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SHRINER'S CHILDREN GOLF TOURNEY HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Tina Kruse was the First Place Winner for the Hawaiian Air Mileage Certificate with 110,000 Miles, in the Shriners' Children Golf Tourney that was held on Saturday, November 25, 2017. The tournament was very successful, with 48 golf teams registered

and 17 Hole Sponsors. After all team payments and pledges are collected, the tournament will have raised \$20,800 for the Shriners' Children's Travel Fund.

There are 22 non-profit Shriners Hospitals in the United States and they specialize in the treatment of children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. The children patients receive free care and all medical services.

The Shriners doctors were recently in American Samoa to examine children with orthopedic conditions. Last year 34 children from American Samoa were sent to the Honolulu Shriners Hospital for treatment. In many cases the treatment may involve several years of orthopedic corrective surgery.

The funds raised by the American Samoa Shriners Club and other Shriners Clubs in the United States of America help pay for all the air transportation costs for the children sent from American Samoa.

Shriners Club President Sean Gregg, and Shriners Archie Soliai and Roy Hall, Jr., extend their heartfelt gratitude to the main sponsor G.H.C. Reid & Co. and the Lealaifuneva Peter Reid, Jr. Family, as well as Hawaiian Air, Neil's Ace Home Center, Cost-U-Less, Starkist Samoa, Inc., Tool Shop, Samoa News, the American Samoa Community and many other corporate sponsors and individuals providing great prizes.

Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Pago Pago, Rotary Interact Club of Leone High School, Cancer Coalition, the Lions Club and other community minded individuals that volunteered to help with the golf tournament registration, preparing and serving the great roasted suckling pork and lunch plates.

Special prizes were awarded to the golf teams and all enjoyed the fellowship, food and refreshments.

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FILE - In this Dec. 8, 2009, file photo, Kelly Slater of Florida drops down the face of this wave during the second round, heat two of the The Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau surf contest at Waimea Bay located on the north shore of the island of Oahu. The family of surfing legend Aikau says the big wave contest named in his honor won't be held this season. Aikau family spokeswoman Cynthia Scrima said Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, the withdrawal of the contest's sponsor and problems getting a permit forced the move.

(AP Photo/Eugene Tanner, File)



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APNewsBreak: Family says no "Eddie" surf contest this season

HONOLULU (AP) — The family of surfing legend Eddie Aikau said Wednesday the big wave contest named in his honor won't be held this season.

The withdrawal of the contest's sponsor, Quiksilver, and problems quickly getting a permit forced the move, said Cynthia Scrima, a family spokeswoman.

The Aikaus eventually obtained a permit for the event from Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation. But Scrima said they don't have sufficient time and resources to plan and hold the event this winter.

"It really is the most prestigious surf contest in the world. And we did not want to compromise that because it ultimately would be compromising Eddie's integrity to not do something proper," Scrima said.

The family hopes to hold "The Eddie" during the 2018-2019 season. Scrima said the Aikaus have already applied for a permit for next season and have been searching for a new

lead sponsor.

Scrima said it took longer for the organizers to get up to speed with permitting because Quiksilver wasn't involved. She said Quiksilver handled the permit application process in previous years. Scrima said the city has "been fantastic" since the permit paperwork got to the right people.

The contest, which is held in Waimea Bay on Oahu's North Shore between Dec. 1 and Feb. 28, attracts top surfers from around the world. But it's only called when waves reach heights of at least 20 feet. The waves must also roll in consistently at that size. The contest has been called just nine times since its founding in 1984.

It honors Eddie Aikau, a Waimea Bay lifeguard and waterman. He died in 1978 at the age of 31 after the Hokulea, a traditional Hawaiian voyaging canoe he was on, capsized en route from Hawaii to Tahiti. Aikau paddled on his surfboard to get help, but never returned. The rest of the crew was rescued soon after.

Former Mariner Bret Boone apologizes for harassment remarks

SEATTLE (AP) — Former Seattle Mariners second baseman Bret Boone apologized Wednesday for making light of sexual harassment in a message to a reporter.

"All, there are zero excuses for what I said earlier," he wrote on his Twitter feed. "None. It was 100% wrong. It was offensive. It was inappropriate. It was not remotely productive to any conversation regarding harassment. I apologize and it will never happen again."

Seattlepi.com reporter Stephen Cohen wrote Wednesday that after he tweeted about his disappointment in the allega-

tions against radio host Garrison Keillor, Boone sent him a direct message on Twitter. Boone wrote that he got sexually harassed "twice today," when "the Starbucks girl" smiled at him and when a woman at a drug store flirted with him.

Boone further joked that he was getting a lawyer and that the behavior was unacceptable.

Cohen responded to ask why Boone reached out to him to make light of sexual harassment. Boone wrote that it was a joke, that he was tired of people being offended and that the reporter should go back to his politically correct world.

Miami (Ohio) breaks records in 123-40 win over NAIA Midway

OXFORD, Ohio (AP) — Jalen Adaway scored 22 points on 10-of-12 shooting, Jake Wright added 20 points with a career-high six 3-pointers, and Miami (Ohio) set a school record for points in beating NAIA Midway 123-40 on Wednesday night for its first 100-point game since 2002.

Nike Sibande added 19 with three 3-pointers, Dalonte Brown had 14 with 11 rebounds, Isaiah Coleman-Lands had 12 with 10 rebounds, and the RedHawks (4-3) made a school record 17

of 33 3-pointers. It was the first time they shot over 50 percent from long distance since making 9 of 18 3s against Western Illinois on Nov. 26, 2016.

The RedHawks also set a program record for margin of victory (83).The RedHawks led 55-22 at halftime, opened the second half with a 14-2 run, and scored 22 unanswered points for an 88-30 lead.

It was the first time since Jan. 5, 2002 that the RedHawks scored 100 points, beating Central Michigan 100-94.

Saints enjoying good Kamara since drafting ex-Vols backup

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — By now, the rest of the NFL should have caught on to the fact that New Orleans Saints running back Alvin Kamara is among the top-performing rookies in the NFL.

Perhaps it only looks like Kamara is still catching defenses by surprise with his versatility and his shifty, slippery running style.

“From the way that it seems and the production that he has, it doesn’t look like (defenses) have been preparing for him,” said veteran Carolina linebacker Thomas Davis, who’ll be trying to slow down Kamara this Sunday in the Superdome. “The guy’s been going out and making plays all over the field, man.”

The 5-foot-10, 215-pound Kamara leads all rookies with nine touchdowns — including a 74-yard scoring run against the Rams in Los Angeles last Sunday. He ranks third among all rookies in both yards rushing with 546 and receiving with 548. His 1,094 yards from scrimmage ranks second among rookies. His 7.1 yards per carry leads the entire NFL.

He’s also approaching George Rogers’ Saints rookie record of 13 touchdowns in 1981.

Kamara’s performance has made him among the best value picks of last spring’s NFL draft, having been taken in the third round.

He never emerged as a big-name college player after transferring from Alabama to Tennessee, where he often backed up Jalen Hurd. Still, his college statistics indicate he was effective when he got the ball. He averaged 6.2 yards per carry and 9.2 yards per reception during two seasons with the Volunteers. He fell just short of 1,000 yards from scrimmage in each season.

