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Jets' McCown still going strong, joining the likes of Thorpe

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Oh, and coach Todd Bowles reiterated on Wednesday that he will be New York's starter for the final four games of the regular season.

"That was my plan and my expectation, so to hear that reaffirms it, but I had every expectation of doing that anyway," McCown said. "So I'm glad to hear it and excited about this game and then the rest of the season."

McCown will start his 13th game on Sunday at Denver, matching his career high set back in 2004 while playing for Arizona in his third NFL season.

Since that year with the Cardinals, McCown had started more than nine games just once: when he was under center for 11 games with Tampa Bay three years ago.

Now, he has a shot, barring injury, to play in all 16 for the first time.

"Certainly, it's something that I would like to accomplish, there's no doubt about it," he said. "It's a one-game-at-a-time mentality, but I have a ton of respect for the guys that have played and started for a long time in consecutive games, whether it's (Brett) Favre, or Tom (Brady) or Peyton and Eli (Manning), all those guys. It's impressive what those guys have been able to do."

"So for me just to go out, especially at this point in my career, and get 16 games is something to be proud of."

Tossing a career-high 18 touchdown passes is also quite the accomplishment. Last Sunday, McCown threw for 331 yards and a TD and also ran for two scores in leading New York to a 38-31 victory over Kansas City.

The two touchdown runs put McCown in an elite club: He joined Jim Thorpe and Doug (Continued on page B10)



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Whitman joins Sacramento MLS expansion bid

NEW YORK (AP) — Meg Whitman, the CEO of Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co., joined the bid of Sacramento, California, for a Major League Soccer franchise on Wednesday as the four finalists made presentations to the league's expansion committee.

Sacramento and Nashville, Tennessee, are considered the favorites to be awarded teams next month. Cincinnati and Detroit also are bidding.

"Each group presented their vision for their club, a detailed stadium plan and an overview of their market," the league said in a statement. Sacramento's bid includes Kevin Nagle, a minority owner of the NBA's Sacramento Kings, and Jed York, CEO of the NFL's San Francisco 49ers. The group said in July it was starting pre-construction activity for a 19,621-seat downtown stadium.

"The committee asked very tough questions, and we'll come back with all the answers," Nagle said. "We never take anything for granted."

Nashville's group includes John Ingram, the chairman of Ingram Industries Inc., and the Wilf family, owner of the NFL's Minnesota Vikings. The Metro Nashville City Council on Nov. 7 approved \$225 million in revenue bonds to construct a 27,500-seat soccer stadium and an additional \$50 million in bonds for renovations and improvements around the site at the current fairgrounds.

"People all across our city, from elected officials to busi-

ness and civic leaders, soccer fans and the public, have joined together in support of this bid," Ingram said. "We believe MLS and Nashville are a perfect match and are ready to prove that Music City is Soccer City."

Cincinnati's group includes Carl H. Lindner III, co-CEO of American Financial Group and owner of FC Cincinnati in the second-tier United Soccer League. The Cincinnati City Council approved a plan for the city to invest up to \$36 million in infrastructure such as roads around a privately funded stadium. The community council in the Oakley neighborhood where the stadium would be built voted against the proposal.

Detroit's group is seen as having the poorest chance after announcing Nov. 1 it would use Ford Field, home of the NFL's Lions. The group includes Dan Gilbert, owner of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers and chairman of Quicken Loans Inc., and Tom Gores, owner of the NBA's Detroit Pistons and chairman of Platinum Equity.

MLS owners plan to discuss expansion when they meet in New York on Dec. 14.

The league has 22 teams this season and Los Angeles FC is to start play in March at a new stadium under construction near the Coliseum. Former Manchester United, Real Madrid and LA Galaxy star David Beckham was tentatively awarded a Miami team in 2014, but that is contingent on a stadium site he has thus far failed to secure.



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James celebrates after scoring in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Sacramento Kings, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won 101-95. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

LeBron hits big 3, scores 32 as Cavaliers win 13th straight

CLEVELAND (AP) — The play is called "Chicago," named after a game-winning shot LeBron James made in the playoffs to beat the Bulls.

It worked like a charm again in Cleveland.

James drained a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left and finished with 32 points as the Cavaliers tied a franchise record with their 13th straight win, 101-95 over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

James, who changed his sneakers three times, also had 11 rebounds and nine assists, helping the Cavs rally from a 14-point deficit in the third quarter to remain unbeaten since Nov. 11. His decisive 3-pointer in the final minute over JaKarr Sampson came after James went to the bench during a timeout and told coach Tyrone Lue to run a play for him.

"Was going to run a different play and then Bron said, 'I want Chicago.' So I said, 'OK,'" Lue said. "We got it to him and he made a big shot."

After catching the inbound pass, James took a dribble to his left and then stepped behind the line and knocked down his fifth 3-pointer.

"It felt good," said James, who finished 12 of 18 from the floor. "I was able to get the laces where I wanted them and I got enough space, I created enough space with the step-back away from JaKarr and I was able to let it go. It felt good the whole time."

Cleveland, which also won 13 straight in the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons, will try to break the team record Friday at Indiana.

This one wasn't easy. The Kings gave the Cavs everything they had, but couldn't contain James in the clutch. That's been the case for nearly every team that has faced the three-time champion, who is shooting with a confidence rarely seen in his

career.

"He's amazing," said Kyle Korver, who opened the fourth quarter with three straight 3-pointers to give Cleveland the lead. "He's just demanding the ball. He's like, 'Give me the ball, we're about to win.' And, I've been around some guys who've had amazing years. I've been playing with him and Derrick (Rose) when he was MVP. Allen Iverson when I was young.

"But he's taken this to a whole new level. It's amazing to have a better than a front-row seat, because I'm usually on the court next to him somewhere. I'm glad he's on my team."

Zach Randolph had 18 points and 10 rebounds and BuThursday, December 7, 2017 Hield added 17 points for the Kings. Sampson grabbed 16 rebounds in his first start this season. While Cleveland's win streak is impressive, James said he won't consider anything special until the Cavs nearly double it.

"Twenty-five," he said when asked where the streak needs to get to before becoming significant. "Because you're getting close to 33 (Lakers 1971-72), that's the all-time record. We ain't nowhere near close. We got close in Miami. We got to 27 and lost to Chicago."

Thanks to James and another Chicago, the Cavs roll on.

ROSE REFLECTS

Cavs guard Derrick Rose spoke to his teammates before the morning shootaround, two days after returning to the team from a self-imposed hiatus. Rose has been dealing with a sprained ankle and the 2011 NBA MVP's latest injury had him re-considering his future.

Lue didn't provide any specifics about Rose's comments, but said his teammates were glad to have him around again.

"It was just good to have him back and hear him talk because

he's not a big talker," Lue said. "He's a quiet guy. But just hearing what he had to say and then just seeing how everyone was welcoming him back and was happy he's here."

SAMPSON START

Sampson, who was born in Cleveland and went to the same high school as James, didn't know he was starting until he arrived at the arena. Then he learned he was guarding James.

"I knew it was going to be a challenge," he said. "I look at moments like this, it was fun. You want to make as few mistakes as possible, and make that guy work. LeBron's one of the best players in the league so you've got to make everything tough on him. That's what I tried to do, but we came up short."

TIP-INS

Kings: G Frank Mason scored a season-high 15. ... C Willie Cauley-Stein (strained lower back) didn't play after getting hurt on Saturday against Milwaukee. Cauley-Stein is also expected to sit out Friday's game at New Orleans.

Cavaliers: F Tristan Thompson scrimmaged along with G Isaiah Thomas, who is nearing his debut with Cleveland after being sidelined with a hip injury. While it's still not clear when Thomas will play, Thompson, who has missed 17 games since Nov. 1 with a strained left calf, could be back in the floor in days. "I'll be ready to return when the front office and them (the medical team) say I'm ready to return," Thompson said, purposely being vague. "I gotta stay in my lane like LaVar Ball said." ... Cleveland has made at least 10 3-pointers in 13 straight games and scored at least 100 in 18 in a row.

UP NEXT

Kings: Wrap up four-game trip at New Orleans on Friday.
Cavaliers: At Indiana on



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Finke edges Illinois past Austin Peay 64-57

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Michael Finke scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds to help Illinois squeeze out a 64-57 victory over Austin Peay on Wednesday night.

The Illini (7-3) shot just 39.6 percent from the field and made just 21 field goals, but it was enough to snap a three-game losing streak. Illinois made 6 of 9 shot attempts to start the game and jumped out to an early 13-6 lead but went scoreless for almost six minutes. The Governors went on an 11-0 run to take the lead but weren't able to sustain an offensive rhythm either, shooting only 41.4 percent from the field.

