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FILE - In this Aug. 30, 2017, file photo, Washington Nationals pitcher Max Scherzer stands in the dugout during the team's baseball game against the Miami Marlins at Nationals Park in Washington. Scherzer of the Washington Nationals coasted to his third Cy Young Award, winning Wednesday, Nov. 15, for the second straight year in the National League.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File)

Scherzer, Kluber win Cy Young Awards by wide margins

Max Scherzer heard his name and thrust his arms in the air, shouting and smiling big before turning to kiss his wife.

Corey Kluber, on the other hand, gulped once and blinked.

Two aces, two different styles — and now another Cy Young Award for each.

The animated Scherzer of the Washington Nationals coasted to his third Cy Young, winning Wednesday for the second straight year in the National League. He breezed past Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw, drawing 27 of the 30 first-place votes in balloting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Kluber's win was even more of a runaway. The Cleveland Indians ace took 28 first-place votes, easily outpacing Chris Sale of the Boston Red Sox for his second AL Cy Young.

Scherzer yelled "yes!" when his award was announced on MLB Network, a reaction in keeping with his expressive reputation. He showed that intensity often this year, whether he was cursing under his breath like a madman during his delivery or demanding — also with expletives — that manager Dusty Baker leave him in the game.

Just a little different than the pitcher they call "Klubot." Kluber was stoic as ever when announced as the AL winner. He swallowed hard but otherwise didn't react, only showing the hint of a smile moments later when answering questions.

Not that he wasn't thrilled. "Winning a second one maybe, for me personally, kind of validates the first one," Kluber said.

Scherzer's win moves him into rare company. He's the 10th pitcher with at least three Cy Youngs, and among the other nine, only Kershaw, Roger Clemens and Roy Halladay aren't in the Hall of Fame — Kershaw and Halladay aren't yet eligible.

"That's why I'm drinking a lot of champagne tonight," Scherzer said.

Scherzer earned the NL honor last year with Washington and the 2013 American League prize with Detroit.

"This one is special," he said. "When you start talking

about winning three times, I can't even comprehend it at this point."

Scherzer was 16-6 with a career-best 2.51 ERA this year. The 33-year-old righty struck out a league-leading 268 for the NL East champion Nationals, and in an era noted for declining pitcher durability, he eclipsed 200 innings for the fifth straight season. He had to overcome a variety of ailments to get there, and Washington's training staff was high on his thank-you list.

"Everybody had a role in keeping me out on the field," he said. "I'm very thankful for all their hard work."

Kershaw has won three NL Cy Youngs and was the last pitcher to win back-to-back. He was 18-4 with a league-best 2.31 ERA and 202 strikeouts. This is his second runner-up finish. Stephen Strasburg of the Nationals finished third.

Kluber missed a month of the season with back pain and still easily won the AL award over Sale and third-place finisher Luis Severino of the New York Yankees. Kluber led the majors with a 2.25 ERA, and his 18 wins tied for the most in baseball. He added to the Cy Young he won with the Indians in 2014 and is the 19th pitcher to win multiple times.

The 31-year-old Kluber was especially dominant down the stretch, closing out the season by going 11-1 to help Cleveland win the AL Central. He and Minnesota's Ervin Santana tied for the major league lead with five complete games — nobody else had more than two.

Kluber and Scherzer both had rough outings in the playoffs. Kluber gave up nine runs over two starts in an AL Division Series against the Yankees, and Scherzer blew a save in the decisive Game 5 of an NL Division Series against the Cubs.

Scherzer said he couldn't even watch the League Championship Series, although he did tune in for the World Series.

"That will eat at me this whole offseason," he said.

Voting for the awards was completed before the post-season began.

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FILE - In this Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys NFL football star Ezekiel Elliott walks out of federal court in New York. Elliott has dropped his appeal on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, with five games remaining on his six-game suspension over alleged domestic violence. The 22-year-old Elliott was suspended in August after the league concluded following a yearlong investigation that he had several physical confrontations in the summer of 2016 with Tiffany Thompson, his girlfriend at the time.

(AP Photo/Julie Jacobson, File)

Cowboys' Elliott drops appeal, will serve rest of 6-game ban

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott is ending his legal fight with five games remaining on a six-game suspension over alleged domestic violence.

Elliott's agents said Wednesday the decision by last year's NFL rushing leader "is in no way an admission of wrongdoing." Elliott had a hearing set in a federal appeals court on Dec. 1, four games into the suspension.

Wednesday was the 96th day since Commissioner Roger Goodell announced the suspension. Elliott served the first game in Dallas' 27-7 loss to Atlanta last weekend. By accepting the six-game ban, Elliott is eligible to return for the final two games of the regular season: Dec. 24 at home against Seattle and Dec. 31 at Philadelphia.

The defending NFC East champion Cowboys (5-4) are three games behind the division-leading Eagles (8-1), who visit Sunday night. A year after being the top seed in the NFC at 13-3, Dallas faces a difficult task staying in playoff contention until Elliott returns.

The 22-year-old Elliott was suspended by Goodell in August after the league concluded following a yearlong investigation that he had several physical confrontations in the summer of 2016 with Tiffany Thompson, his girlfriend at the time.