The Saints liked Kamara’s versatility and hoped he might fit their offense in much the way Darren Sproles and Reggie Bush did.

But even New Orleans waited until the 67th overall pick to trade up and snag him.

“If you re-drafted today, I’m sure his selection and round would be entirely different,” Saints coach Sean Payton said. “He’s been able to adjust and adapt quickly to the speed of the game at this level.

“A year ago on film, you didn’t get to see as many carries because he was splitting time,” Payton added. “But certainly you saw his ball skills and we’re fortunate to have him.”

What seems to set Kamara apart is his ability to avoid or shed tacklers with subtle weight transfers or changes in speed. There aren’t many jaw-dropping jukes.

“It’s not a full head of steam all the time. It’s like, calcu-

lated,” Kamara said. “It’s a lot of down-shifting and up-shifting. ... I wasn’t really a big juke.”

Right guard Larry Warford said Kamara’s teammates have caught themselves letting up on plays, figuring Kamara is certain to be tackled, only to realize he’s still running.

“When you see him in a situation and it looks like there’s no way he’s getting out of that, he gets out of it,” Warford said. “It’s weird.”

The Panthers’ Davis, a former Georgia player, sounded among the least surprised by Kamara’s success.

“I’ve been a real fan of Alvin since he was at Tennessee, watching a lot of SEC football and really seeing how dynamic that guy was,” Davis said “It’s definitely translated over into the NFL.”



FILE - In this Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, file photo, New Orleans Saints running back Alvin Kamara (41) celebrates his game-tying two-point conversion in the second half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in New Orleans. Opposing defenses are still having trouble containing Kamara, who leads all rookies in touchdowns. Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera says the offense designed by Saints coach Sean Payton is too dynamic to focus on stopping Kamara, which is a factor in the rookie,Äôs success.

(AP Photo/Rusty Costanza, File)



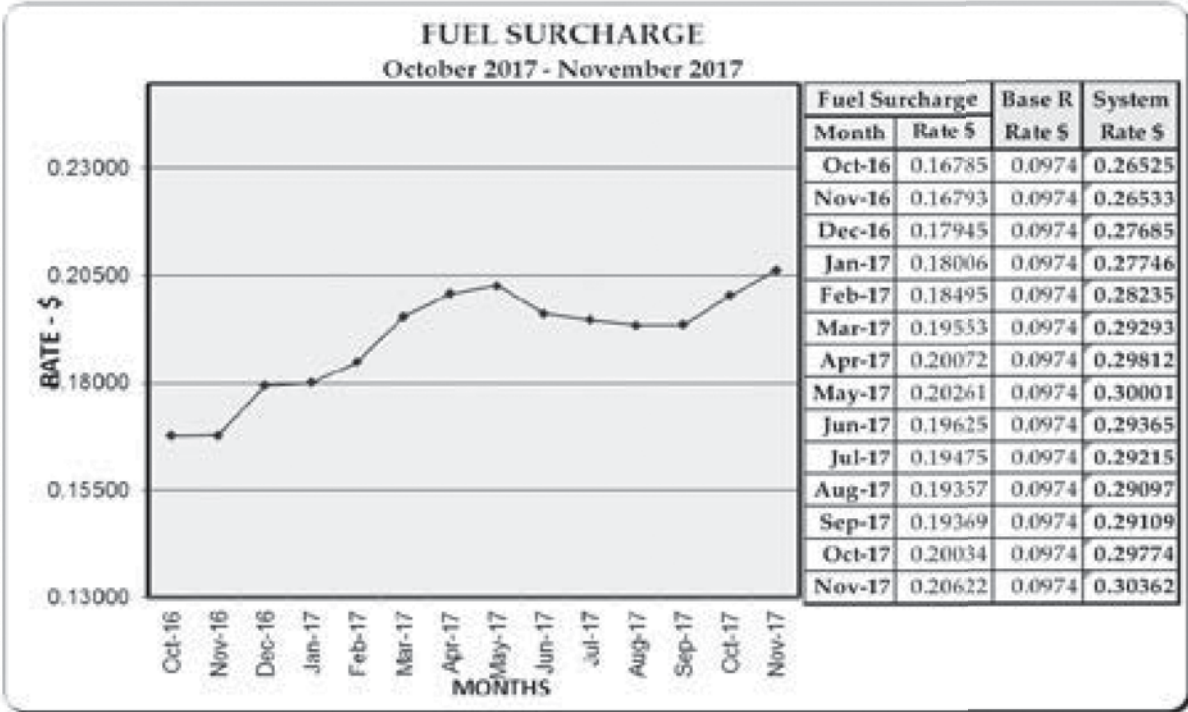
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November 16, 2017

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In this Nov. 26, 2017, photo, New York Jets quarterback Josh McCown (15) talks to his line before the snap against the Carolina Panthers during the first half of an NFL football game in East Rutherford, N.J. McCown realizes that he's not a long-term answer at quarterback for the New York Jets. But at 38, he's not thinking too far ahead. His focus is squarely on the Kansas City Chiefs and not whether he'll remain under center the rest of the season or even continue to play beyond this year. (AP Photo/Bill Kostroun)

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At 38, McCown still Jets' starter,
not thinking retirement

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — Josh McCown realizes that he's not a long-term answer at quarterback for the New York Jets.

But at 38, he's also not thinking too far ahead. His focus is squarely on playing the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday and not whether he'll remain under center the rest of the season — or even continue to play beyond this year.

"I feel good," McCown said after practice Wednesday. "Obviously, there are five games left and things can change, but right now, I feel really good."

That's despite being the third-most sacked quarterback in the NFL this season, going down 35 times so far. McCown has been banged up through the first 11 games, with his left hand and forearm sporting scabs from the 35-27 loss to Carolina on Sunday.

He's in terrific shape, though, hardly appearing to be a guy in the twilight of his career.

"It's a credit to those guys," he said of the Jets' training staff. "The great thing about me is that my boys are in seventh and eighth grade, so when I get off in the offseason, I'm at home playing hoops with them. I never stop because of my kids' age. They don't let me."

"We'll see. I feel really good and hopefully can maintain this moving forward."

The Jets are 4-7 and in danger of missing the playoffs for the seventh straight season. That has fans focusing on the future, eager to see if Bryce Petty or Christian Hackenberg might show some glimmer of hope in the last five games.

The cross-town Giants are taking that approach, sitting Eli Manning in favor of Geno Smith and eventually Davis Webb. Todd Bowles and the

Jets are sticking with McCown, though, and he hasn't even considered benching the veteran.

"No thought to it," Bowles said. "Josh is playing very well."

McCown is having the best overall season of his 15-year NFL career, setting career highs with 17 touchdowns and 2,549 yards passing. He has eight interceptions, but his 67.3 percent completion rate is among the NFL's leaders. McCown also leads the Jets with three touchdown runs, proving he's still got plenty of spring in his step.

The major knock on McCown is the mistakes he has made — along with the rest of the Jets — in the fourth quarter and late in games. Half of his interceptions have come in the final quarter, where the Jets have blown leads in three of their past four losses.

