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## SAMOAN SOLDIERS TO COMPETE IN FIRST EVER US ARMY ALL AMERICAN BOWL 7 ON 7 FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

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Five Samoan soldiers are making history, having been selected by an independent board of the Army Marketing and Research Group, to compete in the first ever U.S. Army All American Bowl 7 versus 7 Flag Football Game.

They are US Army SGT Nathan Vaitautolu, 1SG Diamond Ott, SSG Joseph Lei-

Sam, SGT Travis Tofi, and SPC Mark Liu.

SSG Joseph Lei Sam, the team's quarterback, has also been selected to serve as the program manager and Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) for the Soldier Mentorship Program of the Army Marketing and Research Group.

Lei Sam explained to Samoa News, earlier this week, what

the game is all about, and their role in the program.

"The game pits the top soldier athletes vs. the Top 100 high school football players in the country," Lei Sam shared, adding that they will also serve as mentors for the players throughout the week leading up to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl (USAAAB), which is the nation's premier high school All-American game, featuring

the Top 100 high school players in an annual East vs. West face off at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, Texas.

The Army Bowl has a worldwide television audience, thanks to a live broadcast on NBC. The 2018 U.S. Army All-American Bowl is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. ET/12:00 p.m. CT and locals who want to be part of the action can view it live on

NBC. Lei Sam and the crew are inviting those in the Lone Star State to come out and watch them compete in the 7 vs. 7 game at Heroes Stadium in San Antonio, TX.

Entry is free and the game takes place Tuesday, January 2, 2018 from 2p.m. - 4 p.m.

Samoa News thanks our Samoan soldiers for the service and we wish them the best of luck in the upcoming games. Alo i ou faiva!



## Oklahoma QB Baker Mayfield named the AP Player of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Baker Mayfield is The Associated Press college football Player of the Year, becoming the fourth Oklahoma quarterback to win the award since it was established in 1998.

Mayfield easily outpointed Stanford running back Bryce Love, who came in second. Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson, the other finalist and last year's Heisman Trophy winner, was third in the award announced Thursday.

Mayfield received 51 first-place votes from the 56 AP college football poll voters who submitted player of the year ballots, and a total of 157 points. Love (83 points) and Jackson (39 points) each received two first-place votes and Penn State running Saquon Barkley received a first-place vote and came in fourth.

Mayfield, Love and Jackson are also the finalists for the Heisman, which will be handed out Saturday night in New York.

Mayfield is a former walk-on who has led the No. 2 Sooners to the College Football Playoff, where they will play No. 3 Georgia in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. Mayfield leads the nation in passer efficiency rating and has thrown for 4,340 yards and 41 touchdowns.

He joins Josh Heupel (2000), Jason White (2003) and Sam Bradford (2008) as previous winners from Oklahoma. No other school has had more than two players win AP Player

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# Playoff-chasing Cowboys also eye future with young secondary

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Jourdan Lewis doesn't recall sitting around at training camp with fellow rookies Chidobe Awuzie and Xavier Woods, plotting their takeover of the secondary for the Dallas Cowboys. There was this little thing called the depth chart, and they weren't at the top of it.

"We had a lot of guys in front of us at first," said Lewis, a third-round pick out of Michigan. "We were just trying to learn the playbook in training camp and we didn't know that we would have this opportunity coming late in the season."

It's coming because of injuries, attrition and a demotion, leading to the possibility that all three could start Sunday at the New York Giants (2-10) as the Cowboys (6-6) try to keep faint playoff hopes alive.

For Dallas, it could be the best look yet at the future in the secondary after letting four veterans go in free agency and drafting four potential replacements. Awuzie was the highest draft choice, a second-rounder out of Colorado, so logic had him being the first to get significant playing time before hamstring issues kept him out of six of his first nine games.

Lewis played nearly 90 percent of the snaps in Week 2 at Denver after injuries to Awuzie and free agent pickup Nolan Carroll, who was later released. He's been out there ever since and is tied for the team lead with seven pass breakups.

Woods was the long shot as a sixth-round pick, listed as a safety coming in but now set to play cornerback in the slot with Orlando Scandrick expected to

miss at least one game because of a small fracture in his back sustained in last week's 38-14 win over Washington.

Anthony Brown started 10 of the first 11 games after a strong rookie season as a sixth-rounder last year. He's been penalty-prone, though, and the Cowboys decided to shake things up when Philip Rivers of the LA Chargers threw for 434 yards on Thanksgiving in Dallas' third straight loss. Brown's demotion coincided with Awuzie's return from the hamstring woes. Awuzie's three pass breakups against the Redskins matched Lewis for the most in a game for a Dallas defensive back this season. "We all have confidence in ourselves and confidence in each other," said Woods, who has played safety and cornerback. "I'm sure they'd say the same thing as well. We study the game. We think we're prepared." While Lewis and Woods each has had his first career interception, defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli's first concern is young players keeping opposing receivers in front of them. Still, the longtime coach is undaunted by the prospect of three rookies on the field most of the snaps.

"If they're the roof, they're the ceiling to the whole house, keep it in front of us and make them earn it down the road," Marinelli said. "They've got a lot of confidence, a lot of energy right now." Byron Jones and Jeff Heath, the starting safeties all season, are the most experienced defensive backs with Scandrick out. But the Cowboys haven't hesitated to juggle their spots when they've struggled.



FILE - In this Nov. 26, 2017, file photo, New York Jets defensive end Leonard Williams (92) and cornerback Morris Claiborne (21) celebrate during the second half of the team's NFL football game against the Carolina Panthers in East Rutherford, N.J. Williams has just two sacks this season, but he has a whopping 26 quarterback hits. That means he's getting quarterbacks off their spots, forcing throws and making them downright uncomfortable. "People want to see the sacks," Williams acknowledged Thursday, Dec. 7. "I wouldn't really call a QB hit a stat or anything. I just think of it as being disruptive. That's what a defensive player wants to do, is be disruptive in any way possible. "No matter what type of stat it is, if you're being disruptive, that's a good defensive play."

(AP Photo/Bill Kostroun, File)

## Williams being disruptive for Jets, despite lack of sacks

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Leonard Williams is making his presence felt on opposing quarterbacks — even if his sacks total doesn't tell the whole story.

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Williams entered this season, his third in the NFL, with a goal of getting a sack per game. He's way off that pace, of course, but he has gotten consistent pressure the past few games. Also, the sprained wrist that ailed him since the summer is fully healed.

"Leo has played well for us," coach Todd Bowles said. "He's been disruptive, even with the double teams. He's been getting hits on the quarterback and he's been playing across the line of scrimmage."

Williams made his first Pro Bowl last season after getting seven sacks and emerging as one of the league's top young pass rushers. After a slow start during which he went the first eight games without a sack, Williams is looking like his old self again.

Against Kansas City's Alex Smith last Sunday, Williams had a half-sack and four quarterback hits.

"We think Leonard is definitely improving," defensive coordinator Kacy Rodgers said. "He's really coming up. You sit there, and if I'm not mistaken, I think he might have had four or five quarterback hits the other day. He's really getting to the point where we have high expectations for Leo, and he's exceeding them."

Williams might have a good chance to increase his sacks total at Denver on Sunday. The Broncos have given up 39 sacks,

tied for third-most in the NFL. Denver is also second-worst in the league with a minus-16 turnover ratio — something Williams and the Jets hope to capitalize on.

"We call it takeaways because if it's a takeaway, we're forcing it, rather than a turnover where we're waiting for them to turn the ball over," Williams said.

"So, we're definitely going to try to get after the ball. We see that they had a lot of ball security issues, but at the same time, they've been able to recover a lot of them, so that's on our part to make sure we do recover it when the ball does come out."

Big things have been expected of Williams since he was selected with the sixth overall pick in the 2015 draft out of USC. He had a steady progression during his first two seasons, but it was clear early this season that something wasn't quite right.

Williams was forced to play with a cast on his left wrist after suffering a bone bruise during the preseason. While the big lineman has refused to use it as an excuse for his early season struggles, it surely affected his performance.

"He never really said a whole lot," Rodgers said. "We just saw his play wasn't where Leo wanted it to be, but now it's back to where we expect Leo to be."

