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O le vāaiga i le susuga Valusia Talataina le ali'i faia'oga malosi o le Varsity mai le Laumua o le Toa i Tafuna ua tutu fa'atasi mai ma lana fa'amoemoeina i lenei tausaga, ae a se 'ai o le Warriors i lenei tausaga i le fa'agatama o le Basketball. Ia manuia outou faiva!

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Liki basketball ma taumafaiga a le team-handball i Amerika Samoa

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost
AMATA LIKI BASKETBALL AOGA MAUALULUGA

O le vaiaso nei na amatalia ai le Ta'amilosaga o Ta'aloga Basketball a a'oga maualuluga i le teritori. Ua iloga mai ua lava tapenapena fo'i le a'oga maualuga a Tafuna a le Junior Varsity ma le Varsity.

Ua o'o lava i a latou toniga, ua mae'a fa'aalia fa'alauaitele i le faia lea o le latou piliota fa'apitoa e tapu'eina ai latou ata mo fa'asalalauga, o se fa'ataua fo'i lea a le vasega o ali'i faia'oga ma fa'atonu o nei 'au, ina ia fa'aosofia le lagona fia ta'a'alo lelei o le fanau i lenei ta'amilosaga ua amatalia.

"O le lagona e fia fa'aailoa i le fanau, ia maua le fiasia e ta'alo, ia ta'alo e tusa o tulafono, ae ia maualalo le loto ae maualuga matati'a e ausia i le ta'amilosaga lenei. E ui la ina e to'atele i latou, ae tataua ona tasi le loto ma ia mana'o i le manumalo. Ua tatou iloa, afai e mana'o ai le loto, e i ai lava auala e faia ai ae ia tusa ma le tulafono o le ta'aloga," o se tala lea a le ali'i faia'oga o le Basketball Varsity Valusia Talataina.

I le latou Junior Varsity, o lo'o patino le a'oa'oina o le 'au i le susuga Lima Doherty ma ua iloga fo'i le matagofie o le tapenaga o lea 'au i lenei tausaga. Ua atili ona fa'afiafiaina le fanau ina ua lae'ia le latou toniga fa'apitoa mo ta'aloga

e pu'eina ai latou ata e tamau fo'i i lomiga o le latou Meka-sini 2017-2018 e iloa au sau taumafaiga fa'aletausaga i le Basketball.

Mai le amataga o lenei tausaga a'oga ua fa'aalia e Doherty, "E fiasia nisi o le fanau ua lisia e ta'a'alo i le Basketball ae ao ina fa'atonutonu metotia e fa'aaoga ina ia mafai ona fao ese mai le polo, pe puipui fo'i mai le fao esea mai o le polo ia te ia, ese ma lena e fa'atonu lava i taimi uma, le tulaga lava o le manava. E mafai uma lava mea e faia i le malae ta'alo, pe a lava le manava e fa'atino ai!"

"O le agaga maualuga o taaloga i le va o a'oga, ia fa'amasani ai ma isi fanau a'oga mai i si a'oga i le teritori, e le o mamao lava le tatou nofoaga ae faigata lagona. Taumafai e ave'esia le tulaga naunau na'o le manumalo, ae mafai ona iloa fo'i ta'alo ona o le lelei o ta'alo a isi fanau o latou tausinio. O le ta'alo fa'atausala e auro, ia maua la le sini lena ma fa'atumauiina ai le fealofani ma isi tamaiti ta'a'alo mai isi 'au."

Ua atoa le lua vaiaso o faia latou koleniga fa'atasi, ma e ui ina pu'upu'u lea taimi pe a fua atu i nisi tapenaga, ae afai e i ai le loto e ta'a'alo fa'atasi ai, e le 'asa le ta'amilosaga lenei ma se taumafaiga lelei.

Mai le ulua'i ta'aloga o le ta'amilosaga Basketball 2018 na ta'a'alo ai le Varsity THS ma

le 'au malosi na siamupini i le 2017, Marist Fa'asao High ma sa manumalo ai fo'i le Marist Fa'asao High i 'ai e 58 - 41 a Tafuna High. I le ta'aloga a le Junior Varsity na manumalo fo'i Marist Fa'asao High i 'ai e 27 - 25 a Tafuna High. Na faia nei ta'aloga i le Malae a le Marist Fa'asao i le latou faleta'alo i Malaeloa, Pope Paul II.

Peita'i i le latou ta'aloga i le aso Lulu na tea nei ma le 'au a le Toa o le Vasa po'o le Vikings mai Fagaitua na manumalo ai le Warriors i 'ai e 43 - 39 a le Fagaitua Vikings mo le Varsity Team lea. Peita'i o le 'au a le Junior Varsity na manumalo fo'i i latou i le 'au a le Fagaitua Vikings.

Mai ta'aloga sa faia a Samoana i le aso Lulu nei sa faia lea i le latou faleta'alo i Samoana lava na manumalo ai Samoana i le latou ta'aloga faitaulia ma le Manumalo Baptist Academy i 'ai e 40 i le 25 a MBA i le latou 'au a le Junior Varsity. I le ta'aloga a le Varsity na manumalo fo'i le Samoana i le latou ta'aloga i 'ai e 43 i le na'o le 24 'ai a le Manumalo Baptist Academy.

