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## Season resumes for girls high school soccer

by FFAS MEDIA/ Brian Vitolio

Girls' high school soccer has resumed after a nearly two-week postponement due to the arrival of Tropical Storm Gita on Feb. 9 and a monsoonal trough from Feb. 5-9 that affected American Samoa.

Fortunately, the FFAS complex in Pago Pago did not sustain any damages during the week American Samoa was battered by heavy winds and torrential rain.

A revised schedule has been completed, with the varsity division to have a single, round robin fixture, followed by a playoff format to include all six teams. The top two teams at the end of the regular season will earn a 1st round bye, while No. 4 faces off against No. 5 and No. 3 takes on No. 6 on March

12.

The winners advance to the semi-finals set for March 14 with the varsity championship game to be played on March 16.

As for the junior varsity division, only three schools are participating in the competition. They will have a single-round robin, followed by a top-3 playoff system where the No. 1 seed awaits the winner of No. 2 vs. No. 3 in the JV championship game set for March 16.

Games resumed on Saturday, Feb. 24.

**VARSITY  
SHARKS 5, LIONS 1 (FEB. 26)**

Samoana and Leone played a tough first half with the Sharks leading 1-0 at its end.

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Samoana's Deidra Steffany defends against a Tafuna Warrior opponent during an ASHSAA varsity girls soccer game on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 at the Pago Park Soccer Stadium.

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In the Matter of the Estate of

HERBERT LAI,  
Decedent

MASE AKAPO  
Petitioner

NOTICE OF HEARING  
PETITION FOR LETTERS  
OF ADMINISTRATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that MASE AKAPO has filed a Petition for appointment as administrator of the Estates of Herbert Lai (deceased) who passed away on August 16, 1995 in Jacksonville, Florida.

A hearing on the Petition will be held on April 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. before the Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa at the Courthouse in Fagatogo, American Samoa. All heirs of HERBERT LAI and interested parties may appear before the court on said date to respond to this Notice.

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In The High Court  
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DAVID LAI  
Decedent

by  
MASE AKAPO  
Administrator

NOTICE

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# Gray leads No. 25 Houston past SMU 69-56

DALLAS (AP) — The 25th-ranked Houston Cougars can still finish second in the American Athletic Conference thanks to their 69-56 win at SMU on Wednesday night.

Coach Kelvin Sampson said that isn't a high priority for him. "It doesn't matter to me, whether you're a 2 seed or a 3 seed," he said. "We've beaten everybody in this league. If you want to cut down the nets, you've got to win three games."

Rob Gray had 19 points and nine assists and Corey Davis Jr. added 17 points for Houston (23-6, 13-4), which has won seven of eight games. The Cougars are a half game behind second-place Wichita State, which will visit UCF on Thursday.

"We could have taken care of the ball better and rebounded better," said Gray, who fouled out with 2:28 to play, "but I'll take it."

SMU (16-14, 6-11) has lost seven of eight games since leading scorer Shake Milton was sidelined with a hand injury.

Jahmal McMurray scored 13 of his 17 points in the first half to lead the Mustangs. He was the only SMU player to score during the first 9½ minutes.

Houston outscored SMU 17-4 in points off turnovers and 28-16 in points in the paint.

The Cougars' largest lead was 18 points late in the second half after a 36-24 advantage at halftime. The Mustangs missed 11 consecutive field-goal attempts during the first half.

"Our defense the first half set the tone," Sampson said. "It's a good road win. Now we have a chance to finish undefeated at home."

SMU coach Tim Jankovich reviewed Houston's statistics — shooting 44 percent, 29 percent on 3-pointers, limited to eight free-throw attempts — and shook his head.

"Those are winning numbers," Jankovich said. "You hope for that most nights, especially against a team as good as Houston is this year."

Cougars senior guard Wes Van Beck, who has made seven starts this season, missed his second consecutive game with an injured hand.

SMU seniors Ben Emelogu and Akoy Agau were honored before tipoff. Emelogu has played two seasons for SMU after transferring from Virginia Tech. Agau has played one season for SMU as a graduate transfer after previously playing for Louisville and Georgetown.

Houston leads the all-time series 49-32 with games played as non-conference opponents and as members of the Southwest Conference, Conference USA and the American.

LONG-DISTANCE CONNECTIONS

Houston shot 31 3-pointers and 30 2-pointers. Davis was

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# Starks, Texas A&M hold on for tough win over Georgia



Georgia forward Nicolas Claxton shoots against Texas A&M during an NCAA college basketball game in Athens, Ga., Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018.

(Joshua L. Jones/Athens Banner-Herald via AP)

By **GEORGE HENRY**, Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Tyler Davis got just the ending he wanted, even if it was a little close for comfort.

"It just gets us prepared for what's to come," Davis said. "We've got one more game and then we have the SEC Tournament, so we just have to lock in and focus on what's ahead."

T.J. Starks scored 15 points and hit the go-ahead basket with 58 seconds remaining to help Texas A&M eke out a 61-60 victory over Georgia on Wednesday night.

Davis added 13 points and Admon Gilder and D.J. Hogg each scored 11 for the Aggies (19-11, 8-9 Southeastern Conference). Texas A&M has won two straight, both on the road, heading into its regular-season finale on Saturday at home against Alabama.

Yante Maten finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for Georgia (16-13, 7-10). The Bulldogs led by four with 2:28 remaining but missed their last

five shots from the field and did not score again.

It was an ugly ending and poor game management for Georgia. Starks missed a free throw with 12 seconds remaining and Maten grabbed the rebound, relaying the ball to Teshaun Hightower. For some reason, the Bulldogs did not call timeout as Hightower passed to a heavily guarded Juwan Parker on the right side.

Parker launched a wild 3-point attempt that sailed far from the rim as the buzzer sounded.

Hightower, with 11 points, was the only other Georgia player to finish in double figures. He and Tyree Crump helped the Bulldogs get back in the game by hitting some 3s, but Hightower's turnover with 1:09 remaining led to Starks' basket.

"We made a young mistake against the press on the turnover, and I elected not to call a timeout late," Georgia coach Mark Fox said. "Very difficult loss, but I was proud of how our team competed in the second

half."

Georgia had won three of four to keep its scant NCAA Tournament hopes alive, but it will need to upset Tennessee again on Saturday and make a long run in the league tournament next week. Otherwise, the Bulldogs will be looking, at best, for an NIT bid for the fourth time in the last five years.

Texas A&M won last Saturday at Vanderbilt to snap a three-game skid and is looking like the team that was ranked as high as No. 5 in December. They dropped out of the poll and have been ranked just once since Jan. 1, but the Aggies are in position to avoid having to play five straight days to win the SEC Tournament next week, improving their chance of a second NCAA bid in seven years under coach Billy Kennedy.

"That's what this time of year is all about," Kennedy said. "There is a lot of pressure on the games and both teams are fighting, trying to win. It was a physical battle, and we did a great job of out-rebounding a good Georgia team (by three).

BIG PICTURE

Texas A&M: The Aggies did a solid job despite having their best big men, Davis and Robert Williams, in foul trouble in the second half. Williams, a projected NBA lottery pick, fouled out with 2:28 remaining and finished with just three points. He scored only five against Vanderbilt, and will have to get his game back to full strength if Texas A&M can get into the NCAA field. Davis, who played the final five minutes with four fouls, kept pounding at Maten inside all night and finished the game with seven rebounds.