The turning point came with just under five minutes left in the game. Locked at 50, Kipper Nichols stole an entry pass to the post and pushed the ball ahead. On the other end, Da'Monte Williams spotted up on the right wing, and nailed a 3-pointer to push the Illini ahead for good.

With 19.6 seconds left, Te'Jon Lucas was fouled on a layup attempt. He knocked down both free throws to make it a two-possession game and seal the victory.

In his first career start, Williams finished with five points, four rebounds and a team-high three steals. The Governors were led by freshman Terry Taylor and senior Averyl Ugba. Both players combined for 28 points and 15 rebounds, but their performances weren't enough to help Austin Peay (4-5) steal a victory from its fourth Power Five opponent of the season. Illinois has now won 12 consecutive non-conference home games.

BIG PICTURE

Austin Peay: The Governors struggled on offense, but applied a lot of pressure on defense. The Governors had six different players record a steal and made things very difficult for the Illini on the perimeter.

Illinois: The Illini continued to struggle with slow starts and scored just 26 points first-half points for the second straight game.

UP NEXT

Austin Peay: The Governors are off until next Saturday, Dec. 16. Austin Peay will take on Evansville to cap a two-game road trip.

Illinois: The Illini are back in action Friday night at UNLV. Freshman Brandon McCoy — averaging 20 points and 11.2 rebounds — has led the Runnin' Rebels to a 4-2 record at home.



Illinois forward Michael Finke (43) shoots over the reach of Southern University forward Emanuel Shepherd (2) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game at the State Farm Center, Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, in Champaign, Ill. (AP Photo/Stephen Haas)




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IN THE COMMUNITY

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Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) celebrates after a basket during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks in Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017. The Celtics defeated the Mavericks 97-90. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

Irving, short-handed Celtics earn 97-90 win over Mavericks

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics are no strangers to adjusting on the fly this season.

They recovered from Gordon Hayward's injury on opening night and the early absence of Marcus Morris to reel of 16 straight victories following an 0-2 start.

That ability to bounce back was on display again to help them remain perfect against the Western Conference.

Kyrie Irving had 23 points and five assists, and Jayson Tatum added 17 points and 10 rebounds and the short-handed Celtics slipped past the Dallas Mavericks 97-90 on Wednesday night.

Boston's Al Horford finished with 17 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

"In the NBA you can have afternoons like today, where all of a sudden, you're down to 11 guys, and the next man up has got to be ready," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said.

Boston has won four straight and six of their last seven. The Celtics are 8-0 against the West.

The Celtics played without Jaylen Brown and Morris. Brown sat with an inflamed right eye, while Morris was out due to left knee soreness.

It forced Stevens to rely heavily on his reserves. They came through in the fourth, leading a 10-0 run to put Boston back in front 80-73.

Dallas fought back to tie it up at 85. But the Celtics ran off eight straight points to push their lead to 93-85 with 2 minutes to play.

"Just covering for one another. We're a team. We're pros for a reason," said Terry Rozier, who led all Celtics reserves with 12 points. "You put all that hard work in and you have to be ready."

Harrison Barnes led the Mavericks with 19 points and seven rebounds. Dirk Nowitzki added 16 points and six rebounds.

Boston's bench outscored their Dallas counterparts 36-23 for the game.

"They have a good team, they keep coming," Nowitzki said. "I wasn't really good tonight. I didn't close the game the way I wanted to."

Dallas had just three turnovers in the opening 24 minutes and led 57-47 at the half.

The Celtics fought through periods of sloppiness offensively, committing seven turnovers in the first two quarters. They were also outscored 20-12 in the paint.

Though it's early, Horford said it feels good to

be 22-4 after all they've been through.

"I'm very happy," he said. "Going into the season you never have any expectations. This is good. We want to keep building on it."

Stevens is also cautiously optimistic.

"I feel good about where we're headed," he said. "We've got a long way to go."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Were outrebounded 53-45. ... Were outscored 34-32 in the paint.

Celtics: Stevens said both Brown and Morris are expected to be with team when it departs for three-game trip on Thursday.

QUOTABLE

"Our first half was really good. Their second half was better, and that's the game." — Dallas coach Rick Carlisle.

WILD THIRD

The Mavericks took a 59-47 lead earlier in the third quarter. But the Celtics erased the deficit with a 15-2 run. It was part of a fast-moving quarter that saw the lead change hands eight times.

Barnes had 12 points in period for Dallas. Horford paced Boston with 10 points.

NOEL SURGERY

Carlisle announced before the game that forward Nerlens Noel will have surgery later this week in Cleveland for a torn ligament in his left thumb.

"He'll be out for several weeks," Carlisle said. "I don't know for how long."

Noel has appeared in 18 games this season, but hasn't played since Nov. 22.

DIRK'S LONGEVITY

Nowitzki hasn't said whether this will be his final NBA season at age 39. He's already tied Kobe Bryant for the most seasons spent with one franchise at 20. Another season would give him the outright record, but Carlisle said he believes it is still an open question.

"I believe it's going to depend on how he's feeling. I don't know any NBA player that wouldn't want to continue playing into oblivion," Carlisle said.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: At Milwaukee on Friday.

Celtics: Begin three-game trip Friday at San Antonio.



Wofford's Fletcher Magee, left, keeps the ball from California's Juhwan Harris-Dyson, right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, in Berkeley, Calif. (AP Photo/Ben Margot)

Magee leads Wofford to 63-60 win over Georgia Tech

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — Wofford guard Fletcher Magee was honored before Wednesday night's game with Georgia Tech for reaching 1,000 points. He was celebrated even more when the game was over.

Magee tied his career high with 36 points including the go-ahead 3-pointer — his eighth of the game — with 1.9 seconds left as the Terriers overcame a 10-point deficit in the last six minutes to defeat Power Five opponent Georgia Tech 63-60.

The Terriers (5-4) beat an Atlantic Coast Conference team at home in their first-ever game hosting an ACC team. And Magee, the 6-foot-4 sharpshooter, was a huge reason why with 10 points down the stretch after Wofford had fallen behind 55-45 on Tadic Jackson's jumper.

Magee kept shooting the Terriers back into the game.

"I felt like I could make pretty much all of them," Magee said.

Especially from way outside where he went 8 of 14 on 3s, including the final basket. Magee said he was supposed to go to the baseline for the shot, but changed when he saw how well Tech was guarding the area. Instead, he took a few steps further back on the left side of the circle and struck for the game-winner.

"I don't compare people," Wofford coach Mike Young said. "But that was Curry-esque," referring to past NBA MVP Steph Curry who, like Magee, played in the Southern

Conference with Davidson.

Magee put Wofford ahead 58-57 on his basket with 1:18 to go. When Jackson tied the game at 60 on a 3-pointer with 19 seconds left, it was Magee once more.

Georgia Tech's desperation, court-length heave was off the mark and Wofford players, coaches and fans began the celebration.

Jackson had 26 points to lead the Yellow Jackets, who lost their third straight — and second in a row to a mid-major after falling to Grambling State 64-63 on Dec. 1.

"We've got to take this break," said Georgia Tech coach Josh Pastner, whose team does not play again until Dec. 17. "Get healthy and get better."

Magee tied his career high for points set last February against Samford. It was the third time he has scored 30 or more points in Wofford's past seven games. His 3s were a season high, but one short of his career best of nine set against VMI during his freshman year in February 2016.

It was the fourth game against a Power Five school for Wofford this season after double-digit losses to South Carolina (73-52), California (79-65) and Texas Tech (79-56). The Terriers play one more, Georgia Tech's fellow ACC member North Carolina, later this month before they start play in the Southern Conference.

Cameron Jackson had 10 rebounds and four steals for Wofford.

Ben Lammers had 12 points

and seven boards for the Yellow Jackets.

THE BIG PICTURE

Georgia Tech: The Yellow Jackets struggled early in their first true road game — they opened against UCLA in China — before Jackson and Lammers got them going late in the opening half. Other than Jackson, Georgia Tech struggled in the small venue as Wofford fans pulled a "Blackout" against their opponents.

Wofford: The Terriers, who've made four NCAA Tournament appearances since 2010, have hosted South Carolina of the SEC and Georgia Tech of the ACC at their new arena, the Richardson Indoor Stadium financed by and named after Wofford alum and Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson.

MAGEE'S TIME

Wofford's Fletcher Magee is having himself a moment. He's scored in double figures in all eight games, including 20 or more in six of them. The junior played all 40 minutes to beat the Yellow Jackets.

TECH PROBLEMS

Georgia Tech coach Josh Pastner said his team gave up 17 more shot attempts than it took in the loss. He was also bothered by the team's 16 turnovers, choppy play he thinks the Yellow Jackets will have to fix before ACC season.

UP NEXT

Georgia Tech is off for nearly two weeks before taking on Florida A&M at home on Dec. 17. Wofford faces Johnson & Wales at home on Saturday.