Maua fo'i nisi soso'oga o ta'aloga Basketball nei i lea vaiaso, ma o le a taumafai ai e maua uma mai ta'aloga a isi 'au e tu'ufa'atasia ai le lipoti lenei, e fa'aosofia ai le fiasia e ta'a'alo o le fanau, ma lelei ai latou taumafaiga i lenei tausaga.

ASIASI U17 HANDBALL TEAM I LE HARBOR MARITIME

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"O lenei le kamupani sa latou fa'ao'o maia se foa'i tele mo i matou, e va'aia fo'i lo latou sapaia lava o matou taumafaiga uma i luma o le Cost U Less ma tusi aisi mo se fesoasoani. O le latou taumafaiga ina ia va'ai fo'i i latou i le fa'atinoga o galuega a lea Kamupani, ma ia tu'umamaina ia i latou le foa'i na fa'ao'o atu, ae ia taumafai le mea sili mo se 'ai e fa'aailo ma fa'amau atili ai lea foa'i alofa," o se tala lea a le ali'i faia'oga o le Handball Carl Floor Sr.

I le aso na o'o atu ai le fanau, sa latou maimoaina ai le galuega fa'atino o faia e tagata faigaluega uma i luga o le Uafu a lea Kamupani.

"O se galuega e faigata, e ono lamatia le soifua i taimi uma, ae sa va'aia le agava'a o lea aufaigaluega ma le pulega fo'i e mata'alia ina ia le maua

se fa'alavelave i le fa'atinoga o tiute i luga o le Uafu tele, i le fela'ua'iga o Pusa Oloa," o se tala lea a le tama'ita'i kapeteni i le 'au Handball, Ms Floor.

O le susuga Todd na fai ma sui o le pulega na te fa'amaimoaina le vasega o tama'ita'i ta'a'alo i a latou galuega fa'atino i aso ta'itasi, ma ua ia fa'aailoa mai fo'i, "A mae'a ona ta'a'alo outou ma ua mae'a fo'i a'oa'oga, e mafai fo'i ona aveia nei ituaiga galuega, ma se galuega e te faigaluega ai. E le o toe filifilia esea ni galuega e faia e tama ma galuega e faia e tama'ita'i i lenei vaitau. E mafai fo'i ona e kapeteni i se va'a e pei o nei kapeteni ua outou fetai i ai."

O le aso To'ona'i nei i le itula e 6:00 i le taeao lava o le a faia ai fo'i se savaliga ua mae'a totogia mo le 'au a tama'ita'i atoa lea, ma o le a taumafai e amatalia ona savavali mai Leone High School ae fa'ai'u i le Aoga Maualuga a Samoana.

Taua e le Handball team, "Afai e i ai se tasi e fia savali fa'amalosino, e mafai lava ona auai e tusa pe leai sau pepa na fa'atumauiina mo lea savaliga. O le va'ai atu i le to'atele o tou savavali fa'atasi e fa'atupula'ia ai le malosi e savali ma le fiasia toe talatalanoa i le ala." Ua faai-goaina lea savaliga "Savali se'ia e o'o i le Youth Olympics!"

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Williams leads No. 14 Gonzaga over San Diego 69-59



San Diego guard Isaiah Wright (22) shoots over Gonzaga guard Silas Melson (0) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Spokane, Wash., Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.

(AP Photo/Young Kwak)

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Gonzaga is one of the nation's elite offensive teams. On Thursday night, the Zags showed they can also grind out a defensive win.

Johnathan Williams scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Gonzaga edged stubborn San Diego 69-59.

"We kind of needed it," Gonzaga's Zach Norvell Jr. said of the grinder. "We want to see what kind of guys we've got."

Norvell had two clutch 3-pointers in the closing minutes to keep the Zags ahead. The game featured poor shooting by both teams, and was close throughout.

"We got punched in the mouth a couple of times," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "We reacted the right way."

Norvell, who finished with 13 points, has got a knack for late game heroics, Few said.

"He's got a lot of confidence in himself," Few said of the freshman from Chicago.

Josh Perkins also scored 13 points and Silas Melson added 12 for Gonzaga (20-4, 10-1 West Coast), which has won 18 of the past 19 games against the Toreros.

Olin Carter III scored 21 points for San Diego (15-8, 6-5), a surprise team in the league this year.

"I thought we did a great job defensively," San Diego coach Lamont Smith said. "We just

had a hard time boxing out."

"We gave them too many second chance opportunities and it's hard to do that and win on the road."

Gonzaga had 14 offensive rebounds they converted into 24 points. They outscored the Toreros 38-20 in the paint.

But neither team shot well, with Gonzaga making 41 percent and San Diego just 33 percent from the floor. In the first, Gonzaga went on a 12-0 run while the Toreros were in the midst of a 1 for 9 slump to take a 31-20 lead.

Gonzaga led 36-27 after a first half in which they held San Diego to 27 percent shooting (8 of 30). San Diego opened the second half with a 13-2 run, including a pair of 3-pointers by Tyler Williams, to take a 40-38 lead. But the Toreros did not score for more than eight minutes, missing 12 shots, and Gonzaga replied with an 11-0 run for a 49-40 lead. San Diego stormed back and Isaiah Pineiro's 3-pointer brought them within a point at 51-50. But it was a last gasp as Gonzaga closed the game on an 18-9 run.