Georgia: Unable to create and maintain passing lanes against A&M's zone defense, the Bulldogs' offense was sluggish most of the night. That comes as no surprise. Georgia ranks last in the SEC in scoring with an average of 69.2 points. They shot just 32.8 percent one game after scoring a season-high 93 points.

UP NEXT

Texas A&M: Host Alabama on Saturday. The Aggies are 5-3 at home in the SEC, 12-3 overall. They'll be looking to avenge a 22-point loss to the Crimson Tide on Dec. 30.

Georgia: Visit No. 16 Tennessee on Saturday. The Bulldogs are 2-6 on the road in the SEC, 4-8 overall. They upset Tennessee on Feb. 17, but the Volunteers have won three straight since.



# Sports betting’s big wager: Will younger bettors ante up?

By **DAVID PORTER**, *Associated Press*

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — As the push to legalize sports gambling in the U.S. nears a crucial Supreme Court decision, states hoping to reap a financial windfall could face another hurdle: Attracting younger players used to online fantasy sports.

The explosion in popularity of daily fantasy sports over the last decade has created a generation of sports fans more attuned to gauging individual player statistics than how two teams may fare against each other, the challenge at the heart of traditional sports wagering.

Even more important, experts say, is whether states will be able to offer online sports wagering to a demographic raised on smartphones and laptops. That will depend heavily on how the Supreme Court decides New Jersey’s case, expected this spring.

“How motivated are people going to be to get in their car, drive 45 minutes, park, walk through pathways and walkways just to get to a remote corner of a casino?” asked Daniel Wallach, a Florida-based attorney considered an expert in sports gambling law.

New Jersey has challenged the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, the 1992 federal law forbidding all but Nevada and three other states from authorizing gambling on college and professional sports. Only Nevada offers betting on single games.

How the court rules will affect more than two dozen states that are pushing sports betting legislation or considering it if New Jersey is successful.

If it is legalized, one of the challenges for sports betting to succeed will be capturing sports fans like Nick, an experienced daily fantasy player from Maryland who also regularly places traditional sports bets with a bookie through his smartphone or computer.

While illegal, that may still be a more attractive option than traveling to a brick-and-mortar location to place a legal bet.

“Part of the convenience now is that I can place a bet from anywhere,” said the man in his mid-20s, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because he was talking about doing something illegal. “I probably would stay with what I have right now, with the convenience and accessibility.”

The stakes are huge. Currently, illegal sports wagering is estimated from the tens of billions of dollars annually to as high as \$100 billion or more.

A survey commissioned by the Fantasy Sports Trade Association in 2016 estimated more than 57 million people participated in some form of fantasy sports, in which competitors pick rosters of players and win

or lose based on how those players perform.

Noting that many hardcore daily fantasy sports players migrated from the online poker world, Chris Grove, managing director of gambling research firm Eilers and Krejcik, said serious players probably won’t shy away from traditional sports wagering.

“It almost doesn’t really matter if it’s sports-related or not,” he said. “Whatever the next thing is, they will move to where the money is. It may be cryptocurrency trading.”

Brian Pearson, a longtime daily fantasy player and founder of fantasy sports website Jackpot Fantasy concurred.

“The crossover will be everywhere,” Pearson said. “Players just love action. If they don’t like the (point) spread, maybe they throw down a lineup for the day.



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# Pominville scores in OT, Sabres beat NHL-best Lightning



Buffalo Sabres right wing Jason Pominville celebrates his goal against the Tampa Bay Lightning during overtime in an NHL hockey game Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, in Tampa, Fla. Buffalo won 2-1.

(AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

By The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jason Pominville scored on a power play at 1:26 of overtime to give the Buffalo Sabres a 2-1 victory over the NHL-leading Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night.

Pominville beat Andrei Vasilevski with a one-timer

from the left circle to give the Sabres their second straight victory over the Lightning.

Evan Rodrigues tied it for Buffalo in the third, and Chad Johnson stopped 21 shots.

Cory Conacher scored for Tampa Bay, and Vasilevski made 32 saves. With a point in the standings for the overtime

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# MackKinnon, Barrie helps Avs beat Flames 5-2

By MICHAEL KELLY, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Nathan MacKinnon and Tyson Barrie each had a goal and an assist in the Colorado Avalanche's 5-2 victory over the Calgary Flames on Wednesday night.

Matt Nieto and Nikita Zadorov also scored, and Semyon Varlamov made 30 saves. The Avalanche have won 11 of 12 home games to tighten the Western Conference playoff race.

Colorado tied Calgary with 73 points and moved within a point of Anaheim and St. Louis for the second wild card.

Mikael Backlund and Michael Frolik scored, and David Rittich stopped 29 shots for Calgary, which couldn't rally with its leading scorer out for the last 11:55.

Johnny Gaudreau was tossed after drawing a high-sticking

penalty on Colorado's Blake Comeau. Gaudreau was given an unsportsmanlike minor penalty on the play and then assessed a game misconduct after arguing with the officials from the penalty box.

Colorado took control with a four-goal flurry in the second period that turned a 2-0 deficit into a two-goal lead. MacKinnon's 29th midway through the period started it, Zadorov tied it 1:08 later, and Barrie gave Barrie gave the Avs a 3-2 lead with his seventh goal at 12:41.

Nieto made it 4-2 with 1:18 to go when Carl Soderberg threaded a pass through two defensemen to the front of the net for an easy tap-in.

Duncan Siemens sealed it when he scored into an empty net with 17 seconds left in the game for his first NHL goal.

The Flames capitalized on a pair of Colorado turnovers to

take an early two-goal. Backlund scored a short-handed goal at 14:19 of the first, and Frolik made it 2-0 with his 10th goal 2:41 into the second.

NOTES: Colorado was 1 of 7 on the power play. ... Flames D Nick Shore, acquired from Ottawa on Monday, was scratched due to illness. ... The Avalanche recalled G Spencer Martin from the AHL to serve as Varlamov's backup. Jonathan Bernier and Andrew Hammond are in the concussion protocol. ... Calgary is 6-4-1 on the second night of back-to-back games. ... Comeau and Soderberg had two assists each for Colorado.

## UP NEXT

Flames: Host the New York Rangers on Friday night.

Avalanche: Host Minnesota on Friday night.



Colorado Avalanche goaltender Semyon Varlamov, left, stops a shot by Calgary Flames center Sam Bennett during the first period of an NHL hockey game Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, in Denver.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

# Eastern Illinois upsets Tennessee State in OVC opener, 73-71

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Ray Crossland missed one chance to clinch Eastern Illinois' first-round upset of Tennessee State in a first-round Ohio Valley Conference tournament game, but he redeemed himself by blocking a 3-point try by Delano Spencer with a second left to preserve a 73-71 win Wednesday night.

The No. 7 seed, Eastern Illinois advances to face No. 3 Austin Peay in a quarterfinal battle Thursday.

After hitting 3 of 4 free throws in the final minute, Crossland stepped to the line with four seconds left with the chance to turn a two-point lead into a two-possession advan-

tage. But he missed both free throws. The Tigers got the ball to Spencer, who hit two layups and a 3-pointer in the final :21 seconds to get Tennessee State within two points, but Crossland got a hand on his 3-point try.