"Yeah, without getting into detail, we did address it to a degree today," McCown said. "So, hopefully that will change."

He is signed only for this season, a one-year deal worth \$6 million. So, his future with the team beyond Week 17 is uncertain.

While many fans and media assume the Jets will target a potential franchise quarterback with their first-round draft pick, it's not a given that McCown won't be back to serve as a mentor to whomever that might be.

Retirement isn't on his mind right now, and he doesn't have a timetable for when he'd have to make that decision.

"Well, I'll say that it is certainly when you feel like you've been chasing this level that you believe you can play at for a long time and you start to feel like you're scratching the sur-

face in doing some of those things and settling into a system that you like, it's hard to end it and be done," he said.

"At the same time, too, if you are going to be done, it's nice of you to say that you played your best ball at the end, so we'll see how it goes."

"I love being in the system and it would be fun to play in the system for two years in a row. I would love to see where I can take that, so we'll see. Right now, the focus is on Kansas City." Jets fans are understandably hesitant about bringing back a veteran coming off a career year — since they lived through that very thing a year ago. Ryan Fitzpatrick returned on the eve of training camp after the sides finally agreed to a one-year, \$12 million deal. But a year after he set a franchise record with 31 touchdown passes, Fitzpatrick fizzled. He became a turnover machine with 17 interceptions, was benched a few times and was a major reason for New York's 5-11 mark with a team that had serious playoff aspirations.

The difference now, though, is the progress McCown has appeared to make in John Morton's system, even at this advanced stage of his career.

"Yeah, I think there is always growth that can happen," said McCown, who estimated that he's played for 13 or 14 offensive coordinators.

"I just assume that when you watch offenses who have been together for a while, the nuance that they play with, I think it's obvious and reflective of the time spent together. So, I would assume you have the opportunity to grow in that aspect."

"But again, those situations take care of themselves and I'm just focused on Kansas City right now."

City wins again after late goal, Rooney scores from own half

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola burst onto the field with his fists clenched and leapt into the air. Benjamin Mendy, currently out with a long-term knee injury, hobbled down the touchline in a desperate bid to get a selfie with teammate and match-winner Raheem Sterling.

Ninety meters away, Southampton's players were on their backs in their own area, distraught at conceding in the sixth minute of injury time.

In a wild finale that sparked an extraordinary explosion of joy from City's players and coaching staff, Sterling curled home a last-gasp goal with virtually the last kick of the game to give the Premier League leaders a 2-1 victory over Southampton on Wednesday.

It needed something special to upstage Wayne Rooney's hat-trick goal from his own half for Everton on an incident-packed night in England's top flight.

Sterling managed it. "It was an astonishing end to the game," said Guardiola, who was told to calm down by the referee amid his frenzied celebrations. "It means a lot."

City re-established its eight-point lead over second-place Manchester United thanks to a 12th straight league win. Late goals used to be United's forte during the glory days under Alex Ferguson, but now it is City mastering the art of scoring the last-gasp winners.

In particular Sterling, who grabbed an 84th-minute winner against Huddersfield on Sunday and also a winner in the seventh minute of injury time against Bournemouth in August.

"I could not control it," Guardiola said of his behavior

after Sterling's goal, which included a bizarre confrontation with Nathan Redmond as the Southampton winger walked off the field.

"We want to win the league but you have to celebrate when you score in the last breath like that."

In the night's other highlight, Rooney demonstrated his enduring class by meeting a goalkeeper clearance with a superbly struck first-time shot from just inside his own half that arrowed into an empty net. It was his, and Everton's, third goal in a 4-0 win over West Ham.

There were also victories for Chelsea, Arsenal and Liverpool. Here's a closer look at the action:

LAST-GASP STERLING

Raheem Sterling has now scored three late winners — two in the league and one in the Champions League — in City's last three games, a personification of the spirit Guardiola has forged in his side.

The way he took his winning goal against Southampton showed the confident mood Sterling is in, the winger taking his time in a crowded area to curl home a finish into the far corner.

He has 13 goals now this season, making him City's top scorer.

Oriol Romeu looked as if he had earned a point for Southampton in the 75th minute, after Virgil van Dijk had sliced a free kick from Kevin De Bruyne into his own net to gift City the lead in the 47th minute.

ROONEY HAT TRICK

Rooney's technique for his long-distance goal was perfect, the former England captain

striking the ball firm and true as it arrowed over a raft of West Ham defenders and into the net.

"Not many in world football who could do that," injured Everton midfielder Ross Barkley tweeted.

Rooney had already scored two goals, one from the penalty spot, on what proved to be a painful return to Goodison Park for West Ham manager David Moyes, who spent 11 years in charge of Everton (2002-13). Ashley Williams scored the fourth goal as Everton moved five points clear of the relegation zone.

Sam Allardyce was in the stands and is on the verge of becoming Everton's next manager, five weeks after the firing of Ronald Koeman.

FIVE-STAR ARSENAL

Mesut Ozil inspired Arsenal to a third straight Premier League win as Huddersfield was thrashed 5-0 at Emirates Stadium.

Alexander Lacazette opened the scoring after three minutes before Ozil took over the game, setting up goals for Olivier Giroud and Alexis Sanchez and then adding a fourth himself — all in the space of four minutes.

Giroud added his second to complete the rout as Arsenal climbed to fourth place.

SALAH'S DOUBLE

Mohamed Salah came off the bench to score twice in Liverpool's 3-0 win over Stoke and make it 12 goals for the season for the Premier League's leading scorer.

Sadio Mane opened the scoring for Liverpool, lofting the ball into the net as Stoke's defenders claimed it had gone out of play earlier.



Manchester City manager Josep Guardiola celebrates after Manchester City's Raheem Sterling scored his side second goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester City and Southampton at Etihad stadium, in Manchester, England, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017.

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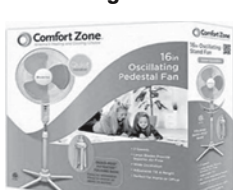
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11/16 & 11/29/17

Witness explains how bribes were paid to soccer officials

NEW YORK (AP) — An Argentinian accountant has described how he handled the payment of millions of dollars in bribes to former South American soccer officials, including former FIFA vice president Julio Grondona, by using wire transfers, offshore accounts and money couriers.

Eladio Rodriguez testified Wednesday in New York in the federal corruption trial of the former soccer heads of Paraguay, Peru and Brazil.

His sports marketing company made the payments to obtain the rights to broadcast tournament and matches.

Rodriguez says Grondona was paid at least \$3 million in 2013. He says payments to him were masked under the name "Pope."

When U.S. officials began arresting soccer officials in 2015, Rodriguez says he ordered the destruction of the servers he maintained in Uruguay with bribe information.

No. 25 Villanova women hold off Princeton 62-59

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Alex Louin scored 16 points, Adrianna Hahn added 15 points, and No. 25 Villanova held off Princeton 62-59 on Wednesday night. Louin made two free throws with 4:03 left to extend Villanova's lead to 62-53 but the Wildcats went scoreless the rest of the way. Princeton's Bella Alarie made four straight free throws on back-to-back Tiger possessions and Abby Meyers' basket with 40 second remaining made it 62-59.