Prosecutors in Ohio didn't pursue the case, citing conflicting evidence. Elliott denied the allegations under oath during his NFL appeal.

"Our vigilant fight on behalf of Ezekiel once again exposed the NFL's disciplinary process as a sham and a lie," the NFL Players Association said in a statement. "They hired several former federal prosecutors, brought in 'experts' and imposed a process with the stated goal of 'getting it right,' yet the management council refuses to step in and stop repeated manipulation of an already awful League-imposed system."

The suspension prompted weeks of court hearings in three states resulting in three legal reprieves that kept Elliott on the field. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to an expedited hearing for Elliott's arguments that he wasn't treated fairly by the league, but last

week turned down his request for an injunction while the case was being heard. The same court ruled against New England quarterback Tom Brady last year over his four-game suspension in the "Deflategate" case. Unlike Elliott, Brady had won a lower-court ruling that delayed the suspension for a year.

"This decision arises from a practical assessment of the current legal landscape," agents Rocky Arceneaux and Frank Salzano said.

"This decision is in no way an admission of any wrongdoing, and Mr. Elliott is pleased that the legal fight ... resulted in disclosing many hidden truths regarding this matter, as well as publicly exposing the NFL's mismanagement of its disciplinary process."

A Texas judge granted an injunction that kept Elliott eligible early in the season, agreeing with NFL Players Association lawyers who argued that investigators withheld key evidence from Goodell, and that the appeal hearing was unfair because arbitrator Harold Henderson refused to call Goodell and Thompson as witnesses.

The NFL contended all along that the league followed federal law as it relates to labor agreements and the commissioner's power to discipline players.

A federal appeals court in New Orleans tossed Elliott's lawsuit in Texas on the grounds that it was filed prematurely. The case moved to New York because the NFL had already filed there. After a visiting federal judge granted a temporary restraining order that kept Elliott on the field two more weeks, the judge assigned to the case rejected all of Elliott's arguments in denying his request for an injunction.

An emergency stay made him eligible for one game against Kansas City before the latest ruling denying an injunction.

"Mr. Elliott's desire for closure is in his best interest, as well as the best interests of his teammates, family and friends," Elliott's attorneys said. "Mr. Elliott will maximize his time away from the game and come back even stronger both on and off the field." The Dallas offense struggled without Elliott against the Falcons, finishing with a season low in points.



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FILE - In this May 14, 2015, file photo, CONMEBOL delegate Roger Bello, of Bolivia, left, talks with Boca Juniors goalkeeper Agustin Orion, center, and Alejandro Burzaco, president of Torneos y Competencias, during a Copa Libertadores soccer match between Boca Juniors and River Plate, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Burzaco, the former CEO of a marketing firm based in Argentina, testified Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, at the U.S. trial of three former South American soccer officials accused of taking bribes in a sprawling corruption investigation of FIFA, that Fox was among several media companies paying bribes through sham contracts for the Copa America and other events.

(AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano, File)

Bail tightened for official in FIFA soccer bribery case

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge tightened bail conditions on a South American soccer official charged in the FIFA bribery scandal after prosecutors surprised the court by accusing the defendant of threatening their star witness by making a slashing motion on his neck as the witness testified at trial.

The dramatic twist in federal court in New York came after Alejandro Burzaco, a former marketing executive from Argentina, spent the day accusing Manuel Burga and two other soccer official co-defendants of taking bribes in exchange for their help securing broadcasting and hosting rights for tournaments.

Burzaco testified that his firm gave Burga, the former president of Peru's soccer federation, \$3.6 million in bribes during the course of their relationship. He claimed that when he agreed in 2015 to cooperate against officials charged in the case he became the target of death threats.

After news of Burzaco's cooperation broke in Argentina, his brother, a former law enforcement officer, called him with inside information that authorities there had received "an instruction to shut me down," he testified, choking back tears. That meant something needed to be done "for me not to say anything in the U.S., including killing me," he added.

Once Burzaco concluded his testimony and the jury had gone home for the day, prosecutors asked U.S. District Judge Pamela Chen to jail Burga, saying he had left Burzaco visibly shaken by twice staring at him and using the slashing motion. A lawyer for Burga claimed his client was merely scratching his throat.

The judge stopped short of locking up Burga, instead cutting off his access of phones and computers and placing him

under house arrest at a home in Brooklyn. Burga already had been on GPS monitoring but had some privileges to leave the home.

The judge said that while one security video of the courtroom was inconclusive, she would return to it on Thursday after reviewing a second tape prosecutors say backs up their claim.

"All the facts surrounding this give me grave concerns," the judge said.

Earlier Wednesday, Burzaco testified that media giants Globo, of Brazil, and Televisa, of Mexico, teamed with a marketing firm to make a \$15 million bribe to a FIFA executive to help them secure lucrative broadcasting rights to the World Cup in 2026 and 2030.

Burzaco said that the deal was struck with longtime FIFA finance committee chairman Julio Grondona at a 2013 meeting in Zurich. He also has implicated Fox Sports in a separate bribery scheme. Fox and Globo have denied any wrongdoing, while Televisa has declined to comment. None of those media companies is charged in the case.