Eastern Illinois held an 11-point advantage with just over five minutes to play after Montell Goodwin hit a jumper. Darreon Reddick hit a 3-pointer, Spencer turned a 3-point play, Armani Chaney and Stokley Chaffee Jr. both hit 3s and Tennessee State, the No. 6 seed, had cut its deficit to just three, 65-62.

Mack Smith answered with a 3 with 1:04 left and Crossland

hit the first of two free throws to push the lead to 69-62 with :43 left. Spencer was fouled behind the arc and hit 2 of 3 from the line to make it 69-64, but DeVantae' Price added a free throw with :34 left.

Crossland finished with 11 points, seven rebounds, four assists, two steals and two blocks. Goodwin finished with 20 points to lead the Panthers (12-18) and Mack Smith added 15 points.

Spencer had 17 points to lead Tennessee State (15-15). Christian Mekowulu scored 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Chaney added 15 points.

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# Westbrook hits 30 on OT clincher as Thunder top Mavs 111-110



Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) drives toward the basket as Dallas Mavericks guard Yogi Ferrell (11) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 in Dallas.

(AP Photo/Richard W. Rodriguez)

By SCHUYLER DIXON, AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Russell Westbrook didn't waste much time putting just his second single-digit scoring game of the season behind him.

The Oklahoma City star won it with the play that wrapped up his 20th game with at least 30 points.

Westbrook's go-ahead three-point play in the final minute of overtime put him at 30, and the Thunder beat the Dallas Mavericks 111-110 on Wednesday night.

Westbrook, who had 11 rebounds and seven assists, drove for the tying layup and made the free throw with 38 seconds left in OT to help the playoff-contending Thunder salvage a four-game split of the season series against a one-time post-season rival now among the NBA's worst teams.

The reigning MVP had 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting in the first quarter after scoring eight in a win over Orlando. Westbrook cooled off from there and missed all five of his 3-pointers, but scored seven of Oklahoma City's 11 points in overtime.

"Just keep going, man," said Westbrook, who was 11 of 25 from the field and made eight of nine free throws. "Regardless of missed or made shots, my mentality never changes throughout the game and I always continue to stay in attack mode."

Dwight Powell forced overtime at 100-all with a follow shot at the buzzer to match his career high with 21 points. It was the first points for Dallas since Powell's alley-oop dunk with 4 minutes remaining.

Harrison Barnes scored 26 points for the Mavericks, who beat the Thunder in the Western Conference finals in 2011 before getting swept in the first round by them as defending champions a year later.

"People look at their record and think they aren't a very good team," Oklahoma City coach Billy Donovan said. "They are a good basketball team. They have not been able to close out some games."

Dallas had a chance to win in overtime on an inbound play with 6 seconds left, but could only get a desperation jumper at the buzzer from rookie Dennis Smith Jr., who scored the first eight Dallas points in the extra period and finished with 17.

"The last shot was a tough shot but a makeable shot," Smith said. "Learn from it, learn from it. You can look at it as a loss or a lesson."

The Mavericks almost turned it over on the

final possession of regulation but Wesley Matthews kept the play alive before missing a wild layup, with Powell grabbing the rebound on the other side of the basket and laying it in.

Carmelo Anthony had put the Thunder ahead with 1:23 to go on a layup after three offensive rebounds on the same possession, including two from Steven Adams.

Paul George had 23 points and 11 rebounds, and Adams had nine points and 12 boards.

## TIP-INS

Thunder: F Jerami Grant was called for a flagrant foul for a swipe at the head when Powell made a layup in the first half. ... The Thunder out-rebounded the Mavericks 56-36, including a 19-8 edge on offensive rebounds.

Mavericks: Dirk Nowitzki, who is sixth on the NBA scoring list, reached 31,000 points with his patented one-legged fadeaway in the middle of the second quarter. The 39-year-old German, in his 20th season, all with the Mavericks, finished with 12 points. ... Powell led Dallas with eight rebounds. ... J.J. Barea scored all 12 of his points in the fourth quarter and matched Westbrook with a game-high seven assists.

## NOEL RETURNS

Dallas center Nerlens Noel had four points, three rebounds and four fouls in 16 minutes in his return after missing 42 games following surgery for a torn ligament in his left thumb. He was rusty, failing to get off a shot on two alley-oops and missing another attempt. He led Dallas with three first-half turnovers, but had a highlight in the second half with a block on a soaring Westbrook going for a layup.

Before the injury was announced in December, Noel had appeared to fall out of favor with coach Rick Carlisle. The first six of those 42 missed games were listed as coaching decisions. He's playing on a one-year contract after he couldn't agree on a long-term deal with the Mavericks, who acquired him at the trading deadline last season.

## SLUMPING FROM 3

Westbrook has gone without a 3 in four of the past six games and is 2 of 24 (8 percent) from long range in that span. The slump has dropped the career 31 percent shooter from 3 to 28 percent for the season.

## UP NEXT

Thunder: At Phoenix on Friday.  
Mavericks: At Chicago on Friday, the only road game in a stretch of seven games.



SMU guard Ben Emelogu II (21) defends as Houston forward Nura Zanna (13) of Nigeria positions for a shot in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, in Dallas.

(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

## Gray...

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5-for-15 behind the line, and Armoni Brooks was 3-for-8. The Cougars went into play averaging 22 shots from behind the line, hitting 39.6 percent.

"I like for them to shoot threes," Sampson said. "We usually do a better job offensively. I just don't think the game had a great vibe to it."

## CAUGHT SHORT

Because of injuries and NCAA-mandated scholarship limitations, SMU played with

seven scholarship players and has had seven or fewer during its last eight games.

"Every time I open my mouth, I feel like there's an excuse, but it's a fact - I started saying this three and a half weeks ago. We can't practice," Jankovich said. "So we don't get to play against any pressure defense until the game comes up."

## Notice for Proposed Registration of Matai Title

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 6.0105 of the Revised Code of American Samoa that a claim of succession which has been filed with the Territorial Registrar's office for the registration of the Matai Title SALANOA of the village of FAGASA by MICKEY R. SALANOA of the village of FAGASA, county of ITUAU, EASTERN District.

THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone so desiring must file his counterclaim, or objection to the registration of this matai title with the Territorial Registrar Office before the expiration of 60 days from the date of posting. If no counterclaim, nor any objection is filed by the expiration of said 60 days, the matai title SALANOA shall be registered in the name of MICKEY R. SALANOA in accordance with the laws of American Samoa.