Norvell hit a 3 to lift Gonzaga to a 61-54 lead with 3:02 left.

The teams traded baskets, but the Toreros could not make up ground.

TWENTY AGAIN

The win lifted Gonzaga to a 21st consecutive year of at

least 20 wins, and Few took a moment to bask in the achievement. "People think they (20 wins) magically land here in Spokane," Few said. "They don't. We're an anomaly. It's still an accomplishment."

SHOOTING WOES

San Diego made just 20 of 61 shots. Gonzaga made 25 of 61.

BIG PICTURE

San Diego: The Toreros came in on a two-game winning streak and are fourth in the league. They are one of the nation's top defensive teams, limiting opponents to 64 points per game.

Gonzaga: The Bulldogs have won four in a row since losing to No. 13 Saint Mary's. The Zags have never lost to the Toreros in the McCarthy Athletic Center since it opened in 2004. Gonzaga is the only team in the nation that has six players averaging in double figures and is third in the nation with an average of 88.2 points per game.

UP NEXT

San Diego: It doesn't get any easier for the Toreros, who host No. 13 Saint Mary's on Saturday.

Gonzaga: The Bulldogs on Saturday host BYU, the only team to defeat them in the regular season last year. Gonzaga's only other loss was to North Carolina in the NCAA title game.

Griffin gets double-double as Pistons beat Grizzlies 104-102

DETROIT (AP) — Blake Griffin had 24 points and 10 rebounds in his debut for Detroit, and the Pistons edged the Memphis Grizzlies 104-102 on Thursday night.

Griffin was impressive throughout his first game for the Pistons since they traded for him earlier this week. His teammates looked uncertain at times, but Detroit was able to outlast a Memphis team that is without Tyreke Evans and Mike Conley.

Anthony Tolliver’s 3-pointer with under two minutes remaining gave Detroit a 101-100 lead, and the score stayed that way until the final seconds. Marc Gasol attempted to drive on Griffin but missed his shot, and a wild scramble led to a jump ball between Tolliver and Dillon Brooks with 10.4 seconds left.

The Pistons controlled that tip, with Reggie Bullock running the ball down in the corner. Tolliver gave Detroit a three-point lead with a pair of free throws, and then purposely fouled Wayne Selden with 2.6 seconds remaining. Selden made the first free throw and the second went in even though he was trying to miss and give his team a chance at an offensive rebound.

A free throw by Bullock closed out the scoring.

ROCKETS 102, SPURS 91
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — James Harden had 28 points and 11 assists, and the Rockets dominated the Spurs for the second time this season.

Clint Capela added 14 points and 13 rebounds in Houston’s third straight win. The Rockets led by as many as 19 points in the first matchup between the Texas rivals since the Spurs’ 124-109 blowout loss on Dec. 15 in Houston.

Danny Green had 22 points to lead San Antonio in scoring for the first time this season. LaMarcus Aldridge was held to 16 points on 8-for-15 shooting.

Neal has career-high 38, UTA rallies to beat Appalachian St.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Erick Neal had a career-high 38 points and Kevin Hervey added 18 points with 14 rebounds to lead UT Arlington to an 89-77 comeback victory over Appalachian State on Thursday night.

The Mavericks drilled 10 of 16 (63 percent) from beyond the arc with Appalachian State making just 8 of 31 from distance.

Neal was 11 of 19 from the floor, hitting five from distance, and making 11 of 12 free throws. Hervey was 6 of 8 from the line as the Mavericks made 29 of 38 free-throw attempts. Appalachian State made 13 of 16.

The Spurs’ only lead came in the opening minutes. They trailed by double digits for much of the night.

TIMBERWOLVES 108, BUCKS 89

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jimmy Butler scored 28 points for Minnesota, and Karl-Anthony Towns had 24 points and 11 rebounds for his NBA-best 46th double-double.

The Timberwolves were coming off consecutive losses at Atlanta and Toronto. They have lost six of their last seven road games and have returned home with back-to-back losses from their last three road trips.

Each time, Minnesota has responded at home with a victory, winning by an average of 14.25 points. The Timberwolves’ 21-6 home record represents the second-most home wins in the NBA behind San Antonio’s 22.

Khris Middleton scored 21 points for Milwaukee, which had won four in a row. Giannis Antetokounmpo had 17 points and 15 rebounds.

WIZARDS 122, RAPTORS 119

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bradley Beal scored 25 of his 27 points in the second half, leading Washington to the victory.

The Wizards had eight players score in double figures in their third straight win without All-Star John Wall, who had surgery on his left knee on Wednesday. Otto Porter Jr. had 16 points and 11 rebounds in his first double-double since early December, and Markieff Morris scored 15 points — including five straight in a stretch that gave Washington the lead for good.

Kyle Lowry scored 17 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter for Toronto, but missed two late free throws. DeMar DeRozan added 23 points for the Raptors, who lost for the first time in eight regular-season trips to Washington.

Nathan Hawkins added a career-best 19 points for UTA (14-10, 5-6 Sun Belt Conference).