Burga, Jose Maria Marin and Juan Angel Napout have pleaded not guilty to charges they took part in a 24-year scheme involving at least \$150 million in bribes that secured broadcasting and hosting rights for soccer tournaments around the globe. Burzaco has testified that, along with the \$3.6 million his firm gave Burga, it directed another \$9.7 million in bribes to Napout and \$2.7 million to Marin.

More than 40 other officials, business executives and entities have been charged. Many, including Burzaco, have pleaded guilty in hopes of receiving reduced sentences.

One former Argentine government official killed himself Tuesday just hours after

Burzaco testified that he, too, was involved in taking bribes.

Jorge Delhon, a lawyer who worked in the administration of former Argentina President Cristina Fernandez, jumped in front of a train in Buenos Aires. He had not been charged in the case.

A ministry official in Buenos Aires province confirmed the death. The official spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak on the subject.

"I love you all," Delhon wrote in a suicide note to his family, the ministry official told the AP. "I can't believe (what's happening)."

Burzaco testified that he bribed Delhon and others in exchange for TV production rights to soccer matches.

In other testimony Tuesday, Burzaco told the jury how Grondona, who died in 2014, claimed in several conversations that he was owed millions of dollars for his 2010 vote as a member of FIFA's executive committee that helped Qatar land the World Cup, soccer's most prestigious tournament.

The account appeared to back up persistent suspicions that the Qatar vote was rigged and that the influence of Grondona, the senior vice president at FIFA and head of the Argentinian football association, was for sale.

Burzaco also seemed to confirm long-held allegations that FIFA bidding rules were broken by a vote-trading pact between Qatar's bid for 2022 and the joint Spain-Portugal bid for 2018 hosting rights that Russia eventually won.

After Qatar's vote victory, beating the United States in a final round ballot, unproven allegations were made that Qatar paid the Grondona-led Argentine soccer federation tens of millions of dollars.

City leaders meet with Crew, MLS, over relocation

Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber and the owners of the Columbus Crew met with the Columbus mayor and the leader of a local business group over plans to relocate the team. Anthony Precourt and Precourt Sports Ventures, which has owned the Major League Soccer club since 2013, announced last month that the team expects to move to Austin, Texas, following the 2018 season unless a new, privately financed stadium is built in downtown Columbus.

Garber and Precourt met in New York with Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther and Alex Fischer, head of the Columbus Partnership, according to the mayor.

Afterward PSV issued a statement saying Garber and Precourt went into the meeting with open minds. "We were extremely disappointed that no concrete offer or proposal was presented and then told by the City of Columbus that it would not communicate with us past today," the statement said. PSV's statement cited market challenges for the Crew in Columbus that "con-

tinued to mount" but said it was still be open to negotiations. But Mayor Ginther and Fischer put out a conflicting statement. The Columbus Partnership is a group of some 60 business leaders from the city. "We are disappointed and frustrated. We were united in putting all options on the table, with the expectation in return that the MLS and ownership would cease pursuing moving the team to Austin. Great American cities do not get into bidding wars over sports teams to benefit private owners. Garber and Precourt were not willing to do that today," the statement said. The Crew are currently in the MLS playoffs. Columbus beat New York City FC 4-3 on aggregate goals in the conference semifinals and will host top-seeded Toronto on Tuesday at Mapfre Stadium in the opening match of the two-leg conference championship. The Crew, one of the 10 founding clubs in MLS, have played since 1996 and won the MLS Cup championship in 2008. They have played at Mapfre Stadium, the first soccer-specific stadium in the league, since 1999.

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Flanked by teammates Cody Riley, left, and Jalen Hill, UCLA basketball player LiAngelo Ball reads his statement during a news conference at UCLA Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, in Los Angeles. The three players were detained in Hangzhou following allegations of shoplifting last week before a game against Georgia Tech in Shanghai. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

3 UCLA basketball players suspended after theft in China

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three UCLA basketball players detained for shoplifting at three high-end stores in China publicly apologized Wednesday before coach Steve Alford announced they were being suspended indefinitely.

Freshmen LiAngelo Ball, Jalen Hill and Cody Riley won't be allowed to suit up, practice or travel with the team while the university continues to sort out the circumstances of last week's incident in Hangzhou, China, Alford said during a news conference at Pauley Pavilion.

"These are good young men who have exercised an inexcusable lapse of judgment and now they have to live with that," Alford said. "They let a lot of people down in the process."

"I'm confident that they have already begun to use this experience as a life lesson," he added.

The No. 23 Bruins edged Central Arkansas 106-101 in overtime in their home opener on Wednesday night.

Ball, Hill and Riley took turns confessing to the theft and apologizing while also thanking President Donald Trump for intervening on their behalf with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping. The players had returned to Los Angeles on Tuesday after Chinese authorities withdrew the charges against them.

"I'm sorry for stealing from the stores in China," said Ball, the younger brother of Los Angeles Lakers rookie Lonzo Ball, who played last season at UCLA.