Williams credited assistant defensive line coach La'Roi Glover for helping him progress this season. Glover, who had 83½ sacks during a 13-year career, has been working on pass-rushing drills and techniques with Williams regularly.

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FILE- In this Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, file photo, Green Bay Packers' Brett Hundley celebrates after their 26-20 win in overtime against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in an NFL football game in Green Bay, Wis. As star quarterback Aaron Rodgers recovers from a broken collarbone, Hundley will lead the Packers against the winless Cleveland Browns. (AP Photo/Mike Roemer, File)

## As Packers prepare for Rodgers' return, winless Browns await

CLEVELAND (AP) — Barely, but the Green Packers somehow survived without Aaron Rodgers.

They just need to do it for one more week. With Rodgers on the verge of returning from a broken collarbone after missing seven games, the Packers (6-6) have stayed in the hunt for a spot in the NFC playoffs without their starting quarterback and can't avoid a letdown Sunday against the Browns, who may be winless but are also dangerous. "We need to win the game," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said this week, wrestling the spotlight back from Rodgers' impending return after he practiced in pads this week. "We're 6-6. We need to be seven wins when we get on that plane coming back from Cleveland. Nothing else matters."

Green Bay's season — and any Super Bowl talk — appeared doomed when Rodgers was taken down in an Oct. 15 loss to Minnesota, breaking his collarbone so severely that 13 screws were needed to repair it. But despite scuffling to two wins in six games without their leader, the Packers can not only salvage 2017 but make it special.

First, though, they have to handle business with the Browns (0-12), who have four games left to get a win and avoid infamy by joining the 2008 Detroit Lions as the only teams to go 0-16.

Cleveland's record can be deceiving. While they haven't won, the Browns have been competitive and it may be just a matter of time before they avoid the big mistake, string four quarters together, and shock someone.

The Packers are wary. If

nothing else, Rodgers' injury has taught them not to take anything for granted. "Anytime you lose your best player and a guy who pretty much makes the team run, it is obviously a difficult situation to be in, one that requires you going through a lot of adversity and games that are a lot closer," linebacker Clay Matthews said. "You really have to persevere and grind these out. We are not overlooking the Browns. I think it would be foolish to look at their record and think that we are going to win because this is a young team that is competing and has some playmakers."

"I think it will be a competitive game. Hopefully, we come out on top. In the meantime, he can get healthier, and perhaps the following week, he is back for the final three-game stretch and we have a very real chance of making these playoffs and getting hot."

### JACKSON SURVIVES

The Browns aren't going to lose their coach, too.

Despite a 1-27 record entering Sunday's game, Hue Jackson will return in 2018. Owner Jimmy Haslam is bringing Jackson back for a third season, but he'll work with a new front office after vice president Sashi Brown was fired. Jackson could help his long-term job security with a win — or two — in the final four weeks, but at least the Browns won't be embarking on yet another coaching search under Haslam, who has already fired three coaches since 2012.

### RUN IT UP

The Packers are getting their running game in gear, just in time for December's chilly weather. Jamaal Williams had 113 yards on 21 carries in last

week's overtime win against Tampa Bay, while fellow rookie tailback Aaron Jones' 20-yard touchdown run ended the game. Mobile quarterback Brett Hundley also had 66 yards on seven carries. The Browns game could be Hundley's last start if Rodgers is cleared. Until then, Green Bay might be better off running the ball, even against a Cleveland defense allowing only 97 yards rushing per game.

### GORDON PART II

Josh Gordon's impressive debut last week after missing 44 consecutive games has opened up Cleveland's offense. Gordon only finished with four catches despite 11 targets, but the wide receiver's presence on the field forced San Diego's defense to account for him on every snap.

With injuries throughout their secondary, the Packers are expecting the Browns to feature Gordon.

"He's a guy you have to keep an eye on, especially with what he was able to do several years ago," Matthews said of Gordon, who led the NFL with 1,646 yards receiving in 2013.

### PASS RUSH PICK-UP

Green Bay's pass rush picked up last week as the Packers recorded a season-high seven sacks against the Buccaneers.

Matthews had 2 1/2 sacks, and the defensive line played its best game this season with tackle Kenny Clark getting two sacks. Getting consistent pressure will be even more important for Green Bay on the back end with rookie Kevin King, one of the team's top cornerbacks, going on injured reserve this week with a shoulder injury. Starting cornerback Davon House also didn't practice at midweek with a shoulder injury.

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# Jonas brother testifies at FIFA bribery trial about concert

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. trial of three former South American soccer officials charged in the FIFA corruption scandal took another odd twist Thursday with surprise testimony by pop star Kevin Jonas about attending a Paul McCartney show in Argentina.

Prosecutors called the former member of the Jonas Brothers to bolster earlier testimony by a government cooperator that one of the defendants, Juan Angel Napout, had been bribed with pricey McCartney tickets in 2010. The defense had questioned whether the concert ever took place.

Jonas, 30, didn't have personal knowledge about Napout or the bribes but confirmed the ex-Beatle had performed at River Plate Stadium two days before a Jonas Brothers show at the same venue, just as prosecutors contended.

"Any time you get to see Paul McCartney it is pretty special," the onetime teen heartthrob told a jury in federal court in Brooklyn when asked by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kristin Mace how he liked the show.

Asked on cross-examination to name the song McCartney opened with, Jonas responded,

"We actually arrived two songs late. The traffic is kind of bad going with 85,000 people to one concert."

According to a set list archive on McCartney's website, the opener was "Magical Mystery Tour."

Jonas' appearance — unannounced until he took the witness stand and lasting perhaps three minutes — took less time than lawyers' arguments over whether he should be there in the first place. Defense attorneys argued that calling him as a witness would create a needless spectacle. But the judge agreed with Mace's position that it was necessary to hear from "somebody in the audience to establish one fact."

The episode came at a trial that's seen a juror dismissed for sleeping and defendant Manuel Burga was accused of threatening another cooperator over testimony about tens of millions in bribes paid to soccer officials. Prosecutors said Burga stared at the witness and ran his fingers across his throat in a slicing motion, prompting the judge to place further restrictions on his house arrest even though Burga's lawyer claimed his client merely had an itch.



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, 2nd right, and Dortmund's Neven Subotic, right, challenge for the ball during the Champions League Group H soccer match between Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017.

(AP Photo/Francisco Seco)

# Madrid could face coach who says he was better than Ronaldo

Real Madrid's biggest challenger at the Club World Cup will be a team with a Brazilian coach who says he played better than Cristiano Ronaldo.

European champion Madrid and South American champion Gremio, coached by former Brazil forward Renato Gauchó, are the favorites for the tournament featuring the champions of FIFA's six continental confederations and the host nation's league winner.

Renato Gauchó, a star for several Brazilian clubs in the 1980s and 90s, made headlines across Brazil not long ago after saying that "for sure" he played better than the Portugal star.

"I wanted to see Cristiano Ronaldo playing for the teams that I played in my time, many not paying salaries for three or four straight months, and to be a champion like I was," the brash coach told ESPN Brasil earlier this year. "I wanted to be playing for Real Madrid today, playing once a week, on

great fields, and with the teammates that Ronaldo has. I really wanted to see that."

The straight-forward coach said that there is "no doubt that Ronaldo is a great player," but the Madrid star is "not as versatile" as he was when he played. "Ronaldo has a lot of strength, he doesn't have a lot of technique," said the 55-year-old Renato Gauchó. "This current generation didn't see me play. I guarantee that those who saw me play would have a different opinion (about who was a better player)."

A clever and resourceful forward, Renato Gauchó helped Gremio win the Intercontinental Cup in 1983, which was considered the world club title at the time.

He played more than 40 matches for Brazil, winning the 1989 Copa America and being part of the 1990 World Cup squad in Italy. He was dropped from the 1986 World Cup team for disciplinary reasons.

Renato Gauchó also briefly played for Roma in the late 1980s.

Known for his love of playing foot-volley on Rio de Janeiro beaches, Renato Gauchó also attracted headlines recently when he said that he doesn't have to study soccer to be a good manager.

"Those who need to learn can go study in Europe, those who don't can go to the beach," he said after leading Gremio to the Brazilian Cup title last year. "Those who know football will always know it. Those who don't will have to go study it."