POSTED: JANUARY 23, 2018 thru MARCH 26, 2018

SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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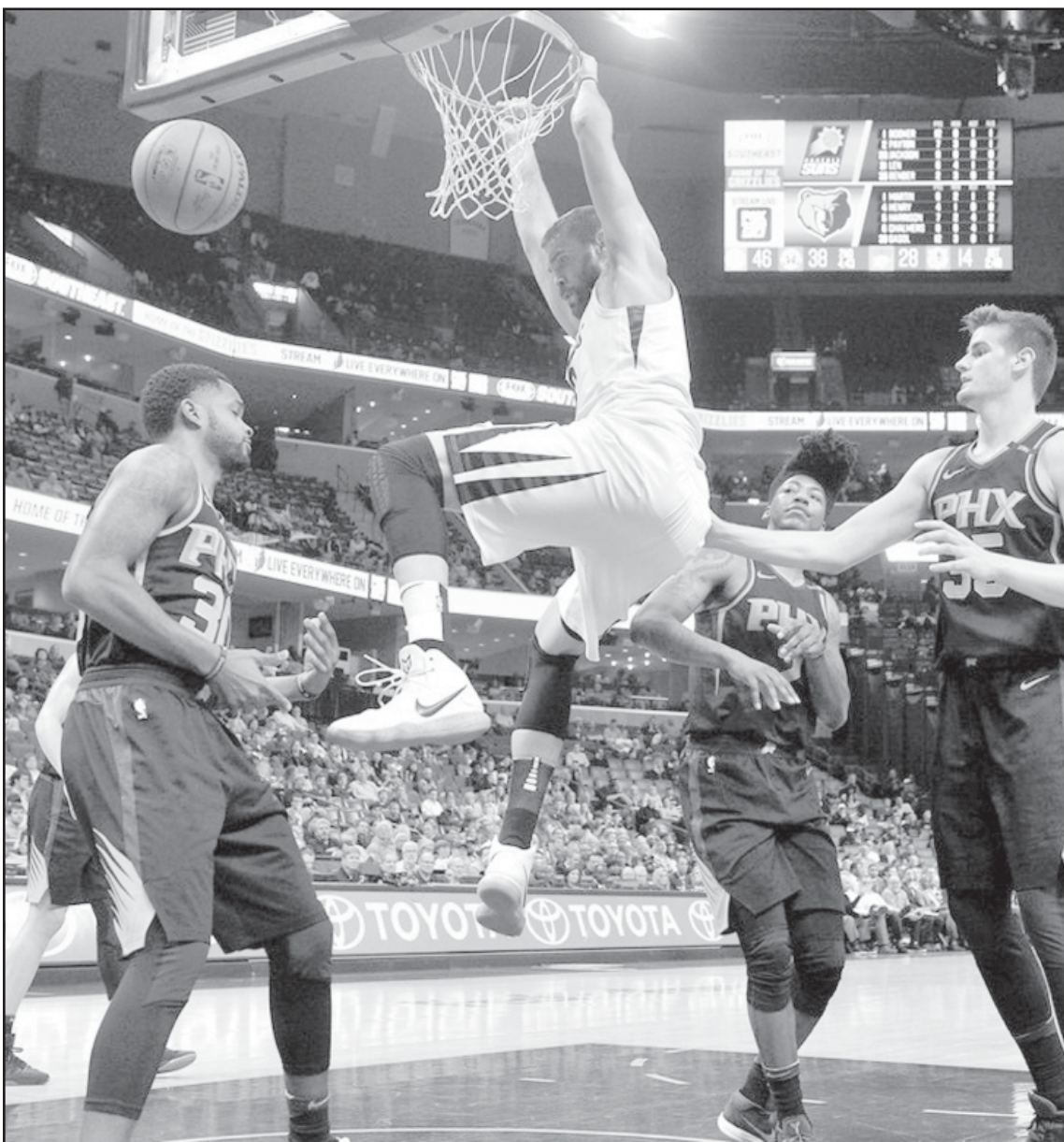
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# IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos:Maelyn



Memphis Grizzlies center Marc Gasol dunks the ball against Phoenix Suns guard Troy Daniels, from left, Phoenix guard Elfrid Payton, and forward Dragan Bender in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, in Memphis, Tenn.

(AP Photo/Brandon Dill)

## Booker, Jackson help Suns end skid with win over Grizzlies

By CLAY BAILEY, Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — For the first time in a month, the Phoenix Suns were able to celebrate a win, this time at the expense of the equally-hapless Memphis Grizzlies.

In a game featuring two teams looking at the bottom of the standings instead of the top, Devin Booker scored 34 points, Josh Jackson added a career-best 29 and the Suns snapped a 10-game losing streak beating the Memphis Grizzlies 110-102 on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, the Grizzlies lost their 11th straight, going winless for February. Phoenix won for the first time since defeating the Dallas Mavericks 102-88 on Jan. 31. Elfrid Payton had 19 points and 10 assists for the Suns in the win over Memphis.

"I'm happy for the players, I really am," Phoenix interim coach Jay Triano said, later adding: "It's nice for them to get rewarded with a win."

The smiles among the Suns were in contrast to the misery for Memphis, which continues to struggle. Marc Gasol led the Grizzlies with 22 points and 13 rebounds, while Andrew Harrison scored 20 points. Jarell Martin finished with 16 points.

The game featured two of the worst teams in the league, both entering with 10-game losing streaks and looking more at their draft position than any long-lost hope of the postseason. The Suns victory gave them 19 wins, one more than Memphis, but Phoenix has two more losses in the race to the bottom. Some statistics were reflective of both teams' troubles. Memphis committed 20 turnovers and shot 38 percent for the game, while the Suns had 16 miscues and connected on 46 percent.

The Grizzlies are not only losing, but really not getting close. They have lost their last four by an average of 17 points.

"We haven't really been on track all season," Harrison said. "We've got to continue to play better."

### TIP-INS

Suns: Veteran C Tyson Chandler sat out with

back spasms, missing his sixth game in the last seven. Jackson's previous season-high was 23 against Charlotte on Feb. 4. Booker, Jackson and Payton combined for 82 of the Suns 110 points.

Grizzlies: Last win was the Jan. 29, 120-109 victory over Phoenix. ... Matched their season-high 11 straight losses, the first time from Nov. 11-Dec. 2. ... JaMychal Green recorded his fourth straight double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Harrison is averaging 17.6 points over the last five games.

### HISTORICAL MATCHUP

The game marked the sixth time in NBA history where two teams entered a game on double-digit losing streaks, according to STATS LLC. The Vancouver Grizzlies were the last winning team in such a situation, snapping a 13-game losing streak, 88-77, on Jan. 20, 1998 against the Denver Nuggets, who entered that game on a 20-game slide.

### FRUSTRATING FEBRUARY

The last time the Grizzlies recorded a winless full calendar month was when the Vancouver Grizzlies lost all 17 of their contests in March 1996 during the franchise's inaugural season. "We should've won some of the games in the month of February," Gasol said. Interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff added: "You go back and look through the month, we had opportunities to win games. We had games that came down to the stretch where we just weren't able to make enough plays."

### TURNOVER HEADACHES

The Grizzlies problems started almost immediately as Memphis committed six turnovers in the first 3 minutes. "Turnovers got the best of us early," Bickerstaff said. "I think we had nine turnovers in the first quarter, and some of those were careless turnovers."

### LAST WORD

Gasol on coping with the losses: "Red wine helps at night."

### UP NEXT

Suns: Host Oklahoma City on Friday  
Grizzlies: Entertain the Denver Nuggets on Friday



# Rutgers beats Minnesota 65-54 to advance in Big Ten at MSG



Minnesota guard Nate Mason (2) shoots as Rutgers guards Corey Sanders (3) and Geo Baker (0) watch during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the first round of the Big Ten men's tournament Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, in New York.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

By RALPH D. RUSSO, AP College Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The home team in the first Big Ten Tournament in Madison Square Garden will play at least one more game.

