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A Cougars' varsity player clears the ball away from her team's penalty area against the Vikings during an ASHSAA girls' varsity soccer game on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 at Pago Park Soccer Stadium. Teams played to a 1-1 draw.
[FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]

Dolphins beat Lions on last minute goal in girls' varsity soccer

By FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio

Eley Lui's last minute goal shocked the Leone Lions to a 1-0 loss in a thrilling game against the SPA Dolphins during an ASHSAA girls' varsity soccer game, on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018.

In the only other game, the Faga'itua Vikings and Fa'asao-Marist Cougars played to a 1-1 draw.

DOLPHINS 1, LIONS 0

South Pacific Academy increased the pressure in the last 10 minutes of the final half in a desperate attempt to net a goal, while Leone repulsed each wave one after the other during an intense period of the game. The Dolphins would bring the ball down the sideline and then send it in towards the top of the box. From there their players would try to work it inside the penalty area due to the congestion of defenders, and each attack was repelled time after time.

Maraea Nautu and goal-keeper Afiati Faiai stood out for the Lions, as they helped repel SPA's many attempts during the game. In would step in Nautu to use her body to block a shot and clear the ball away. Faiai would step up and calmly catch direct shots at goal or dive for others at other times. But in the end, their efforts came up short with only a minute remaining in the game.

On the defensive side for the Dolphins, Jane Faumuina and Nancy Satele were able to hold the back for SPA, especially on those few occasions the Lions were able to go on the offensive. Monique Hollister and Lui controlled the middle for SPA, working with their forwards as they sought a way to score a goal.

SPA's next game will be against Fa'asao-Marist on Friday, March 2 while the Lions play against the Warriors on March 5.

VIKINGS 1, COUGARS 1

Faga'itua scored first, but a Fa'asao-Marist score with four minutes to play in the game completed yet another draw in the varsity division.

The Vikings scored their goal in the first half while the Cougars equalized in the second.

Faga'itua will take on Samoana on March 2 while the Cougars play against SPA on the same day.



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Hunter's 3 helps No. 1 Virginia edge Louisville 67-66



Virginia center Jack Salt (33) attempts to get the ball away from Louisville guard Ryan McMahon (30) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Thursday, March 1, 2018, in Louisville, Ky.

(AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley)

By GARY B. GRAVES, AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — De’Andre Hunter’s only thought with 0.9 seconds remaining was how fast he would shoot the ball if he got it in his hands, though he wasn’t sure if his desperation heave from the left side of the 3-point circle had the distance or accuracy.

Fortunately for the Virginia freshman guard, his shot had the glass to bank it through as time expired, completing a rally from 13 points down and giving the top-ranked Cavaliers an improbable 67-66 victory Thursday night over stunned Louisville.

Next came the dog pile of delirious players celebrating in front of the Cardinals’ bench, with Hunter lost somewhere in the middle of it all.

“I just knew I had to get a shot off quick,” said Hunter, standing in a boot with his right knee wrapped in ice after turning it in practice this week. “The play wasn’t originally drawn up for me, but Ty (Jerome) told me to step back and if I had a look to shoot it. That’s what I did, and it’s my first game-winner ever.”

Hunter’s big moment symbolized a huge reversal in fortune for Hunter and Virginia (27-2, 16-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Hunter was called for charging with 38 seconds left, resulting in Ryan McMahon’s free throw a few seconds later that gave Louisville a 61-58 lead. McMahon added another free throw before Ray Spalding and Darius Perry each added

two at the line to make it 66-62 with 5 seconds left.

Virginia didn’t wilt, answering with two free throws by Jerome with a tick left. A turnover by Mamadi Diakite put the ball in the hands of Louisville junior forward Deng Adel, who shuffled his feet while trying to inbound it on the baseline and was called for traveling.

“I kind of forgot I couldn’t move,” said Adel (18 points), who was consoled by Cardinal teammates after the buzzer. “Usually they allow me to run the baseline (and) will allow running the base line after a score. I just forgot I couldn’t take an extra step and I was just trying to get it to Darius.”

Hunter delivered with that final chance to help Virginia make ACC history as the first team to go 9-0 on the road in league play. That achievement eventually sank in once the Cavs digested arguably their biggest win this season in a charged, hostile atmosphere.

“I thought if we kept plugging, it was there,” said Virginia coach Tony Bennett, calling the milestone “a really good accomplishment.”

Jerome scored 21 points, including 18 after halftime, while Devon Hall and Kyle Guy each had 10 and Hunter seven as Virginia became the first ACC team with perfect road league record since Duke (8-0) in the 2011-12 season.

Louisville (19-11, 9-8) meanwhile was left to digest a disappointing loss after coming close to earning the signature win it sought to boost its NCAA

Tournament hopes. Missed free throws down the stretch that could have sealed the win ultimately came back to hurt the Cardinals.

“That’s about the toughest loss I’ve ever had,” Louisville interim coach David Padgett said.

SENIOR SORROW

The loss spoiled the home finales for Cardinals senior Quentin Snider (13 points) and Anas Mahoud, whose two quick fouls in the second half sent him to the bench with four. Snider had three of the Cardinals’ 6 3-pointers on 15 attempts.

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Virginia: The Cavaliers didn’t flinch or fade despite trailing, and stuck with their game plan until getting a final chance that went through. Shooting 56 percent in the second half helped along with holding Louisville to 36 percent after halftime. They also out-rebounded the Cardinals 34-27.

Louisville: Facing a tall order against a Cavaliers squad that had beaten them five straight times, the Cardinals had their chances to seal it but missed free throws late before Adel’s turnover gave Virginia a final chance. With it went a golden opportunity to get the signature win they needed, one that they let slip away.

UP NEXT

Virginia hosts Notre Dame in its regular season finale on Saturday.

Louisville closes the regular season Saturday at North Carolina State, which is coached by former Cardinals assistant Kevin Keatts.

B1G moment: Rutgers upsets Indiana in conference tournament

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**, AP College Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Corey Sanders scored 28 points and last-place Rutgers upset Indiana 76-69 Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament, the Scarlet Knights most notable accomplishment in four seasons since joining the conference.

The 14th-seeded Scarlet Knights (15-18) face third seed and No. 8 Purdue at Madison Square Garden in the final game of Friday’s quarterfinal quadruple-header.