Cushing says suspension stemmed from unapproved prescription

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Texans linebacker Brian Cushing said Wednesday that his 10-game suspension for violating the league's policy on performance enhancers stemmed from the use of an unapproved prescription to treat a mental issue. Cushing would not divulge what he took or exactly what he sought treatment for. "I don't want to get too much into particulars," he said. "But there was a good amount of things bothering me in this past offseason, most mentally. And I was getting a prescription medication that I probably shouldn't have been; I should have been more careful with and I should have communicated with the league a lot better about." Cushing says other players have approval from the league to take the drug he was suspended for and that he's working with the NFL to get an exemption, too. It's the second time Cushing has been suspended under the same policy after missing the first four games of 2010 after testing positive for HCG, a fertility drug that is on the league's banned substance list. After that suspension he denied taking any banned substances and said that after failing that test, he was told HCG can get in your body from injecting it or because of tumors. He then said this information led him to believe he had tumors. He was asked Monday if he hopes his explanation stops people from thinking that he was suspended for something steroid-related. "I hope so. I hope they understand that I had an issue that I was trying to better myself with," he said. "As I've gotten older

there's been a lot of things that I've been worrisome about, especially with a lot of the other players that have played and retired and kind of the situations and conditions they're in. So it's one of those things that I've tried to better myself with, but should have been more careful and take full responsibility for it." Cushing won Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2009 after piling up 133 tackles and four sacks. The Associated Press' awards panel conducted a revote after his suspension and he retained the honor, but received less than half of the 39 votes he received in the initial vote. Cushing has had several major injuries in his career and played 12 games combined in 2012 and 2013 because of knee injuries and a broken leg. He missed three games last season because of a sprained knee ligament and sustained a concussion in Houston's season opener against the Jaguars this season.

The Texans used a one-week roster exemption last week to assess where Cushing was at before putting him on the active roster. Coach Bill O'Brien said Wednesday he expects him to play on Sunday against San Francisco. The 30-year-old Cushing apologized for his mistake and fought back tears when asked how difficult it was for him to sit out for so long.

"(I'm) just very regretful and I felt terrible about it — just a terrible situation," he said. "Any time I'm absent from here I feel like I let a lot of guys down, let a lot of fans down. And this is the No. 1 thing in the world I enjoy doing, and there's no question in my mind about that."



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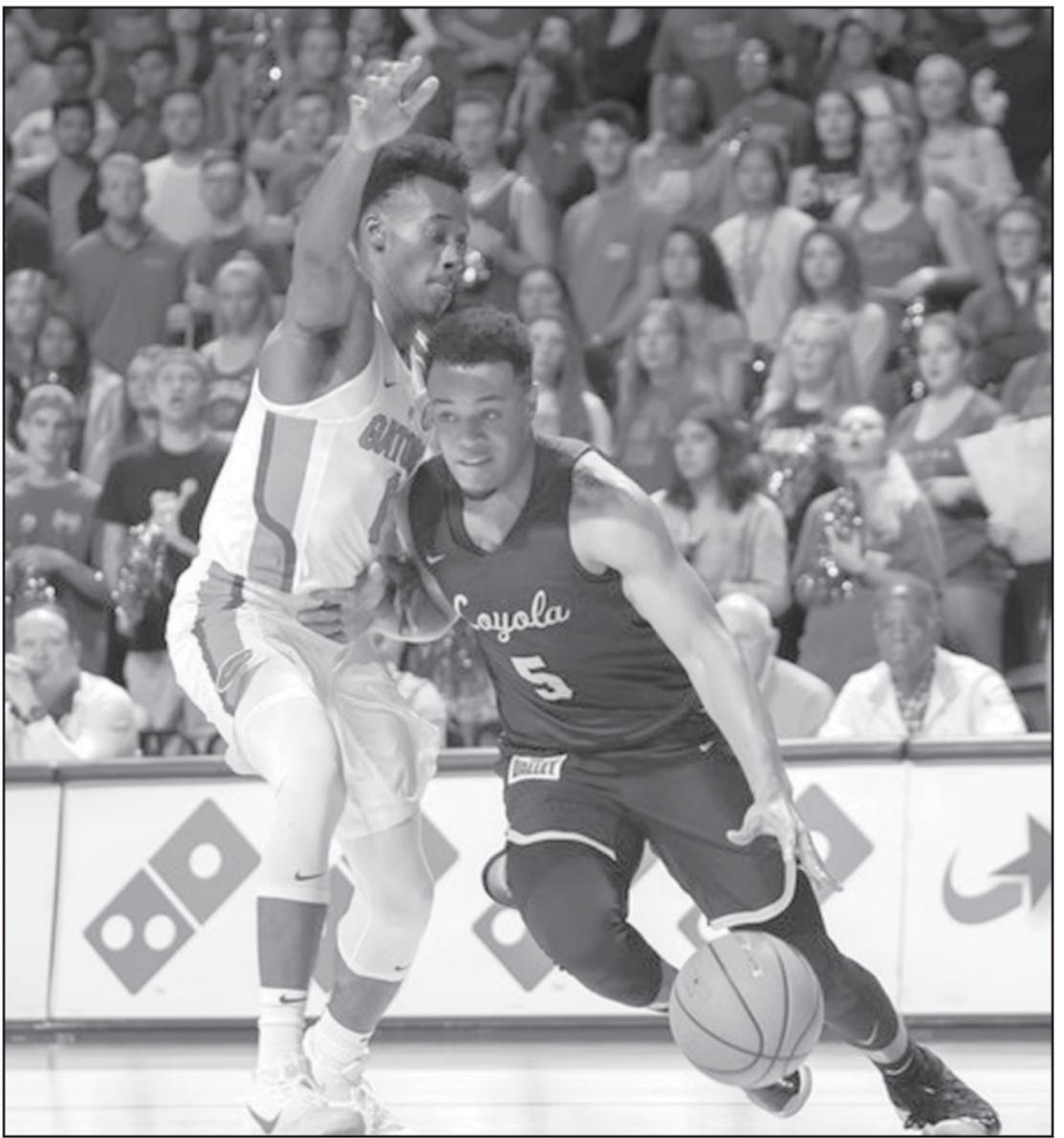
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Loyola of Chicago guard Marques Townes (5) drives past Florida guard Mike Okauru (0) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Gainesville, Fla., Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017.

(AP Photo/Ron Irby)

No. 5 Florida upset again, this time by Loyola-Chicago 65-59

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — No. 5 Florida followed a performance coach Mike White called "the epitome of soft" with an even bigger flop.

Aundre Jackson scored 23 points, Cameron Krutwig added 14 and Loyola-Chicago stunned the Gators 63-59 on Wednesday night, handing them a third consecutive loss.

"Hopefully we've been humbled a bit," White said.

Florida hasn't been the same since blowing a 17-point lead in the second half against top-ranked Duke on Nov. 26. The tailspin continued against rival Florida State on Monday and reached a new low against Loyola-Chicago.

"I can't put a word on it. It's pretty embarrassing," guard Jalen Hudson said. "It's so embarrassing."

Another reality check could be ahead. The Gators (5-3) could fall out of The Associated Press Top 25, especially if they lose to 17th-ranked Cincinnati in New Jersey on Saturday. Arizona went from No. 2 to unranked earlier this season.

Florida trailed by as many as 13 in the first half, but had a chance to tie the game in the closing seconds. KeVaughn Allen missed a driving layup, and Kevarrius Hayes' ensuing tip-in was waved off because officials ruled the ball was on the rim when he touched it.

Cameron Satterwhite closed it out with two free throws on the other end.

"It's huge for us," Loyola-

Chicago coach Porter Moser said. "We're just trying to turn the culture of the program. It's huge for us because of Florida's program. They've been to Final Fours. They were in the Elite Eight last year. They're fifth in the country."

"I'm not going to undersell the importance. It was a really good win for us and I'm really proud of our guys. ... Obviously, when you win a game like this, it's a good spotlight on you. But you want that spotlight to burn even more inside as we prepare and get better as the season goes on."

The Gators shot 36.9 percent from the field, missed 17 of 19 3-point attempts and finished with seven assists.

The Ramblers (9-1) were much more efficient, shooting 52 percent from the field and making half their 12 shots from behind the arc. White tweaked several aspects of Florida's approach: Deaundrae Ballard and Keith Stone replaced Hudson and Allen in the starting lineup, and the Gators pressed more than usual. Allen had started 68 consecutive games.

But nothing White did fixed Florida's shooting woes or the team's defensive deficiencies.

Allen was 3-of-11 shooting, including 1 of 5 from 3-point range. Hudson was 3 of 11 from the field and 0 of 5 from behind the arc. Egor Koulechov was 3 of 13, including 0 for 3 on treys. Chris Chiozza was 3 of 7 from the field, had a team-high nine points and finished with four

assists.

No Florida player reached double digits in scoring.