Megan Quinn missed a shot

for Villanova and Gabrielle Rush's 3-pointer in the closing seconds was off the mark.

Mary Gedaka added 12 points and Quinn had seven points and 10 rebounds for Villanova (6-0), which improved to 63-9 against the Ivy League. It was Hahn's 37th career game in double figures. Alarie had a career-best 29 points, nine rebound and three blocks for Princeton (3-2). She topped her previous career best of 26 by shooting 10 of 13 from the field.

Garoppolo focused on 1st start for Niners instead of future

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — When Jimmy Garoppolo made the first two starts of his career, he knew the role was temporary with Tom Brady waiting to return from suspension in New England.

It's a far different case as Garoppolo prepares to make his first start for San Francisco (1-10) on Sunday in Chicago. The 49ers traded a 2018 second-round pick to the Patriots to acquire Garoppolo last month with designs of him becoming the franchise quarterback in San Francisco. "I'm trying not to think about the future too much," Garoppolo said Wednesday. "I've learned in the past that when your mind wanders like that, quarterbacking in this league is hard enough. So, when you start thinking about other things you're going to have a tough time. I think just staying focused on the Bears this week. I hold myself to a high level. I've been doing that my whole life and I think that won't stop." Coach Kyle Shanahan would only commit to Garoppolo starting this week, saying he will evaluate the quarterback position on a weekly basis. Shanahan has been clear about how highly he thinks of Garoppolo as evidenced by the trade and the willingness to use the franchise tag this offseason to keep Garoppolo if needed at a contract that would be worth close to \$25 million for one season. The decision to make the move this week was made in part because C.J. Beathard injured his knee and hip last week and was unable to practice Wednesday. Shanahan said he

did not know whether Beathard would be healthy enough to serve as the backup this week, but Beathard said he didn't think it would be an issue.

Either way, Shanahan is excited to see Garoppolo in game action instead of performing in scripted practices to get a better sense of what he's capable of doing heading into next season, when Garoppolo is expected to be the starter.

"Whether it comes off as a negative or a positive, you hope in the long run it's all positive because you hope he learns from the reps that he gets, and hopefully we can help him have some success. And when he doesn't, I hope it ends up making him better throughout each week he does get to play," Shanahan said. "I hope that leads to him being better next year and understanding going into the offseason a little bit of what it felt like."

While Garoppolo has been with the team for four weeks — about the time of training camp — Shanahan said it's not nearly the same as the work that gets done in the summer. Garoppolo has gotten only a handful of time with the starters in practice, when he spends much of his team running the opposing offense as part of the scout team. He got the opportunity to come in and play for a few plays last week after Beathard left with the injury late in a 24-13 loss to Seattle. Garoppolo completed both passes, including a 10-yard touchdown to Louis Murphy that showed his ability to fit passes into tight windows because of his strong arm.



FILE - In this June 17, 2016, file photo, New York Yankees' Carlos Beltran watches his two-run home run off Minnesota Twins pitcher Pat Dean in the first inning of a baseball game in Minneapolis. Beltran has interviewed to become manager of the New York Yankees, four weeks after the final game of his 20-year major league career.

(AP Photo/Jim Mone, File)

Just-retired Beltran interviews to become Yankees manager

NEW YORK (AP) — Exactly four weeks after winning his first World Series title on his final day as a major league player, Carlos Beltran walked into Yankee Stadium for his interview to become New York's manager.

"I never thought that this moment was going to come this soon after retirement," he said Wednesday. "I thought that I was going to be able to spend a little time with the family, but the fact that I got the call to be interviewed, this is something that you cannot turn away from it, because these type of opportunities, especially the one with the Yankees, they don't come very often."

The 40-year-old was a nine-time All-Star who hit 435 home runs over 20 big league seasons and spent half his career in New York — including 2 1/2 years with the Yankees from 2014-16. Having interviewed five candidates earlier this month to replace Joe Girardi, New York general manager Brian Cashman called Beltran on Sunday.

"At the beginning it's a little bit overwhelming. There's a lot of information that you have to digest," Beltran said. "Being a player and being able to play this game for such a long time, I have seen a lot, and I have seen the importance of what players need in the clubhouse, especially this clubhouse, where you see a lot of younger guys."

Yankees owner Hal Stein-

brenner has said he is wary, but not opposed, to candidates with no previous managing or coaching experience. Beltran thinks becoming a designated hitter in the waning stage of his career was preparation for running a dugout.

He would hire a strong bench coach in the dugout to advise him.

"I got to see the game from a different view," he said. "I got to be actually like a players' coach in the clubhouse, being able to be active with the younger guys, being able to help them."

Houston players credited Beltran with a rousing post-game speech following the Game 5 loss to the Yankees in the AL Championship Series, which put New York ahead 3-2 in the best-of-seven matchup. The Astros returned home, swept the next two games and beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in a seven-game World Series for the first title in the history of the franchise, which started play in 1962.

"He's grown so much over the years, just in his expression and his ability to communicate, his willingness to communicate," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said last month. "He knows a lot about the game. I joke with him, he didn't teach me anything when we played together. He's teaching me more things now I'm managing him."

Yankees bench coach Rob Thomson, former Cleveland

and Seattle manager Eric Wedge, San Francisco bench coach Hensley Meulens, former big league third baseman Aaron Boone and Dodgers third base coach Chris Woodward previously interviewed.

Beltran prepared for his interview by asking Omar Minaya, the general manager who signed him for the New York Mets, what questions he should expect. Beltran cited Terry Collins as a manager he admired — Collins started with the Mets during Beltran's final season in Queens.

Like all manager candidates these days, Beltran venerated analytics.

"I have seen the Yankees really invest a lot of money in analytics and try to provide the players information that they could use to try to increase their careers," he said. "When I look at my career, I look at my 20 years that I played in the big leagues, I personally feel that out of those 20 years, I played naked in a lot of them because I didn't have all this information." While Beltran prides his ability to connect with players — a trait Cashman is seeking — he understands his interactions with them as manager would change. "Being able to have a good relationship with the guys and being able to have truthful conversations at the same time being the manager is a different responsibility," he said, "so I think that will be the way where I will be focused the most."



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Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown (84) celebrates in the end zone after scoring during the second half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017. The Steelers won 31-28.

(AP Photo/Don Wright)

Lights, Camera, Action! Steelers red-hot in prime-time

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Maybe it’s Ramon Foster’s pep talk in the tunnel before the Pittsburgh Steelers head out onto the field. Sure, let’s go with that.

Before every prime-time game, the longtime left guard will gather his teammates around him and remind them that the rest of the NFL has stopped.

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Time to put them in their place.

“I tell the guys, ‘For everybody that said you weren’t going to make it, this is why (we play),’” Foster said Wednesday.

“For the teacher that failed you in geometry in the 10th grade, this is why. For the girl that didn’t give you her number, this is why you’re playing. Whatever the reason is. It’s mentioned. Whatever the motivation is, it’s out there.”