Renato Gauchó, whose actual name is Renato Portaluppi, is trying to become the first Brazilian to win the Copa Libertadores both as a player

and as a coach.

Real Madrid will be going for its third Club World Cup title in four seasons, looking to increase the dominance of Spanish teams.

Madrid won the title in 2014 and 2016, while Barcelona was the winner in 2009, 2011 and 2015. The Catalan club also was runner-up in 2006. European clubs have won the competition nine out of the last 10 times.

"We've now got the Club World Cup and it's just as important to us as all the other competitions," Madrid defender Nacho Fernandez said. "We're aiming to win it all and we'll be going all out to do so."

But the seven-team tournament has historically received little attention from the top European clubs and their fans. It comes in the middle of the European season and usually disrupts the teams' schedules.

Madrid will have its league game at Leganes postponed, and its preparation for the much-anticipated 'clasico' against Barcelona on Dec. 23 will likely be affected.

Gremio and Madrid enter the Club World Cup only in the semifinals.

FIFA is considering whether to revamp the tournament and expand it to 24 clubs from June 2021. This year's competition kicked off Wednesday with UAE league winner Al Jazira defeating Oceania champion Auckland City 1-0.

Al Jazira will play Asian champion Urawa Reds of Japan on Saturday, while CONCACAF champion Pachuca of Mexico and African champion Wydad Casablanca of Morocco will meet in the other second-round match. The final will be played Dec. 16 in Abu Dhabi.



FILE - In this April 28, 2015 file photo, Kevin Jonas, of the group The Jonas Brothers, attends the AOL NewFront 2015 in New York. Jonas turned up in the courtroom for a trial of three South American soccer officials, Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, to bolster testimony that one of the defendants had been bribed with tickets to a Paul McCartney concert in Argentina in 2010. Jonas didn't have personal knowledge of the bribes but confirmed the ex-Beatle's concert had taken place as prosecutors said. The soccer officials have pleaded not guilty to bribery charges stemming from an investigation of FIFA, soccer's governing body.

(Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP, File)

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FILE - In this Nov. 29, 2017, file photo, Nikki Haley, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, speaks during a Security Council meeting on the situation in North Korea, at United Nations headquarters. The U.S. Olympic Committee still plans on bringing teams to the Pyeongchang Games in February despite U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley casting doubt on U.S. participation. In an interview Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, with Fox News Channel, Haley was asked if it's an open question about whether the U.S. team will compete at the Olympics in South Korea, given the tensions on the Korean Peninsula. (AP Photo/Mary Altaffer, File)

## No talking trash, but Suh wants to make Brady mad

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Ndamukong Suh says he doesn't know Tom Brady and doesn't anticipate they'll chat when the Miami Dolphins play New England on Monday night.

They play each other twice a season, with Suh always trying to sack Brady. What does the five-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle say when he's lying on top of the 12-time Pro Bowl quarterback?

"I'm not much of a talker," Suh said with a laugh Thursday. "I usually don't like going to the ground. I like inflicting pain and then going about my business and getting ready for the next play. I usually try to not stay on the ground and hop up quick."

Suh had a reputation early in his career for dirty play. While he hasn't heard such criticism lately and doesn't talk trash, he said he does want to get under

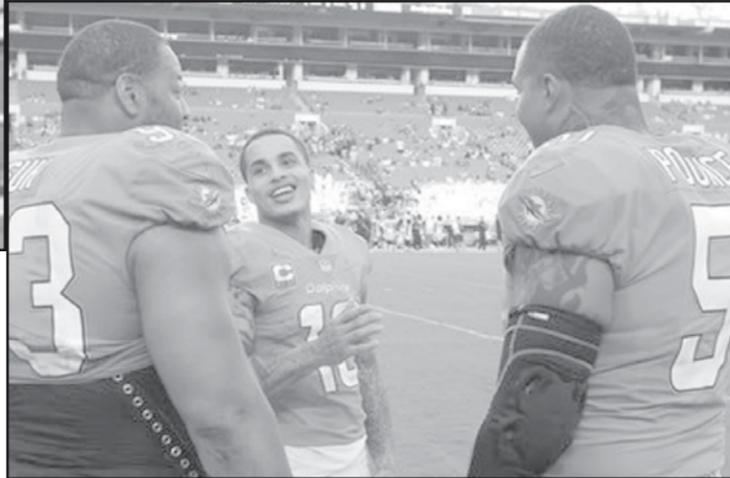
Brady's skin. "I'd love to make him mad and have him yelling at his offensive linemen for not blocking me — his coach and everybody on the sideline," Suh said. "That's my job."

That might not be enough. The Dolphins hit Brady eight times when the teams met Nov. 26. Miami scored on a botched snap, and Brady threw a rare interception.

He also threw four touchdown passes, however, and New England won 35-17. The Patriots have beaten Miami three times in a row by a combined score of 101-55.

So it's really Brady who could be talking trash. But according to Suh, Brady lets his play do the talking.

"I don't know him at all," Suh said. "He hasn't really said much at all to me. I'd love to sit down with him."



## US team still planning for Olympics despite confusion

Members of the Trump administration surprised the U.S. Olympic Committee by suggesting the nation's participation at the upcoming Pyeongchang Games in South Korea was "an open question," and the USOC responded by saying it has no plans on pulling out.

The confusion began when U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley, in response to a question in a Fox News interview, said "There's an open question" about whether the U.S. team would travel to South Korea, where tensions have grown high after a series of missile tests in North Korea and inflammatory rhetoric between its leader, Kim Jong Un, and U.S. President Donald Trump.

The USOC responded with a statement Thursday saying plans to compete in the Olympics, which run Feb. 9-25, hadn't changed. Shortly after that, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters "no official decision has been made."

She later clarified in a tweet, saying: "The U.S. looks forward to participating in the Winter Olympics in South Korea. The protection of Americans is our top priority and we are engaged

with the South Koreans and other partner nations to secure the venues."

South Korea's sports ministry spokesman Hwang Seong-un said Friday in Seoul that the government isn't too concerned about the possibility of the U.S. not attending. Hwang said that during a phone conversation with South Korean President Moon Jae-in last week, Trump told the South Korean leader that American athletes and senior government officials would be heading to the Games.

The USOC doesn't receive federal funding, and technically, the official decision on participating belongs to the committee and the athletes themselves, all of whom would be guided by directives from the State Department, which has not issued any travel restrictions to South Korea.

The USOC is in frequent contact with the State Department, the organizing committee in South Korea and law enforcement about security issues in Korea and other places that members of the U.S. team travel.

"Each host city presents a unique challenge from a security perspective, and that is no different in this regard,"

spokesman Mark Jones said. "We will continue to work with (authorities) to ensure that our athletes, and our entire delegation, are safe."

In September, the USOC's head of security, Nicole Deal, sent a letter to members of the U.S. delegation saying, "Despite current political tensions with North Korea, there is no specific information to suggest there are imminent threats to U.S. citizens or facilities in South Korea."

That same week, USOC CEO Scott Blackmun said, "From our perspective, with the information we currently have, it's full-steam ahead."

It's the same position the USOC held as of Thursday, and athletes who have been faced with the question haven't wavered on their intention to compete. "I was in Pyeongchang last February and as far as I've been told over the past year by the USOC, everything is basically the same," figure skater Nathan Chen said last month. "I didn't feel any security threats while I was there and I feel like everything will be basically the same for this upcoming Games. I trust the USOC 100 percent and I know that they would do the best for all of their athletes."

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# 76ers agree trade Jahil Okafor, 2nd-round pick to Brooklyn

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Buried on the bench in Philly, Jahil Okafor has a chance to prove in Brooklyn he's not a bust.

Okafor got his wish when the Philadelphia 76ers finally traded the No. 3 overall pick of the 2015 draft to the Brooklyn Nets. The deal ends the stalemate that had kept Okafor on the bench for all but two games this season. Once a prized piece of The Process, Okafor rapidly fell out of favor with the rise of star center Joel Embiid.

"Love you. New beginnings," Embiid said he texted Okafor. "Good luck. And I made sure to let him know I was going to kick his (rear)."