The Gators also led just 93 seconds.

"This is the lowest we can get," Hudson said. "I don't think we can get any lower than this. I'm sure we're out of the rankings; none of that even matters. But we're as low as we can get. We've got to completely change everything we're doing and go back to the basics. ... We've got to have a change of heart, a change of everything. It's not working."

BIG PICTURE

Loyola-Chicago: The Ramblers have to feel good. They enjoyed their best start through nine games since the 1965-66 season and led Florida for most of the night. Moses has an experienced squad that's playing without senior guard Ben Richardson (broken hand).

Florida: Since leading top-ranked Duke by 17 points with 10 minutes to play in a championship game of the PK80, the Gators haven't been the same. Between Duke's comeback and lackluster losses to Florida State and Loyola-Chicago, Florida has been outscored by a whopping 44 points in a 90-minute span. The stretch raised questions about the team's ranking and potential.

UP NEXT

Loyola-Chicago: Hosts Norfolk State on Saturday.

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Auburn quarterback Jarrett Stidham passes the ball against Alabama linebacker Anfernee Jennings during the first half of the Iron Bowl NCAA college football game, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017, in Auburn, Ala. (AP Photo/Butch Dill)

Murray, McLemore lead Auburn past Gardner-Webb, 80-55

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Anfernee McLemore's forte is blocking shots, not hitting 3-pointers. This time he did both.

Desean Murray scored a season-high 20 points and McLemore finished with 17, mostly on rare 3s, to lead Auburn to an 80-55 victory over Gardner-Webb on Wednesday night.

McLemore also had 11 rebounds and six blocked shots for the Tigers (7-1), who have won five consecutive games for just the second time under coach Bruce Pearl. McLemore made all four of his 3-point attempts — after hitting just 1 of 8 attempts through the first seven games.

"He's not made four in practice in a row, but he's capable of it," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "We talked about the fact that that was a weapon we were going to work on."

It certainly was effective in this game, which was one-sided from the outset.

Murray, who played against Gardner-Webb while at the Big South Conference's Presbyterian College, was 8-of-12 shooting and had seven rebounds. He had made just a pair of 3s coming into the game and was 3 of 4 against Gardner-Webb (3-7).

McLemore had eight points in the first five minutes, including back-to-back 3-pointers.

The SEC's top shot blocker punctuated the performance with an alley-oop from Jared Harper.

"In shoot around, I felt real good. I felt like my shot was on," McLemore said. "So I decided to launch a couple up and they went in, so I just kept shooting."

It was his second career double-double, both coming in the last three games.

David Efanayi led Gardner-Webb with 16 points on 5-of-14 shooting. Jaheam Cornwall scored 11. Auburn jumped to a big lead early and kept expanding it even when Mustapha Heron left in the first half with a lower back injury. He had five points in nine minutes.

"His back just spasmed up on him," Pearl said. "To win the game without him like that says something, too. I was concerned." The Tigers out-rebounded the Runnin' Bulldogs 52-30 and collected 23 offensive boards.

Harper had 10 of Auburn's 19 assists. "They have two post players that really hadn't made shots coming into the game with Murray and McLemore," Gardner-Webb coach Tim Craft

said. "Credit those guys, 7 of 8 from 3. We weren't expecting to have to deal with that."

THE TAKEAWAY

Gardner-Webb: Couldn't match Auburn's size and athleticism. Made just 20 of 56 shots (35.7 percent). Was 6-of-22 from 3-point range (27.3 percent).

Auburn: Has started 7-1 for just the fourth time since 2000 and first since 2011. Built a 17-point lead over the first six minutes, starting 5 of 6 from 3-point range. Led 42-28 at halftime after making 9 of 18 3s. Awarded a scholarship to senior guard Patrick Keim before the game.

QUOTABLE: "That's the best defensive effort from start to finish I think we've had in a long time. We jumped on them early and stayed on them." Pearl.

CRAFT'S RETURN: Gardner-Webb coach Tim Craft was an assistant coach at Auburn from 2008-10. This was the team's second meeting and first since 2005.

UP NEXT

Gardner-Webb: Visits another major conference team, Maryland, on Saturday.

Auburn: Hosts in-state team UAB on Saturday to conclude its season-long three-game home stand.

Oladipo helps Pacers rally past Bulls 98-96

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The start was disappointing for the Indiana Pacers.

The finish was great. Victor Oladipo scored 27 points, including a clutch 3-pointer with 31.1 seconds left, and the Pacers beat the Chicago Bulls 98-96 on Wednesday night.

Bojan Bogdanovic had 17 points for Indiana (14-11), and Darren Collison finished with 14. Myles Turner had 11 points and blocked four shots, and Thaddeus Young finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.

The Pacers outscored the Bulls 29-13 in the fourth quarter.

"I was going out there and playing as hard as I could on both ends of the floor and trying to help us pull it out," Oladipo said. "We've got to learn to not put ourselves in that hole in the first place and try to make sure we avoid that. At the end of the day it was a big win for us and we can build on it."

The lowly Bulls led by as many as 17, but couldn't hold off the Pacers in the final moments. Oladipo's 3 gave Indiana its first lead at 97-96, and he tacked on a free throw with 12.8 seconds left.

Lauri Markkanen missed a potential game-winning 3-pointer in the final seconds of Chicago's 10th straight loss.

"This one, it stings a lot," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "It's a really, really hard (loss) because we had control for the majority of it and played really good and hard unselfish basketball. The big message to our team is if we continue to play with that type of effort, if we continue to play the right way, and unselfish, we're going to start winning games."

Kris Dunn had 18 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Bulls (3-20), and Robin Lopez scored 16 points. Denzel Valentine finished with 15 points and eight boards.

Chicago looked pretty good for about 3 1/2 quarters. The Bulls went 7 for 15 from beyond the arc on their way to a 55-39 halftime lead.

Turner said the Pacers didn't take the Bulls lightly. Instead, Indiana just got going late.

"We just didn't come out as sharp as we've been all season," Turner said. "Defensively we had some lapses, offensive end we weren't hitting shots, I think we started settling. It was a flat start, but we recovered, thankfully."

TIP-INS

Bulls: All three of Chicago's wins have come on Friday. ... The Bulls went 8 for 16 at the free-throw line. ... Chicago has lost nine of its last 11 games against the Pacers.



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Ray's 3 caps wild comeback as Hofstra beats Monmouth 85-84

WEST LONG BRANCH, N.J. (AP) — Jalen Ray launched a game-winning 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds remaining, scored a career-best 14 points and Hofstra eked past Monmouth 85-84 Wednesday night after coming back from 14 points down.

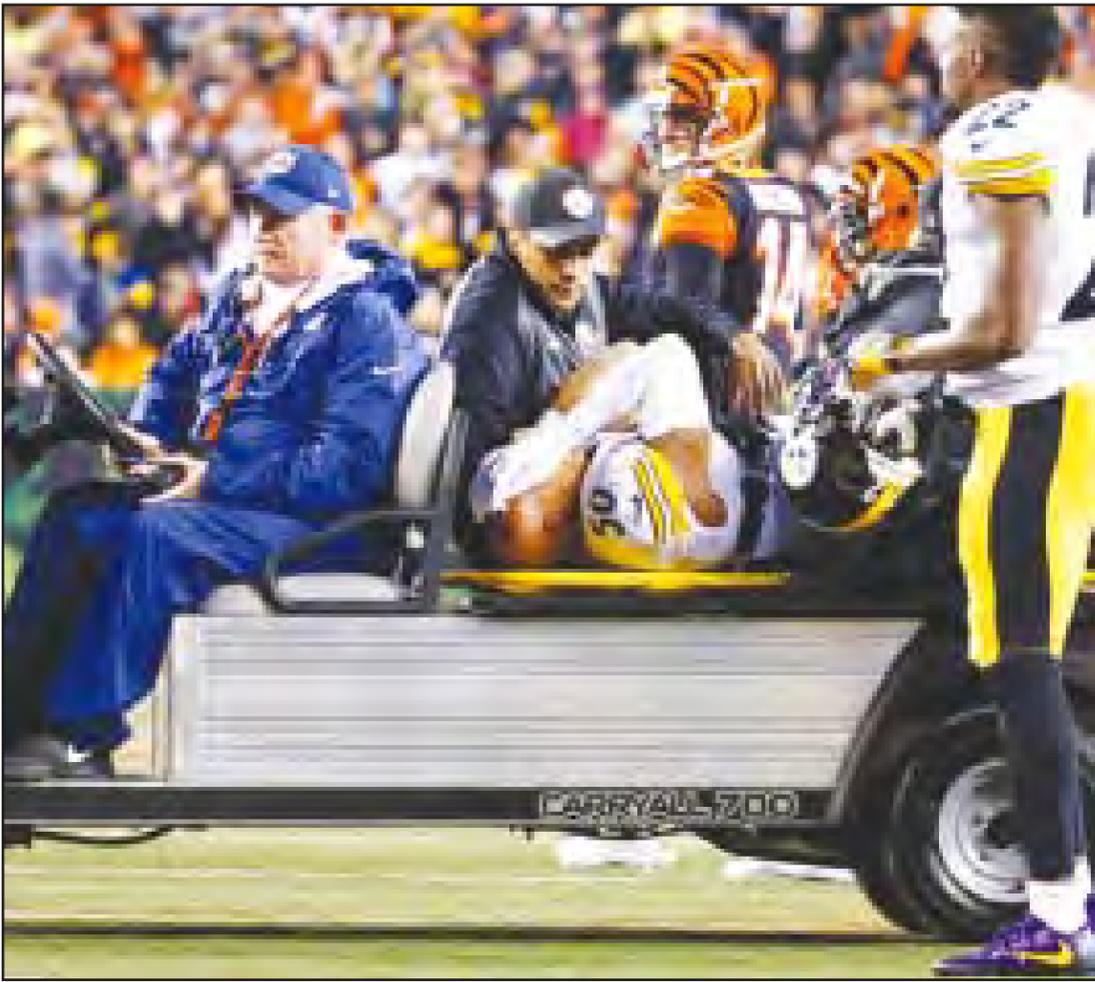
A Melik Martin 3-pointer lifted Monmouth (3-6) to a 55-41 lead five minutes into the second half, but Justin Wright-Foreman and Eli Pemberton answered with 3-pointers on