The Hoosiers (16-15) started the game on a 17-3 run, but were manhandled for the most part by Rutgers over the final 30 minutes. Rutgers led by seven with 10 minutes left in the second half, but the Hoosiers had it tied less than two minutes later. Indiana never could get the lead back. Back-to-back buckets by Sanders had Rutgers up by three and Geo Baker’s 3 from the left wing made it 56-50 for the Scarlet Knights with 5:12 left. A runner off the glass by Sanders put Rutgers up six with 1:23 left and 15 seconds later his break-away slam made it 67-59 and brought down chants of “Let’s Go Rutgers!” and “R-U!” from the Garden crowd. One more slam by Sanders, this time on a baseline drive that had just a touch of former Knicks star John Starks in it, capped Rutgers biggest basketball victory in decades.

Rutgers has won two games in a single conference tournament for the first time since 1998 in the Big East. The last time Rutgers won three conference tournament games was 1989 in the Atlantic 10.

The Hoosiers raced out to a 24-8 lead, getting to the basket with ease. With 7:28 left in the first half, Rutgers had more turnovers (five) than field goals (three) and Sanders was 0 for 4.

Juan Morgan led the Hoosiers with 15 points.

Sanders led the Rutgers rally at the end of the first half, scoring 10 points, including a right-handed slam off a steal. The Scarlet Knights closed with a 17-2 run and led 29-28 at halftime.

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Rutgers: The Scarlet Knights were invited to join the Big Ten five years ago, much to the surprise of most college sports fans who wondered what value a program with little football and basketball success over the last four decades would bring to a tradition-rich conference based in the Midwest.

Sure, Rutgers was in the New York media market, but did the Scarlet Knights really move the needle in a city dominated by pro sports?

Rutgers proceeded to live down to the expectations, bottoming out in both football and

basketball and dealing with embarrassing scandals.

Now, playing the Big Ten basketball tournament in New York for the first time, about 35 miles away from Rutgers’ campus in New Brunswick, New Jersey, the Scarlet Knights have themselves a true B1G moment. Indiana: Coach Archie Miller’s first season in Bloomington figured to be rocky, but losing to Rutgers, and missing a chance to play Purdue in the Big Ten tournament for just the second time stings.

UP NEXT

Rutgers: The Scarlet Knights lost twice to Purdue in the regular season, getting blown out in West Lafayette, Indiana, but losing at home by only two.

Indiana: The Hoosiers lost to just about every good team they played this season, but could still squeeze into the NIT.



Indiana guard Devonte Green (11) drives against Rutgers forward Candido Sa (1) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the Big Ten men’s tournament Thursday, March 1, 2018, in New York. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

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Georgia Tech snaps 7-game skid, beats NC State 78-75



Georgia Tech guard Tadric Jackson attempts to shoot as North Carolina State center Omer Yurtseven defends in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, in Atlanta, Thursday, March 1, 2018. (AP Photo/Danny Karnik)

By CHARLES ODUM, AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Through the pain of a winless February, Georgia Tech didn't give up on a season going nowhere.

Finally, a long-awaited reward came with the end of the regular season only two days away.

Tadric Jackson scored 22 points, Ben Lammers added 20, including eight straight late in the game, and Georgia Tech beat North Carolina State 78-75 on Thursday night to end its seven-game losing streak.

"For us it validated that we are getting better," said Georgia Tech coach Josh Pastner.

Georgia Tech (12-18, 5-12 Atlantic Coast Conference) had lost 11 of 12 before taking its first win since beating Syracuse on Jan. 31.

"We've had a fair amount of close games in the past that didn't turn our way," Lammers said. "... We knew we were improving." Josh Okogie had 18 points for Georgia Tech, including a 3-pointer for a 78-72 lead. Braxton Beverly cut the lead to three points with a 3-pointer but missed two 3s on the Wolfpack's final possession.

"I thought I had 'em," Beverly said. "The shots just didn't go in."

N.C. State (20-10, 10-7), perhaps looking past the Yellow Jackets, had its four-game winning streak end.

"I think we got a little too ahead of ourselves tonight," Beverly said. "In this conference, you can't take a night off.

You'll get beat."

Allerik Freeman scored 19 points, including 14 in the second half, to lead the Wolfpack. Omer Yurtseven had 17 points and nine rebounds.

N.C. State coach Kevin Keatts and Torin Dorn, who had 18 points, were called for technical fouls. Keatts said he didn't know why either foul was called.

Keatts quickly shifted his focus to the Wolfpack's final regular-season game against Louisville.

"My message was one game doesn't define you," Keatts said. "We've been playing great basketball. ... We lost tonight, so what do you do? Do you hold your head down? We don't have time for that. We have to get ready for Louisville on Saturday."

N.C. State took its last lead at 72-71 on a jumper by Dorn. Lammers answered with a basket and added a layup on Georgia Tech's next possession for a 75-72 lead, giving him eight straight points for the Yellow Jackets.

Yurtseven blocked a shot by Okogie on Georgia Tech's first possession, and the Wolfpack scored the game's first seven points. Jackson and Moses Wright committed turnovers before the Yellow Jackets' first points on a 3-pointer by Jackson.

BIG PICTURE

N.C. State: A mistake turned momentum away from the Wolfpack midway through the second half. N.C. State led

48-40 before Dorn missed a jam. Georgia Tech scored the next seven points to pull to within one point at 48-47. After shooting at least 50 percent from the field in five straight games, the Wolfpack made 29 of 65 shots (44.6 percent).

Georgia Tech: The Yellow Jackets made only 8 of 17 free throws and committed 14 turnovers. The struggles in the backcourt became a glaring problem after starting point guard Jose Alvarado was lost for the season with a fractured left elbow on Feb. 11 against Duke. Even so, the second-half improvement was obvious. After having 11 turnovers with six assists in the first half, the Yellow Jackets had 12 assists with only three turnovers in the final 20 minutes.

LAMMERS SHINES

After playing through a sprained right ankle for most of the season, Lammers finally is close to full health. It shows on the court. The 6-foot-10 senior center set a career high with seven assists while making 9 of 13 shots from the field and leading the Yellow Jackets with nine rebounds and four steals.

"That's what we expected Ben Lammers to be," Pastner said.

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The win was the 200th of Pastner's career at Memphis and Georgia Tech. He is 200-107, including 33-34 in his second season at Georgia Tech.

UP NEXT

N.C. State hosts Louisville on Saturday.

Middle Tennessee clinches second straight C-USA title

By **CHIP CIRILLO**, *Sports Writer*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Brandon Walters scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as No. 24 Middle Tennessee clinched its second straight Conference USA title with an 82-64 victory over second-place Western Kentucky on Thursday night. Nick King, the leading candidate for C-USA Player of the Year, scored 18 points and had nine rebounds for the Blue Raiders (24-5, 16-1), who cracked the national rankings for the first time in school history last week.