Corey Sanders scored 23 points and last-place Rutgers won a Big Ten Tournament game for the second straight season, beating Minnesota 65-54 on Wednesday night.

The 14th seed Scarlet Knights (14-18) play sixth-seeded Indiana on Thursday night. Rutgers upset Ohio State as the 14th seed in last year's Big Ten Tournament.

"That 14 doesn't represent the team that we are," said Sanders, the team's best player and a junior who could leave early for the NBA.

Four seasons in the Big Ten have produced four last-place finishes for the Scarlet Knights, but second-year coach Steve Pikiell can claim a rare accomplishment for the program. The last time Rutgers won conference tournament games in consecutive seasons was 2005 and '06, back when the Scarlet Knights were coming to the Garden as a member of the Big East. In 18 seasons in the Big East, Rutgers won a total of seven conference tournament games and only once, in 1998, did the Scarlet Knights win two in a single tournament.

"It's not been easy, but it's

never easy when you're building something," Pikiell said. "And you've got to go through these times to enjoy the good times."

Minnesota (15-17) ended an awful season, filled with off-court issues and injuries, by losing 14 of its final 16 games. Isaiah Washington, a freshman from Harlem, led the Gophers with 18 points. Minnesota got manhandled on the boards by Rutgers, 49-28, and second-leading scorer Nate Mason was 4 for 14 from the field while fighting flu-like symptoms and good defense by Sanders.

"(Mason) was cramping up," Minnesota coach Richard Pitino said. "And Corey was playing really good one-on-one basketball."

The Big Ten brought its basketball tournament to New York for the first time this season, allowing Rutgers to be the home team of sorts. Playing about 35 miles from their campus in East Brunswick, New Jersey, the Scarlet Knights did not exactly pack the house, but their fans were easily the most prominent and noisy in the Garden's lower bowl.

Sanders made a 3 with 6:15 left in the second half to give Rutgers a 52-47 lead, and put Rutgers up by six a few minutes later with another jumper. The Scarlet Knights, the worst free-throw shooting team in the Big Ten, made 7 of 8 from the line down the stretch to seal it.

## BIG PICTURE

Rutgers: Pikiell is no stranger to conference tournament success at the Garden. He was a point guard for Connecticut in 1990 when the Huskies won their first Big East Tournament championship here.

"I love Madison Square Garden. No better place. No better venue," Pikiell said.

Minnesota: The Gophers finish what had to qualify as one of the most disappointing seasons any team in college basketball had this season. Minnesota started the season ranked 15th in the country, expected to be a Big Ten contender and coming off an NCAA Tournament appearance. At one point they were ranked 12th in the nation. Pitino's fifth season turned out to be a wreck. Star senior Reggie Lynch was expelled from school for sexual assault. Amir Coffey, another double-figure scorer, missed much of the season with a shoulder injury.

"I think there's a reason why we struggled," Pitino said. "So I think when their expectations were high, we had a full roster. When we lost players, obviously it changed."

## UP NEXT

Rutgers: The Scarlet Knights lost to Indiana in the regular season by 22.

Minnesota: The Gophers can hope for a better next season.

## Prom...

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loss, the Lightning became the first team to reach 90 points this season.

### CANADIENS 3, ISLANDERS 1

MONTREAL (AP) — Jonathan Drouin and Nikita Scherbak scored in the second period and Montreal beat New York to extend its points streak to five games.

Paul Byron also scored and Antti Niemi made 27 saves to help the Canadiens improve to 2-0-3 in their last five. Mathew Barzal scored his 18th of the season for the Islanders. They are winless in last four games and 4-8-2 in their last 14.

### BLUES 2, RED WINGS 1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Carter Hutton made 35 saves, Scottie Upshall and Alex Pietrangolo scored and St. Louis beat Detroit to snap a seven-game losing streak.

Hutton improved to 6-2-1 in his last nine starts and 16-7-2 overall, allowing only Andreas Athanasiou's goal with 1:45 left.

### AVALANCHE 4, FLAMES 2

DENVER (AP) — Nathan MacKinnon and Tyson Barrie each had a goal and an assist in Colorado's victory over Calgary.

Matt Nieto and Nikita Zadorov also scored, and Semyon Varlamov made 30 saves. The Avalanche have won 11 of 12 home games. Mikael Backlund and Michael Frolik scored for Calgary.

# Simon scores 24, St. John's rallies past Butler 75-68, 2OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Simon turned three takeaways in the last minute — a steal and two defensive rebounds — into five points at the other end and St. John's defeated Butler 72-68 in double overtime on Wednesday night. Simon, a transfer from Arizona, led St. John's (15-15, 4-13 Big East) with 24 points, 10 rebounds, four steals and five assists. Marvin Clark II, who sank a pair of insurance free throws at the very end, added 20 points and two blocked shots, Bashir Ahmed tossed in 22 points. And the resurgent Red Storm did it without sophomore sensation Shamorie Ponds, who did not

play due to an abdominal strain and is listed as day-to-day. Since shocking then No. 4 Duke, St. John's reeled off four straight and now has won five of its last seven. Butler, a No. 4 seed to the NCAA Tournament last season, advancing to the Elite Eight, has lost four of six. The Bulldogs have been mentioned as a possible bubble team to the upcoming NCAA Tournament. Paul Jorgenson and Kelan Martin scored 17 points each for the Bulldogs (19-11, 9-8).

The win lifts St. John's into ninth place in the Big East and is the first overtime (and double overtime) win since March 8, 2014.

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[ata foa'i]

# Alo Tama'ita'i o Samoa - Siamupini MMA - Fepuari 27

tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

O le tama'ita'i o Genah Fabian mai le afio'aga o Sale'imoa, Lufilufi ma Lefaga Samoa, ua manumalo i le Fusi o le Ta'aloga Mixed-Martial Arts (MMA) i le sailiga siamupini sa faia i le Oakland Marriott City Arena.

O lenei ta'amilosaga sa tauva ai o ia o le World Muay Thai World Title ma sa fetau ai o ia ma le tama'ita'i sa umia le fusi o le Siamupini, Charmaine Tweet.

O le la'ua paga o tauva ai o le Fly Weight 56.5 kg lona mamafa, peita'i o le mamafa na tauva ai Genah Fabian e nao le 125 pauna i lona maua e 5ft 7 inisi.

I se fa'asalauga mai lea ta'aloga o lo'o taua ai faapea i le fetauiga lea, o le ta'amilosaga lua na lavea lava Tweet i le kiki i le ulu a le tama'ita'i o Genah, lea e fa'aigoaina e tagata o 'Fabioso', ma le toe tula'i mai Tweet e fa'aauau le fetauiga.

Ua umia nei e ia le fusi o le Siamupini MMA Feather weight a tama'ita'i ma o lo'o auai o ia i le au ta'aalo a Niu Sila lea e avea ma malo e alaala tumau ai i lenei vaitau, ma o

lo'o kolenia fa'apitoa ai fo'i o ia i le fa'agatama MMA.

Na soifua Genah i Aukilani Niu Sila ma aoga i le Girls Grammar School e o'o lava i le High School, peita'i i le atoaga o lona 19 tausaga ma ia filifili ai e tauva i le MMA.