"I've learned my lesson from this big mistake and I'm a hundred percent sure I'll never make a mistake like this again. It's going to make me a better person from here on out."

When it was his turn, Hill said, "I'm sorry for shoplifting. What I did was stupid. I don't want to be known for this dumb mistake."

"I hope you can forgive my stupid, childish actions," he added.

Riley was the first to speak and he thanked the Pac-12 Conference, several UCLA administrators and his teammates.

"You guys mean so much to me," Riley said of his teammates. "I'm sorry for letting you down."

Athletic director Dan Guerrero also spoke at the news conference, but no one took questions from a large group of media.

Alford didn't specify what the indefinite suspensions mean, saying only that the three players would have to earn their way back onto the team. He said that once the office that reviews student conduct has completed its work, the athletic department would "make the best judgment we can about the length of that suspension."

Alford said at some point, the trio may be permitted to join team workouts, meetings and prac-

tices, but that timeline has yet to be decided.

"We will come to a resolution in short order," Guerrero said.

Earlier Wednesday, Trump tweeted: "Do you think the three UCLA Basketball Players will say thank you President Trump? They were headed for 10 years in jail!"

All three players did.

"I'd like to thank President Trump and the United States government for the help that they provided us as well," Ball said.

The players were detained in Hangzhou for questioning following allegations of shoplifting last week before the Bruins beat Georgia Tech in their season-opening game in Shanghai. The rest of the UCLA team returned home Saturday.

Guerrero said the incident occurred when the team was given 90 minutes of free time on Nov. 6 in Hangzhou.

"Those three visited several stores, took items from three stores and returned to the hotel," he said, without revealing the items taken or their value.

The next day, Guerrero said, police arrived at the hotel shared by UCLA and Georgia Tech and interviewed both teams in an attempt to identify the culprits. Police searched the players' personal belongings and the team bus before identifying Ball, Hill and Riley, he said.

No one from Georgia Tech was implicated.

Guerrero said the UCLA trio was taken to a police station for questioning, and Alford arrived later, along with basketball administrator Chris Carlson. Guerrero found out while flying to Shanghai.

After being arrested, the players remained in custody for questioning and were released on \$2,220 bail on Nov. 8. Guerrero said they had to give up their passports and agree to travel restrictions.

Upon their release, they remained in a hotel at UCLA's insistence, not the local police's, with Carlson and another administrator supervising them, Guerrero said.

He said the bail money was refunded by police. Once the charges were withdrawn, the trio acknowledged breaking the law, he said.

Guerrero said UCLA provided the resources to help the players and the university is working to see who is responsible for costs and any NCAA implications.

Police told the players they could leave the country on Tuesday and they boarded a plane later that day.

Guerrero said Alford reminded his team of the expectations for good behavior before they left on the trip and while they were in China.



Joe Borgia, standing left, NBA senior vice president of replay and referee operations, talks to senior replay manager Monte Shubik at the National Basketball Association Replay Center in Secaucus N.J., Thursday, Nov. 15, 2017. They are in the games, just not at the games. The referees in the NBA's Replay Center are far from the action but yet right in the middle of it, potentially making rulings on the most important plays of the night from their desk in a New Jersey office park. NBA referee Dedric Taylor is third from left. (AP Photo/Brian Mahoney)

At Replay Center, NBA refs far from the game but right in it

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Tucked in the corner of the NBA's Replay Center, not far from about 100 screens showing NBA action, is Joe Borgia's office.

To the left of his desk sits a stack of takeout menus for local restaurants. On the floor behind his chair, boxes of snacks he purchased on a run to the nearby warehouse store.

Hey, you can't watch basketball all night on an empty stomach.

It's an ideal place to keep up with an 11-game schedule like Wednesday night, even for the guys who are there to work.

"I think everybody wished their garage looked like this to a degree," referee Kevin Cutler said.

Borgia, the league's senior vice president of replay and referee operations, is at the Secaucus office five or six nights a week. Every referee on staff is scheduled at least a couple times a season and he tries to make it comfortable, ordering dinner and putting out candy and gum, knowing they could be there eight hours or more.

The refs would rather be in an arena, surrounded by the irreplaceable energy and atmosphere of an NBA game night. But Borgia believes they like their Replay Center appearances.

"Some of these guys never see each other. Rarely do you get four guys together," Borgia said. "If anything it becomes a problem for me, because sometimes they'll want to come in the back and start talking and I'm like 'Yo, yo, yo, you got to sit and watch your game!'"

Not to worry. He said there were 2,265 replays last season,

and only three were probably wrong.

"I'll take those odds," Borgia said.

Cutler was one of four officials assigned to the center Wednesday, joined by Ken Mauer, Dedric Taylor and Nick Buchert. Borgia said the goal is to have one official for every two games.

They see the value of the Replay Center, not only for themselves but for their colleagues who are officiating the games.

"I think it just requires a different skillset really, kind of fine-tune yourself with rules and things of that nature because you really can't make the mistake in here," Buchert said. "The way I look at it is they're counting on me to help them make a decision and if I make an improper decision — which I hope I don't — then it reflects poorly not only on them but on myself."