Antwain Johnson added 17 points and GiFriday, March 2, 2018 Potts had 11 as Middle Tennessee shot 55 percent from the field, extending its winning streak to 11 in front of the season's biggest crowd (11,307) at the Murphy Center.

The Blue Raiders swept the regular-season series with the Hilltoppers (22-8, 14-3), including a 66-62 win on Jan. 20. Middle Tennessee has won 13 of the last 15 against Western Kentucky.

Lamonte Bearden led the Hilltoppers with 24 points and Justin Johnson had 14.

The loss ended Western Kentucky's six-game winning streak.

The Hilltoppers shot at least 55 percent from the field in their previous five games, but they dropped to 44 percent against the Blue Raiders.

After a close first half, Middle Tennessee began to pull away early in the second half.

Middle Tennessee shot 60 percent from the field during the first 20 minutes, including a 7-of-11 showing from 3-point range, to take a 43-34 halftime lead.

Several prominent bracketologists predict the Blue Raiders will earn a seed in the Nos. 9-12 range at the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

Middle guard Tyrik Dixon, who missed the previous game due to concussion protocol, returned and played 12 minutes.

The Blue Raiders improved to 11-1 at home.

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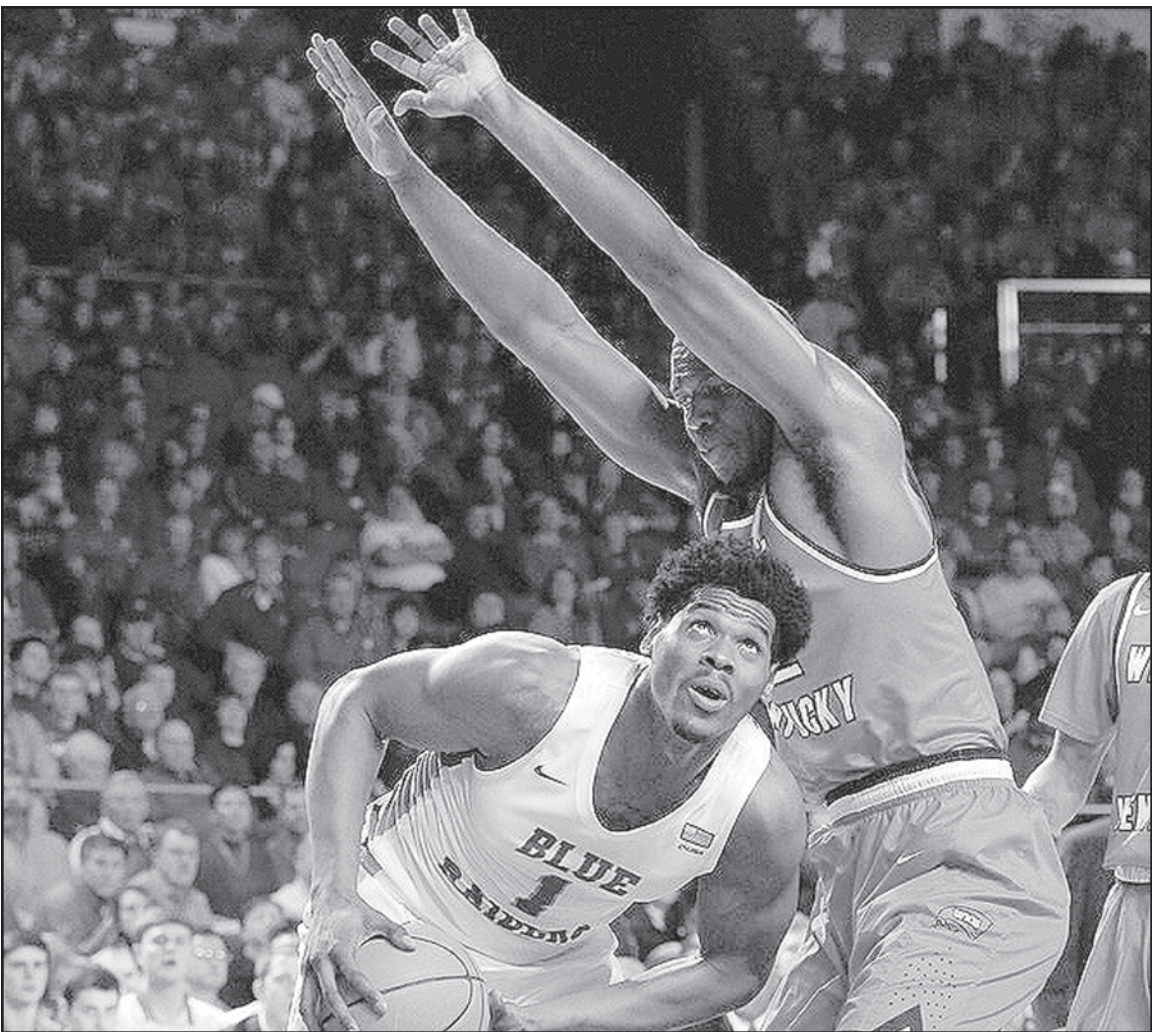
Western Kentucky: The Hilltoppers, who upset No. 18 Purdue earlier in the season, were held to their lowest scoring output since a 66-62 loss to Middle Tennessee on Jan. 20.

Middle Tennessee: The Blue Raiders posted their second straight double-digit win since being ranked.

UP NEXT

Western Kentucky visits Alabama-Birmingham in its regular-season finale Saturday.

Middle Tennessee hosts Marshall in its regular-season finale Saturday.



Middle Tennessee forward Brandon Walters (1) looks for a shot as he is defended by Western Kentucky forward Dwight Coleby, right, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, March 1, 2018, in Murfreesboro, Tenn. (AP Photo/Mark Zaleski)



American Samoa Government DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) has for public review its application for funding under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education.

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3 - 21 years, in the territory of American Samoa who have a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievements. As a condition for granting the funds, each State or Territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment. The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment 30 days prior to the submission of the application on May 14, 2018. The public hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2018 at the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference Room in Utulei at 2:00pm. The Department of Education must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding.

Copies of the application are available at the Special Education Office located in Faga'alu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to Faaufono Vaitautolu at faauitolu@yahoo.com or Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi at atuajjj_1999@yahoo.com or may be sent surface mail to Dr. Teresa Le'iato Atuatasi, Assistant Director Special Education Division, PO Box ASDOE-SPED, Pago Pago, AS 96799.

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Sixers showcase themselves
for LeBron, down Cavs 108-97



Cleveland Cavaliers' George Hill, right, drives to the basket against Philadelphia 76ers' Marco Belinelli, from Italy, in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, March 1, 2018, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

By TOM WITHERS, AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — J.J. Redick scored 22 points, Joel Embiid had 17 points and 14 rebounds, and the Philadelphia 76ers delivered an in-person sales pitch to LeBron James by beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 108-97 on Thursday night to end an 11-game losing streak against the Eastern Conference champions.