O lo'o a'oa'oina fa'apitoa o ia i AKA Thailand i lana konek-arate ua maea sainia ma le Malo o Niu Sila peita'i, e le mafai ona ave'esea ai lona lagona o ia e malosoi lona toto Samoa. O aiga o lona tina e matua mausali lana mafutaga ma i latou a'o ola a'e i Niu Sila, A'oga ma ta'alo ai.

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In the second, it was all Samoana as they poured in four goals to add to their solo score from the first half to complete the game's final tally of 5-1.

**WARRIORS 1, SHARKS 0 (FEB. 24)**

The difference in this game was penalty kicks.

The Tafuna Warriors converted their PK in the first half, and the Samoana Sharks failed their attempt in the second that would have equalized the score.

Tafuna spent most of the second half defending, and they played great, at one point stopping three shots from inside the goalie's box.

The defending champs were able to hold on to the end for the 1-0 win.

**COUGARS 5, LION S 0 (FEB. 24)**

Fa'asao-Marist won big against the Leone Lions 5-0 on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Cougars have put forth

their names as contenders for the varsity division's title after that strong performance last Saturday.

**JUNIOR VARSITY SHARKS 2, LIONS 0 (FEB. 26)**

Samoana won 2-0 against Leone thanks to a two-goal effort from Faafeu Amisone in the second half of the game.

Both teams went into the break with a scoreless tie, with the Sharks able to claim the win thanks to the second half's scoring efforts.

**SHARKS 1, WARRIORS 1 (FEB. 24)**

The Sharks and Warriors' JV squads drew 1-1 in a back-and-forth game last Saturday.

Both goals were scored in the first half, and in the second neither team could break the tie despite coming close on several occasions.



Susan Godinet of the Fa'asao-Marist Cougars in action against the Leone Lions during an ASHSAA varsity girls soccer game on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 at the Pago Park Soccer Stadium. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]

# San Jose State with 1st conference win, 64-62 over Utah St.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Jaycee Hillsman scored 19 points and grabbed five rebounds and San Jose State picked up its first conference win, edging Utah State 64-62 on Wednesday night, snapping a 16-game losing streak.

Ryan Welage added 16 points and six rebounds for the Spartans (4-24, 1-16 Mountain West Conference), who close out their season at Air Force on Saturday. Oumar Barry had nine points and six rebounds and Keith Fisher III had eight points and led the team with nine rebounds.

San Jose State shot 46 percent from the field compared to 36.5 percent for Utah State.

The teams were tied 37-all at the break and Jalen James and Welage made 3-pointers early in the second half to help give the Spartans a 52-49 advantage with 11:43 to play. A jumper by Hillsman gave the Spartans the lead for good, 60-58, with 5:38 left and they held on for the win.

Sam Merrill scored 26 points to lead the Aggies (14-16, 7-10) who have lost four straight. Daron Henson added 11.



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# Bridges scores 23, No. 4 Villanova holds off Seton Hall



Villanova guard Jalen Brunson (1) drives against Seton Hall guard Myles Powell (13) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, in Newark, N.J.

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

By TOM CANAVAN, AP Sports Writer

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — With a week to go until the con-

ference tournament, No. 4 Villanova and Seton Hall showed everyone what Big East basketball is all about.

It’s not pretty. It was ugly at times, but it was hard-fought, low-scoring, physical and it had the crowd of 13,711 at the Prudential Center on their feet most of the night. And it was fun.

Mikal Bridges scored 23 points, Jalen Brunson made big plays down the stretch and Villanova avoided consecutive losses for the first time since the 2012-13 season with a 69-68 overtime victory on Wednesday night.

“I don’t know,” Villanova coach Jay Wright said about the game. “I have to look at the film. It wasn’t pretty. But it was a great experience for these guys, especially this time of year, coming into a great environment against a tough defensive team and finding a way to get it out.”

The Wildcats (26-4, 13-4) won because Bridges and Brunson stepped up in crunch time, especially Brunson who scored 12 of his 14 points in the final 3:56 of regulation and the overtime.

“This is something that is preparing us for the future and something we needed as a team,” said Brunson, who hit two free throws with 6 seconds left in overtime to put the Wildcats up three points. “To see the guys together in this environment and have this type of game is a great step for us. We have to keep building off of it.”

Khadeen Carrington closed out the scoring with two free throws with a second to play

to finish off a 23-point night for Seton Hall (20-10, 9-8). However, he also missed a free throw with 11.6 seconds left in regulation that could have given the Pirates a late one-point lead.

“In this league when you play a game like this and both teams battle, I couldn’t be more proud of my guys,” Pirates coach Kevin Willard said. “I hate losing, but when you go out and leave it all on the floor like our guys did, again I thought both teams should be proud. Sometimes you lose these games.”

Villanova, which is 4-3 in its last seven games, never trailed in the overtime after Phil Booth and Brunson sandwiched 3-pointers around a free throw by Angel Delgado for a 60-55 lead.

Miles Powell added 14 points for Seton Hall, which played without leading scorer Desi Rodriguez (ankle) for the second straight game and saw its three-game winning streak snapped.

Carrington had a chance to give Seton Hall the lead when he went to the line for two free throws with the Pirates trailing 52-51 with 11.6 seconds to play. He missed the first and made the second.

Villanova called time out with 9.1 seconds to play in regulation to set up a final shot but Seton Hall denied Brunson the ball and Donte DiVincenzo’s 3-pointer just before the buzzer never looked good.

The Wildcats seemingly had the game within their grasp when Brunson hit a short jumper in the lane for a 50-49 lead and Bridges scored on a

layup seconds later after Miles Cale turned the ball over with 44 seconds to play.

Carrington closed the gap to a point with two free throws with 36 seconds to go. The Pirates were then forced to foul four times to get Nova into a 1-and-1 situation and Brunson made the plan work out, missing his free throw with 23.6 seconds to go.

Carrington had a chance to end the Wildcats streak but missed his opportunity.

Trailing 36-25 with 12:45 left in the second half, Powell hit two 3-pointers to cap a personal 8-0 run that got the Pirates within 36-33 with 10:55 to play.

After Bridges hit a reverse layup, Seton Hall continued its 14-2 spurt that Carrington capped for a 39-38 lead. The game seesawed the rest of the way.

## BIG PICTURE

Villanova: Still have a chance to tie for regular-season Big East title, but Xavier would have to loss to DePaul. The Wildcats have won the last four regular-season conference titles.

Seton Hall: Need to win Saturday to avoid slipping into the bottom four in the league. A Creighton win over Marquette also would keep the Pirates out of the bottom four, which would have them playing a first-round tournament game.

## UP NEXT

Villanova: Host Georgetown on Saturday afternoon in regular-season finale

Seton Hall: Host Butler on Saturday night in the seniors’ final home game.

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# Warriors pull away in 3rd, quiet Beal to win in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after taking schoolkids to a museum instead of visiting President Donald Trump at the White House, the Golden State Warriors won for the seventh time in eight games by beating the Washington Wizards 109-101 as Kevin Durant scored 32 points, Stephen Curry added 25, and Klay Thompson limited Bradley Beal to eight Wednesday night.

Durant shot 12 for 20, Thompson scored 13, and Draymond Green contributed 11 points and 11 assists.

