounted for the final margin.

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'It was electric,' GM says

By Michael Sauls
Staff writer

NORFOLK — Joe Gregory was just 6 years old the last time the Norfolk Tides won an International League title.

Gregory now sits behind his desk as the Tides' general manager, and Thursday night he was basking in the emotions of the franchise winning its first league title in 38 years.

"I grew up in Ohio, but my first-ever minor-league baseball game I went to was when I was on vacation down here at old Met Park," Gregory said. "I was probably the only kid in Youngstown, Ohio, wearing a Tides cap. So for me, it's just bizarre to even be general manager of the Tides."

The Tides took the championship series with the Durham Bulls to the edge, winning 7-0 in Game 3. Now they'll travel to Las Vegas for a matchup with the Oklahoma City Dodgers in the Triple-A National Championship Game tonight.

It's typical for minor-league attendance to dwindle as the season progresses toward its end, but for fans at Harbor Park this week, that was nowhere near the case.

"It feels amazing to be able to be a part of this," Christian Mulrain, a fan from Norfolk, said at Thursday's game.

"As soon as tickets went on sale, we got some just to make sure we could be here."

Mulrain was likely one of the many who sat through all sorts of conditions on and off the field for all three games. On Thursday alone, fans battled rain off and on for the entire game.

"It's a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday in September with less-than-ideal weather, kids are in school — there were a lot of reasons for people to not want to come out here," Gregory said. "The tidal flooding we had around the ballpark made parking and just getting here an issue."

"So it was great to see a lot of new faces that we maybe hadn't seen in a couple of years (and) the familiar faces that are always here. Hopefully, some of those new faces like what they saw and come back next year and watch us try to do this again."

The series opener Tuesday night drew 7,255 fans, 8,210 fans were in attendance for Wednesday, and Thursday's rubber match

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OLD DOMINION FOOTBALL

ODU looks for offense to step up at Marshall

By David Hall
Staff writer

NORFOLK — Last week's narrow 10-9 victory over Texas A&M-Commerce wasn't exactly a signature win for Old Dominion.

The Monarchs got away with a grossly subpar offensive performance and only won when they prevented Commerce from converting a go-ahead two-point conversion with 28 seconds left. ODU will have no such luxury today when it visits Sun Belt Conference rival Marshall, which picked up a 24-17 home win over Virginia Tech last week.

The Monarchs, after an actual victory that could be interpreted as a moral loss, will have their hands full.

TODAY'S GAME

Old Dominion (2-2, 1-0 Sun Belt) at Marshall (3-0, 0-0)

When: 3:30 p.m.
On the air: ESPN+, 94.1 FM

"It'll be a good test for us, and we know that," ODU coach Ricky Rahne said. "It's a good football team. But hey, the Sun Belt is all good football teams, right? And so we know that this part of our schedule was going to be extremely challenging, and we're excited for it because this is why you play college football."

The Monarchs (2-2, 1-0 Sun

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Virginia wide receiver Malik Washington has posted three straight 100-yard games, including 170 yards and two touchdowns in last Friday's game against North Carolina State. **NICK WASS/AP**

UVA FOOTBALL

Washington's quickness, physicality inspire Cavs

By Nathan Warters
Correspondent

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Virginia fifth-year senior wide receiver Malik Washington came from the smashmouth Big Ten Conference, where bruising running backs and prolific wide receivers often share many of the same traits. Quickness is valued, but so is the ability to lower your head and heap punishment on a defender.

That's what the Cavaliers saw in Washington when he entered the transfer portal last December. The 5-foot-8, 194-pound playmaker is quick on his feet while eluding defenders, but he also relishes opportunities to make contact and send linebackers and safeties flying.

TODAY'S GAME

Virginia (0-4, 0-1 ACC) at Boston College (1-3, 0-2)

When: 2 p.m.
On the air: WGNT, 1650 AM

"I'm like 5-8, 190. I gotta run hard," Washington said after catching 10 passes for 170 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-21 home loss Sept. 22 to N.C. State. "I gotta find different ways to create explosive plays to create success in the passing game. Whether that's running a guy over, making a move, I'll do whatever I have to do to put us in a good position to go score."

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UVA forces Game 3 in its super regional

Jake Gelof breaks a school record with his 23rd homer of the season and the Cavaliers go deep four times and collect 14 hits in a rout of Duke. **Page 2**

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HIGH SCHOOLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A TITLE TRIFECTA

COX BASEBALL | JAMESTOWN BOYS SOCCER | PRINCESS ANNE BOYS SOCCER

PA dethrones Cox, captures first boys soccer state crown

By Jami Frankenberry
Staff writer

LEESBURG — The new kid on the block in Virginia High School League boys soccer has a veteran coach as its new leader, an eclectic mix of talent and personalities and two newly arrived transfers from Poland.