Younger officials may be scheduled more often, while Mauer, who has worked 18 NBA Finals games and is currently the league's longest-tenured official in his 32nd season, won't be sitting at a desk much because the NBA wants its best officials on the floor.

His replay rust was obvious, as he violated Borgia's rule about not eating at his terminal.

"Would I rather work a game? Yes, but I understand the importance of this," Mauer said, "so really I come in here and see a different perspective of what people are looking at and maybe I'll pick up something."

He and Cutler worked the Celtics-Nets game in Brooklyn on Tuesday, then remained in the area for replay duty. It's a work day but first a chance to

catch up on rest and paperwork on what's become practically a daylong job on game days.

"On game days we have the whole morning routine where we have our morning meeting, and then we usually meet for lunch, and then we have to be at the arena about an hour and a half before the game," Taylor said. "So being in the Replay Center, you got pretty much the entire day for yourself."

There's a movie theater and numerous restaurants in the plaza outside the NBA offices, and pool, Ping-Pong and foosball tables in the lobby along with a Pop-a-Shot arcade game.

Once it's time to work, referees join replay managers and technicians who have games on screens in front of them, noting plays that could be reviewed. They yell to the officials sitting nearby when they could be called into action to take a second look at a foot on the line or dangerous contact, such as when the crew in New Orleans wanted to see if DeMarcus Cousins committed a flagrant foul when he drove into Kyle Lowry with his knee high, a play that ultimately was ruled a common foul.

This is the third season the NBA has used referees on staff in the Replay Center, and their responsibilities have grown in hopes of shortening the time to make a ruling. There were 34 reviews recently, just shy of what Borgia said is the record for one night.

And with each one, the referees are getting a chance to look at how their colleagues called plays they may face themselves later in the season.

"It's like being a chef, and you're in the kitchen with other cooks.

Feud grows between NFL, Cowboys' Jerry Jones over Goodell

NEW YORK (AP) — The Associated Press has obtained a letter sent to Jerry Jones' attorney accusing the Dallas Cowboys owner of "conduct detrimental to the league's best interests" over his objection to a contract extension for NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The letter accusing Jones of sabotaging the negotiations was sent to David Boies on Wednesday. Jones hired Boies and threatened to sue the NFL if Goodell's contract extension was approved by the compensation committee, made up of six owners. All 32 owners voted unanimously in May to let the

committee finalize a deal with Goodell.

The letter, first reported by The Wall Street Journal, was written by outside counsel for the compensation committee and given to the AP by a person who requested anonymity because it was not intended to be made public.

It's the latest escalation of a feud between the NFL and one of its most powerful owners. Jones has denied that his objections to the extension are tied to Goodell's decision to suspend star running back Ezekiel Elliott for six games over alleged domestic violence.



FILE - In this Nov. 9, 2014, file photo, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, left, and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones talk at the NFL football game between the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Cowboys at Wembley Stadium in London. The Associated Press has obtained a letter sent to Jerry Jones, attorney accusing the Cowboys owner of, "conduct detrimental to the league," over his objection to a contract extension for Goodell. The letter accusing Jones of sabotaging the negotiations was sent to David Boies on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017. (AP Photo/Matt Dunham, File)

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Bears hope to get more out of run game against Lions

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Jordan Howard found no room to run and Tarik Cohen was more of an invisible man than a flashy playmaker for the Chicago Bears.

The inability to get the run game going was a huge factor in last week’s disappointing loss to Green Bay. And it’s something the Bears hope to correct when they host the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

“I think it’s executing better,” coach John Fox said Wednesday. “You know, I think it was apparent that we struggled a little bit in that area. We’ve been that way in a couple games, been a little bit more successful in some than others. You know hopefully we get back more whole this week and see where that takes us.”

The Bears (3-6) stumbled badly in a 23-16 loss to the Packers after showing signs that they might be poised for a turnaround. They won two of three and stayed with the NFC South-leading Saints in a loss at New Orleans prior to their bye.

Chicago could have made a big statement by beating Green Bay even though the Packers were missing the injured Aaron Rodgers. Instead, the Bears delivered a big dud.

The inability to get the ground game going and sustain drives played a key role in that.

Sixth in the NFL in rushing entering last week’s game, the Bears managed just 55 yards on 17 carries. The little they got on the ground came from Howard. And with 54 yards on 15 attempts, it’s not as if the NFL’s fifth-leading rusher did a whole lot.

Cohen carried one time for a yard and was also a non-factor in the passing game. Tops on the team with 29 receptions, he had just one 10-yard catch and was targeted twice. Then again, he was in on just 13 of the Bears’ 60 offensive plays.

“It’s hard not to get impatient and say, ‘Hey, look we gotta get him on the field more,’” offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains said. “We’ve got to find different ways to get him the ball.” So why didn’t they?

Loggains said Cohen needs to improve as a pass-blocker so he can be in on third downs and in the two-minute drill. He also needs to develop a better understanding of opposing defenses and how to run routes.

CORRECTS TO BEARS RUNNING BACK TARIK COHEN (29) NOT CORNERBACK KYLE FULLER (23) - Chicago Bears running back Tarik Cohen (29) dives into the end zone for a touchdown in the second half of an NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints in New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017.