Otto Porter Jr. led Washington with 29 points and 10 rebounds, and Kelly Oubre Jr. scored 17 on 4-of-16 shooting. Beal came in averaging a team-leading 23.7 points but he missed his first nine shots and had zero points at halftime. His first basket came with under 5½ minutes left in the third quarter.

The Wizards were again without All-Star point guard John Wall, who sat out his 14th game in a row after surgery on his left knee, but they trailed only 58-56 after two quarters Wednesday. Golden State tends to dominate third quarters, though, and this evening was no exception: It opened that period with a 16-4 run that made it 74-60 and was in control from there.

**PELICANS 121, SPURS 116**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Anthony Davis had 26 points and 15 rebounds, and New Orleans rallied in the final two minutes to beat San Antonio, adding to the Spurs' misery after losing LaMarcus Aldridge to an injury in the first half.

New Orleans won its seventh straight after trailing by as many as 15 points.

San Antonio, which has been without superstar forward Kawhi Leonard for all but nine games this season, lost Aldridge to a sprained right ankle late in the first half. Aldridge landed awkwardly while defending a driving hook shot by Davis with three minutes left in the second quarter.

The injury would prove critical down the stretch for the Spurs, who've lost five of their past six. The team did not immediately disclose how long Aldridge will be out.

**CELTICS 134, HORNETS 106**

BOSTON (AP) — Kyrie Irving scored 34 points in the first three quarters, and then sat out the fourth with the rest of Boston's starters as the Celtics routed Charlotte.

Aron Baynes had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Jaylen Brown scored 15, including nine in the third quarter as the Celtics shot 60 percent and turned the game into a blowout. Terry Rozier and Greg Monroe scored 14 points apiece for the Celtics, who won their fourth straight and ended Charlotte's five-game winning streak.

Kemba Walker made his first eight shots and led Charlotte with 23 points. Dwight Howard had 21 points for the Hornets, who were coming off a victory over Chicago on Tuesday night and couldn't keep up with the Celtics after halftime.

**PISTONS 110, BUCKS 87**

DETROIT (AP) — Andre Drummond had 15 points and 16 rebounds, and Detroit dominated inside in a victory over Milwaukee.

The Pistons outscored Milwaukee 56-34 in the paint and had 15 offensive rebounds in the first half alone. Blake Griffin had eight points, nine rebounds and seven assists for Detroit, which won for only the second time in eight games.

Eric Bledsoe scored 19 points for the Bucks, who have lost three straight. Milwaukee star Giannis Antetokounmpo left with 10:08 remaining in the game with an apparent injury around his right eye. He eventually walked toward the locker room.

**RAPTORS 117, MAGIC 104**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — DeMar DeRozan scored 21 points and Kyle Lowry added 17 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds to lead Toronto over Orlando.

Pascal Siakam had 14 points, including 10 in the final five minutes as the Raptors pulled away for their 11th win in 13 games. Jakob Poeltl added 13 points and Fred Van Fleet had 12.

Evan Fournier and Mario Hezonja scored 17 apiece for Orlando, which has lost seven straight games. Nikola Vucevic added 14 points and Aaron Gordon had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic.

**THUNDER 111, MAVERICKS 110, OT**

DALLAS (AP) — Russell Westbrook scored 30 points, including the go-ahead three-point play in the final minute of overtime, and Oklahoma City beat Dallas.

Westbrook, who had 11 rebounds and seven assists, drove for the tying layup and made the free throw with 38 seconds left in OT to help the playoff-contending Thunder salvage a four-game split of the season series against a one-time postseason rival now among the NBA's worst teams.

Dwight Powell forced overtime at 100-all with a follow shot at the buzzer to match his career high with 21 points. It was the first points for Dallas since Powell's alley-oop dunk with 4 minutes remaining. Harrison Barnes led the Mavericks with 26 points.

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# Top-seeded Stephens rallies to advance in Acapulco



Germany's Alexander Zverev plays a ball during his match against countryman Peter Gojowczyk at the Mexican Tennis Open in Acapulco, Mexico, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018. (AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Top-seeded Sloane Stephens rallied to beat Dutch qualifier Arantxa Rus 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-0 on Wednesday night to reach the Mexico Open quarterfinals.

Rafael Nadal withdrew before his opening match, saying he needs more time to recover from a hip injury. The second-ranked Spanish star hasn't played since retiring in the Australian Open quarterfinals.

Stephens saved a match point in the second-set tiebreaker against the left-hander. The American won the U.S. Open last year for her first Grand Slam title and took the Acapulco hardcourt event in 2016. She'll face Switzerland's Stefanie Voegele, a 6-3, 6-4 winner over Greece's Maria Sakkari.

Second-seeded Kristina Mladenovic also overcame a slow start to advance, beating

Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. Mladenovic will play seventh-seeded defending champion Lesia Tsurenko of Ukraine, a 6-3, 6-1 winner over Arina Rodionova of Australia.

Third-seeded Daria Gavrilova of Australia beat Mexico's Renata Zarazua 7-5, 6-3 to set up a match against Veronica Cepede Royg of Paraguay. Royg upset fifth-seeded Irina-Camelia Begu of Romania 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Fourth-seeded Zhang Shuai of China beat Jil Teichmann of Switzerland 7-6 (5), 6-4.

In men's play, second-seeded Alexander Zverev beat fellow German Peter Gojowczyk 7-6 (6), 6-3. Zverev will face Ryan Harrison of the United States. Harrison edged Argentina's Diego Schwartzman 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. Third-seeded Dominic Thiem of Austria topped Denis Shapovalov of Canada 6-2, 6-3. The Argentina Open winner two weeks ago on clay, Thiem will face the winner of a late match between sixth-seeded Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina and David Ferrer of Spain.

Fifth-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa beat France's Adrian Mannarino 6-3, 6-4 in another late match. Anderson won the New York Open two weeks ago.



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# Mountain West in discussions with Gonzaga to join league

By JOHN MARSHALL, AP Basketball Writer

The Mountain West Conference could get a big addition, possibly next season.

Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson said he has spoken with six university presidents or athletic directors since August about joining the conference.

The only school Thompson identified was Gonzaga, one of the nation's top mid-major programs. Thompson said Gonzaga athletic director Mike Roth reached out to him last fall and that he's spoken with coach Mark Few about the possibility of the Zags leaving the West Coast Conference for the MWC.

The talks were first reported by the San Diego Union-Tribune.

"Exploratory. I think that's the best description," Thompson said Wednesday night. "If there's something that helps us or makes us grow stronger, why wouldn't we look into it a little bit? We haven't gotten real detailed or in depth in any conversations. We're just trying to understand what are you looking for as a university and they're asking what are your future goals and ambitions as a conference."

Gonzaga has dominated the WCC, winning 17 regular-season championships and 14 tournament titles since Few became coach in 1999. The Zags reached the NCAA title game a year ago, losing to North Carolina.

A move to a larger conference would boost the competition Gonzaga faces during the conference season and help with seeding in the NCAA Tournament. No. 11 Wichita State made a similar move last year, leaving the Missouri Valley Conference for the American Athletic Conference.

Adding the Zags would be a huge boost to the Mountain West as well.

Once one of the nation's top basketball conferences, the Mountain West has weakened some through realignments and traditional powers like UNLV, New Mexico and San Diego State falling off recently.