either side of a Stafford Trueheart blocked shot to spark the comeback. Allen got it down to four points with a trey with 10:25 remaining.

Monmouth stayed out front by as many as eight points before Wright-Foreman stole the ball, scored on the fast-break and followed with a 3-pointer on the next possession putting Hofstra in the lead 71-70. There were five lead changes and four ties in the last five minutes

Wright-Foreman, who's reached double figures in 30-straight games, scored seven of his game-high 24 points in the scrap to get Hofstra (5-3) the lead. Pemberton and Joel Angus III each scored 17 points. Pemberton had four 3-pointers, Wright-Foreman was 5-for-8 from distance, and Ray added four treys. Michah Seaborn led Monmouth with 23 points to reach 1,000 for his career, and Austin Tilghman added 14.





'It's just weird'; Steelers rallying around injured Shazier

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh signed Sean Spence, who spent three seasons with the Steelers after being taken in the third round of the 2012 draft, to fill Shazier's spot on the roster.

Tyler Matakevich could start in Shazier's spot against the Ravens if his aching left shoulder comes around in time.

Yet the void left by the relentlessly upbeat and charismatic Shazier both on the field and off will be more difficult to replace. Perhaps impossible. And Shazier's teammates know it. While they've inundated him with texts and phone calls and tried to stay positive, the sight of one of the league's best linebackers on a stretcher, his legs motionless after a routine hit served as a jarring reminder of their own football mortality.

"It just brings it back to reality of how dangerous the sport truly is," linebacker Arthur Moats said. "A lot of times, especially with injury stuff like that, people just kind of get ... you get kind of 'Oh, we see it all the time, guys get hit all the time, guys get hurt all the time but it's nothing crazy.' When you see a guy go down like that, it kind of puts it into perspective like 'Oh yeah, it's real life.'"

"I think it's just weird without 50 here," rookie outside linebacker T.J. Watt said. "He's the heart and soul of this defense. He's the quarterback. It's just different not having him here in meetings and out there in practices. It's weird."

Pittsburgh Steelers inside linebacker Ryan Shazier (50) is carted off the field after an apparent injury in the first half of an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, in Cincinnati. (AP Photo/Frank Victores)





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When you see a guy go down like that, it kind of puts it into perspective like 'Oh yeah, it's real life.'"

Safety Mike Mitchell was 20 feet away when Shazier lowered his head to hit Cincinnati wide receiver Josh Malone in the back. Shazier bounced off and rolled over, pointing to the bottom of his back in obvious pain, his legs splayed awkwardly.

"That's my brother," Mitchell said. "When we walked out there, that was one of the things that really shook me up a little bit because Shay's tough as nails. When I look at him, he had tears in his eyes. I could clearly see he was really scared." The Steelers seemed to spend the rest of the first half in a daze before rallying to win on Chris Boswell's last-second field goal. They remain guardedly optimistic about Shazier's prognosis while also a bit powerless. All they can do is sit, and wait, and play. "You understand that the only way to do your job and help him with his recovery is make sure we go out there and execute, him not having to have that burden of 'Dang, the team's struggling. The team's doing bad. I got to hurry up and get back,'" Moats said. "I feel like if we just continue to be successful, that'll make it a little easier on him." Trying to compartmentalize their jobs with concern for their friend isn't easy, especially when it remains unclear if Shazier will be able to walk again let alone continue a career that appeared on the verge of stardom up until the moment his helmet struck Malone's back.

Yet to a man the Steelers know this is what they signed up for, Shazier included. If he can't be alongside them, the next best thing they can do is honor him with their play.



Boone knows he's a rookie who has to prove himself to Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Boone was pulling into the driveway of his home in Scottsdale, Arizona, last Thursday, bringing 8-year-old daughter Bella home from school so his wife could drive her to a dance lesson, and he noticed a missed call from Brian Cashman.

Boone called back the New York Yankees general manager as his wife looked on and said Cashman told him: "Hey, just first and foremost, I want to make sure you're completely on board and understanding the commitment level that is now expected of you."

"If that's the case," Boone recalled Cashman saying, "I'm going to recommend to ownership that you're the guy we move forward and focus on."

And with that, at age 44 Boone had secured his first manager or coaching job of any kind since his retirement as a player eight years ago.

Boone was introduced Wednesday as New York's manager during a news conference at Yankee Stadium, where televisions throughout the ballpark showed images of him rounding the bases in triumph after his 11th-inning home run off Boston's Tim Wakefield won Game 7 of the 2003 AL Championship Series for New York.

"It's certainly something that I'm known for in my baseball life, obviously, and in some way probably is a contributor to me being here today," he said.

Among six candidates for the job, Boone so impressed Cashman and his staff that no second round of interviews was needed.

"The interview process is to try to determine how Aaron ticks and if he an extension of our philosophies or pretty close to an extension of our philosophies and what kind of decision-making process he would gravitate to," Cashman said. "That doesn't mean there won't be some growing pains on the beginning end, and we're OK with that."

Cashman recommended Boone after consulting with a smorgasbord of his modern-day front office: assistant GMs Jean Afterman and Mike Fishman, vice president of baseball operations Tim Naehring, senior director of player development Kevin Reese, assistant director of professional scouting Dan Giese, director of quantitative analysis David Grabner, director of mental conditioning Chad Bohling, head athletic trainer Steve Donohue and vice president of communications Jason Zillo.

"There was a difference of opinion among the participants as to who their number two- or three-choice was, but there was little-to-no difference of opinion as to who their number-one choice was," Steinbrenner

said. "It wasn't even close."

Cashman thought back to when he was assistant GM and owner George Steinbrenner promoted him to succeed Bob Watson as GM.

"He took a chance on me back in 1998, and here I am 20 years later," Cashman said.

Boone became the first manager hired by the Yankees since they moved into their new ballpark in 2009 and since George Steinbrenner died the following year. Hal Steinbrenner, son of The Boss, spoke briefly with Boone outside Donohue's office when Boone interviewed on Nov. 17. Steinbrenner originally had said he and his siblings would meet with candidates who reached a second round. "When I get that kind of recommendation from my top people, I just didn't see the need," he said.



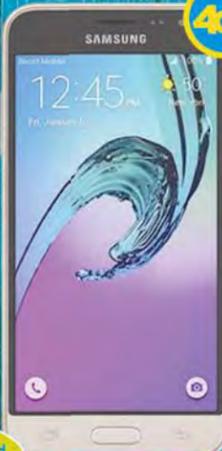
New York Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner, left, general manager Brian Cashman, center, and Aaron Boone, pose for photographers during a news conference introducing Boone as the baseball team's new manager, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, at Yankee stadium in New York.

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)





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Mahmoud propels Louisville over Siena 86-60



Siena guard Nico Clareth (25) attempts to drive around the defense of Louisville guard Quentin Snider (4) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, in Louisville, Ky. (AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Anas Mahmood stuffed the stat sheet - and stuffed Siena over and over and over - with 17 points, 13 rebounds and nine blocked shots in a near-triple-double as Louisville used a big second half to put away Siena 86-60 on Wednesday night.

Quentin Snider added a season-high 16 points, and Ray Spalding had 10 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks for the Cardinals (5-2), who led by only a point with 15:26 to play before reeling off 18 straight points.