Whatever it is, it’s working. Pittsburgh (9-2) has won 10 straight games (playoffs included) that kicked off after 7 p.m. heading into a visit to Cincinnati (5-6) next Monday.

The Steelers are in the middle of a stretch in which they play four straight in prime-time.

“I don’t know if there’s any secret recipe to it,” quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said. “Maybe we’re just night rangers.”

Or maybe the offense that sometimes looks sleepy underneath the sun’s glare gets it together when the lights are on.

Pittsburgh is averaging 30.1 points during its 10-game unbeaten prime-time run, a number the Steelers almost hit on the nose in a 31-28 victory over Green Bay last Sunday night.

The victory came on the heels of a 40-17 hammering of Tennessee the previous Thursday night. Roethlisberger has thrown eight touchdown passes in his past eight quarters, including four to Antonio Brown.

“It’s fun when you win and you put on a good show,” Roethlisberger said.

One, however, that can provide logistical issues for coaching and training staffs.

The Steelers had just three days to recover from a taut win in Indianapolis on Nov. 12 and get ready to prepare for Tennessee.

The payoff came with a long weekend off before facing Green Bay. Pittsburgh’s reward for extending their winning streak to six was an

extra day off since the Steelers play the Bengals on Monday.

After that? A short week before hosting Baltimore again on Sunday night.

“You have to be smart,” Roethlisberger said. “Bill Cowher used to say don’t be soft but don’t be stupid. You have to get yourself ready to go play the game. Having these kind of mismatched Thursday nights, Sunday nights, does make it hard to get into a routine. But we’re all professionals.”

And, if they’re being honest, showoffs.

“Everybody likes to turn it up a little bit when it’s prime time,” wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey said. “Now, you’d like people to turn it on for a 1 p.m. game too. Guys do. But it’s something a little different under the light.”

Heyward-Bey would know. His high school field in Reisterstown, Maryland, didn’t have lights. So Heyward-Bey and the rest of the Eagles were forced to play home games on Saturday afternoons. The vibe wasn’t quite right. So Heyward-Bey donated the money so “Friday Night Lights” could become a thing at his alma mater.

“It’s just a different mentality,” Heyward-Bey said.

As the Steelers talked on Wednesday, someone walked around the locker room handing out voting panels for the annual NFL Top 100 Player poll.

Filling out a ballot can be tricky.

Since the majority of games are played within a six-hour window on Sundays, most players rely on highlights and tape to get a read for what’s going on elsewhere. That’s not a problem when you’re in the only game on.

And yes, Steelers cornerback Artie Burns sees the correlation.

“In this league, the best to get on that Top 100 is primetime games, big-time moments,” Burns said. “Sunday nights. Thursday nights. Monday nights. Playoffs. Super Bowls. Those are the games that are going to be remembered. Those are the games that are going to get you on that piece of paper.”

Of course, winning those games helps.

“I feel like some teams do get a little bit amped up about it,” Foster said. “When you get a little bit of adversity in prime-time games, some teams cave, some teams rise to it.”

At the moment, the Steelers are firmly in the latter group.



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Players Coalition members at odds

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — San Francisco 49ers safety Eric Reid says he left The Players Coalition because founder Malcolm Jenkins excluded Colin Kaepernick from meetings, and asked players if they would stop protesting the anthem if the NFL made a charitable donation to causes they support.

“Malcolm did text me this morning asking if we would be comfortable ending our demonstrations if the NFL made a donation,” Reid said Wednesday.

“At that point, that was the last straw for me. He had a conversation with the NFL. We agreed that multiple people would be part of the conversations with the league so it just wouldn’t be him.

He didn’t stand by his word on that. At no point did we ever communicate an agreement with the NFL to end the protest.”

Jenkins, a safety for the Philadelphia Eagles, said he was surprised Reid withdrew from the coalition after having a conversation with him Tuesday night.

He said even though they had disagreements, he thought the talk ended on good terms.

“I’m not sure about whether Kaepernick wants to be involved,” Jenkins said. “I saw this as an opportunity to create a group of players that could use their voice together to really make some change, and we still have that opportunity.

We’ve been able to go from protests to now speaking with ownership about something that’s never been in place before. We’re proud of that. And we’ll continue to work with whoever wants to be in that conversation.”

Reid and Miami Dolphins safety Michael Thomas both sent tweets Wednesday morning saying they were leaving the coalition because they didn’t believe Jenkins and former receiver Anquan Boldin, a co-founder, shared their interests.

“I haven’t been satisfied with the structure of the coalition or the communication Malcolm has been having with the NFL on his own, speaking on behalf of protesting players when he doesn’t protest,” Reid said, referring to Jenkins raising his fist instead of kneeling during the anthem.

“We communicated these concerns to him numerous times and have had numerous phone calls about it. Our concerns haven’t been reflected with how the organization is being run, so I felt like I needed to make a departure from it.”

ESPN reported the NFL submitted to players the final draft of a proposal in which the league would contribute nearly \$100 million to causes

that are important to players in the coalition. Jenkins called it “encouraging” and said he would consider ending his protest if the NFL followed through on its plan.

Reid emphasized it’s only a proposal.

“It hasn’t been brought to ownership yet. It’s not real,” he said. “I give kudos to the NFL for wanting to step up and help us with regard to systemic oppression. I question their intent behind it. I personally think they just want the protests to end because it’s hurting their bottom line.”

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy didn’t reveal the nature of the discussions with the players.

“We have had conversations with the players since the summer and those discussions continue.

We do not have a comment on specifics of the conversations,” McCarthy said.

Kaepernick, who began kneeling during the national anthem before the 2016 season and currently is out of the NFL, did not attend a meeting between players and league representatives in October.

Kaepernick has filed a grievance against the NFL alleging he was not signed because of collusion by owners who wanted him out of the league because of the protests.

“Malcolm kicked Colin out of the coalition following the meeting in New York at the beginning of the season,” Reid said. “There’s a group message. (Jenkins) is the administrator and he took Colin out.”

Jenkins said the cause remains the same for all involved.

“I’d be surprised if you heard anything different as far as what they want to get accomplished,” Jenkins said.

“If you talk to Eric or Mike or any of those guys, if you ask them what they want to get accomplished, they’ll say they want to change systematic oppression. They want to provide resources to disenfranchised communities.

They want to stop police brutality. All of those things are in the same line, and that message hasn’t changed. I just think there might be a disagreement as to how to go about doing it.”

Jets linebacker Demario Davis has no problem with leadership. “The Coalition has been a very solid group, as far as I’ve been concerned,” Davis said. “Everything’s been positive. Talks between leadership, which is Anquan and Malcolm, and ownership, and it’s been very positive. We hope we make leeway in the negotiations and how we can get things done the best way to help the community.”



In this Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, file photo, Former NFL football player Anquan Boldin, left, Philadelphia Eagles Malcolm Jenkins, center, and San Francisco 49ers Eric Reid, right, speak to the media outside the league’s headquarters after meetings in New York. San Francisco 49ers linebacker Eric Reid says he left The Players Coalition because founder Malcolm Jenkins excluded Colin Kaepernick from meetings, and asked players if they would stop protesting the anthem if the NFL made a charitable donation to causes they support.