Ben Simmons scored 18 and Dario Saric 16, including a critical 3-pointer in the closing minutes, for the rising Sixers, who are 8-2 since Feb. 6.

James finished with 30 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

Earlier this week, three billboards urging the three-time champion to sign as a free agent this summer with Philadelphia were unveiled on a busy highway outside Cleveland. James said he hadn't seen the signs, which were paid for by a Pennsylvania company, but he was pleased that fans want him.

The Sixers gave him a glimpse of what he could be joining.

Philadelphia nearly blew a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter as the Cavs, who never led, got within 95-94 on Kyle Korver's 3-pointer with 2:25 left. But the young Sixers showed poise by scoring the next eight points to seal an impressive win.

Tempers flared in the closing seconds when Saric dunked and Cleveland's Jordan Clarkson threw the ball off his back. Clarkson was ejected but that didn't stop players from jawing at each other.

After the final horn, James walked to Philadelphia's end of the floor and to hug both Simmons and Embiid, embraces that had to make Cleveland fans cringe.

Embiid sat out the Sixers' previous visit to Cleveland on Dec. 9 because he wasn't playing back-to-back games at that time.

The Cavs weren't so lucky this time and struggled to defend the 7-footer, whose step-back jumper put the Sixers up 100-94 with 1:28 remaining.

The Cavs played without starting guard J.R. Smith, who was suspended one game by the team for detrimental conduct. Smith attended the team's morning shootaround, but coach Tyronn Lue indicated something happened after the workout that led to the one-game ban. Lue expects Smith to practice Friday and play Saturday against Denver.

TIP-INS

Sixers: Simmons was named the Eastern Conference's top rookie for February after averaging 16 points, 7.3 rebounds and 7.7 assists. He was the only rookie to average at least 16 points, seven rebounds and seven assists per game in the month, joining James, Russell Westbrook and Nikola Jokic as the only players to do it league-wide. ... F Ersan Ilyasova played 18 minutes after re-signing with Philadelphia on Wednesday. Ilyasova reached a contract buyout with Atlanta, clearing his return to the Sixers.

Cavaliers: Rodney Hood started for Smith and scored 11 on 5-of-14 shooting. ... James (927) moved past Michael

Jordan (926) into fourth place for the fourth-most 20-point games. ... James had a jaw-dropping, behind-the-back dribble in traffic that went between Tristan Thompson's legs before he scored and was fouled. James looked up and watched the replay before shooting his free throw. ... James moved into a club by himself Tuesday when he became the first player with 30,000 points, 8,000 rebounds and 8,000 assists. "My wife doesn't say much about the game, but she said a lot after last game," James said. "That's when I know I'm doing something very good, when my wife says something about what I did on the court. That's pretty cool."

LOVE UPDATE

Cavs All-Star forward Kevin Love remains weeks away from his return, but he's making steady, significant progress. On Thursday, he did some on-court work while wearing a padded glove to protect the fracture he sustained on Jan. 29.

The Cavs have not changed their timetable on Love, who is not expected back until the final week in March. He's averaging 17.9 points and 9.4 rebounds.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

In response to the #Philly-WantsLeBron signs, a Cleveland marketing agency put up a digital billboard across the street from Quicken Loans Arena. The billboard says: "Hey Philly" written above a picture of a golden crown symbolizing James' royal "King James" nickname.

UP NEXT

Sixers: Host Charlotte on Friday.

Jefferson, Clark score 64 in Texas Southern's 90-88 win

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Demontrae Jefferson scored a career-high 36 points, Donte Clark added 28 and Derrick Bruce made two free throws with eight seconds left and Texas Southern held on to edge Southern 90-88 Thursday night to stay in the hunt for a South-west Athletic Conference title.

Both Texas Southern (11-19, 11-6) and Southern (13-16, 10-7) were among four teams hot on the heels of SWAC leader Grambling (12-5). The win keeps the Bobcats within range, needing a win at Alcorn

State and a Grambling loss as the regular season ends on Saturday.

Southern's Jamar Sandifur fired a 3-pointer from near half court at the buzzer, but the shot didn't come close.

Jefferson was 14 of 21 from the floor, making 4 of 5 from behind the 3-point arc. Clark shot 10 for 24 with eight rebounds.

Jared Sam led the Jaguars with 25 points and 15 rebounds, Eddie Reese scored 14 with a career-high 15 assists.

Thompson leads Prairie View attack over Alcorn State 79-69

LORMAN, Miss. (AP) — Troy Thompson led five players in double figures with 20 points, collected six rebounds and had blocked three shots and Prairie View A&M beat Alcorn State 79-69 on Thursday night.

The Panthers are locked in a three-way tie for second in the Southwestern Athletic Conference with Texas Southern and Arkansas-Pine Bluff a game behind league-leader Grambling.

Prairie View (14-17, 11-6) built a 20-9 advantage before Alcorn State reeled off eight straight to reduce its deficit to three with 4:08 before half-

time. The Panthers then went on a 15-3 run and led 35-20 at intermission.

A.J. Mosby's layup with 6:18 left brought Alcorn State within 58-51 but it couldn't draw closer from there.

The Panthers' Dennis Jones scored 15 points, Gary Blackston scored 13 and the two were each 9-of-11 shooting from the foul line. JD Wallace scored 14 and Zachary Hamilton scored 11.

Mosby led the Braves (11-19, 7-10) with 19 points, Troy-main Crosby scored 15 and Dante Sterling, 13.

Bethune-Cookman tops Florida A&M, 89-77, shares MEAC title

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Soufiyane Diakite had a perfect shooting night to score 27 points, grab 14 rebounds and power Bethune-Cookman to an 89-77 win over Florida A&M to claim a share of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title Thursday night in the final game of the regular season.

Bethune-Cookman (18-13, 12-4) entered the last game of the regular season in a five-way tie for first place with North Carolina A&T, Hampton, Savannah State and Norfolk State. NC A&T was upset by North Carolina Central and Hampton beat Norfolk State,

whittling the logjam down to three: B-CU, Savannah State and Hampton.

Diakite was a perfect 13-for-13 shooting from the field and hit his only attempt from beyond the 3-point arc. Isaiah Bailey converted 9 of 10 from the free-throw line and finished with 24 points and Shawntrez Davis added 17.

The Wildcats built a 12-point lead by intermission by shooting 55.6 percent from the field (15 of 27).

Marcus Barham put up 28 points and Elijah Mayes scored 25 to lead the Rattlers (8-24, 7-9).