Team president Bryan Colangelo said he reached a deal with a team he declined to name to trade Okafor last season until it fell apart at the last minute. That led to an awkward situation where Okafor didn't even travel with the team during the trade deadline. Okafor led the Sixers in scoring as a rookie with Embiid out with injuries. Okafor played 55 games last season and never really meshed with the franchise center. Okafor started piling up DNP-CDs and those stretched into this season,

where the Sixers will chase a playoff berth without him.

"He can go play basketball again," coach Brett Brown said.

The Sixers also sent seldom-used guard Nik Stauskas, the No. 8 overall pick in the 2014 draft, and a 2019 second-round pick to the Nets for forward Trevor Booker. Booker, the 23rd overall pick of the 2010 draft by Washington, averaged 10.1 points with the Nets.

"There is a level of toughness and versatility that interests me," Brown said. "He's shown that he can play, handle not play and be good people and handle himself like a pro."

Okafor gave the Sixers plenty of headaches in his rookie season out of Duke with his off-court conduct, which included his role in Boston street fight that earned him TMZ scrutiny and a two-game suspension.

He was widely mocked last year for a lackadaisical defensive effort where he stood still and failed to contest shots in a game against Miami.

Under former general manager Sam Hinkie, the Sixers orchestrated a plan to strip the roster of talent to gobble draft picks that could turn into future rotation players.



FILE - In this Dec. 3, 2017, file photo, Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford throws to a receiver in the first half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, in Baltimore. Stafford was expected to test three banged-up fingers on his throwing hand in practice in the hopes of playing Sunday at Tampa Bay. Stafford, 28, his right hand was stepped on in his last game, a loss at Baltimore that knocked him out of the game and put his team, 28, playoff outlook in peril.

(AP Photo/Gail Burton, File)

## Lions, Bucs aim to salvage largely disappointing seasons

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Detroit Lions and Tampa Bay Buccaneers aren't wasting time wondering what might have been had they played better at times this season.

The teams meet Sunday, with the Lions (6-6) focused on trying to break a two-game losing streak that has dampened their playoff hopes, and the Bucs (4-8) also desperately needing a win to begin feeling better about themselves.

With four games remaining, neither team is looking to the future. It's all about salvaging what's left of mostly disappointing seasons undermined by inconsistency.

"You guys are talking as if it's all is lost and that kind of thing," Lions coach Jim Caldwell told the media early in the week.

"That's the great thing about our game, it's going to challenge you. It's going to be tough. It's not going to be an easy road," Caldwell added. "And it's either going to polish you up or grind you down, and it's our job to make certain that we get polished up. We've got a lot of work to do, but that's all part of what we do."

Detroit's chances of remaining in contention will depend heavily on whether Matthew Stafford's injured throwing hand heals enough to allow the quarterback to play and throw the ball effectively against the Bucs' porous secondary.

Stafford's right hand was stepped on during last week's 44-20 loss at Baltimore, and the ninth-year pro was limited in practice this week.

The Lions star has started 108 consecutive games over the

past six-plus seasons, the third-longest active streak among NFL quarterbacks behind Matt Ryan (128) and Philip Rivers (118).

"I would never question his toughness," Bucs coach Dirk Koetter said. "I'm sure if there's any way possible that he'll be out there."

The Lions, who'll face Chicago, Cincinnati and Green Bay after playing Tampa Bay, likely will have to win out to earn a playoff berth.

The Bucs, who began the season with heightened expectations after going 9-7 a year ago, need four more wins to avoid finishing with a losing record.

It won't be easy concluding against Detroit, Atlanta, Carolina and New Orleans, which are all in playoff contention.

"Obviously, this year hasn't turned out how we wanted it to turn out, but we can definitely finish strong," Bucs quarterback Jameis Winston said.

"Everyone dislikes losing. But what can we do now about it? That's all we can do," the third-year pro added. "We've got to focus on this game. We've got to start with Detroit."

Some things to know about the Lions and Bucs:

### INEXPERIENCED BACKUPS

Stafford is second in the NFL with 3,302 yards passing — and he's been outstanding in his past three road games, averaging 312.3 yards per game with five touchdowns and one interception. His backups are second-year pro Jake Rudock and rookie Brad Kaaya, who is on the practice squad.

Rudock replaced Stafford last week against the Ravens,

completing his first three throws before throwing an incomplete pass and an interception that was returned for a touchdown.

The Bucs expect to face Stafford.

"He is a tough dude. He has gotten rocked a few times this season and he just keeps getting up," Bucs defensive coordinator Mike Smith said. "That is why we are anticipating — I am not sure what his status is going to be, it's questionable — but we are preparing like he is going to go."

### FAMOUS JAMEIS

Winston returned a week ago after missing three games with a sprained throwing shoulder. The No. 1 overall pick from the 2015 draft threw for 270 yards, two TDs and no interceptions but also had a fumble returned for a score in Tampa Bay's 26-20 overtime loss at Green Bay.

He said he's just happy to be back on the field, eager to help the team end the season on a positive note.

"It's not really about me. Obviously, I've got to do my job and me taking care of the football is part of me doing my job, but it's really about just this whole locker room (and) everybody just coming together and finishing strong," Winston said. "I think that's huge ... coming back into next season with confidence, with fire. ... That's what we want to do."

### SUSPECT DEFENSE

Detroit struggles to run the ball and protect the passer, though there's little to suggest that'll mean much against Tampa Bay's beleaguered defense, which has done a poor job of exploiting the shortcomings of opponents.

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**FILE** - In this Sept. 30, 2017, file photo, Miami Marlins' Dee Gordon hits a single during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves in Miami. Gordon has been traded to the Seattle Mariners for three prospects in a deal that marks the start of the Marlins' latest payroll purge, this time under new CEO Derek Jeter. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky, File)



# IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: THA)



## Trade for Dee Gordon may help Mariners land Shohei Ohtani

SEATTLE (AP) — Landing Dee Gordon via trade is an immediate upgrade for the Seattle Mariners.

Getting Gordon may ultimately help the Mariners land the most coveted prize of the offseason: Shohei Ohtani.

Seattle pulled off one of the biggest moves of the offseason to date by acquiring Gordon from the Miami Marlins for three minor leaguers on Thursday. While the addition of Gordon is a major boost for Seattle, the other item that came from the Marlins could prove more important.

The Mariners also received \$1 million in international bonus pool allocation. Seattle now has the most available money in the bonus pool of any major league team, inching ahead of the Texas Rangers by \$22,500. Seattle has \$3,557,500 available to the Rangers' \$3,535,000.

"It's nice to have," Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto said.

Dipoto hasn't been shy in saying Ohtani is Seattle's top offseason priority, and the Mariners have made aggressive moves in the past two days to help bolster their chances to sign the star Japanese pitcher and outfielder. They traded a minor leaguer to Minnesota for \$1 million in additional bonus allocation on Wednesday.

The AL West is taking notice of Dipoto's efforts.

"I just don't want him to end up in my division," Oakland Athletics general manager David Forst said Thursday. "We're keeping an eye on it. We were involved in it for a couple days until we were told we weren't. We're kind of just watching it with curiosity."

It just so happened that the money from Miami also came with Seattle's presumptive new center fielder.

"He's a terrific athlete and I don't think the transition to center field will be a terribly difficult one for him," Dipoto said. "He's up for the challenge and actually doesn't live too far from Ken Griffey Jr., so I think he's already planning on reaching out for a little assistance."

For his part, Gordon said he was "shocked" to

learn of the trade and the Mariners desire to move him from second base to center field. Gordon's agent, Nate Heisler, released a statement saying the Mariners did not receive Gordon's approval for the position switch prior to the trade being finalized.

Gordon said he'll accept the position switch, but maybe not with the most enthusiasm.

"I had honestly never heard of a situation where a guy who was a Gold Glove-caliber player at his position turning over to a new position," Gordon said. "I was definitely shocked, but at the end of the day I'm a team player and if that's what I have to do for the Seattle Mariners, if that's what is best for them then that's what I've got to do."

Gordon did play center field briefly during winter ball in the Dominican Republic during the 2013-14 offseason and thought he "played pretty well," during the limited opportunities. Seattle is adding significant speed and a knack for getting on base to its batting order. Gordon has led the National League in stolen bases three of the past four seasons and led the NL in batting in 2015.