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Steinbrenner: Not even title would have saved Girardi's job

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Not even a World Series title would have saved Joe Girardi's job managing the New York Yankees.

Owner Hal Steinbrenner revealed the decision to end Girardi's tenure after a decade had long been discussed before the move was announced Oct. 26, five days after the season-ending loss to Houston in Game 7 of the AL Championship Series. A 28th title wouldn't have caused Steinbrenner to change his mind.

"I'm sure there would have been more pressure," Steinbrenner said Wednesday. "It maybe would have been a more difficult decision to make, but I still believe I would have made it because I felt that's what's best for the organization going forward."

Speaking after he arrived for a major league owners' meeting, Steinbrenner said he had spoken regularly with general manager Brian Cashman about the manager's job throughout Girardi's four-year contract.

"This is not something that came from two or three weeks," Steinbrenner said. "It came from two, three, four years and everything we observed in that time period."

Cashman last week attributed the decision to Girardi's "ability to fully engage, communicate, connect with the playing personnel." Aaron Judge, Gary Sanchez, Greg Bird and Luis Severino have led a roster overhaul, and Steinbrenner thinks infielders Gleyber Torres and Miguel Andujar, along with pitcher Chance Adams, could be with their team at the start of next season or not too much later.

"You've got to consider the fact that you have a young team and that maybe a different type of leadership perhaps is needed for a younger team than it is for a veteran team," he said.

Bench coach Rob Thomson and former Cleveland and Seattle manager Eric Wedge already have been interviewed, and Aaron Boone and Hensley Meulens could follow in coming days. Steinbrenner expects the initial field to be less than 10, and finalists will move on to a second round of interviews in Tampa that include Steinbrenner and his siblings.

"It's important for the next manager to have an understanding on analytics, because it's such a big part of the game, and if they don't, at least a willingness to learn," Steinbrenner said.

He is wary, but not opposed, to candidates with no previous managing or coaching experience.

"Presidential candidates normally are senators or governors," he said.

Alex Rodriguez has not asked to be considered. Now that A-Rod's \$275 million, 10-year contract has expired, Steinbrenner would like to reach a new deal with him to

instruct with prospects.

"He's very good with the young players and they look up to him," Steinbrenner said. "We've got a lot of good shortstops and middle infielders down below as well as up top."

Steinbrenner said Andujar could wind up starting at third base, where Chase Headley started last season. He was supplanted by Todd Frazier, who became a free agent.

"We've got guys at Double-A that are going to move quickly to Triple-A, I think, and we've got guys at Triple-A that may need a month or two there and they may be ready," Steinbrenner said.

He remains intent on the Yankees finishing 2018 below next year's luxury tax threshold of \$197 million, which would reset New York's base tax rate from 50 percent to 20 percent in 2019 — the season after Bryce Harper, Manny Machado and possibly Clayton Kershaw are eligible for free agency.



Hal Steinbrenner, second from left, principal owner, managing general partner and co-chairman of the New York Yankees, talks with reporters at the annual MLB baseball general managers' meetings, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, in Orlando, Fla. (AP Photo/John Raoux)

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FILE - In this Friday, May 19, 2017 file photo, Boston Celtics guard Isaiah Thomas looks to pass the ball as Cleveland Cavaliers guard Iman Shumpert, left, defends during the first half of Game 2 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals in Boston. Day by day, Isaiah Thomas looks a little more like an All-Star point guard like himself. And just maybe like one who can rescue the reeling Cavaliers. Thomas has been increasing his workout load and is making strong progress in his recovery from a hip injury that ended his 2016 in Boston and delayed the start of his 2017 season with Cleveland, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017. (AP Photo/Elise Amendola, File)

Warriors next up to try to stop Celtics' 13-game win streak

BOSTON (AP) — The Celtics like the kind of basketball they've been playing during their 13-game win streak.

They also know it could easily end on Thursday night when the defending champion Golden State Warriors visit the Garden.

Boston's prospects for the season took an obvious hit following Gordon Hayward's gruesome leg injury on opening night, but the Celtics have exceeded expectations thus far without him, becoming the first team in NBA history to win 13 straight after starting the season 0-2. Kyrie Irving has been a scoring force, while Jaylen Brown and rookie Jayson Tatum have taken advantage of their increased roles.

Toss in veteran Al Horford's consistent play and the recent return of offseason pickup Marcus Morris, and suddenly the preseason buzz that surrounded this team has returned.

Still, Horford laughed Wednesday at the notion that Thursday's game could be an NBA Finals preview.

"I'm sure that people are going to float that around," Horford said. "But we understand we have a long ways to go. And it still is only November."

Coach Brad Stevens said his biggest concern is making sure his team zeroed in on where it could improve during Wednesday's video study and walkthrough session.

"Otherwise, we'll really get exposed," Stevens said. "There's a reason why they haven't

played a lot of close games. And it's because they're awfully freaking good."

Boston and Golden State split their two meetings last season, but Golden State was only at full strength for one of those games. The Warriors blew out the Celtics 104-88 last November in Boston, getting a combined 67 points from Kevin Durant, Klay Thompson and Stephen Curry. The Celtics beat the Warriors on the road in March when Durant was out with a knee injury.