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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title	COMPTROLLER	Posting Date: January 29, 2018	Serial No.: 030-18
Department/Division:	Treasury/Finance	Closing Date: February 29, 2018	Announcement No.:005-18
Type of Position:	Temporary Employment		
Posting Type:	Employment Opportunity/Open to the Public		
Note: This is exempted from the freeze as per the Governor's General Memorandum			Pay Grade and Salary Range: GS 18-Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience

General Description:

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Key Duties and Responsibilities:

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- Analyze complex organizational and business problems and recommend solutions

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A Leone Lions’ player heads the ball away against the SPA Dolphins during an ASHSAA girls’ varsity soccer game on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 at Pago Park Soccer Stadium. Dolphins beat the Lions 1- 0.

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Lakers shred Heat defense, stay hot with easy 131-113 win

By **TIM REYNOLDS**, AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Julius Randle got the Los Angeles Lakers started. Isaiah Thomas finished the job.

And there is playoff talk in Lakerland. Thomas scored a season-high 29 points, Randle added 25 and the Lakers continued their improbable surge by shredding the Miami defense on the way to a 131-113 win over the Heat on Thursday night.

The Lakers are still six games back of the No. 8 spot in the West — but Thomas wants them to think big.

“I want this team to think we’re going to win,” Thomas said. “We have the talent to win. We have the players in this locker room to win and the only thing we should be thinking about is trying to take that next step — and that’s get to the playoffs.” They keep playing like this, who knows what can happen. Brandon Ingram added 19 before leaving with a leg injury that didn’t initially sound too serious, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 18 and Kyle Kuzma finished with 16 for the Lakers, who won in Miami for the first time since Feb. 10, 2008. The Lakers shot 59 percent and were 16 of 29 from 3-point range. It was the most points allowed by the Heat this season. “We are much, much better than we showed tonight defensively,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Thomas, whose previous season best was 24, connected on 11 of 20 shots and 6 of 11 3-point tries. Randle had 21 points in the first half for the Lakers, who are 16-7 since an

11-27 start — and at 27-34, have now passed last season’s win total.

“We were sharing the ball,” Lakers coach Luke Walton said. “We were pushing it and playing at the pace we like to play at and then we were making the simple extra pass instead of trying to hold for quick shots or try to make spectacular passes.”

Dwyane Wade scored 25 points for Miami. Goran Dragic had 19, Justise Winslow scored 17 and Josh Richardson and Bam Adebayo each added 15.

There were three big runs in the first half — two of them by the Lakers, who took control quickly, then ceded it briefly before grabbing it again.

A 12-0 spurt in the opening minutes put the Lakers up 20-7 before the game was 4 1/2 minutes old, but the Heat immediately answered with a 17-2 run of their own to go up 24-22.

Miami ended the opening quarter leading 36-33. From there, it was all Lakers.

“They ran us out of the gym,” Dragic said. “We cannot allow a team to score 130-something.”

Los Angeles scored 21 of the next 25 points to take a 54-40 lead, wound up taking a 73-62 lead into halftime and stretched the margin to 16 on a pair of free throws by Randle midway through the third.

From there, the margin was never in doubt. The Lakers went up by 22 in the fourth, and the lead wasn’t trimmed below 13 the rest of the way.

TIP-INS

Lakers: The 73 first-half points was a season high, one more than the Lakers had at Houston on Dec. 31. ...





Students from the Special Education Program at Matafao Elementary School were all smiles yesterday during the opening ceremony for Developmental Disability Awareness Month. [photo: LF]

South Florida routs Memphis 75-51

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Malik Martin and Payton Banks each had 19 points as South Florida routed Memphis 75-51 on Thursday night.

Stephan Jiggetts added 12 points for the Bulls (9-21, 2-15 American Athletic Conference) and Isaiah Manderson had a double-double with 10 points and a season-high 11 rebounds. With the victory, USF snapped an eight-game losing streak.

South Florida led wire-to-wire as Banks opened scoring with a 3-pointer. The Bulls closed the first half on a 19-6 run to take a 45-23 lead into the break. Memphis turned the ball over ten times in the half.

After the break, it was more of the same as the Tigers (18-12, 9-8) could only close to within 19 before USF pushed its lead to as big as 27.

Memphis shot just 16 percent from beyond the arc, and was outscored 29-13 on bench points. Kyvon Davenport led the Tigers with 17 points and 10 boards.

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Florida Panthers center Micheal Haley (18) and New Jersey Devils left wing Patrick Maroon (17) fight during the first period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, March 1, 2018, in Sunrise, Fla.

(AP Photo/Joe Skipper)



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Barkov scores two goals, Panthers over Devils 3-2

By PAUL GEREFFI, Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — The Florida Panthers are on a roll.

Aleksander Barkov scored two goals to lift the Panthers to a 3-2 win over the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

Maxim Mamin scored his second NHL goal and Robert Luongo made 29 saves as the Panthers recorded their fourth straight win.

The Panthers have successive victories over Washington, Pittsburgh, Toronto and New Jersey.

“We beat four good teams in a row here. It’s been close games and finding ways to win in the third period,” Panthers coach Bob Boughner said.

Each of the games were decided by a one-goal margin and the winning goal coming late in the third period or over-time (Toronto).

“Going into the third, no matter what the score is, we’re confident we’ll come out with the win, and we’ve played our best in the third period, it seems,” Luongo said. “That’s a good quality to have.”

The Panthers finish their season-long six-game homestand with games against Buffalo on Friday and Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon

“We have to make sure there’s no let down and the foot is on the gas pedal,” Boughner said. “We talked about playing good and waking up Monday morning and finding yourself in a really good spot.”

Jesper Bratt and Taylor Hall scored for the Devils, and Patrick Maroon had two assists. Cory Schneider stopped 26 shots in his first start since missing 16 games with a lower-body injury.

“It felt good to play again

and it’s a fun time of year to play,” Schneider said. “It’s too bad we didn’t get any points out of this.”

Barkov’s second goal stretched the Panthers lead to 3-1 with 3:34 left in the third. Barkov lifted the puck over Schneider and into the net.

“We still have 20 games left,” Barkov said. “All that matters is winning, and I’m glad I’ve been helping the team with scoring goals and assisting on them.”

Bratt’s goal closed the score to 3-2 with 2:07 left in the third. The goal was Bratt’s first since Jan. 20 against Philadelphia, a span of 19 games.

“It’s tough not to get two points but for myself it’s nice to get a goal after a long time,” Bratt said.