Appalachian State held a 39-35 halftime advantage. UTA took its first lead, 58-57, since early in the game when DJ Bryant made two free throws with 8:10 left. Neal drained a 3 and followed with a layup as the Mavericks took the lead for good 63-60 with 6:24 left.


The Mavericks made 16 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Ronshad Shabazz led the Mountaineers (9-15, 4-7) with 31 points, one shy of his career high.



Detroit Pistons forward Blake Griffin (23) is defended by Memphis Grizzlies guard Wayne Selden while going to the basket during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, in Detroit.

(AP Photo/Duane Burleson)



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January 30, 2018

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February 12, 2018, 4:00 pm

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Job Grade/Status

H/5/B-H/7/B, Non-Exempt

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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	

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Beal scores 25 in 2nd half
as Wizards beat Raptors



Washington Wizards forward Otto Porter Jr., left, forward Tomas Satoransky, from the Czech Republic, and center Marcin Gortat, from Poland, celebrate, as Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry (7) heads off the court after an NBA basketball game Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, in Washington. The Wizards won 122-119.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington's Bradley Beal says he's playing with less stress since making his first NBA All-Star Game.

The way he shook off his miserable start on Thursday, he might be onto something.

Beal scored 25 of his 27 points in the second half, helping the Wizards to a 122-119 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

"It lifted a little bit of a burden off my shoulders," said Beal, who overcame the first half of his NBA career without a made field goal. "That's something I don't have to think about or try to prove. I can just play freely, enjoy the process, enjoy the moment."The Wizards had eight players score in double figures in their third straight win without All-Star point guard John Wall, who had surgery on his left knee on Wednesday.

Otto Porter Jr. had 16 points and 11 rebounds in his first double-double since early December, and Markieff Morris scored 15 points — including five straight in a stretch that gave Washington the lead for good in a dogged battle against the second-place team in the Eastern Conference.

"It's basically a simulation of the playoffs," Morris said. "Bodies flying everywhere and you just got to play through it. The toughest team is going to win like it did tonight."

Kyle Lowry scored 17 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter for Toronto, but missed two late free throws. All-Star DeMar DeRozan added 23 points and Serge Ibaka had 16 after a potential tying 3-pointer rimmed out late.

"I'll live with Serge's shot any day," DeRozan said. "I'll live with Kyle going to the free-throw line any day. It just didn't go in."

Morris capped a 9-0 run by hitting a pair of free throws and then a baseline 3-pointer off Porter's feed to put Washington up 115-110. From there, the Wizards hit seven of their

last eight foul shots to seal the game.

Lowry hit a spinning runner to cut it to 118-116 with 11.6 seconds left, but couldn't convert the three-point play. Then with 3 seconds left and Toronto down 120-118, Lowry reached a loose ball off Washington's inbounds and got fouled, but missed the first of two foul shots.

"I wasn't clutch enough," Lowry said. "But trust me, I will be next time."

TIP-INS

Raptors: F/G C.J. Miles (sore right knee) missed his second straight game. ... G Fred VanFleet did not play due to personal reasons. ... C Jonas Valanciunas is 5 for 6 from 3-point range over his last four games. He went 2 for 2 twice in the first two games with multiple 3s in his career.

Wizards: G Jodie Meeks scored each of his 10 points in the fourth quarter, posting double digits for the first time since Dec. 29. ... Tomas Satoransky started his third straight game at point guard in Wall's absence, a stretch that equaled his previous career starts total. ... Coach Scott Brooks received a technical foul moments after the halftime buzzer.

SHARED LOSS

Former Washington and Toronto G Rasual Butler was honored with a pregame moment of silence. Butler and his wife died in a single-automobile accident in Los Angeles on Wednesday morning. He was 38.

DEMAR STAR

DeRozan was named the NBA's Eastern Conference Player of the Month for January after averaging 25.3 points and 5.9 assists.

GOING DEEP

DeRozan's full-court inbounds pass to end the game was intercepted. But he completed a similar heave that nearly led to points at the first-quarter buzzer, and said afterward it's a skill he's always had.

No. 2 Mississippi State barely edges No. 15 Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Victoria Vivians made a go-ahead jumper with four seconds left and No. 2 Mississippi State continued its perfect season with a 57-53 road victory against No. 15 Missouri on Thursday night. The Bulldogs and Tigers played a tight fourth quarter. Missouri's Sophie Cunningham tied the game at 53 with nine seconds left with a 3-pointer.

Vivians then hit her shot to make it 55-53. After an offensive foul on Jordan Frericks, Teaira McCowan hit two free throws to seal the game for Mississippi State (23-0, 9-0 South-eastern Conference).

Blair Schaefer led the Bulldogs with a season-high 20 points, but Mississippi State struggled shooting the ball all night. However, the Bulldogs' defense held Missouri (17-6, 5-4) to just 32 percent from the field in the second half.

McCowan finished with 17 points and 17 rebounds. Vivians added 15 points. Schaefer, McCowan and Vivians accounted for 52 of the Bulldogs' 57 points, and Mississippi State shot just 31 percent from the field.

Missouri shot 48 percent in the first half, and posted a 25-16 rebounding edge at the break as well.