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Oakland Raiders defensive end Khalil Mack (52) sacks Denver Broncos quarterback Trevor Siemian (13) during the second half of an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017. The Raiders won 21-14.

(AP Photo/D. Ross Cameron)

Bawling, brawling Broncos turn to Siemian again

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — After every victory, a new photo collage of highlights greets the Denver Broncos in the hallway leading to their locker room.

They're sick of seeing the same pictures.

The Broncos have lost seven straight games since their 16-10 win over the Raiders on Oct. 1, their longest losing streak in half a century.

"I don't think you need any reminders of how tough it's been," quarterback Trevor Siemian said as he prepared to resume his role as the starter Sunday when the bawling and brawling Broncos (3-8) visit the Miami Dolphins (4-7), losers of five straight themselves.

During their skid, the Broncos have led for less than seven minutes and trailed for nearly 192.

After Siemian was benched for Brock Osweiler a month ago, the Broncos held a 3-0 lead in a 51-23 loss at Philadelphia and a 7-6 lead in a 20-17 loss to Cincinnati, after which running back C.J. Anderson cried at his locker over a pivotal fourth-quarter fumble.

Rookie receiver Isaiah McKenzie sobbed at his locker last week after he got into a scuffle with Chris Harris Jr., one of two tussles that marred Denver's Thanksgiving Day practice.

And Paxton Lynch's 2017 debut in a 21-14 loss at Oakland on Sunday ended with him hobbling off the field and sobbing on the bench.

The Broncos trailed Oakland 21-0 at the time and Siemian led two touchdown drives to make a game of it. But he never got the chance to tie it up after Derek Carr completed a 54-yard pass just before the two-minute warning on third-and-8 with rookie Brendan Langley in coverage.

He was subbing for star cornerback Aqib Talib, who was ejected for fighting with receiver Michael Crabtree in the opening minutes, and was subsequently suspended for the upcoming game, as well, which will cost him his nearly \$609,000 game check.

The Broncos will likely be without defensive end Derek Wolfe (neck) and nose tackle Domata Peko, who is in danger of missing his first game since 2009 because of a sprained left knee.

Coach Vance Joseph indicated Wolfe's season could be finished: "His overall health is more important than our next five games."

Lynch will miss two to four weeks with a high right ankle sprain. The Broncos fear that scuttles plans of seeing conclusively if he's a bust or a late bloomer. Lynch has proven much more of a project than GM John Elway anticipated when he

moved up to select the former Memphis star in the first round of the 2016 draft.

Lynch threw for just 41 yards. His eight drives produced 50 yards and ended with seven punts and an interception in the end zone on a cringe-worthy pass to tight end Virgil Green.

Despite those stats, Lynch declared afterward, "I thought I played pretty well," and Elway said, "For the first start, I thought he did a nice job."

Lynch hopped off the field late in the third quarter and sat alone on the bench in tears for much of the remainder of the game as Siemian drove Denver on a pair of touchdown drives after going three-and-out on his first series.

"If we got one more chance at it," Siemian said, "who knows what happens?"

Siemian is getting one more chance at starting, and he's eager to shake off his benching and get a win.

"When I got sat down, confidence-wise I felt fine," Siemian said. "I think it's just frustrating not playing is the big thing."

Dolphins coach Adam Gase didn't sound too thrilled that the Broncos had gone back to Siemian. He said getting benched can do a QB a world of good when he returns to action with something to prove.

"Yeah, it really can, because you get a different perspective. You get to see somebody else operate the offense," Gase said. "When I watch him, I love the way he throws the ball. It just seems like he doesn't put a lot of effort in it. The ball comes out nice."

"When he's got time in the pocket and guys are running and finding some windows there, he really spins it good. He can really cause some issues because when they run some of their deeper stuff, you just watch him over the last couple of years, he puts some balls in some tight windows. When he has time, he can cause a lot of problems."

Gase, however, was glad he won't have to deal with Talib.

"Having him out makes life a little easier," Gase said.

Talib said on his weekly radio show on Altitude AM950 in Denver on Wednesday that Elway and Joseph were supportive of him during his appeal Tuesday to the NFL, which cut his original suspension in half. "I'm not happy to miss a game at all," said Talib, who can't be at team headquarters until next week. "It's still a significant amount of money and I still can't play a game with my teammates."

Trubisky looks to bounce back when Bears meet 49ers

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears are piling up losses and quarterback Mitchell Trubisky understands what that means.

All eyes are on him. “Everyone’s looking toward you,” Trubisky said. “They’re all seeing how you react and I love that because I feel like I know how to handle these situations and I still have all the confidence in the world in my guys that we can turn this around next week and we can really go on a run.”

The freefalling Bears (3-8) bring a four-game losing streak into Sunday’s game against the San Francisco 49ers.

And Chicago’s rookie quarterback looks to bounce back from his worst outing against the team that could have drafted him with the No. 2 overall pick.

The Bears instead made a bold move by trading up a spot with the 49ers to grab him. And the results so far have been mixed.

In the seven starts since he took over for the struggling Mike Glennon, Trubisky has shown at times a strong arm and the ability to extend plays with his quickness. But against Philadelphia last week, it was simply rough going.

Facing the team with the NFL’s best record, Trubisky looked like an overmatched rookie.

He was 17 of 33 for 147 yards with two interceptions, two sacks and two fumbles. Poor footwork led to Trubisky overthrowing several receivers and posting a career-low 38.3 passer rating.

Offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains wouldn’t pin it all on his quarterback, saying the receivers weren’t always where they needed to be. Adding to the Bears’ woes was the fact that they managed just 6 yards rushing — the second-lowest total in franchise history.

Titans receiver Matthews supports Kaepernick with cleats

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Titans wide receiver Rishard Matthews has chosen to support Colin Kaepernick’s foundation “Know Your Rights “ as part of the NFL’s “My Cleats, My Cause” on Sunday.

Matthews shared a photo Wednesday on Instagram of the cleats he will against Houston.

The cleats say “Know Your Rights Camp” on each shoe along with the quarterback’s name and Kaepernick kneeling on the right toe.

Trubisky also found himself under pressure behind a shaky line even though the Eagles didn’t blitz much. But he reverted to some of his college habits when it came to his footwork.

“He got caught bouncing a little bit,” Loggains said. “You know it was a tendency he had in college and we talked to him a lot about keeping his shoulders and head still. And he did get hoppy a little bit, and there were some throws that were errant because of that and something we’re going to keep working and grinding on that way.”

Trubisky has been spending extra time working on his footwork and reviewing video. He seems level-headed and is maintaining a positive approach even though things aren’t going well at the moment for him or the team.

He ranks last among regular quarterbacks with a 52.8 percent completion rate and has been sacked 19 times. The Bears, meanwhile, have wiped out the good will they were starting to build.

Back-to-back wins followed by a tight loss at New Orleans left them feeling pretty good heading into their bye. But the three games since then have been discouraging.

“(Teammates) know that I’m buying in even more, I’m working even harder and they know that I care about this team and my teammates and that we’re going to get this thing right and hopefully that kind of behavior is contagious,” Trubisky said.