Mamin gave the Panthers a 2-1 lead on his flukey goal at 8:38 of the third period. Mamin grabbed a long cross-ice pass from Jared McCann and flipped the puck up at the net as he skated past on the right side. The puck bounced off Schneider’s back and rolled into the net.

Hall tied the score 1-all on a power-play goal 50 seconds into the second period. Hall’s shot from the top of the right circle was inadvertently redirected into the net off the stick of Panthers defenseman Aaron Ekblad.

Hall has 21 points (11 goals, 10 assists) in a 16-game point streak, the longest in the NHL this season and the longest in Devils history and has a point in 23 consecutive appearances.

Hall wasn’t in a celebratory mood after the loss when asked what the record means to him.

“Not much. I wasn’t very good tonight,” he said. “My goal was a deflection.”

Montana clinches Big Sky title, beats Weber State 75-57

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Ahmaad Rorie scored 20 points and Montana clinched the Big Sky Conference regular season title with 75-57 victory over Weber State on Thursday night.

Montana (22-7, 15-2) eliminated both Weber State (19-10, 12-5) and Idaho from contention with a game remaining. It’s the Grizzlies’ 11th regular-season championship and their first since 2015. Montana concludes the regular season hosting Idaho State while Weber State travels to Montana State on Saturday. The Wildcats, along with Idaho and Eastern Washington, have a shot at a second-place finish.

Rorie was 7 of 11 from the

field and made three of Montana’s four 3-pointers. Fabijan Krslovic added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who shot 31 of 58 (53 percent) overall. Jamar Akoh had 12 points and Michael Oguine chipped in 11.

Jerrick Harding had 19 points and Brekkott Chapman 14 to lead Weber State.

Montana led 36-29 at half-time. Weber State pulled to 51-40, but back-to-back dunks from Sayeed Pridgett and Oguine gave the Grizzlies a 20-point lead with seven minutes left and they cruised from there.



Flashy Arizona State rolls over California 84-53

By JOHN MARSHALL, AP Basketball Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Romello White had 13 points and 11 rebounds, and Arizona State pulled away in a second half filled with highlight-reel plays to beat California 84-53 Thursday night.

Arizona State (20-9, 8-9 Pac-12) gradually built at 10-point lead in the first half, then ran away from the Bears in the second with a series of dunks and layups to end a three-game losing streak.

The Sun Devils shot 51 percent and made 15 of 27 shots in the second half to send Cal (8-22, 2-15) to its school-record 22nd loss of the season.

Shannon Evans II had 14 points and Tra Holder 13 for Arizona State.

Don Coleman had 16 points for Cal, which missed all 18 of its 3-point shots.

The Bears have lost six straight, 14 of 15 and broke a tie with the 1978-79 team for the most losses in their 111 seasons as a program.

Arizona State still has a solid NCAA Tournament resume thanks to a strong nonconference season. But the margin for error has slimmed up over the past two weeks with losses to No. 19 Arizona, Oregon and Oregon State.

The Sun Devils certainly couldn't afford a loss to the struggling Bears, who have

the Pac-12's worst offense and defense.

Arizona State won the first meeting against Cal 81-73 in Berkeley behind a 41-point night by its bench.

The Bears struggled offensively early in the rematch, hit a hot stretch midway through and struggled again to close the first half. Cal missed all 10 of its 3-point shots and Arizona State led 39-29 at halftime.

Arizona State got the rout rolling early second half, making six of its first nine shots to stretch the lead to 51-33. Cal missed four of its first six shots with turnovers in that stretch.

The Sun Devils kept on the gas, pushing the lead to 70-49 on a series a highlight-reel layups .

BIG PICTURE

Cal's first season under Wyking Jones has been historically ugly and the Bears didn't stand much of a chance when the Sun Devils revved up. The Bears moved a step closer to being the No. 12 seed in next week's Pac-12 tournament

Arizona State dominated at both ends to win a game it couldn't afford to lose, pushing the Sun Devils further away from the NCAA Tournament bubble.

UP NEXT

Cal plays at No. 19 Arizona on Saturday.

Arizona State hosts Stanford Saturday.

Grambling rallies to beat Alabama A&M 84-74 in OT

NORMAL, Ala. (AP) — Ivy Smith Jr. scored a career-high 32 points with four 3-pointers and nine rebounds and Grambling held Alabama A&M to one free throw in overtime to win 84-74 on Thursday night to split the season series and stay atop the Southwestern Athletic Conference standings.

Smith hit a jumper, DeVante Jackson hit a 3 and Grambling led 80-74 with 1:04 left in overtime after the Bulldogs missed a jumper and one of two free throws and turned it over twice. The Bulldogs missed four more from the floor from there and turned it over before Jackson's

dunk with two seconds left ended it.

Alabama A&M led 33-28 at halftime, but Smith's 3 at the buzzer tied it at 73 at the end of regulation.

Jackson scored a career-high 22 points and Jason Perry-Murray added 12 with nine boards for the Tigers (16-14, 12-5), who ended a two-game skid with their season finale.

Andre Kennedy and De'Ederick Petty scored 13 apiece and Arthur Johnson had 12 for the Bulldogs (2-28, 3-14), who face Jackson State on Saturday.



Arizona State forward Romello White (23) drives as California forward Marcus Lee defends during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, March 1, 2018, in Tempe, Ariz. (AP Photo/Matt York)



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Lipscomb beats Jacksonville, advances to ASUN championship

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Garrison Mathews scored 23 points to lead No. 2 seed Lipscomb to a 77-62 victory over third-seeded Jacksonville on Thursday night in an Atlantic Sun Tournament semifinal.

Lipscomb (22-9) has won seven straight and will play at top-seeded Florida Gulf Coast (23-10) in Sunday's championship. The two split the regular season series, with the Bisons winning the last one 90-87 after FGCU rallied from 17 points down.

Mathews was 7-of-10 shooting and made five 3-pointers. Lipscomb had 19 assists on 27 made baskets and hit all 14 of its free-throw attempts.

Cody Helgeland had 24 points for Jacksonville (15-18).

Lipscomb opened the game on a 26-8 run and led 39-25 at the break. The Bisons stretched the lead to 19 points before Jacksonville pulled to 60-48 with 7:00 left. Mathews made back-to-back 3-pointers and Matt Rose added another and the Dolphins couldn't get closer.

Smart, Draper lead North Texas past UTSA 80-62

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Roosevelt Smart tossed in 22 points and DJ Draper came off the bench to score 18 on 6-of-7 shooting from 3-point range to guide North Texas to an 80-62 victory over UT-San Antonio on Thursday night.