Thanks mostly to Mahmood and Spalding, Louisville had 15 blocks in all as it rebounded from last week's consecutive losses to Purdue and Seton Hall that had knocked the Cardinals out of the Top 25.

Sammy Friday had 15 points and 15 rebounds for Siena (2-6),

which made just six field goals after halftime.

Louisville led 12-2 after just 3:08, but the Saints rallied and used a 10-0 run that included five Louisville turnovers to take a 31-27 lead. The Cardinals regrouped to regain a 39-36 lead by halftime as Siena missed 10 of its final 11 shots from the floor in the half.

The Saints pulled within 48-47 before four straight points by Mahmood started the 18-0 run.

BIG PICTURE

Siena: The Saints hung around for a while by leading Louisville in some key categories. Siena got 18 offensive rebounds en route to a 21-9 advantage in second-chance points. The Saints' reserves outscored Louisville's 43-27.

Louisville: Mahmood, the 7-foot senior from Cairo, Egypt,

posted a season-high in points a game after being held scoreless and not attempting a shot against Seton Hall. He also set a career high for blocks, surpassing the eight he had against Omaha on Nov. 17.

UP NEXT

Louisville will host Indiana on Saturday in a border-state battle, then face Bryant at home on Monday.

Wednesday night's game was part of the round robin of the Gotham Classic, in which Louisville, Siena, Bryant, Memphis and Albany all play each other over the next two weeks, with Louisville's Dec. 16 game against Memphis in New York's Madison Square Garden the marquee matchup.

JETS...

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Flutie as the only players in NFL history to rush for two scores at 38 or older. Thorpe was 38 when he accomplished it for the Canton Bulldogs in 1926, while Flutie was 41 with the Chargers in 2003.

"Somebody told me that earlier," McCown said. "I didn't realize that (Thorpe) was playing at 38, so good for him. It's cool. Like I said the other day, whatever you can do to help your team and move the football and accomplish whatever that situation is and score, then we'll do that."

His performance against the Chiefs also earned him AFC offensive player of the week honors for the third time in his career. McCown's five touchdown runs tie him for first among NFL quarterbacks. That list includes Tennessee's Marcus Mariota, Carolina's Cam Newton, Dallas' Dak Prescott and Cleveland's DeShone Kizer — none of whom were even in high school when McCown made his NFL debut in 2002.

"He's 38, but he looks like he's 26 out there," wide receiver Jermaine Kearse said. "He's been huge for us, his leadership throughout the week and the whole season has allowed us to get better and better."

McCown signed a one-year, \$6 million deal in the offseason, and could become a free agent. He might have done enough to warrant the Jets to bring him back next year — even if he's not the future of the franchise.

Bryce Petty and Christian Hackenberg are the youngsters on the depth chart below McCown, and neither was able to surpass the veteran over the summer despite playing the majority of the preseason snaps. Bowles and offensive coordinator John Morton are content to let McCown play out the string while both Petty and Hackenberg remain on the sideline.



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SAMOA CONSULATE-GENERAL

German ski racer dies from injuries at Lake Louise

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta (AP) — A 17-year-old ski racer from a club in Germany has died after he was seriously injured during a NorAm event at Lake Louise.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the racer lost control during a run Tuesday afternoon and died Wednesday in a Calgary hospital.

Officials from Skiclub

Partenkirchen in Germany confirmed Max Burkhart was a member of the club and was badly injured.

EMS crews and doctors at the resort treated the teen at the scene and he was flown to Calgary by air ambulance. A teammate told CTV News that Burkhart attended school in the United States and was not travelling with the team.



FILE - In this Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, file photo, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10) celebrates after their 15-14 win over the Chicago Bears in an NFL football game in Chicago. Garoppolo looks to follow up a successful first start for the 49ers with another this week against Houston. (AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast, File)

Garoppolo tries to temper hype following 1st start for 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Things have been so bleak for San Francisco in recent years that one successful start by the franchise quarterback of the future was enough to get the 49ers faithful dreaming big.

Jimmy Garoppolo is already being compared to greats such as Joe Montana by the fans and talk radio shows after winning his first start for San Francisco, praise he quickly tried to downplay.

“I try not to listen to any of the outside stuff. The Joe Montana comparison, I think it’s a little early for those. It’s only been one game,” Garoppolo said Wednesday before agreeing with one similarity with the Hall of Famer who won four Super Bowl titles for the 49ers.

“We are both Italian. So, we have that in common. But, I think it might be a little early.”

Niners fans can be forgiven a bit for the high level of excitement because of how dreadful the team has been in recent years. After three straight trips to the NFC title game and one Super Bowl appearance under Jim Harbaugh from 2011-13, the franchise has been in a free-fall.

Harbaugh was fired after an eight-win season in 2014 and then Jim Tomsula and Chip Kelly each had one-year tenures and a combined 7-25 record as the team got subpar quarterback play from Colin Kaepernick and Blaine Gabbert.

The hire of offensive mastermind Kyle Shanahan brought some optimism this season, but there was little tangible evidence of improvement on the field with Brian Hoyer and C.J. Beathard at quarterback, leading the team to trade a 2018 second-round pick for Garoppolo on Oct. 31.

Garoppolo looked sharp in leading the Niners (2-10) to a 15-14 win at Chicago last Sunday, only raising the hype.

“To come in there in that situation and to make some of the plays that he did, when he is in that situation, definitely excites everybody,”

Shanahan said.

“I think everyone knows the potential and the possibilities. It’s not that you have to temper, you just have to be realistic. It was one game. He did some really good things in that game and there’s a lot of stuff that we can get better at too from that game.” Garoppolo went 26 for 37 for 293 yards in his third career start, with his only interception coming on a pass that was on target to Louis Murphy but ripped loose by safety Kyle Fuller.

Garoppolo also took only two sacks and managed the game well despite still learning a new offense. About the only knock on him was an inability to get into the end zone as San Francisco settled for five field goals.

All of those kicks came on drives the 49ers made into the red zone, but failed to score a touchdown. “We kind of knew that’s one of the tougher areas of the field,” Garoppolo said. “That and third down are always going to take some time. But, there’s some good things to learn from.” With Garoppolo having now played a full game, putting together a game plan is an easier process for Shanahan, who has a better idea of what plays work well with his new quarterback and what he struggles at doing.

Garoppolo will be comfortable running even more plays this week and the game plan will be able to be even more tailored to his strengths.

“You can talk about that stuff a lot, but you don’t truly know until you go into a game,” Shanahan said. “He doesn’t know the process of how we do it. He knows one thing and we’re waiting to see how it goes together. I thought it was a good first start. It’s more comfortable here just talking with him on Monday and Tuesday, the expectations of the game. I think it will help him practice better this week, having a little bit more idea of what normally was the unknown going into Sunday.”



Georgia Willinger of New Zealand skis down the course during the first women’s World Cup downhill training run in Lake Louise, Alberta, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017.

(Frank Gunn/The Canadian Press via AP)

Dana Dimel named coach at UTEP, coming off winless season

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Kansas State offensive coordinator Dana Dimel has been named head coach at UTEP, where he will take over the only Division I team that didn’t win a game this season.

Dimel was named the Miners coach Wednesday. Sean Kugler resigned Oct. 1 after the team’s 0-5 start in his fifth season at his alma mater. Former coach Mike Price served as interim head coach the remaining seven games.

UTEP said in a release that the school and the 55-year-old Dimel are working on a mutually agreeable start date following completion of his coaching responsibilities with Kansas State, his alma mater where he has been back since 2009. The Wildcats play in the Cactus Bowl on Dec. 26.

This will be Dimel’s third stint as a head coach. He had a 30-39 record at Wyoming (1997-99) and Houston

(2000-02).

Dimel had three consecutive winning seasons for a 22-13 record at Wyoming, when at the time of his hiring he was 34 and the nation’s youngest Division I-A coach. At Houston, the Cougars went 0-11 in 2001 before winning five games in 2002. “I’m greatly looking forward to the opportunity at UTEP to build a program utilizing a ‘1-0’ concept,” Dimel said. “We will work diligently to elevate UTEP football to the highest level in Conference USA. Having been a part of a major turnaround at Kansas State and having the success we did at Wyoming, I’m just really excited about the leadership challenge that’s ahead.”

Before his two head coaching stints, Dimel had been at Kansas State since first serving as a graduate assistant in 1987. He was offensive line coach (1989-94) and offensive coordinator for the Wildcats (1995-96).

UT Rio Grande beats Texas A&M CC in South Texas Showdown

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Nick Dixon scored 24 points to help UT Rio Grande beat Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 82-78 on Wednesday night in the South Texas Showdown. Dixon’s 3-pointer with 3:36 to go gave UTRGV a 76-74 lead and Moe McDonald made it a four-point lead on their next possession.