The Warriors come in riding a seven-game win streak of their own. Coach Steve Kerr likes what he's seen of the new-look Celtics.

"They're motivated," Kerr said. "This is a team that's been on the rise the last couple of years. ... They want to win a championship. And it looks like it."

He said he relishes the opportunity to get early-season glimpses at potential challengers from the Eastern Conference. And he expects Boston to contend for years to come.

"It sure looks like Boston is the team of the future in the East," Kerr said. "That looks like a team that is gonna be at the top of the East for a long time. Whether their time is now or in the future, that's to be determined."

Stevens is more concerned about his team's present.

"The future's hard to predict and we've gotta stay in the moment to become the best version of ourselves," Stevens said. "And we'll see what the future holds."

Pirates: MLB to discipline Latin American scouting head

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates say Major League Baseball intends to discipline their director of Latin American scouting for rules violations, and the team announced it will not renew Rene Gayo's contract when it expires next month.

The Pirates said in a statement Wednesday they have a "profound disappointment in the breach of trust that was the subject of MLB's investigation."

The Athletic reported Gayo accepted an improper payment. Pittsburgh says "we con-

cluded that we needed to move in a new and different direction with our Latin American scouting leadership."

Gayo, 50, was in his 14th season with the Pirates after working for Cleveland as an area scout from 1993-2000 and as director of international scouting and Latin American cross-checker through 2003. He signed Willy Taveras, Edward Mujica, Danys Baez and Jhonny Peralta for the Indians, and Gregory Polanco and Starling Marte for the Pirates.

Gayo worked as a part-

time scout for the Pirates from 1989-92 and Texas in 1993. In his lone professional season as a player, Gayo appeared in 12 games for the rookie level Gulf Coast Reds in 1987.



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6 Shooting marbles
10 Slight amount
13 Definitely not cool
14 Shaggy-haired creature
16 Cube that clinks
17 Dumb-founds
18 Eight-related
19 Blokes
20 A majestic buck, perhaps
23 Zatopek or Jannings
24 Stereo-typical bumpkins
25 Musta-chioed surrealist
28 Fish catchers
30 Vague feeling
33 Fruity California county
35 Dust Bowl denizen
38 Gloomy guy
39 Some police station activities
42 Interest rate setter
43 Caustic chemicals

- 44 "Chili today, hot ____"
45 One who could use a bib
47 Puerto ____
49 Attachment to "multi"
50 Cardiff's country
53 Hang ____ (keep)
55 Perform a soloist's encore
61 Honest ____
62 Aladdin's benefactor
63 Pronounce
64 Certain evergreen
65 Muscat citizen
66 Copycat's words
67 Shaky start?
68 Calendar unit
69 Time
DOWN
1 Natural cologne additive
2 Not pro
3 Deliberately avoid
4 Burning superficially
5 Type of salts
6 Casually play a flute
7 Gateway part
8 Wakeboard relative

- 9 Major complication
10 Radio-borne clock regulator
11 Nails a test
12 Small ding
15 Whipped-cream amount
21 Bling, cool?
22 Clergy title, briefly
25 Removes one's hat
26 Israel's Sharon
27 They may deal lots
29 Trunks
31 Sound for chargers?
32 Reo con-temporary
34 Solidify
36 Chant
37 Airport stat

- 40 Bunch of characters
41 Identity thief
46 Word with "sleeping"
48 Legacy sharer
51 Lake, in Roma
52 Foe
54 Bridge declaration
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A joint venture will tempt you. Share your feelings, ideas and intentions and you will avoid being misrepresented. It's OK to be aggressive if you have everyone's consent before you plunge ahead. Personal changes need more attention. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Temptation will loom, but so will opportunity. Weigh the pros and cons of any situation before you make your move. A partnership is encouraged, but only if both you and the other person have the same intent. Evaluate others' motives.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Contracts, settlements and chronic health matters will come into play. Don't leave anything to chance. Make choices that will benefit you. It's OK to look out for others, but for now, put yourself first.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a deep breath and prepare to share your ideas and plans for the future. You can now rest easy and make suggestions that will be looked upon favorably. Try something different or mingle with people from different backgrounds. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change at home or to the way you live can be expected. Someone will confront you if you haven't been pulling your weight. Partying may be more fun, but eventually you'll wish you had been more responsible. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A financial decision, contract or settlement will hinge on what you say and how you react. Don't let emotions take over or lead to an argument that will make you look bad. Proceed with kindness and equality.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A partnership problem will need your undivided attention. Be patient when working your way through any difficulties you come across, and you will avoid a blowup that could be costly. The right reaction will lead to a win for you. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your mysterious ways will draw attention, intrigue and interest in what you are trying to accomplish. Offer information along with incentives and you will have no problem turning your plans into something great. Romance is encouraged. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A group effort will take you down a path quite unfamiliar to what you have done or contributed to in the past. The experience will help make you more conscientious of those around you. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Taking a unique approach when looking for a new position or presenting a project you are working on will captivate the people you approach. A positive change to your personal status will brighten your day. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll face emotional situations when dealing with friends and relatives. Be kind, but don't allow anyone to use emotional manipulation to overrule what you want to see unfold. Stand up for your rights and use intelligence to get your way. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Investing more time in yourself and the things you want to pursue will give you a better sense of how to market what you have to offer. Sharing your ideas with someone you respect will lead to a joint venture. *****



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

MAN WHO HATES HIS JOB DRAGS GIRLFRIEND DOWN WITH GRIPING

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend for three years. We have lived together for the last two. We have a great life together, but there is a problem I don't know how to solve. "Jeremy" hates his job.