The loss kept UT-San Antonio (17-13, 10-7) from pulling into a fourth-place tie with Marshall in Conference USA play. The top four teams

earn first-round byes in the conference tourney. The Roadrunners close out conference play at Rice (7-23) on Saturday, while Marshall travels to first-place and 24th-ranked Middle Tennessee (24-5). The Roadrunners own the tiebreaker over the Thundering Herd by virtue of their 81-77 win in the only matchup between the teams this season.

No. 10 Cincinnati downs Tulane 78-49, claims share of AAC



Cincinnati guard Justin Jenifer, right, drives the ball against Tulane guard Jordan Cornish, left, in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in New Orleans, La., on Thursday, March 1, 2018. (AP Photo/Veronica Dominach)

By **BRETT MARTEL**, AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Kyle Washington had 16 points, seven rebounds and two blocks, and 10th-ranked Cincinnati clinched a share of the American Athletic Conference title with a 78-49 victory over Tulane on Thursday night.

Cane Broome scored 13 for the Bearcats (26-4, 15-2), whose stifling defensive play helped them build leads as large as 19 in the first half and 33 in the second.

The Bearcats can clinch the title outright with a victory at No. 11 Wichita State on Sunday.

Bearcats leading scorer and Baton Rouge-native Jacob Evans hit three 3-pointers and scored 11 points before hurting his ankle with 8 minutes left in the first half. He needed help to get to the locker room initially. He limped back to the bench before the first half ended, but never checked back in.

Cincinnati appeared unfazed by Evans' absence and continued to consolidate its grip on the game. Broome and Washington each scored four points during a 10-0 run that made it 35-17. Washington's layup several minutes later pushed the lead to 39-20 by halftime.

Melvin Frazier scored 13 points and Cameron Reynolds nine for Tulane (14-15, 5-12), which trailed for good after Jerron Cumberland's free throws put Cincinnati ahead 7-5 with 16:14 left in the first half.

The Bearcats blew the game wide open with a 12-0 second-half run during which Washington

scored five straight on a jumper and a 3. The spurt gave Cincinnati a 61-28 lead.

BIG PICTURE

Cincinnati: The Bearcats came in with the second best field goal percentage defense in the nation, allowing opponents to hit only 37.1 percent of their shots this season. They did even better against the Green Wave, which shot only 25 percent (7 of 28) in the first half and 31.4 percent (16 of 51) for the game. Cincinnati also exceeded its average of 5.5 blocks per game, swatting away seven, and grabbed 16 offensive rebounds after averaging 13.2 in that department this season. Cincinnati has held 20 of 30 opponents under 40 percent shooting this season.

Tulane: A packed house for a nationally televised game pumped up the noise level way above usual levels in 4,000-seat Fogelman Arena at Devlin Fieldhouse. And while Tulane has improved over recent seasons under second-year coach Mike Dunleavy, the Green Wave wasn't ready to contend with a team as balanced, experienced, consistent and defensively sound as Cincinnati. The Wave have dropped their past five meetings with the Bearcats and have not defeated a team ranked in the top 10 since No. 9 Memphis in 1983.

UP NEXT

Cincinnati finishes its regular season at No. 11 Wichita State on Sunday.

Tulane plays its regular season finale at UCF on Sunday.

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6 "Trooper" add-on
10 Sound Siameselike
14 December tunes
15 Words with "your disposal"
16 Eyeball layer
17 Constructors for the rich
20 Suffix with "leather"
21 Desk type
22 Feminine pronoun
23 A prime-time hour
24 Hose material, sometimes
28 "... upon receipt ____"
30 Ancient Roman magistrate
32 Whammy glare
35 Play for a patsy
36 They're guarded for the queen
40 Foreign monetary unit
41 A way to await
42 Burglar's cover
45 Russian retreats
49 Swan constellation star
- 50 Attorney Dershowitz
52 "Without further ____"
53 Roman coins
56 Poi party
57 Some jobs for attorneys
61 Authentic
62 Turn sharply
63 Musical Shaw
64 Graph line
65 "West" endings
66 Mexican dollars
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1 Get tangled in a net
2 Despise wholly
3 Steam letter-offer
4 "Anything ____?"
5 Govt. stipend
6 Assign, as blame
7 Carefree walk
8 Julia or Mondesi
9 Words with "keep"
10 Inedible "dessert"
11 Festive night, often
12 Word with "the ramparts"
13 Verb for the past
18 Ear and nostrils, e.g.

- 19 Ponce or Falana
23 Spectacular star
25 Hold 'em kin
26 Playoff heartbreak
27 Before in adherence?
29 Moray, e.g.
30 Combustible heap
31 Decree over
33 Info seepage
34 Faberge creation
36 Petite pooch
37 Similar
38 Mongolia's ____ Bator
39 Old U.S. capital
40 '60s turn-on
43 Olympic awards
44 Assist crooks
- 46 Regular hangouts
47 Leisurely tempo
48 Drunkards
50 Hank Hill's town
51 Whopper tellers
54 Alpine snow field
55 Imitator
56 Turkish money
57 Chapter in history
58 "Let's Talk About ____" (Salt-N-Pepa)
59 ____ chi chuan
60 Quick sleep

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Friday, March 2, 2018



Happy Birthday: Think before you act. Knowing what you want and formulating a plan will be essential if you want to make it through this year with fewer conflicts and greater gains. The potential to have a wonderful year is present, but will depend on how you treat others and handle difficult situations. Sharing ideas and strategies will make a difference to the way things unfold. Your numbers are 3, 11, 22, 25, 32, 39, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Handle your colleagues and peers with caution. Don't feel like you have to share personal information if you don't trust a situation or someone you are dealing with. Listen carefully and move forward. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): What you do for others will not go unnoticed. A kind word or offering something special to someone you like will improve your relationship. Love and romance are highlighted and should be handled responsibly. Share your feelings and intentions. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll get taken advantage of if you are too eager to please or if you take on tasks that don't belong to you. Anger will eventually set in if you end up doing the brunt of the work. Emotional blackmail is apparent. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make a point to include someone you love in a business function. It will help you fit in better with those you work with and encourage your personal ally to take on new professional challenges. Romance is in the stars. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Communications can go either way. Strive to remain calm, offer what you can and walk away from anyone who is being unreasonable. Be cautious while traveling or dealing with emotional matters that could affect your status and reputation. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partnerships should be your primary concern. Whether you are looking for love or are already in the midst of a relationship with someone, ironing out any issues that need adjusting will make your life better. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Whether you are looking for love or friendship, consider including someone you are close to in your plans. Before you let your imagination run wild, however, consider the risks of pursuing something questionable. Secrets are best kept that way. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make time for the ones you love. Whether you make plans to spend time with children, friends or your romantic partner, live in the moment and share your feelings and future plans. A short trip will bring you closer together. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will escalate if you get into discussions with friends, relatives or your immediate family. Don't let tempers mount. Instead, let everyone calm down and rethink what's at stake before you continue. Time is on your side. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can turn your dream into a reality. Your sensitivity toward those you deal with will make a difference in the outcome of a situation you are trying to manipulate. An open and honest approach will lead to personal success. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Channel your energy into activities that will stimulate you mentally, physically and emotionally, and it will diminish a tendency someone has to derail your plans. A personal change will make you feel confident and content with your accomplishment. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay calm, focused and refuse to let anyone goad you into an argument. Have a plan in place and stick to what you know you can accomplish. Personal growth will come from the ability to know your limits and your strengths. ***