He served an 80-game suspension in 2016 after a positive test for exogenous testosterone and Clostebol, substances he said he took unknowingly. Gordon hit .308 with a .341 on-base percentage last season, when he scored 114 runs and topped the major leagues with 60 stolen bases. Gordon's contract calls for salaries of \$10.5 million, \$13 million and \$13.5 million in the next three seasons. His deal includes a \$14 million team option in 2021 with a \$1 million buyout, a salary that would become guaranteed if he has 600 plate appearances in 2020 or 1,200 in 2019-20 combined, and he finishes 2020 on the active major league roster.

"We want to be more athletic, we want to be faster. We want to be more dynamic on the bases," Dipoto said. "There are very few players on the planet more dynamic on the bases than Dee Gordon. ... We did add an impact force on the bases here. We did add a really athletic defender who has got some gold on his shelf."



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of the Year.

"I'm on this awards trip right now with a lot of great players from OU and other schools, and every one of them deserves to be recognized. To receive this award is an honor and it's something just a few years ago I never thought would happen," Mayfield said. "Obviously, I'm very happy and thankful that I'm being recognized with this."

Mayfield played high school football in Austin, Texas, but did not receive a scholarship offer from the Longhorns. He was at Texas Tech, and played as a freshman, but ended up transferring to Oklahoma. With the Sooners, he has become a three-year starter and one of the most productive passers in college football history.

He has 129 career touchdown passes and 14,320 yards.

Mayfield won the Walter Camp Player of the Year and the Davey O'Brien awards as the nation's top quarterback Thursday night at ESPN's college football awards show in Atlanta.

Mayfield is the fourth OU player to win the Walter Camp, joining Heupel (2000) and running backs Billy Sims (1978) and Steve Owens (1969).

Other winners at the awards show:

### DOAK WALKER

Stanford's Bryce Love leads Power 5 running backs in rushing (164.4 yards per game) and has gone for 100 or more in 11 games this season to tie the school record. His 12 runs of 50 or more yards are an FBS record. He set a school record with 301 yards on 25 carries against Arizona State. With a bowl game remaining, he needs 47 yards to break the school record set by 2015 Heisman finalist Christian McCaffrey.

### OUTLAND TROPHY

Houston defensive tackle Ed Oliver was voted the nation's top interior lineman after making 69 stops from the middle of the Cougars' three-

man front. That ranks second in the nation among defensive tackles. He twice had double-digit tackle games and led the Cougars in tackles for loss (14.5), sacks (5.5), quarterback hurries (7) and forced fumbles (2). He had two double-digit tackle games this season.

### BILETNIKOFF

Oklahoma State's James Washington is first in the nation with 1,423 receiving yards, and his 20 career 100-yard games are tied for most in school history. He scored 12 touchdowns this season and has caught a pass in 44 straight games, the second-longest streak in the nation. He joins Justin Blackmon (2010 and '11 winner) as a Biletnikoff winner.

### LOU GROZA

Utah's Matt Gay leads the nation in most major kicking categories, including a school-record 27 field goals, field goals per game (2.25), field goal attempts (31) and 50-yard field goals (5). He has made 87 percent of his attempts.



FILE - In this Nov. 10, 2017, file photo, Stanford's Bryce Love (20) runs against Washington during the first half of an NCAA college football game, in Stanford, Calif. Love was selected to the AP All-Conference Pac-12 team announced Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)

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# New Orleans' Kamara exits game with concussion

ATLANTA (AP) — Saints running back Alvin Kamara left with a concussion in the first quarter of New Orleans' game Thursday night against Atlanta.

Kamara was hurt when he caught a pass for a 4-yard loss and his helmet collided with Falcons linebacker Deion Jones'. He then walked into the tunnel to be evaluated. He likely will not return.

Without Kamara, the Saints lose a runner with seven touchdowns and a 7-yard average on 86 attempts. In the passing game, Kamara has averaged 10.4 yards on 59 catches.

New Orleans linebacker A.J. Klein left with a groin injury.



# Jaguars refuse to view visiting Seahawks as statement game

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars haven't played a home game with this much at stake in nearly a decade.

An outside shot at clinching a postseason berth. A perennial playoff contender and recent Super Bowl champion in town. A chance to prove they belong among the NFL's elite.

Some might even call Sunday's matchup against the Seattle Seahawks (8-4) a "statement game." Not the Jaguars (8-4). Jacksonville refuses to acknowledge what a victory against the 2014 Super Bowl champions would mean, even if everyone else does.

"Y'all hype up who y'all want to hype up," said Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey, chiding the media. "Y'all don't hype up who y'all don't. We were sorry last year, but we're

not this year. We ain't talking about last year."

Maybe not. But for a team that lost 74 of 96 games over the previous six seasons and hasn't been this close to the playoffs in December since 2010, putting itself in this position is a huge turnaround and should be part of the discussion. "You all have to stop doing that," Ramsey said. "The media, y'all do that too much. Y'all been hyping people up; y'all hype teams. Stop doing that. Y'all got to stop doing that. It's a new year. It's a new league — everything.

"There are new big dogs around the NFL. Stop doing that. Stop hyping people up."

If the Jaguars are one of the "new big dogs," then facing Seattle late in the season should be the measuring stick. After all, the Seahawks are an NFL-best 20-5 in regular-season games in December and January.

But the Jaguars aren't willing to go there. "I don't know if you can quite say it's a statement game," Jaguars safety Tashaun Gipson said. "I think that we've proved that, if not the best, one of the best. It's just going out there and collectively doing what we know and what we can do. "A statement game? We don't want to put that type of pressure on this game. We know it's a big-time game and has a lot of implications. They're trying to get their ninth win and set themselves up. We're trying to do the same thing." Unlike Seattle, Jacksonville can clinch a playoff berth this week. Both are currently projected as the No. 5 seed in their respective conferences.

The Jaguars need a victory, combined with losses by Buffalo, Miami, the New York Jets and the Los Angeles Chargers to reach the postseason for the first time since 2007. They also need the Oakland-Kansas City game to not end up in a tie.

Seattle hasn't even mentioned the postseason this week, surely because they've been there five consecutive seasons and 11 times in the previous 14 years. One thing that has been a topic on both coasts: Jacksonville copied Seattle's defensive scheme that carried it to consecutive Super Bowls, and the comparisons are an obvious story line. The Jaguars lead the NFL in scoring defense, total defense, passing defense and sacks. Are the units comparable?

"Nah, there is only one Seattle Seahawks," Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner said.

Here are some other things to know about the Seahawks and Jaguars:

### ESCAPE ARTIST

Jaguars defensive end Calais Campbell will be facing Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson for the 11th time. Campbell is 4-5-1 in the previous 10 meetings and knows all too well what Wilson can do.

FILE - In this Dec. 3, 2017, file photo, Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Doug Marrone waits as officials review a play during the second half of an NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts in Jacksonville, Fla. The Jaguars are to face the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017.

(AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton, File)

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10 : am	K-pop World Festiva The Beauty	The Beauty K-RUSH (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	The Unit K-RUSH (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama (E,R)
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1 : pm	The Return of Superman (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)		
2 : pm	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	The Beauty K-RUSH (E,R)	Dragon's Club Overgrown Bromance	Drama Special 2017 (E,R) K-pop World Festiva	Happy Together (E,R)	The Beauty K-RUSH (E,R)	Music Bank (E,R)
3 : pm	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)	
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7 : pm	Gap Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)					
8 : pm	Gap Concert	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)					
9 : pm	Food Odyssey (E,R)	Entertainment Weekly (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E)	Music Bank (Live)	Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)
10 : pm	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	The Beauty (E,R) K-RUSH (E,R)	The Swan Club K-pop World Festiva	The Unit K-RUSH (E,R)	Please Find Her (E,R) Guerrilla Date (E,R) Wook Food Odyssey	Gap Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)
11 : pm	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)						Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)
12 : 00	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)						Two Days and One Night (E)
Next Day	KBS 9 News (Live)						KBS 9 News (Live)
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# Jeremy Pruitt believes he can restore Tennessee's reputation

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee coach Jeremy Pruitt's mission is to get the Volunteers back to the status they enjoyed when his new boss was roaming the sidelines.