Dixon scored again at 1:25,

McDonald made two free throws with three seconds left and Texas A&M CC’s Emmanuel Toney was off on a 3-pointer at the buzzer. Lesley Varner Jr. added 14 points for UTRGV (5-6). McDonald had 11 and Mike Hoffman 10.

The Vaqueros were 9 of 21 from 3-point range and hit 13 of 15 free throws. Joseph Kilgore

led Texas A&M-CC (2-6) with 25 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Toney added a career-high 15 points, making three of the Islanders’ five 3-pointers.

The Islanders were coming off their largest victory in a decade, routing Texas Lutheran 80-42.





San Antonio Spurs center Pau Gasol (16) drives around Miami Heat center Kelly Olynyk during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, in San Antonio. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

Aldridge helps balanced Spurs top Heat 117-105

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 18 points, and the balanced San Antonio Spurs beat the Miami Heat 117-105 on Wednesday night. The Spurs shot 52.9 percent from the field and had seven players score in double figures in their sixth win in seven games. Bryn Forbes had 17 points, and Rudy Gay finished with 16 in San Antonio's eighth straight win over Miami. With Kawhi Leonard's return looming from a season-long absence due to a quadriceps injury, Aldridge led the Spurs in scoring for the 20th time in 25 games. Tyler Johnson led Miami with 25 points, and Dion Waiters had 22.

Lyles with 21 as UMBC rolls to 81-60 win over Delaware St.

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Jairus Lyles scored 21 points with four rebounds, six assists and three steals and UMBC rolled to an 81-60 win over Delaware State on Wednesday night.

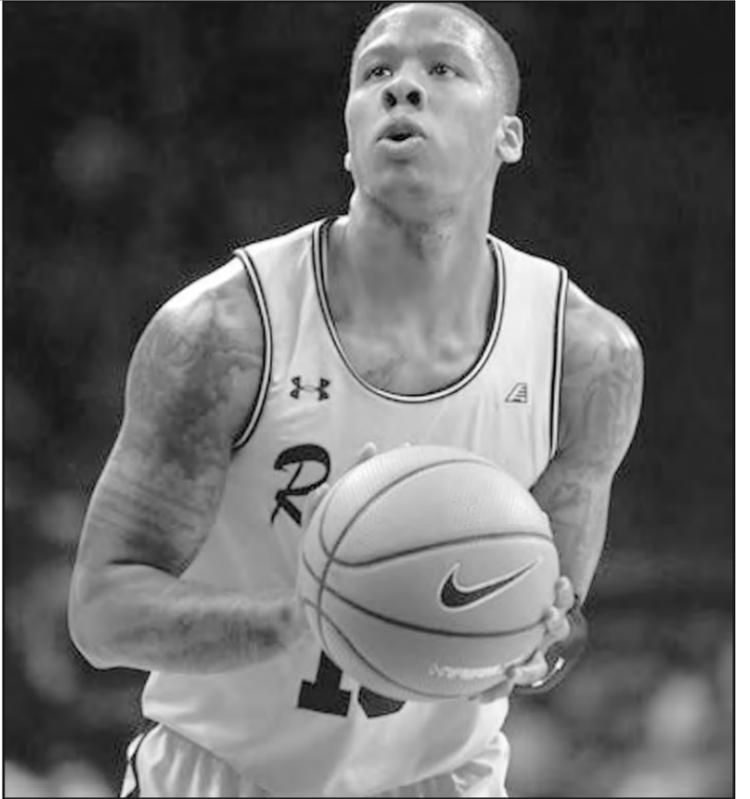
Lyles was 5 of 9 from 3-point range, and Arkel Lamar and K.J. Maura added 15 points apiece and Joe Sherburne had 10 for UMBC (6-4).

The Retrievers trailed 40-35 at halftime but opened the second half on a 15-3 run capped by Maura's 3-pointer to lead 50-43 with 15:36 left.

A hail of 3-pointers followed with Lyles sinking two, Maura sinking three more and Sherburne and Brandon Horvath adding one apiece.

UMBC was 16 of 33 (48.5 percent) from behind the arc and outscored the Hornets 46-20 after intermission.

Jonathan Walker scored a career-high 21 points a tied a career high with six assists to lead Delaware State (2-8), owners of a four-game slide and winless against Division I teams this season.



UMBC guard Jairus Lyles (10) in the first half during an NCAA college basketball game against Arizona, Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, in Tucson, Ariz. (AP Photo/Rick Scuteri)

Back from surgery, Seattle's Joeckel ready for former team

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Luke Joeckel thought he was done with knee troubles.

Issues with his left knee cost the former No. 2 overall pick most of the 2016 season, his last with Jacksonville. He was diligent and cautious in his recovery from the major knee procedure after signing with the Seattle Seahawks during the offseason in the hope of being completely healthy when the regular season started.

And despite all those precautions, just five games into his tenure with Seattle, Joeckel was back in surgery to have even more repairs done to his knee.

"I didn't expect to have another surgery in the middle of the season but I'm glad I did," Joeckel said. "The knee feels better now than it did before it. I knew it would be tough coming back from everything I did to the knee last season. It was a little tougher than I thought. Now I feel good, ready to go and excited to build on it each week."

Joeckel will see his former team this week with the Seahawks travelling to Jacksonville for a matchup that has major importance for both teams. The Seahawks significantly improved their playoff hopes by knocking off Philadelphia last week and remaining one game behind in the NFC West, while the Jaguars are tied with Tennessee on top of the AFC South.

It wasn't that way when Joeckel was playing in Jacksonville. In the four seasons Joeckel was with the Jaguars, they won 15 total games. He was deemed a bust after being one of the top picks in the draft, yet struggling with injuries and performance during his time in Jacksonville.

"I enjoyed it. Jacksonville was a great place to live. We didn't win a lot of football games, but I enjoyed my time there. Good buddies I played with," Joeckel said. "I'm excited by the opportunity I have in Seattle and happy to be here."

Joeckel had surgery in early October as the Seahawks were going into their bye week. What was thought to be a short recovery ended up costing Joeckel five games, but was clearly a needed procedure. Joeckel said he felt the knee

deteriorating with each game and trying to handle the load of playing.

"It just was getting worse each week," Joeckel said. "Coming back trying to get use to the load, picking up the load each week, trying to build on that my knee just felt more and more tore up a little bit."

He returned two weeks ago in Seattle's win over San Francisco and with a new left tackle next to him. The combo of Joeckel and Duane Brown at left tackle seems to have stabilized some of Seattle's issues protecting quarterback Russell Wilson and provided some life to a running game that's been otherwise lackluster all season.

It'll be another major challenge for Seattle this week against Jacksonville's defense that's tops in the NFL in total defense, scoring defense and has recorded 45 sacks.

"They cause you all kinds of problems," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

SHEAD RETURNS: CB DeShawn Shead returned to practice on Wednesday after spending the entire season on the physically unable to perform list. Shead has been out since suffering a major knee injury in last January's NFC divisional playoff game against Atlanta and has faced a couple of setbacks in his recovery.

After starting his career as an undrafted free agent, Shead had developed into a starting cornerback opposite Richard Sherman prior to his injury. Seattle now has three weeks to decide whether to activate Shead off PUP and add him to the active roster or place him on injured reserve for the season. Shead's return could be a boost for a secondary that has lost Sherman and safety Kam Chancellor for the season to injuries.

"I'm just ready to get out there and be able to help this team as much as possible, anywhere we need it," Shead said. "I expect to earn my spot back, and I expect to earn my way back on the field. Nothing was ever given to me, that's what I know. So I have to go out and prove myself again."

Harris' heroics lift Stephen F. Austin past La. Tech 85-83

RUSTON, La. (AP) — Kevon Harris scored 25 points shooting 10 of 11 and made the game-winning layup with five seconds to go and Stephen F. Austin beat Louisiana Tech 85-83 on Wednesday.

The Bulldogs failed to get off a shot as time expired.

Jacobi Boykins made a 3-pointer with 61 seconds left to bring Louisiana Tech to within 81-80. On the Lumberjacks' next possession, Ty Charles got fouled on an offensive rebound on Leon Gilmore III's missed 3-pointer and made a pair of

free throws with 29 seconds to go. Boykins promptly buried another 3-pointer to tie at 83-all.

Ivan Canete scored 14 points and TJ Holyfield added 11 for Stephen F. Austin (8-1). The Lumberjacks have won four straight with its last three coming on wins of four, three and two points respectively.

DaQuan Bracey led Louisiana Tech with 19 points, Boykins and Derric Jean each scored 16 and Jalen Harris had 13 shooting 7 of 8 from the free throw line.

Craig, Mathewson retire from US women's water polo team

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Kami Craig and Courtney Mathewson retired from the U.S. women's water polo team Wednesday after a dominant run that included consecutive Olympic titles. Craig, 30, turned into one of the top centers in the world during her time with Team USA, also winning a silver medal in Beijing in 2008 and three world champi-

onships. Mathewson, 31, was a key part of the national team's perimeter attack. "To have the opportunity to represent my country, the USA, playing the sport I love, and competing with a group of individuals who share the same passion and fire will be a time in my life I will forever cherish," Craig said in a release.