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

HAPPY COUPLE SEEKS BEST WAY TO SUPPORT TROUBLED FRIENDS

DEAR ABBY: Occasionally, married friends will come to my husband and/or me venting about their marital problems. We have been through a few rough patches during our 12 years of marriage, and during those times, we sought help from family, friends and counselors. Today I can honestly say we are happier than ever and willing to stick through the ups and downs. We try to pass along the things that helped us, but a lot of times we'll see one spouse wanting to work on improving the marriage and the other one oblivious or unwilling to do anything about it. I think our experience could help the spouses of our troubled friends see that things can work out by doing something about it, but I never know if or how to approach the subject with them. Should we keep our mouths shut and just be there for the unhappy friend, or is there a proper way to reach out to their spouse with an offer of support in situations like this? -- TRULY WANTING TO HELP

DEAR TRULY WANTING: My advice would be to stay out of the line of fire. If you reach out to the unhappy spouse, who may be unaware that his or her marital problems were revealed to you, it will be regarded as intrusive. By all means tell the person asking your advice what worked for you, but leave it up to that person to convey it to his or her spouse.

DEAR ABBY: What is the etiquette when eating at a restaurant where a piano player is performing? I don't mean the "bar scene"-type piano player who wants the crowd to sing along, but more of a mid- to upscale type of place. There's a restaurant like this in my town -- the only one with a piano. On one special occasion when we were there, the piano player was playing "Misty" and a woman sitting nearby with her party wanted to make herself heard over him. She began talking very loudly to her group while he was playing the song. I thought it was tacky, and if I had been sitting near her, I would have shushed her up. Isn't it polite to wait until the piano player is finished before talking loudly at your table? Whatever happened to behaving with a little class in restaurants? -- DEANNA IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR DEANNA: The musician in that restaurant was there to provide mood music for the diners. If they chose to talk while he was playing, it was their privilege. The woman may have raised her voice because someone in her party had a hearing problem. For you to have taken it upon yourself to "shush her up" would have been rude, and for your sake, I'm glad you refrained from doing it.

DEAR ABBY: Am I overreacting to my husband's request that I take down photos of my mom and grandparents when his mom visits? They are displayed in our guest bedroom. I think his request was rude. I wonder if his mother even cares or if he just feels guilty. It's my house, too. -- RELUCTANT IN TEXAS

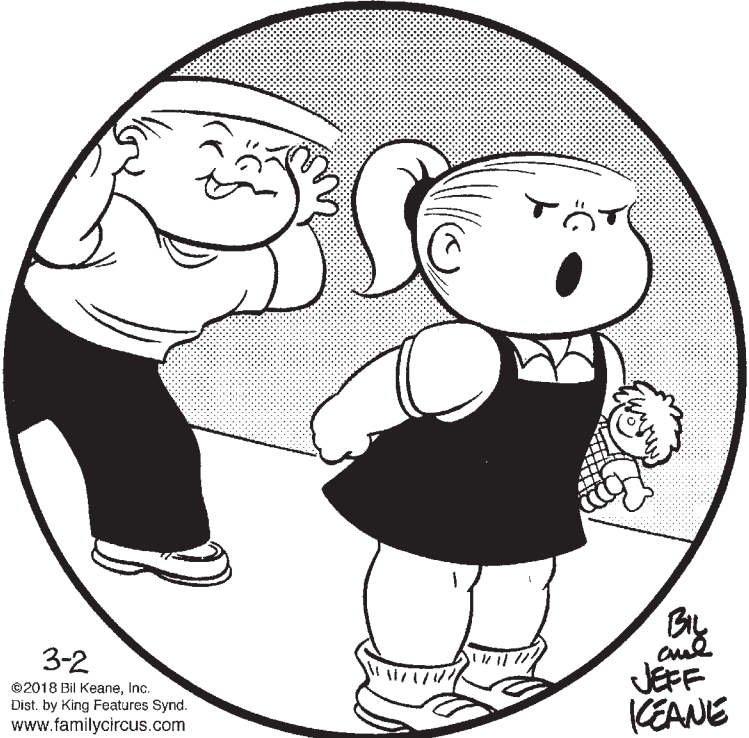
DEAR RELUCTANT: Rather than remove your family photos, why not compromise by adding a couple of pictures of your husband's mother, too? I'm sure she would be pleased to see them. Problem solved.



HOME-LY BIG-LY By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Thursday's Puzzle Answer

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Conacher scores in overtime, Lightning beat Stars 5-4

DALLAS (AP) — Cory Conacher scored with 41 seconds left in overtime, and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Dallas Stars 5-4 on Thursday night.

Conacher broke away from Dallas' Jamie Benn and slid the puck between goalie Ben Bishop's legs.

It was the Lightning's fourth game in six nights that went past 60 minutes.

Tampa Bay's Anthony Cirelli had a goal and an assist in the three-goal second period of his NHL debut. The Lightning recalled the 20-year-old Cirelli from Syracuse of the AHL earlier Thursday as an emergency replacement for NHL scoring leader Nikita Kucherov.

Tyler Seguin had two goals and an assist for Dallas, which rallied with two third-period goals.

Mattias Janmark had tied the game with four seconds left in regulation, when he lifted a shot from a scramble over fallen Tampa Bay goalie Louis Domingue.

Brayden Point and Steven Stamkos also scored for the Lightning.

Dallas' Brett Ritchie had a third-period goal.

Domingue made 31 saves to improve to 4-8. He is 3-1 vs. Dallas in his career.

Bishop stopped 20 shots.

Tampa Bay's J.T. Miller had two assists. The first came just 1:02 into the game. Miller picked up a loose puck behind the net and passed to Point at the right of the net. Bishop was tangled up with a teammate, and Point slipped a wrist shot behind the goalie.

Dallas tied the game at 1 on the game's first power play. Jamie Benn passed from the right faceoff circle to Seguin in the slot. His snap shot grazed the crossbar and went in at 11:05.



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