Pruitt took over as Tennessee's coach Thursday, capping a tumultuous search in which Phillip Fulmer replaced John Currie as athletic director. Tennessee is coming off one of its most disappointing seasons ever and hasn't won the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division title since 2007, the year before Fulmer was forced out as the Vols' coach.

"There was a time and place that this university was feared among the SEC teams," said Pruitt, who has spent the last two seasons as Alabama's defensive coordinator. "My goal as the head football coach at the University of Tennessee is to get us back to that point."

Nobody's feared Tennessee lately.

The Vols opened this season in the Top 25 but finished 4-8 to set a school record for losses, as they went winless in SEC competition for the first time since the league formed in 1933. Those results led to the Nov. 12 firing of Butch Jones, who went 34-27 in five seasons.

Tennessee followed up its poor season with a tumultuous coaching search that grew more embarrassing as it dragged on.

Pruitt, who has been an assistant on four different national championship teams, believes he can get Tennessee back to the heights it reached in the 1990s and early 2000s when Fulmer was coaching the team. This marks Tennessee's fourth coaching search since Fulmer's exit. "Your expectations aren't near what mine are," Pruitt said. "I'll tell you right now, my expectations are to win every game we play. That's the expectation I have."

Pruitt, 43, agreed to a six-year deal that will pay him \$3.8 million annually plus various benefits such as an expense allowance.

He will spend this month working on his new job while also maintaining his status as Alabama's defensive coordinator through the College Football Playoff. Pruitt said he would focus on boosting a Tennessee recruiting class that has been decimated by recent defections. When a dead period in the recruiting calendar arrives Dec. 18, Pruitt can turn his attention to Alabama.

Fulmer said he didn't mind the fact that Pruitt will still be working with Alabama through the playoff. He said Pruitt's playoff presence would showcase Tennessee's program.

Tennessee could use the good publicity after what's happened the last month as the Vols searched for Jones' replacement.

Currie was close to hiring Ohio State defensive coordinator Greg Schiano on Nov. 26 before that deal fell through amid a public backlash.

Reports linked Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy and Purdue's Jeff Brohm to Tennessee's vacancy, but both stayed with their teams. North Carolina State's Dave Doeren agreed to a new contract with the Wolfpack after speaking with Tennessee officials. Currie met last week with Washington State's Mike Leach and was suspended the next day as Tennessee investigates whether it can fire him for cause.

Fulmer took over the search and eventually zeroed in on Pruitt.

"His energy and his enthusiasm and his background and his intensity appealed to me greatly," Fulmer said.

Pruitt has been Alabama's defensive coordinator since 2016 after spending two seasons in the same role at Georgia. Alabama led the nation in scoring defense and ranked second in total defense last year. This season, Alabama again leads the nation in scoring defense and ranks second in total defense.

"He is hard-working, dedicated and organized with exceptional knowledge of the game," Alabama coach Nick Saban said in a statement. "He is an excellent recruiter who does a great job developing players and earning their respect. He will do a great job at Tennessee and we wish him the best."

Pruitt also was defensive coordinator for Florida State's 2013 national championship team, which led the nation in scoring defense. He worked an initial stint on Alabama's staff from 2007-12, when he helped the Crimson Tide win national titles in 2009, 2011 and 2012.

His blue-collar approach to the game won Fulmer's admiration.

"It's hard to be cute and win in this conference, and as you can tell, Coach is not a very cute guy," Fulmer quipped.

Pruitt's football background actually started long before his college career. Pruitt grew up regularly watching film and studying the game as a son of Dale Pruitt, a longtime Alabama high school coach.

"My other son's a high school coach, and they grew up in the fieldhouse," Dale Pruitt said. "We didn't have babysitters. They went with me. I don't hunt. I don't fish very much. I'm a terrible golfer. (Football's) what they were used to, doing the X's and O's and all that. ... That was their passion since they were very small."

That passion never left Pruitt and now has this former elementary school physical education teacher running an SEC program in need of a boost.



FILE - In this Dec. 3, 2017, file photo, Tennessee Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota (8) passes against the Houston Texans in the second half of an NFL football game in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans never have played at University of Phoenix Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals, but Mariota has, though.

(AP Photo/Mark Zaleski)

## Titans' Mariota returns to scene of Fiesta Bowl triumph

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans never have played at University of Phoenix Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals. Their quarterback has, though.

As a redshirt freshman at Oregon, Marcus Mariota threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in the Ducks' 35-17 victory over Kansas State in the 2013 Fiesta Bowl.

"A good memory and a good way to end a really good season," he recalled.

Almost five years later, Mariota brings the Titans (8-4) onto that field for a game Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals.

This game, not that one, is on Mariota's mind.

"I think confidence is high," he said. "I think we can still improve, though. When we're able to win football games when we're not playing to the best of our abilities, that's huge. ... If we start pushing it on all cylinders and our defense continues to play well, and the special teams continue to do their job, this team can be very good."

Arizona coach Bruce Arians has often talked of the difficulty of quarterbacks from college spread offenses adjusting to the NFL. Mariota, he said, is a good example for those trying to make that transition.

"I think he gives a lot of those guys a chance," Arians said. "Again, you have to be put in the right system. He was an excellent passer coming out. He wasn't just an athlete; he was an excellent passer. Getting a running game around a guy — when you talk about Carson Wentz and you talk about Jared Goff and Marcus — when you have that running game, it's a whole lot easier to bring those guys along."

The Cardinals (5-7) shut down the running game of Leonard Fournette (12 carries, 25 yards) in their home win over Jacksonville two weeks ago. Now they'll face Mariota and the power-running game of the Titans.

The Titans are the last of the NFL's 32 teams to play on the Cardinals' home field. Here are some things to consider about the game:

**STOP THE RUN:** Tennessee is back up to seventh in the NFL running the ball, and is coming off its best rushing performance in more than a year after piling up 198 yards in last week's 24-13 home win over Houston.

The Titans also are the only team in the league with three runs of 70 yards or longer since 2012, and Derrick Henry has two of them — both in the fourth quarter to seal victories.

**ON THE ROAD:** The Titans won't see the bright lights of Nashville for 10 days or so. After

Sunday's game, they will remain in the desert next week, practicing at Arizona State University in Tempe for their game the following Sunday at San Francisco.

"These are long days for us anyhow, it's not going to change much," Tennessee coach Mike Mularkey said. "I'll be in a hotel instead of my office. They're long days. Players will have time to do some things out there. We've designed some things for their day off to do. There's plenty for them to do out there, and the nice part is that they're going to get to do it together for the week."

**FITZGERALD FAN:** The Titans hope to get wide receiver Rishard Matthews back after he missed the last two games with an injured hamstring. He plans on watching Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald up close and personal.

"Just a guy that's done it that long the right way, the quote-unquote right way for so long in his career, still playing. Definitely be a first-ballot Hall of Famer," Matthews said. "Just going to be kind of eye-opening to be across from him and watching him perform in person. I got to watch him my rookie year, but to see him still play at a high level is great."

The Titans are hoping to get starting cornerback Logan Ryan back from a concussion suffered in last week's game. If not, that might leave them leaning on Brice McCain or LeShaun Sims, who had an interception in the end zone, helping defend Fitzgerald.

**FITZ AND MOSS:** Fitzgerald needs 26 yards receiving to pass Randy Moss into third on the NFL career list (trailing only Terrell Owens and Jerry Rice). Fitzgerald was a ball boy for the Minnesota Vikings when Moss was a star there. He said he used to wash Moss' car for cash and borrowed Moss' BMW to go to the high school prom.

"I love Randy," Fitzgerald said. "He taught me this game. I grew up immortalizing him, watching him, trying to emulate what he was doing every single day. ... He's always been over-the-top kind to me. Anytime that you can have your name mentioned in the same sentence as Randy Moss you've got to be happy."