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Happy Birthday: Put your skills to the test and you'll figure out a way to make positive changes at home that will encourage spending less and saving more. Taking care of business will help you keep your expenditures to a minimum as well as resulting in greater satisfaction. Romance is on the rise, and a partnership will result in good fortune. Your numbers are 7, 15, 23, 31, 34, 41, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Bust a move and don't look back. Now is the time to reach out and take what you want. Don't sit back when you should be speaking out on your own behalf. If you want something, make it happen. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Problems will surface at home if you have made decisions that affect others without their consent. Backtrack and you'll find a way to make amends, but do so openly and honestly to avoid future discord. Offer peace and love, not conflict. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make changes at home that will enhance your entertainment center or encourage you to do something creative. Spending more time with family and friends will give you a greater sense of belonging. Love is highlighted, and physical improvements will result in self-assurance. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make yourself heard. Use your experience and knowledge to make your point clear. Influencing your peers or making a difference in your community will encourage others to follow suit. Stand up for your rights. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't put too much cash into something you know little about. Home expenses should be considered carefully. Taking a look at alternative lifestyles will give you a better handle on how to move forward with less debt. Romance is on the rise. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial gains can be yours if you are smart about how you handle settlements, contracts and investments. Be willing to let go of the past in order to move into the future with less stress and fewer responsibilities. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Self-improvement will spill over into the way you do your job. Added confidence will give you the push you need to go after a better position. Personal change, short trips and networking opportunities are all favored. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your life simple and be moderate with spending or other indulgences. Focus on personal improvements, not testing or challenging your strength in foolish ways. Put an end to bad habits and strive for stability and personal gains. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Sort out your money matters and consider the best way to stay in shape without spending a lot on gym fees or workout equipment. Eating smart and changing your daily routine will result in better health. Romance is highlighted. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do what you can for others. Fighting for the underdog will give you a platform to show off how much you know and the skills you have. Aim to please, not to disrupt, and you will avoid poor results. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put greater emphasis on partnerships and getting ahead in the world. Working alongside others will give you a sense of belonging and encourage you to contribute ideas that will put you in command. Romance is featured. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You won't be able to prevent some of the changes you face, but you can adjust and move along. Prolonging the inevitable will result in additional stress. Be smart, efficient and cut your losses. Protect your assets and your health. ***

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

NON-HUGGER SEEKS POLITE WAY TO KEEP OTHERS AT ARM'S LENGTH

DEAR ABBY: I am not a hugger. In fact, I pretty much always hate it. But people think I'm rude when I don't open my arms to hug after they've opened theirs. And they also think I'm rude when I tell them I'm not really a hugger. It happens with friends, fellow church congregants and audience members (I'm an entertainer) all the time. Although I let the hugs happen, I'm usually holding my breath the whole time. Once I've "Hey girl'd" someone and offered my warmest smile, what more can I do? I don't want people I like to think I don't like them, or I'm not happy to see them. But I'm fed up with faking it and participating in this ritual that makes me so uncomfortable. If there's a polite, clear way to convey this to people without seeming cold or unappreciative, please let me know what it is. -- BRACING FOR THE EMBRACE

DEAR BRACING: You are not alone in feeling the way you do. Not everyone is comfortable with being hugged. I think you should simply be honest about your feelings and tell the huggers that you become claustrophobic when people hug you, and to please understand that your reluctance isn't personal. If you make it about you rather than them, it shouldn't come across as rejection.

DEAR ABBY: My son and daughter-in-law are splitting up. I'm devastated for them and my two young grandchildren, with whom I'm very close.

They live in another state, so I stay with them when I go visit. Although we've always had a great relationship, I'm terrified that my daughter-in-law will not want me to visit her after the divorce. I'm heartsick and don't know how to proceed.

What can I do to maintain a good relationship with her, while staying on good terms with my son? My grandchildren mean the world to me. -- HEARTSICK IN THE WEST

DEAR HEARTSICK: The last thing you want or need is to get caught in the middle of the divorce. Try your level best not to take sides and be sure to give your almost-ex-daughter-in-law her space.

Assure her that you care about her and that you deeply regret that the marriage with your son didn't work out. (It's true.) Tell her you have grown to love her as a daughter and hope that, in spite of the divorce, you will always be close. Do NOT discuss any intimate details or assign blame, if you can possibly avoid it, and try to keep your visits upbeat while concentrating on your grandchildren.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I will soon attend a weekend wedding. We will be meeting a large number of people for the first time.

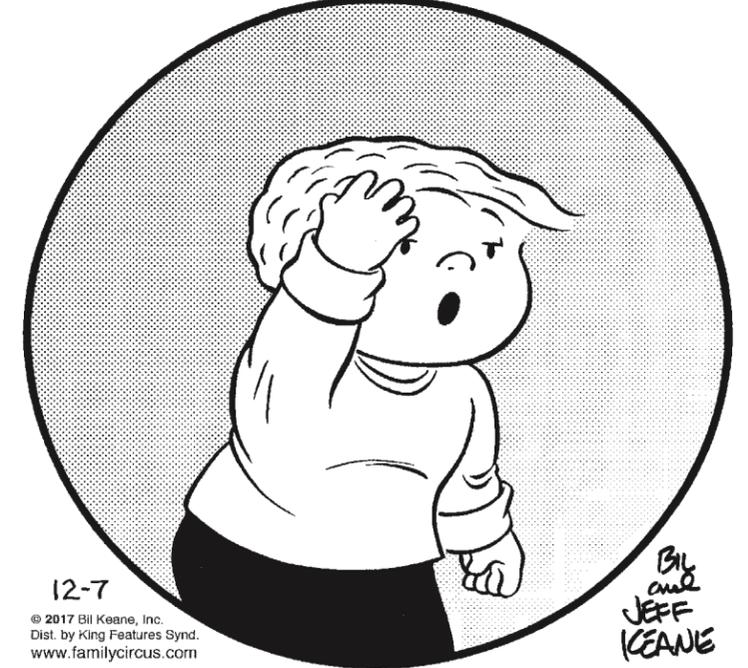
My problem is I have a hard time remembering people's names. I suggested to my wife that I carry a pocket-size notebook and write down names followed by a brief description. She thinks it's a great idea as long as no one catches me doing it. I think, in addition to being practical, it will provide a bit of humor to the occasion. What say you? -- SENSIBLE IN SEATTLE

DEAR SENSIBLE: I agree with your wife. Be discreet, if you can. Rather than carry a notebook, it might be less obvious if you enter or dictate the information in the notes section of your phone.

WORD MATH 3 By Timothy E. Parker

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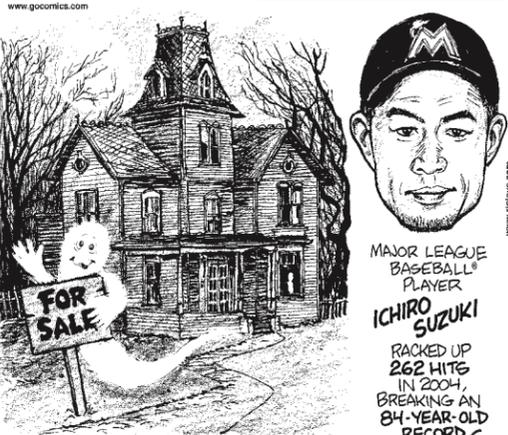


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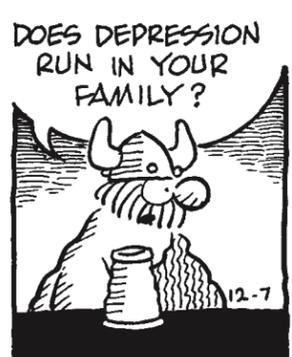


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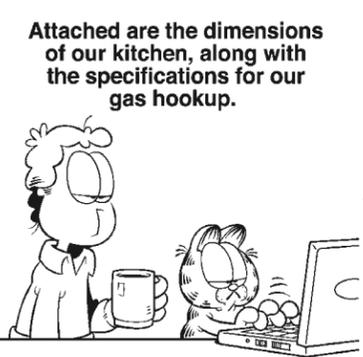
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

2		7	9					
	4		5	1				9
	9	7	6					
9				2				8
7			1		6			3
	6			8				2
						7	5	2
6			3	4			8	
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12/7 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Wednesday's Puzzle Answer 12/6

3	2	1	6	8	7	4	5	9
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4	7	9	8	5	2	1	3	6
1	8	2	3	6	4	9	7	5
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8	1	3	2	7	6	5	9	4
2	5	4	9	3	8	7	6	1

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