The game marked Mississippi State's closest win in conference play. The Bulldogs had previously defeated each conference opponent by double digits.

BIG PICTURE:

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs barely escaped a tough Missouri team, but they remain perfect at 23-0. Mississippi State's victory marked its second top-15 road win in the last four games. The Bulldogs defeated No. 6 Tennessee on Jan. 21.

Missouri: The Tigers came close to an impressive upset, but they've now lost three in a row after being on the cusp of reaching the top 10. The stretch, coming against three top-25 teams, has placed Missouri in the middle of the pack in the conference standings.

UP NEXT:

Mississippi State returns home Monday to face No. 7 South Carolina, which was blown out Thursday night by No. 1 Connecticut.



Missouri's Amber Smith, right, dribbles around Mississippi State's Victoria Vivians, left, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, in Columbia, Mo. (AP Photo/L.G. Patterson)

Hernandez' 30 leads LIU Brooklyn past Sacred Heart, 69-60

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — Joel Hernandez turned a 3-point play and drilled a 3-pointer back-to-back to spark LIU Brooklyn to a 69-60 win over Sacred Heart in a Northeast Conference game Thursday night.

Alex Watson hit a pair of free throws to pull the Pioneers within two, 56-54 with 7:14 left, but Hernandez hit a jumper, drew the foul and added the free throw to make it 59-54, then hit from long range to make it an eight-point lead the Blackbirds extended to double digits down

the stretch.

LIU Brooklyn is in sixth place in conference, one game back of a four-team logjam for second.

Hernandez was 9 of 11 from the line, scored 30 points total and grabbed six boards for LIU Brooklyn (11-13, 6-5). Jashaun Agosto added 15 points and dished four assists and Raiquan Clark contributed 12 points.

Watson finished with 15 points to lead Sacred Heart (7-17, 2-9), with Sean Hoehn adding 11 points and Joseph Lopez pulling down 11 boards.

Beck's OT layup gets Coastal Carolina past Texas State 56-54

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Demario Beck made a layup at the buzzer to lift Coastal Carolina to a 56-54 overtime victory over Texas State on Thursday night.


Nijal Pearson's two free throws tied the game at 54 for the Bobcats with 1:05 to play. Ajay Sanders missed a 3 for the Chanticleers on the ensuing possession, but Texas State committed a turnover before Beck made the game-winner.

Neither team had more than

a three-point lead since midway through the second half.

Artur Labinowicz scored 14 points to lead Coastal Carolina (11-13, 5-6 Sun Belt Conference). Zac Cuthbertson added 12 points and Jaylen Shaw had 10. Beck finished with four points, with his first points of the game coming on a pair of free throws with 2:55 to play in the extra period.

Pearson scored 16 points to lead Texas State (14-10, 7-4).



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Ga. Southern rallies to beat Little Rock 67-61

Mike Hughes added 14 as Georgia Southern rallied in the second half to beat Little Rock 67-61 in Sun Belt Conference play on Thursday night.

Georgia Southern (16-7, 7-3) came out hot in the second period after Little Rock took a 34-20 lead into the break. Hughes started the final period with two free throws, followed by a 3-pointer that started a 12-3 run to give the Eagles their first lead of the game at the 15:14 mark.

They took the lead for good, 41-39, when Quan Jackson drained a 3 with 13:09 left. Georgia State pushed its lead to 56-48 with 3:29 remaining.

Brown was 8 of 8 from the free-throw line and Hughes made 9 of 10 attempts as Georgia Southern made 23 of 29 from the line. The Trojans made just 8 of 19.

Andre Jones led Little Rock (5-18, 2-8), which has lost five straight, with 18 points.





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California's Kingsley Okoroh, right, shoots over Oregon's Kenny Wooten in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, in Berkeley, Calif. (AP Photo/Ben Margot)

Oregon defeats Cal 66-53 for Bears' 9th straight loss

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — MiKyle McIntosh had 13 points and 11 rebounds and Oregon beat California, 66-53, sending the Bears to their ninth straight defeat to match the second-longest losing streak in school history.

Troy Brown had 16 points and Elijah Brown added 15 for the Ducks (15-7, 5-4 Pac-12), who never trailed and held a double-digit lead for much of the game.

Oregon opened the game with a 9-0 run, holding the Bears scoreless for the opening 6:24, during which Cal missed six shots and had six turnovers. The Ducks led 34-26 at the half.

The Bears got within 53-47 midway through the second half, but Oregon responded with an 8-0 run to put the game out of reach.

Don Coleman had 16 points to lead Cal (7-16, 1-9), which is headed for its first losing season since 2006-07.

California had a 10-game losing streak in 1961-62. The Bears also had nine-game skids in 1979-80 and 1954-55.

BIG PICTURE

Oregon: The Ducks won their fourth straight game against Cal, tying their longest such streak against the Bears. Oregon also had a four-game winning streak in 1972-74. Cal leads the series 84-61.

California: The Bears are on track to lose 20 games in a season for the third time in 110 basketball seasons, having done so only in 1987-88 (9-20) and 1978-79 (6-21). Cal didn't start regularly playing 20 games in a season until 1930-31.

UP NEXT

Oregon: Travels across San Francisco Bay to face Stanford on Saturday.