All that variety added up to the program's first state championship.

Princess Anne scored three unanswered goals, including two before halftime, in a convincing 3-1 victory over defending state champion Cox in the Class 5 championship game Saturday at Riverside High School.

Princess Anne (17-4-1) raised the trophy after the first all-Beach District state championship game since Kempsville defeated Cox in 1997. The Cavaliers denied Cox (16-4-2) a repeat and kept the Falcons from winning a fifth title overall.

Princess Anne and Cox split their first two meetings this season, with the Falcons winning last week's Region A title game.

"My goal was that each week we'd improve," said coach Sonny Travis, who coached Virginia Wesleyan for 18 years and is in his first season at Princess Anne. "But once we got to the state tournament, the first question I asked the players was, 'Why are we here?' And the correct answer is, we want to win a state championship."

The answer Saturday was as varied as the Cavaliers' lineup. Maciej Majcherczyk, whose family moved to Virginia Beach from Poland before this season, opened the scoring 15 minutes in with a goal. Will Jennings, a junior in his third varsity season at Princess Anne, scored 19 minutes later to give the Cavaliers a 2-0 halftime lead.

Michal Korba, another arrival this season from Poland, scored less than nine minutes into the second half on an assist from Ian Mulcahy.

"That's what makes PA who we are — we've got a mix of all sorts of people, different mindsets and skillsets, and we've just come together to create a great family, a great team," Jennings said.

Majcherczyk missed the region championship game with a leg injury, but he clearly gave the Cavaliers a spark Saturday.

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Princess Anne celebrates with the trophy after defeating Cox 3-1 Saturday to take the Class 5 state championship title at Riverside High School in Leesburg. **KENDALL WARNER/STAFF**

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL CLASS 5 CHAMPIONSHIP

Cox blanks national power for top prize

By Larry Rubama
Staff writer

LEESBURG — When Cox won the Class 5 state baseball title in 2021, Riley DeCandido and Aidan Ensogna weren't part of the team for different reasons.

DeCandido was at a different school, while Ensogna was left off the team. That season, which was after COVID, the Virginia High

School League limited teams to just 22 players. Ensogna was the 23rd player.

But both players can celebrate now after the Falcons upset nationally ranked Independence High of Ashburn 8-0 on Saturday at Riverside High to win the Class 5 state title. It's their second state title in three years.

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Cox players celebrate with the trophy after defeating Independence 8-0 to capture the Class 5 state baseball championship Saturday in Leesburg. **TESS CROWLEY/STAFF**

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER CLASS 4 FINAL

Jamestown edges rival for fifth championship

By Marty O'Brien
Staff writer

SPOTSYLVANIA — Rival fans attending the Class 4 boys soccer state championship game Saturday phrased the question of "Who's No. 1?" to fit their school names.

"Whose field? Smithfield!" the fans of the 2021 state champion Packers chanted to the Jamestown supporters. The Jamestown contingent replied en masse, "Whose town? Jamestown!"

For now, the Jamestown faithful

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own bragging rights. The Eagles captured their first state title since 2015, and fifth overall, with a 1-0 win over the Packers on Saturday at Spotsylvania High. Freshman James Snead scored the only goal the Eagles needed on a rebound shot from 18 yards with 19 minutes,

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Michael Cuddy, shown with the Colorado Rockies, played 15 seasons in Major League Baseball. **DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY**

Cuddyer glad to be part of All-Tidewater Classic

Baseball has been good to Hampton Roads native Michael Cuddyer.

The former Great Bridge High standout was the 1997 All-Tidewater Player of the Year. He also earned All-America honors and was Gatorade's Virginia Player of the Year. He was a member of USA Today's All-Star and the USA Junior National teams.

That same year, he was drafted in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft with the ninth overall pick by the Minnesota Twins. He



Larry Rubama

played 15 seasons in MLB with the Twins, Colorado Rockies and New York Mets. He was a two-time all-star, won a National League batting title in 2013 and was inducted to the Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame in 2017.