“And I believe it is and just being around the locker room, being around those guys, talking to them one-on-one and just seeing how they feel. We’re still positive. We still have good confidence. And that just needs to carry over each day. Have good practices and go out there and try to get a win on Sunday.”

The wide receiver, who was not in the locker room to talk with the media on Wednesday, wrote on Instagram he doesn’t have a foundation. Matthews wrote he’s supporting Kaepernick for his sacrifice bringing attention to every day issues along with the quarterback’s foundation because everyone should know their rights and use them. Matthews has stayed off the field during the anthem in protest , though he stood Nov. 12 to honor veterans.



Chicago Bears’ Mitchell Trubisky, right, is tackled by Philadelphia Eagles’ Brandon Graham during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, in Philadelphia. (AP Photo/Michael Perez)

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Drop zone: Browns WR Coleman still bothered by major miscue

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — The spiral slipped through Corey Coleman’s hands, depriving the Browns of a certain touchdown. Worse, his miscue may have cost them a precious win — a so-far-distant first win. Coleman dropped rookie quarterback DeShone Kizer’s perfectly thrown pass in the end zone last Sunday in Cincinnati, and when the wide receiver returned to the sidelines he felt as if he had gone into a trance. “I had tunnel vision,” Coleman said Wednesday, reliving a sequence he’s powerless to change. “I was so shook and shocked about that, because it’s not me. And it’s just like anyone does something out of the norm, you’re going to be like, ‘Oh, man, did I really just do that? Did that just happen?’” It happens to the Browns (0-11) too often. Mistakes such as Coleman’s have contributed to Cleveland’s 1-26 record the past two seasons and explain why coach Hue Jackson has on numerous occasions said his young team needs to “play perfect” to win. Trailing 23-6, the Browns drove to the Cincinnati 29-yard line on their first possession of the third quarter when Kizer lofted his pass toward Coleman,

who had a step on Bengals cornerback Josh Shaw. The play was exquisitely executed up until the moment Coleman failed to make the catch. He’s still haunted by the gaffe, one of the defining moments in Cleveland’s 30-16 loss. “It’s not acceptable at all,” Coleman said. “I take full responsibility for it. DeShone threw a great ball. I couldn’t ask for a better ball than that. I’ve got to make that play. “Even the greats drop balls. It’s not an excuse. I have to make that play, and if you saw me on the sideline, it tore me down ‘cause you don’t get that many opportunities to make plays like that. “So when that happens, you’ve got to make it count.” Coleman’s damaging drop aside, the second-year receiver had an otherwise solid game, his second after missing seven straight with a broken right hand suffered in Week 2 at Baltimore. He finished with three catches for 64 yards, 44 coming on a deep sideline throw from Kizer in the first quarter. A week earlier, he had six receptions for 80 yards in a loss to Jacksonville.

LB Clay Matthews on mend with Packers in must-win mode

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A week of missing practice with a groin injury allowed Clay Matthews to get an up-close view of injured quarterback Aaron Rodgers’ rehab work after collarbone surgery. Matthews might be back this week for the Green Bay Packers. If the linebacker had any say, Rodgers might follow him back to the field in a few weeks, too. First things first for the Packers: Green Bay must beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday to keep flickering playoff hopes alive. Getting the veteran pass rusher back would help. “I’m feeling good actually,” Matthews said after practice Wednesday. “But every day I was getting exponentially better, so I feel really good today ... granted it was a light practice, but I definitely envision seeing myself out there Sunday.” Matthews returned to practice as a limited participant after missing all of last week leading up to the 31-28 loss Sunday to the Pittsburgh Steelers that left Green Bay at 5-6. It’s two games out of a wild-card spot in the NFC. In a 1-4 tailspin since Rodgers got hurt on Oct. 15 at Min-

nesota, the Packers might need to win their last five games while other contenders falter. Rodgers is first eligible to practice starting Saturday, assuming he’s even healthy enough from right collarbone surgery to be cleared by the team doctor. If that happens, the earliest Rodgers would be able to return would be Week 15 at Carolina. The Packers from the start have said Rodgers’ injury could end his season. While there are no guarantees, Matthews has been impressed with Rodgers’ rehab. “This past week, being a part of that rehab group, to watch Aaron, what he’s been doing in there, I think we probably should have kept him off (injured reserve) the way he’s coming along, some of the balls he’s throwing,” Matthews said. “Accuracy-wise, everything a quarterback has to do is pretty remarkable.” But where the Packers are in the playoff picture may also determine Rodgers’ future the rest of the year. It will be up to backup Brett Hundley, who showed progress in the loss to Pittsburgh, to guide the offense for at least the next couple weeks. Getting more three-turnover games like the one the

defense produced against Pittsburgh’s prolific offense would help. Green Bay forced take-aways even without Matthews and run-stuffing defensive lineman Kenny Clark (ankle). In his second year in the league, Clark has turned into an important piece up front next to Mike Daniels. After being carted off the field, Clark thought his season was over. He’s hoping to come back, too, against Tampa after returning to practice Wednesday. “It was ugly. My ankle was swollen,” Clark said. “I thought it was worse than what it was, honestly. I’m happy it was a high ankle sprain.” What the Packers might need most on defense is more pressure on the quarterback after coming up with one sack against the Steelers. The defense rarely blitzed while concentrating on stopping receiver Antonio Brown, putting the onus on pass rushers to win matchups. Other times, the Packers rushed three but kept a defender close to the line to spy on crossing routes. “But we have to win this week ... after all these losses,” Matthews said. “But it starts with a win. We were close on Sunday night, but close doesn’t cut it. This is the week.”



FILE - In this Jan. 16, 2016, file photo, Green Bay Packers inside linebacker Clay Matthews (52) chases a play during an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Arizona Cardinals, in Glendale, Ariz. A bye week allowed the Green Bay Packers to get some much-needed rest and just as importantly push the reset button on the season after two straight losses since quarterback Aaron Rodgers got hurt. Veteran linebacker Matthews says the disastrous feeling of losing Rodgers to a broken collarbone is behind the team and that they, Åore focused on moving forward. (AP Photo/Rick Scuteri, File)

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- 1 Title holder
6 Errands
11 Relaxed sounds
14 Boring tool
15 French male name
16 Scrooge's word
17 The one before
19 Three-time 1-Across
20 Somewhat aged
21 Asian New Year
22 Lawsuit beneficiary
23 "___ Flux" (Theron movie)
25 Bank employees
27 Daniel Boone, for one
31 See 11-Across
32 Spy org.
33 Diamond unit
37 Hesitation sound
38 It rings Washington, D.C.
41 Sash for a geisha
42 Cowboy's throw
44 "Musket" suffix
45 Function or position
46 "Blazer" of a pioneer

- 50 Window inserts
53 Brightest's cohort
54 Slam artist
55 Jack-tar
57 Flashing light
61 Play a part
62 Settler type
64 Neither this ___ that
65 Sports venue
66 Type of bacteria
67 Paolo's front
68 Laurel's partner
69 Country's Haggard
DOWN
1 Mafia chief
2 Fling with force
3 Like expensive wine
4 Road dividers
5 Adjust in advance
6 Common article
7 Take five
8 Map parts
9 For the time being
10 "Dear fellow"
11 Defame
12 Comparatively fit
13 ___ away from (avoids)
18 Selection