California: Hosts Oregon State on Saturday. The Beavers have not won in Berkeley since 2009.



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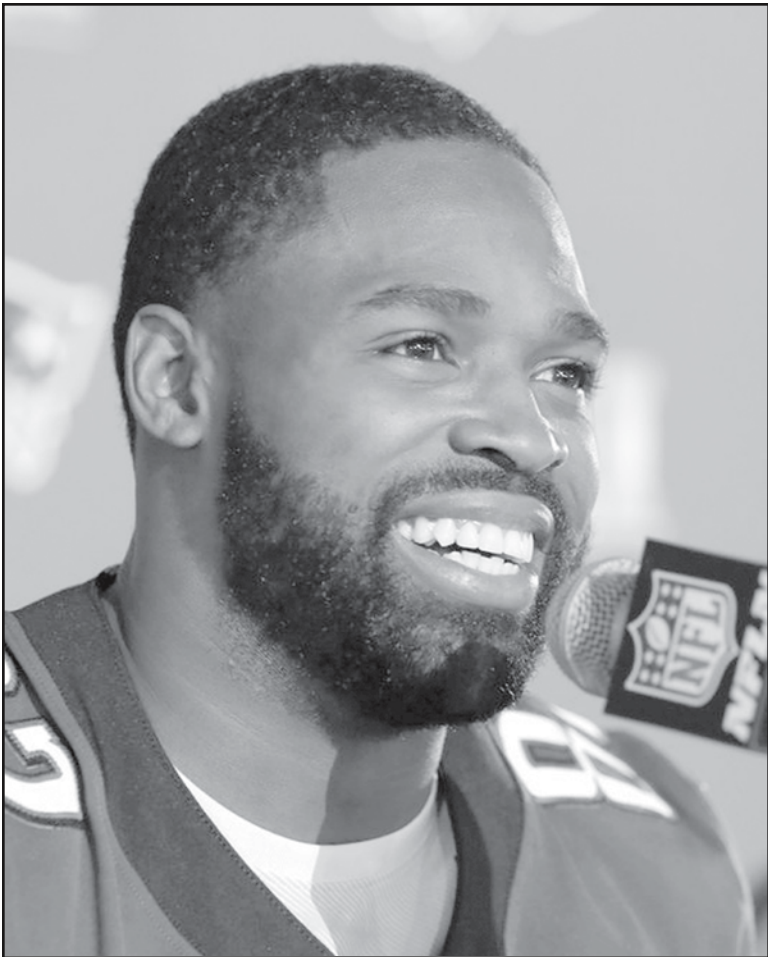


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Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Torrey Smith takes part in a media availability for the NFL Super Bowl 52 football game Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, in Minneapolis. Philadelphia is scheduled to face the New England Patriots Sunday.

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Long Super Bowl halftime forces teams to make adjustments

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Halftimes in the NFL are typically a 12-minute sprint. Players rush back to the locker room, maybe take a bathroom break, get a few words of advice from their coaches and head back out for the second half.

That pacing completely changes at the Super Bowl when the elaborate halftime shows lead to a 30-minute break that leads to more time for adjustments, distractions and the need to stay loose.

“You have to waste time,” said Philadelphia receiver Torrey Smith, who played in the 2013 game with Baltimore.

“There’s only so much you can really do. We have a plan to stay warm and things to stay active.”

Eagles coach Doug Pederson is aware of the change that he even staged a 30-minute break during practice on Wednesday to get his players acclimated to

the rare downtime.

The second part of practice was not nearly as crisp, which Pederson hopes will be a lesson for his players on how to handle it on Sunday against the more experienced Patriots.

“That’s why I did the break, was to put us in that situation, now we understand it,” he said. “It was a very teachable moment for our guys, our coaches and how to prepare for the second half of a football game.”

Smith said after the adjustments that are made, players might spend the time listening to music, watching film on their iPads or even playing games on their phones.

Players might even be able to hear Justin Timberlake’s halftime show in the background as the fans enjoy a concert while the players get ready for the final 30 minutes of the biggest game of their lives.

“You’re so focused that you

don’t worry about all that,” said Eagles linebacker Dannelle Ellerbe, who also played on the Ravens in the Super Bowl. “But we did want to see Beyonce.”

Former Colts receiver Reggie Wayne remembers listening to Prince perform in 2007 in Miami, thinking he’d love to be able to watch if he didn’t have a football game to focus on.

Three years later when Indianapolis played New Orleans, Wayne believes the long halftime played a role in the Saints victory. New Orleans started the second half with a surprise onside kick and took its first lead of the game on a TD pass from Drew Brees to Pierre Thomas.

“It can take the air out of the balloon of the winning team,” Wayne said. “If it was a shorter halftime they might not have had enough time to ramp that up. We may not have been lackadaisical. It can get catch you off-guard. You come back out there and you might have had momentum but you no longer have it.”

The longer halftime also provides the chance for more adjustments, which can be hard to do in the regular season with so little time. Teams are able to see what worked well in the first half, what didn’t and even hold back some plays that can be utilized in the second half just to keep the opponent off-guard.

“It’s definitely something we don’t do except for once a year if we’re lucky enough to be in this game,” said Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who will make his eighth Super Bowl start.