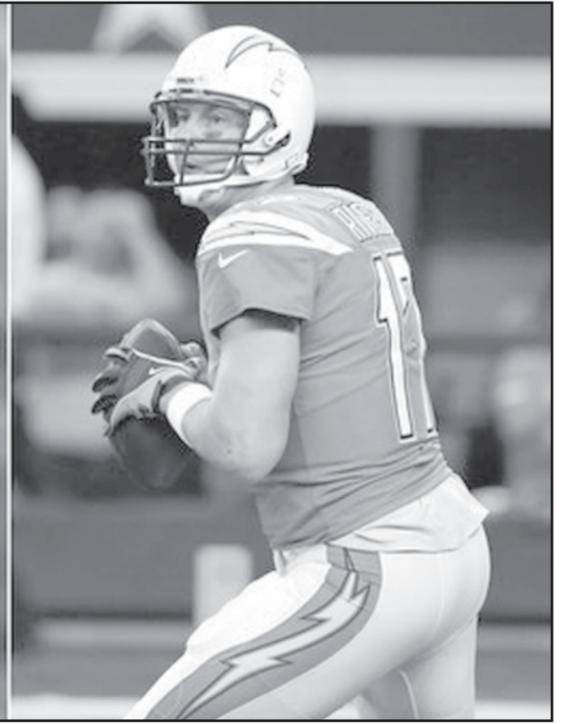
**OLD FOES:** From 2004-2011, Arians was receivers coach, then offensive coordinator at Pittsburgh when Dick LeBeau, now Titans defensive coordinator, coached the Steelers' mighty defense.

They won two Super Bowls together.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

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**FILE** - At left, in a Nov. 23, 2017, file photo, Washington Redskins quarterback Kirk Cousins (8) passes the ball during the first half of an NFL football game against the New York Giants in Landover, Md. At right, also in a Nov. 23, 2017, file photo, Los Angeles Chargers' Philip Rivers prepares to throw a pass during an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys, in Arlington, Texas. After winning three straight and six of eight overall, the first-place Chargers (6-6) host the Washington Redskins (5-7) on Sunday with a chance to solidify their postseason intentions. (AP Photo/File)

## Surging Chargers focused on Washington, not playoff chase

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Philip Rivers and the Los Angeles Chargers spent the past two months scrapping and clawing for the chance to play meaningful games in December.

Now that they've made it, the Bolts don't want to waste that hard work against an opponent that has been slipping out of contention for the same two months.

After winning three straight and six of eight overall, the first-place Chargers (6-6) host the Washington Redskins (5-7) on Sunday with a chance to solidify their postseason intentions.

A loss would almost certainly put the Bolts in trouble again, but Rivers and his veteran Los Angeles teammates are motivated by their recent late-season experiences in San Diego.

"We haven't had a very meaningful December game the last two years, and now here we are," Rivers said. "I think it's good to acknowledge that and talk about that, because it is different. It's exciting, and it's what you spend all offseason for, is to get into December and have a chance."

Just three years ago, the Chargers hit December at 8-4. They lost three of their final four games, including a season-ending loss at Kansas City with a playoff berth on the line.

"We have a shot," Rivers said. "We know that. But we also know how quickly it can go the other way. We've by no means made it. We have four tough football games ahead of us, starting this week." Although these teams' records are nearly identical, the Chargers are sitting atop the AFC West alongside Kansas City and Oakland, while the Redskins are already eliminated from the NFC East title race behind Philadelphia (10-2).

With six NFC teams already sitting on eight victories and four other teams between Washington and a wild-card spot, the final month of the Redskins' season likely is only about pride.

Kirk Cousins doesn't intend to let up, although the prolific passer also is playing for his long-term future, either in Washington or elsewhere. Cousins has 3,289 yards passing this season — just 3 fewer than Rivers' 3,292.

"We do have like a 1 percent chance, so I'm going to play believing that ... if we can do our part, who knows?" Cousins said. "In theory, we do still have something to play for, and that's enough for me." Here are more things to watch in the franchises' 11th meeting:

**KIRK BEWARE:** Cousins' greatest challenge could be staying upright under the pressure of Joey Bosa and Melvin Ingram, the Chargers' dynamic pass-rushing duo. They've combined for 20 of the Chargers' 35 sacks already this season, while Cousins has been sacked 35 times behind an injury-plagued offensive line.

Los Angeles defensive coordinator Gus Bradley is an aggressive blitzing on third downs, and that has played a big role in a strong series of defensive performances by the Bolts, who haven't allowed more than 27 points in a game all season.

"I think they have had more interceptions (15) than they've allowed touchdown passes (13)," Cousins said. "I've got to believe that a lot of the credit goes to the pass rush and then works back from there."

**KEENAN'S COUSIN:** Chargers receiver Keenan Allen will attempt to become the first player in NFL history to make at least 10 catches for at least 100 yards and one touchdown in four consecutive games.

But LA's star playmaker also will be thinking about his cousin, Redskins receiver Maurice Harris, who made a spectacular one-handed touchdown catch against Minnesota last month in his season debut.

Harris isn't likely to have a big impact Sunday after sustaining a concussion last week, but Allen will be looking for him. "We have been doing it our whole life, so we always knew we could play at a high level," Allen said. "I just think he needs the chance, and I think he showed it against the Vikings when he did get the chance."

**REED UNLIKELY:** Washington's most important offensive playmaker, tight end Jordan Reed, is expected to miss his sixth consecutive game with a strained right hamstring. Reed only has 27 catches for 211 yards and two touchdowns during a lost season that coach Jay Gruden called incomplete. "Jordan is a big-time player for us and when he's not out there, it has an effect on what we do," Gruden said. "Any time you lose a player of that magnitude, as gifted as he is talent-wise, it's going to have a little bit of an effect."

**QUICK TURNAROUND:** Although the temptation could be strong this week, the Chargers insist they won't be looking ahead to their trip to Kansas City next Saturday for a key game in the AFC West race. "(Washington) is a playoff-caliber team," Rivers said. "Let's find a way, and then we know how exciting next Saturday will be."

**LINEBACKERS IN LIMBO:** The Redskins are already without inside linebackers Mason Foster and Will Compton, and Zach Brown and Martrell Spaight have dealt with injuries.

Brown said Washington has "got probably a whole team on injured reserve right now" but doesn't want it to be an excuse. "I've never had all that guys get hurt on the inside like that," Brown said. "You've got to know your job ... You've got to know what you're supposed to do."



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  - 15 A Parkinson's treatment
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  - 33 Eraser's target
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  - 42 False appearance
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  - 46 Married
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  - 49 Toby-jug fillers
  - 50 It's so "smart" question (Part 3)
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  - 60 Dinette set's locale
  - 61 Loud, to a conductor
  - 62 Up the pot
  - 63 Do the same
  - 64 Forced out on a limb
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  - 7 The stuff of horror films
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  - 9 OK to consume
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  - 12 Runners set it
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  - 24 Short fall months?
  - 25 Nirvana obtainer
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  - 27 Iraqi port
  - 28 Good direction to sail
  - 30 Finger or toe, e.g.
  - 31 Come up
  - 32 \_\_\_ out (rationed)
  - 34 Rice Krispies sound
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  - 38 Not yet edited
  - 39 Irritant
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  - 46 Forelimb bones
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  - 49 Major artery
  - 50 Brit's elevator
  - 51 Strong smell
  - 52 Like a neglected houseplant
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Use your intelligence to get ahead. Learn as you go and you will be showered with good fortune. Make plans and consider changes to your professional future. Love is in the stars and positive change is within reach.\*\*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll be tempted to take a risk that has the potential to change your life. Before you jump in, make your position clear to those you care about. A second opinion will help you make the best choice. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Use intelligence when dealing with domestic matters. Relatives can be persuaded to pitch in and help if you lay out your plans for home improvements. Intellectual conversations will lead to greater intimacy with someone you want to spend more time with.\*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You'll learn a lot through discussions as well as observation. Make changes based on your discoveries and you will advance. A discussion with a friend or relative will help you put things in perspective. Offer help and you'll reap rewards. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take better care of your health, reputation and relationships with others. Emotional manipulation should not be allowed whether it's you or someone else who is the culprit. Look for the right way to come out on top.\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Emotions will be difficult to control. You'll only be given partial information, making it necessary to dig deep and do your own fact-finding. Don't make assumptions or jump to conclusions. Get along with others but don't divulge your plans. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Get involved in activities, fundraising events or a cause you want to contribute to. Your input will be well-received and help you formulate a path you want to follow in the future. New friendships will turn out to be influential. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** An opportunity to make a move will tempt you. Before making any promises, consider whether it will take up more time than necessary and if you will still be able to maintain your current commitments. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Short trips, conversations or making changes to the way you live are favored. Trust your judgment and the facts you gather, not in hearsay or someone who tries to coerce you into doing something. Romance is in the stars.\*\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Look over your personal papers and investments, and research any medical issues that are causing you concern. It's up to you to do the legwork and to take care of your personal responsibilities before the year comes to a close. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Working in a group or with someone you share a common interest with will lead to victory. You can bring about changes that will improve your life as well as the lives of others. Share and good things will happen. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of your responsibilities without making a fuss. Staying in the background and avoiding senseless debates will ensure that you don't end up ruining your reputation or endangering your position. Staying neutral is your best option. \*\*\*



# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

**EXPECTATION OF AN EARLY DEATH PUTS MAN'S LIFE IN A TAILSPIN**

**DEAR ABBY:** I spent an evening with a guy I've been wanting to date for some time. After a few drinks he confided to me that he has a serious heart condition. He said he doesn't expect to live past age 23 and he could die any day.