- 22 Arm bone
24 Astronaut
26 Like some unmentionables
27 Hoops hack
28 Downey of TV
29 Current measurements
30 Badgerlike mammal
34 Corner chess piece
35 Not just ready and willing
36 Layer
38 Dull speaker
39 Friday on TV, once
40 Cop's highlight
43 Editor's "leave it"

- 45 Worker's grind
47 Type of goat or cat
48 Multiple-formed compound
49 Regard greatly
50 Bridge lengths
51 Beauty butter
52 Vintage curves
56 Make Dumpstter output
59 It takes its toll
60 Storied canal
62 "I showed you!"
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Aim high. Use your intellect and discipline to bring about the changes that will make your life better. A change in location, hangouts or hobbies will lead to new friendships and potential gains. Offer initiative and leadership.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get personal finances and documents in order. Make updates that need to be put into play before the year comes to a close. A contract or deal you are working on should be handled with precision. Pay close attention to detail.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get along with your peers and do your best to fit in. How you handle others will make a difference in how fast you advance. Anger and frustration will lead to added stress that can affect your health. Take time to rejuvenate.***

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put everything in its place and don't leave any room for error. Not everyone will be rooting for you to do well. Don't take information offered as being factual. Go to the source before you make a statement or a decision.***

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Being impulsive can be a good thing if it helps you overcome procrastination. Make decisions for yourself and don't worry about what others think. Relationships are featured and plans can be made that will improve your popularity.***

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

WOMAN'S MARRIAGE DEADLINE MAY BE WORKING AGAINST HER

DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old woman who can't seem to find a man to call her own. Every time I search on websites or at gyms, I can't find anyone decent who lives nearby.

I met someone who took me to his house in Wisconsin for the holidays, but I live in Illinois. Ever since I slept with him (on the fifth date), he has come here less often -- and when he does, it's never just to see me. He also texts less often than he did and has hinted that I should see other people here in town and keep him as a backup. I'm desperate to find someone who will be there for me. I want to be married before my 30th birthday. I have tried everything, but all the decent men nowadays are already taken or not serious about forming a relationship. Hope you can help. -- CAN'T FIND A MAN

DEAR CAN'T: Your problem may be your desperation. When people are desperate, their anxiety can drive people away. The idea that you must be married by the time you are 30 is setting an artificial -- and possibly unrealistic -- goal for yourself. It may be time to stop looking and begin concentrating on building a satisfying life for yourself without help from a partner. Once you accomplish that, you may find that both men and women find you more attractive to be around. I can't guarantee that it will help you to find a husband, but even if you don't, you will have a happier life. Not everyone needs to be married.

DEAR ABBY: I have twin grandsons. One is kind, mannerly and thoughtful. The other is rude, ungrateful and has a chip on his shoulder. Every Christmas and birthday, my husband and I are generous with our gifts to them. One grandson thanks us, while the other does not even acknowledge the gift. I no longer want to continue giving the rude twin gifts, but I don't know if this is the way to deal with the problem. They will be 18 on their next birthday.

My daughter has never corrected the problem, and I know she will accuse me of favoring the kind twin. What to do? -- GRAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GRAN: If it were me, I'd give the grateful twin gifts worth the usual amount of money and the ungrateful one a token present. And when your daughter accuses you of favoritism, tell her she's absolutely right and also why you no longer felt inclined to shell out to someone who didn't think your generosity was worth acknowledging. It's the truth.

DEAR ABBY: I am 53 and constantly worry about the future. Because my husband has had to change jobs for various reasons, we have no money fund for retirement, and it isn't offered at his current job. I worry so much about the future that it's keeping me from enjoying the present. How can I stop worrying like this so I can enjoy the present? Talking to a doctor is not an option as money is very tight. -- WORRYING TOO MUCH

DEAR WORRYING: You didn't mention whether you are currently employed. If you aren't, a way to fix your problem might be to start thinking about your own earning capacity and find a job so you can build a retirement fund. It's never too late to start.

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FIRST IN LINE By Timothy E. Parker

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By Bil Keane



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by Charles M. Schultz

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by Jim Davis

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JIM DAVIS 11-30

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Wednesday's Puzzle Answer 11/29

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Seattle Seahawks middle linebacker Bobby Wagner (54) celebrates after intercepting a pass with teammate Byron Maxwell (41) during the first half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, in Santa Clara, Calif. (AP Photo/John Hefti)

(AP Photo/John Hefti)

Seahawks' Wagner having perhaps best season of his career

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — When Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner was younger in his career and still lacking some recognition, it was teammate Richard Sherman that was regularly touting Wagner's talent.

With Sherman out for the season, maybe he'll be able to find time to lead Wagner's campaign as his name is getting mentioned as a potential defensive player of the year candidate. "(Sherman) needs to be in the building pumping us up," joked fellow Seahawks linebacker K.J. Wright.

Now in his sixth season, Wagner might be playing better now than at any point of his career. That's notable since Wagner has already been an All-Pro, a multiple-time Pro Bowl selection, and is generally considered one of the best

middle linebackers in the NFL.

But Wagner has crept into a different conversation as a possible defensive player of the year candidate. It's always been a goal for Wagner, yet seemed unlikely with the award usually going to the most disruptive defensive lineman or a player in the secondary having a standout season. Luke Kuechly and Brian Urlacher are the only middle linebackers since 2003 to be honored with the award.

Yet, whether his season is being looked at from an analytical perspective or simply watching him play, Wagner has rightfully found his way into the discussion. And he'll have another prime stage this week when the Seahawks host the 10-1 Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday night. He's more than just a middle linebacker that makes tackles. Wagner understands that's what it takes to be noticed. "I feel like they don't necessarily appreciate tackles as much though. You can't just get it off tackles. You got to do more," Wagner said.

"You got to do interceptions, you got to do sacks. A guy can have 10 sacks and he can win it. You definitely have to do more and I feel like the inside linebackers that have won it in the past understand that and have done more. And you know, I can do more, so I'll be fine."

The loss of Sherman and Kam Chancellor for the season has allowed Wagner to be viewed more in the spotlight and he's helping to make up for Seattle losing two of its defensive stars. Wagner is third in the NFL in tackles with 100 through 11 games. He's fourth on the team in passes defended and he's tied for the team lead with Sherman with two interceptions, including a remarkable pick last week where he knocked the ball free from a San Francisco receiver and caught it against his body for an interception while he was on the ground. "I told him I've never seen a play like that. It's like a fumble/interception. Just really impressive," Wright said. "That's showing how much he's paying attention getting after the ball. We talk about it every week." Pass coverage is one area where Wagner has focused on improving. He's always been stout against the run and has benefited this season from the addition of defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson eating up offensive linemen and keeping Wagner clear to make tackles.

It was a conscious decision by Wagner that started with watching film in the offseason and going from there.

"I think you just go and watch film and kind of look at all the opportunities that you had that you might have missed out on and that's kind of what I did," Wagner said.

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