“Just try to deal with what we got. Obviously there’s time to make corrections, time to just regroup depending on how the first half went. It’s a good opportunity for you to really understand where you’re at what you need to do and how you need to approach the second half.”

That proved crucial last year in New England’s comeback win over Atlanta when the Patriots trailed 21-3 at the half before rallying for a 34-28 overtime victory.

Brady exploited one-on-one matchups on the outside in the second half after realizing Atlanta was taking away the middle of the field and the Patriots defense played more aggressively. The Eagles are prepared for more of that this year against coach Bill Belichick’s team. “Did you see the Patriots last year? Do you think they made a lot of adjustments at halftime. You definitely can make a lot of adjustments,” said Eagles defensive back Corey Graham. “When you play like a guy like Belichick, who’s so smart in making adjustments and things like that, if you give him an extra 20 minutes, can you imagine the adjustments he’ll make.”

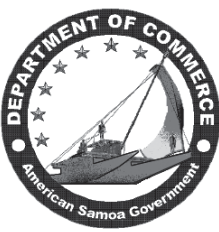


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Happy Birthday: Walk away from emotional, financial and physical indulgence. Set your standards high and settle for nothing short of reaching your goal. Pace your steps carefully and make sure your plans are doable before you waste time. Know what you want and be willing to put in the time required to be successful. With patience and hard work, you will excel. Your numbers are 7, 13, 24, 29, 36, 38, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Learn from those who have more experience than you. Show sensitivity and compassion when dealing with your peers. Don't divulge secret information or get involved in gossip. Make personal changes instead of trying to change others. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be offered information that will help you outmaneuver anyone trying to beat you at your own game. Show discipline and persistence in the way you go about getting your way. Don't exaggerate or make unrealistic promises. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make a difference if you bring about positive changes that will improve your home environment and relationship with those you live or work alongside. Make sure your heart is in the right place before you begin. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Partnerships will be important to the outcome of anything you do at work or at home. Working alongside others will give you a sense of belonging and help you get more accomplished. A commitment can be made. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change to the way you earn your living should be dealt with carefully. Consider any consequences that might take place if you are overly aggressive or excessive. Curb your bad habits. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make plans to socialize or network and you will gain ground when it comes to improving your relationship with your peers or your boss. Don't get angry if someone is competitive. Meet any challenge head-on. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take care of domestic matters and elders in the family who may need a helping hand. Being responsible is good, but don't let anyone take advantage of your generosity. Personal improvements will boost your confidence. Romance is encouraged. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your creative imagination take over. Stay focused on ways you can improve what you do for a living or how you handle your domestic responsibilities. Don't let a personal incident ruin your chances to get ahead. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Something will be off. Listen carefully, but don't believe everything you hear. Deception or misdirection will be apparent. Ask questions and don't make a commitment to something you don't know enough about. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money, legal and medical matters should not be left up to someone else to handle. Take your time even if someone is putting pressure on you to make a decision. Control whatever situation you face and do what's best for you. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Strive for perfection. Let your creative imagination flow and your ideas lead to something unique. Don't be afraid to stand out. Your actions will make others take notice and bring you the recognition you deserve. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have to be realistic about your relationships with others. Look at the pros and cons to any partnership you are involved in and adjust the way you move forward to ensure that equality is maintained. ***



PREGNANT WORKER FEARS REPRISAL FROM 'BOYS CLUB' MANAGEMENT

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I informed my bosses I was pregnant. Within a week, they were trying to fire me and blame it on other things at work that made no sense and hadn't been issues before. They made me sign a letter of reprimand in our first meeting about the "issues."

I spoke with a co-worker who told me she had a similar experience when she announced her pregnancy. I work for a company with a "boys club" mentality, so I didn't try to speak to HR because I was afraid for my already threatened job.

A couple weeks later, I miscarried and everything at work went back to normal. I actually got a raise a month later. Last week, I learned I'm pregnant again. My husband and I are excited about it, but I'm scared to tell my bosses for fear I'll have a repeat of last time.

When should I tell them about my upcoming arrival? And is there anything I can do to protect my job? I have been looking for employment elsewhere, but haven't found anything yet. I need this job or else I would have already left it. -- SCARED IN UTAH

DEAR SCARED: Pregnancy is a natural condition and you should not be punished for it. The first thing you should do is document everything that happened during your first pregnancy. Be sure to include what your co-worker told you happened to her, and how -- after your miscarriage -- all your problems at the office disappeared. Then schedule an appointment with an attorney to ask how you can protect yourself in the months to come.

DEAR ABBY: I have cheated, lied and more. I have made a lot of changes in my life for the better since then, but we all know I'm still a sinner. I have gained a lot of weight over the years, and I hear about it often from my husband and two boys, mostly my sons. My boys are rude and disrespectful to me, and my husband says nothing. They make me feel ugly and worthless.

I know I haven't been the best wife or mother. I thought I was doing better, but I guess not. I'm tired of the name-calling and disrespect. I know I have made mistakes, but must I be put down all the time? One day I feel OK, the next I'm down again. Please help me. -- FEELS UGLY IN TEXAS

DEAR FEELS UGLY: It appears that although your marriage is ongoing, your husband is still punishing you for your "sins" and has enlisted the help of your sons in doing it. I urge you to look into family counseling for all of you. The environment in which your boys are growing up is unhealthy because they are being encouraged to disrespect women. If it's allowed to continue, they will have relationships and marriages just like your own -- ugly and contentious. If you won't seek counseling for yourself, please do it for them.