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No. 8 UVA outlasts Duke in overtime

Armaan Franklin scores 23 points, including a 3-pointer with 39 seconds left, as the Cavaliers remain tied for first place in the ACC. **Page 3**



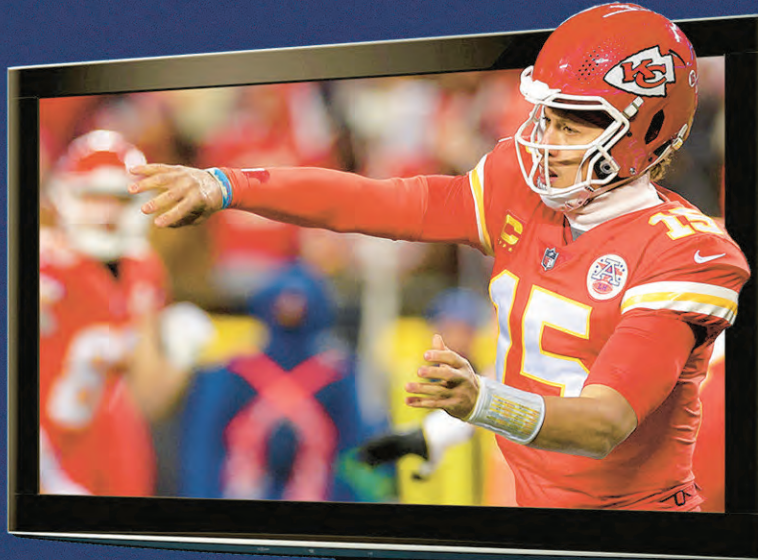
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SUPER BOWL LVII

Philadelphia (16-3) vs. Kansas City (16-3)
6:30 p.m. (WVBT), State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Arizona



Trailblazers
Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts and Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes are the first two Black quarterbacks to start against each other in a Super Bowl. They both ranked in the top four in QB rating.

HISTORIC BREAKTHROUGHS

Family ties

Eagles center Jason Kelce and Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce are the first brothers to face each other in a Super Bowl. Chiefs head coach Andy Reid drafted both players.



Illustration by Joe Kacik/Staff; Images from Getty, AP and Business Wire



SUPER BOWL LVII

Reid seeks second title in three years

Standing in his way is his former team

By **Rob Maaddi**
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Andy Reid already proved he can win the big game with Kansas City after coming up short several times throughout his 14 seasons with Philadelphia. Leading the Chiefs to a victory over the Eagles in the Super Bowl tonight would further cement his Hall of Fame credentials and add to his legacy. "Listen, I had 14 great years there," Reid said about Philadelphia, where he won more games

than any coach in franchise history. "I loved every minute of it. It's a great organization. I still am close with the people there. It was great to see the kids that we had drafted that are now these veteran players — All-Pro players — on that team. I had the chance to give them a hug, and now we go our separate ways and get ready to play." Reid, Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs (16-3) are aiming to win their second Super Bowl championship in three years. They beat the San Francisco 49ers in 2020 and lost to Tom Brady and the

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Eagles defensive end Josh Sweat will play in his first Super Bowl after a knee injury nearly ended his career at Oscar Smith High.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers a year later. Jalen Hurts and the Eagles (16-3) present a tough challenge. They have a dynamic offense and a stingy defense, with both units being powered by dominant lines. The matchup is filled with intriguing storylines beyond Reid facing his former team. Chiefs All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce and

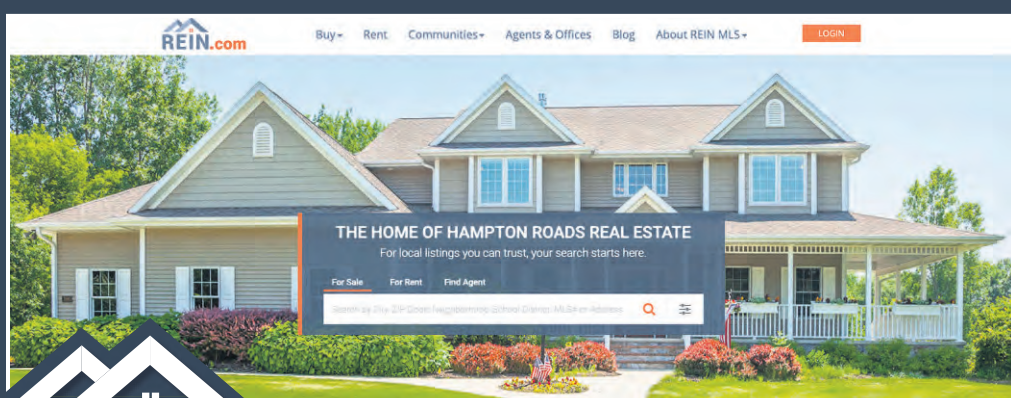
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Eagles All-Pro center Jason Kelce will become the first brothers to play each other in the Super Bowl. It'll be the first Super Bowl with two Black starting QBs. Also, Reid didn't retain now-Eagles head coach Nick Sirianni when he was an assistant in Kansas City in 2013. **Turn to Super Bowl, Page 4**



Kansas City Chiefs head coach Andy Reid has been in two of the past three Super Bowls. He never won a title in 14 seasons as Philadelphia's head coach. **MATT PATTERSON/AP**



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