I don't know the details of his condition, but I'm sure he believes what he told me. Because of this his life has taken a downward spiral. He has been drinking a lot, failed multiple classes last semester and feels like studying is futile if he may only live a year after graduating.

For lack of evidence to the contrary, I accepted his statement as accurate. I don't think he'd make up something like that. What can I say or do to show my support? How can I encourage him not to give up on his dreams and his goals? He's only 19. How can I be strong for him?

Since he told me about his heart I haven't been able to think about anything else. I don't know how to process this information. How do you comfort someone you care about who's facing mortality at such a young age? -- BROKENHEARTED GUY IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR BROKENHEARTED GUY:** If you want to be a friend to this young man, ask how many doctors have told him about his poor prognosis. If the answer is only one, urge him to get a second opinion because there are medical advances in cardiology happening every day, and he may not be nearly as close to the end as he fears.

You say he's still in school. Suggest he talk to someone at the student health center about his depression because it is interfering with his grades. And while you're at it, suggest he stop drinking and neglecting his studies because, in the end, he might LIVE.

**DEAR ABBY:** My best friend of more than 20 years is a busy person. She has a demanding job, a husband, two children and extended family she cooks for on most holidays. She also cares for an elderly distant relative. She has a heart of gold and is wonderful to me and my family.

When I'm invited to her house for dinner, she refuses to let me help her clear the table. I'm not happy with that, but I accept it. The problem arises when I invite her over for dinner. Because we don't get to visit often, I'll pile the dishes in the kitchen so I can spend time with her and wash them later. But she cannot sit still and just have a conversation with me or anybody. You will find her in the kitchen scraping plates, soaking pans and hand-washing the wine glasses.

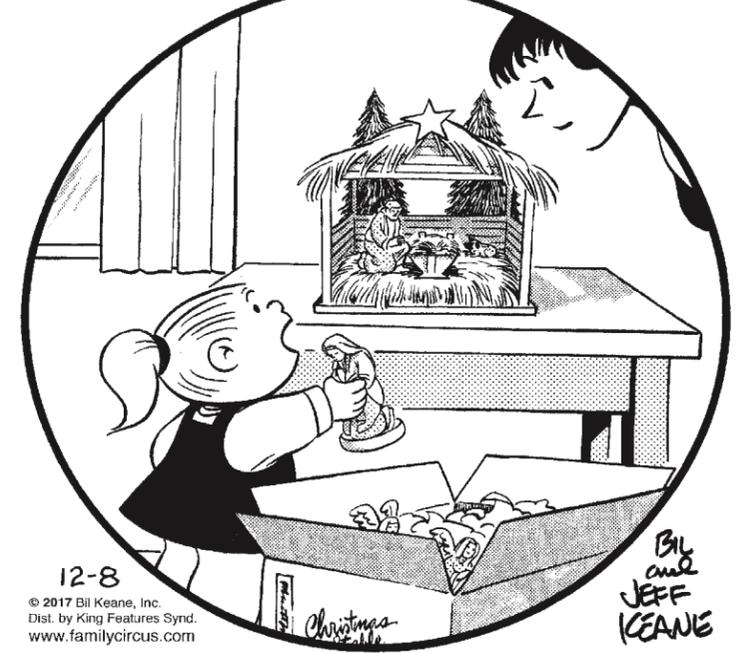
This has become a point of contention because I like to unwind and clean my kitchen after my guests have left. I have tried working with her, but she prefers to power through the mess by herself, which gives us less time to sit and talk. How can I get through to her? -- ANXIOUS IN NEW YORK

**DEAR ANXIOUS:** Assuming that you have spoken to your friend more than once about this, I think it's time to accept her the way she is, rather than the way you would like her to be. Some people are unable (notice I didn't say unwilling) to just sit still and have a conversation, and she appears to be one of them. If this is her only flaw, consider yourself blessed to have a sparkling kitchen when she leaves.

12/8 **CELL DOWN THE RIVER** By Timothy E. Parker

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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



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**"We should make Mary lie down in the straw. She's 'specting a baby, you know."**

Ripley's **Believe It or Not!**

**DURING A SCENE IN THE 1982 FILM "POLTERGEIST" ACTRESS JOBETH WILLIAMS SWAM WITH REAL SKELETONS BECAUSE IT WAS CHEAPER TO BUY THEM FROM A MEDICAL SUPPLY COMPANY THAN TO CREATE REPLICAS.**

**WOODROW WILSON IS THE ONLY U.S. PRESIDENT BURIED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.!**

**ON MAY 9, 1945, RUSSIA, AFTER LEARNING OF GERMANY'S SURRENDER, DRANK THE COUNTRY'S ENTIRE SUPPLY OF VODKA IN ONE DAY!**

Submitted By Richard Gibson, Lafayette, LA.  
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**Calvin & Hobbes** ©

by Bill Watterson

CALVIN THE CRIMINAL IS ABOUT TO FACE JUSTICE! ANGRY THROUGS TURN OUT TO WATCH HIS EXECUTION!

AS HE IS LED UP THE GALLONS, HE REFLECTS UPON HIS MANY HEINOUS CRIMES. HE IS NOT REPENTANT!

THE NOOSE IS PUT AROUND HIS NECK AND TIGHTENED! THIS IS THE END!

GACKK URRGH

OH, KNOCK IT OFF. SOME OF US HAVE TO WEAR A TIE EVERY DAY.

**PEANUTS** ©

by Charles M. Schultz

Dear Little Red Haired Girl,

Do you remember me? We used to go to the same school.

I sat across the room from you. I was the plain ordinary looking boy in the fourth desk.

You don't remember me, do you?

OVER MY DEAD BODY!

HMM.

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

HE'LL NEED TO POLL-TEST THIS WITH HIS BASE.

**ZIGGY** ©

...ABOUT THIS WHOLE 'GIVING AWAY FREE STUFF' THING... ARE YOU SOME KIND OF POLITICIAN?

SANTA

**Hagar the Horrible** ©

by Chris Brown

WHAT'S THE "CHEF'S SURPRISE" TODAY?

HE SHOWED UP IN A GOOD MOOD!

**GARFIELD** ©

by Jim Davis

GARFIELD, DO YOU HEAR THAT AWFUL NOISE?!

YEAH

IT SOUNDS LIKE A WOUNDED WATER BUFFALO

NOT TO WORRY...

OR A HYENA WITH A HERNIA

IT'S JUST JON CAROLING

**Sudoku Pacific**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Thursday's Puzzle Answer 12/7

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Billfish: 1st Place—Double Hooked



Dogtooth Tuna: 1st Place –Noelani



Billfish: 2nd Place-Fish the Dream



Masimasi: 1st Place-CAP10'T"



Dogtooth Tuna: 2nd Place-Noelani



Masimasi: 2nd Place-Miracle



Misc: 1st Place-South Wind



Misc: 2nd Place-BOAT



Misc: 2nd Place-South Wind



Wahoo: 1st Place-Keejana



Wahoo: 2nd Place-Double Trouble



Yellow Fin: 1st Place-South Wind



Yellow Fin: 2nd Place-South Wind



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