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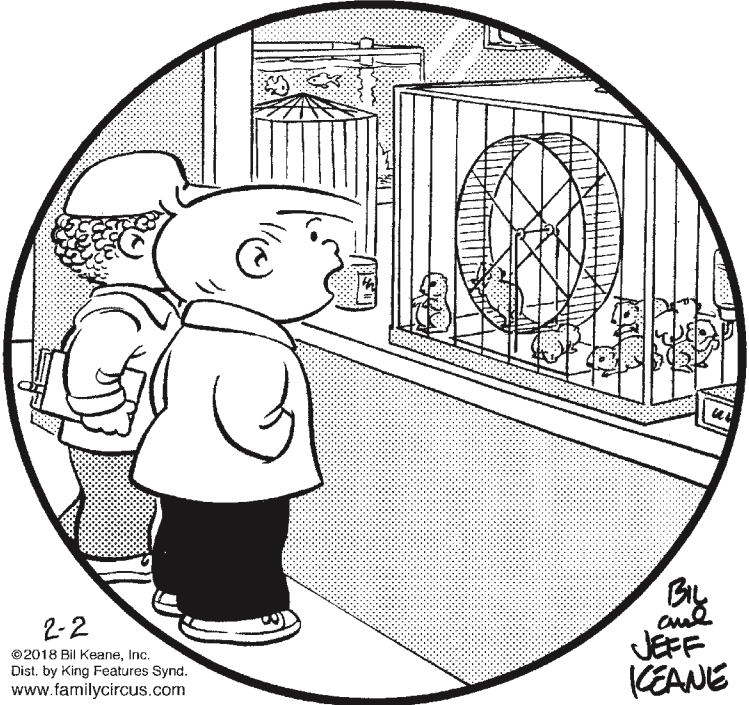
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"I was gonna ask for a hamster, but I don't think my mom has time to take care of another pet."

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Calvin & Hobbes ©

by Bill Watterson

HELP ME FIGURE OUT THIS HOMEWORK PROBLEM, HOBBS. WHAT'S $3+8$?

OK, ASSIGN THE ANSWER A VALUE OF "X". "X" ALWAYS MEANS MULTIPLY, SO TAKE THE NUMERATOR (THAT'S LATIN FOR "NUMBER EIGHTER") AND PUT THAT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQUATION.

THAT LEAVES YOU WITH THREE ON THIS SIDE, SO WHAT TIMES THREE EQUALS EIGHT? THE ANSWER, OF COURSE, IS SIX.

GOSH, I MUST HAVE DONE ALL THE OTHERS WRONG.

THESE PROBLEMS SEEM AWFULLY ADVANCED FOR FIRST GRADE, IF YOU ASK ME.

PEANUTS ©

by Charles M. Schultz

WHEN YOU'VE JUST COME HOME FROM WORM SCHOOL, THERE'S A LOT TO TALK ABOUT

Memo

Stop the Mueller probe if you don't want something bad to happen to your nice country.

WILL THERE BE A SIGNING CEREMONY?

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HERE'S A SHIELD THAT'S SEEN SOME REAL BATTLES!

IF ONLY THIS SHIELD COULD TALK!

IF ONLY THE FORMER OWNER COULD TALK!

GARFIELD ©

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DO YOU THINK OF ME OFTEN, GARFIELD?

OH, SURE!

ASSUMING THAT THINKING OF YOU THINKING OF ME COUNTS?

Sudoku Pacific

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

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1/2 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Monday's Puzzle Answer

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

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Back-2-back lava le manumalo Samoana i le afiafi o le aso Lua lea na faia ai le latou ta'alogā i le va o latou 'au Junior Varsity ma le Varsity ma 'au a le Manumalo Baptist Academy. O le 'au lea a le Varsity a Samoana. Malo Sharks-ville... [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Ugba's big night helps Governors out-last Skyhawks

MARTIN, Tenn. (AP) — Averyl Ugba scored 28 points with a career-high 17 rebounds, including 4 points in the final 28 seconds, and Austin Peay held on to beat UT Martin 59-57 on Thursday night.

The Skyhawks trailed by 10 at halftime. They were within one with nine minutes left following a 9-1 run, but never took the lead. Three times they closed within one. The first two times, Ugba responded for the Governors, and after Matthew Butler made a pair of free throws for UT Martin with three seconds left, Dayton Gumm had one for Austin Peay to close it out.

Neither team shot well, both finishing 18 for 58 (31 percent). The Governors (13-10, 8-3 Ohio Valley Conference) held a 32-21 advantage in free throws attempted, as the Skyhawks (8-16, 3-8) found themselves in foul trouble.

Ugba had nine points in a 16-5 run that put the Governors up 17 in the first half. UT Martin answered with a 7-0 run to trail 32-22 margin at the break.

The Skyhawks clawed their way back into the game as Fatodd Lewis scored 13 of his 18 points after the break.