We met in the education department of our college, and after graduation, we both took jobs in the public school system. I enjoy my career, but he loathes his. He complains constantly without seeming to take action on the issue. I know he's miserable, but he hasn't looked for other jobs or enrolled in a new school program.

I have bad days, too, but I've reached the end of listening to the constant griping. I am usually a positive person, but he is dragging my mood down because of this. He says I need to guide him and give him some direction, but I don't know what to say. I don't think it's my responsibility to tell another adult what he should or shouldn't do with his life. I don't mind helping him talk through his choices, but he wants more from me. This is the man I want to marry. Is there a way to get past this issue and make it work? -- UNCERTAIN AND LOST

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Until your boyfriend has settled this uncertainty about his work life, any discussion about marriage should be put on hold. I agree you are not qualified to give him career advice. However, you might ask him to tell you what exactly it is that he hates about his job, and what he would rather be doing. His answers may give both of you insight into what he may be better suited for emotionally, and stimulate him to do something positive about his future. Once he has more clarity, there may be places he can go for career counseling that can help him decide what his next steps should be.

DEAR ABBY: We bought our first home seven months ago. We love it, except for one major issue. Our neighbor, who's the same age as I am, is the biggest hypochondriac and laziest person I've ever seen. She was training to be a police officer, but she had a headache every day, so she got let go last year. Ever since then we have been supporting her (food, Wi-Fi, OTC meds, feminine products). I finally cut her off for about a week until she Facebook-messaged me saying she was starving and hadn't eaten for two days, so I gave in. I gave her a job last week, and she didn't show up the first day.

What should I do? It's causing arguments between my husband and me. I hate to think she's hungry. -- TROUBLED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR TROUBLED: You are a kindhearted person, but you are being taken advantage of. If your neighbor has family that can be located, they should be notified that she's unable to care for herself. If no relative is willing to take responsibility for her, contact social services or direct the woman to the nearest food bank or soup kitchen. I suspect her problems are more extensive than headaches and procrastination.

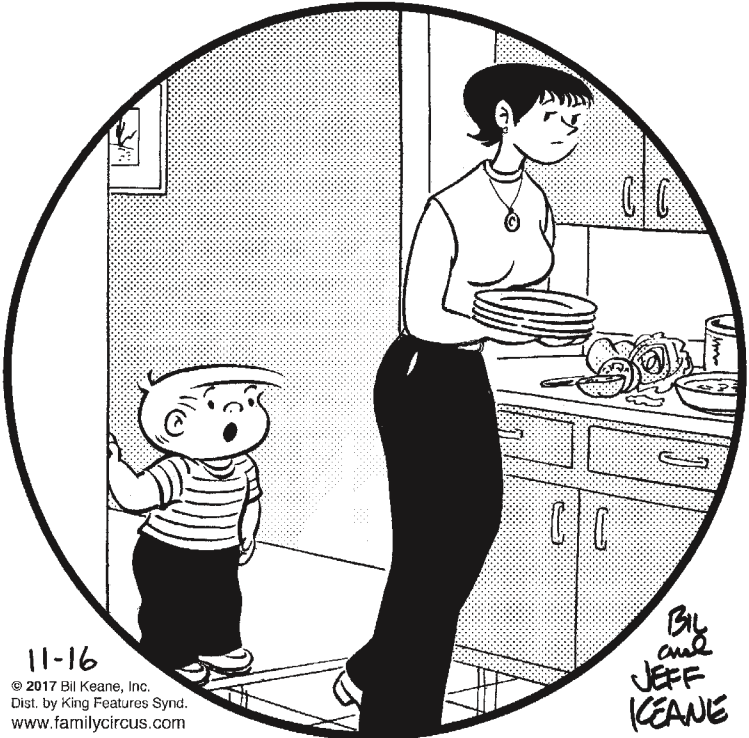
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RHYME-ING By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"Will I like tonight's dinner or should I ask to go eat at Corbin's house?"

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by Bill Watterson

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by Charles M. Schultz

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Wednesday's Puzzle Answer

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

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Hagar the Horrible

by Chris Brown

MY MOTHER SAYS SHE WON'T VISIT IF YOU'RE HERE!

WHEN DID SHE BECOME SO CONSIDERATE?!

REALLY?!

GARFIELD

by Jim Davis

I HAVE TONS OF ONLINE FRIENDS!

WELL, I HAVE SOME ONLINE FRIENDS...

OKAY, I HAVE NO ONLINE FRIENDS!

KINDA LIKE YOUR OFFLINE LIFE