The Mountain West at one point was the highest-rated conference in the nation and got five teams through to the NCAA Tournament. The conference was a one-bid league each of the past two seasons and could be again this year unless Boise State finds a way to get in.

"We've fallen a little short the past couple years with just one bid, but historically over 19 years we've been a multi-bid league," Thompson said. "We play Gonzaga in sports other than basketball, but it's Western-based, it's in a part of the country geographically that we look into. And this is a really easy one to explore because we only have 11 basketball schools."

# Teams back at combine in search of 2018 success

By ARNIE STAPLETON, AP Pro Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Lured out of the broadcast booth with a \$100 million contract that makes him the highest-paid football coach ever, Jon Gruden sauntered up to the podium and flashed that mischievous smile.

"I'm very excited to be back here in Indianapolis," Gruden declared. "I sure have missed the combine."

Gruden is navigating an off-season NFL landscape that's changed drastically since he last roamed the sideline nearly a decade ago.

"It's a lot different because you're not allowed to have any interaction with the players, and I've always complained about that since the new (collective bargaining agreement) came into place," Gruden said Wednesday. "A lot of players would come to see me in Tampa to get their football fix."

"So, you're not allowed to have contact with these guys. But what's most discouraging to me is we've got to make some decisions on our roster, on salaries, on players and their futures and you can't even meet them," Gruden grumbled.

"I don't know these guys. I've never coached them. I never met half of them. So, that's been very, very difficult for me and I've been emotional about it at times."

On the next podium was Matt Patricia, who, unlike his former colleague Josh McDaniels, didn't balk at leaving Bill Belichick's brigade.

Then there was Andy Reid, in the midst of another major roster shakeup, and his protege, Doug Pederson, still basking in Philadelphia's first Super Bowl triumph in just his second season as coach of the Eagles.

All are gathering this week in Indianapolis hoping to better their chances of winning in 2018.

Top college prospects, including a group of quarterbacks that could produce five first-round draft picks, will spend four days getting poked and prodded, tested and timed.

GMs and coaches will pepper them with questions either in formal 15-minute interviews or during a mixed zone after their physical assessments.

"It's a chance to get to know these guys, to know exactly what you're getting when they come into the building," said new Texans general manager Brian Gaine.

He said their athleticism and acumen are already well-known, and they'll flash their strength, speed and swiftness this week at Lucas Oil Stadium.

What the GMs and coaches want to do is get a look under the hood.

"We'd like to talk about football as much as we can, but we need to know everything we can to find out about these players," Gaine said. "So when they come into our building (we know) that they're a good fit for us in the locker room, in the weight room, in the training room, in the meeting rooms, out on the practice field."

After this week, teams will retreat to their headquarters and begin preparing for the annual flood of free agents that will hit the market in mid-March.

NFL.com reported this week that teams will soon receive in-game player-tracking data on every NFL player in the league, something that could change the way they scout opponents and evaluate free agents.

The league has gathered the data since 2014 through sensors in players' shoulder pads. Until now, teams only had data on their own players.

Some teams have embraced the new tools more than others.

"Are you talking about the analytics, the GPS, all the modern technology?" Gruden

said. "Man, I'm trying to throw the game back to 1998."

"You know, really as a broadcaster, I went around and observed every team, asked a lot of questions, took a look at the facilities, how they're doing business, there's a stack of analytic data or 'DAY-tuh,' however you want to say that word, people don't even know how to read it. It's one thing to have the data — or DAY-tuh — it's another thing to know how to read the damn thing."

"So, I'm not going to rely on GPSs and all the modern technology. I will certainly have some people that are professional that can help me from that regard. But I still think doing things the old-fashioned way is a good way, and we're going to try to lean the needle that way a little bit."

Also meeting in Indianapolis this week is the league's competition committee, which is looking into fixing the catch rule, something commissioner Roger Goodell said was his top offseason priority.

The committee is also pondering whether to change the defensive pass interference rule from a spot foul into a 15-yard infraction as it is in college.

Broncos coach Vance Joseph dismissed that possibility because of the harm it could cause to a league that just gave us a thrilling Super Bowl featuring 1,151 yards of offense, more than any NFL game ever played.

"The DPI rule's not going to change, guys. That's nice media talk," Joseph said. "The catch rule? It has to clear up what's an actual catch and what's not a catch. But the DPI rule's not going to change. It's a fun game. We like to see points being scored. If that rule changes, there's going to be a lot of defensive backs grabbing and pulling guys, so that won't change."



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FILE - In this March 14, 2012, file photo, a player runs across the NCAA logo during practice in Pittsburgh before an NCAA tournament college basketball game. „ÄüI don,Äôt know if there,Äôs any fixing the NCAA. I don,Äôt think there is,Äù said LeBron James, who never played in college, jumping from high school to the NBA at a time when that had not yet been prohibited by the league. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic, File)





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# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

WIFE CAN'T WATCH AS 'FRIEND' ABUSES HUSBAND'S GENEROSITY

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband loaned a "dear friend" some money a year ago. She has yet to pay back a penny. When I ask him about it, he gets mad and tells me it's none of my business. I have hinted to her about some large bills that we have to pay, to no avail. Other than that, my husband and I have a great marriage and love each other very much. I just don't like her taking advantage of his generosity. I know taking care of his friends gives him pleasure, but he has been burned before and I can see it happening again. I find it hard to ignore. What do I do? -- SICK OF IT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**DEAR SICK OF IT:** I wish you had mentioned whether you work and the money your soft-touch hubby gave his friend was partly earned by you. If that's the case, I don't blame you for being upset.

While I'm not sure you can prevent your husband from doing this, I do think you are within your rights to insist that before he does it he discuss it with you. If he will do that, perhaps the two of you can find an alternative for the person other than giving out money.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son passed away unexpectedly a little over eight years ago. He was 21. At the time, he had been dating a very nice young lady. We kept in touch for a while after the funeral -- letters and emails mostly, as I had moved out of state -- but things gradually tapered off.

I have been able to keep somewhat informed about her life because of the magic of social media and mutual friends she shared with my son who still contact me occasionally. I recently learned she's being married within the next two weeks. I am wondering if it would be wrong or weird of me to send a congratulatory card to the happy couple. I wish only continued happiness for her and her future husband. -- WISHING HAPPINESS

**DEAR WISHING:** I see nothing wrong or weird about sending her a nice card, and when you do, be sure to tell her not only that you wish her a happy future, but also that she will always have a special place in your heart.

**DEAR ABBY:** Would it be appropriate for someone to tell someone else's children to stop doing something dangerous if the parent is not around? I'm talking about kids holding scissors the wrong way or running with them, pushing others, etc. My children are in their teens now and know that such behavior is wrong. If it were the other way around, I would be grateful if someone cared enough to tell my kids that a behavior is wrong and/or dangerous. -- GLAD IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR GLAD:** How else would the children know if they weren't warned? To speak up would be an act of kindness, particularly if they were doing something that could cause harm to themselves or others.

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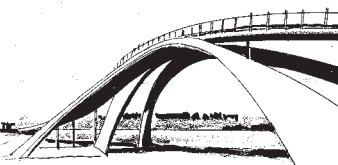
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Next period you'll be so covered with mat burns you'll need skin grafts! Ha ha ha! See ya then, twinky.

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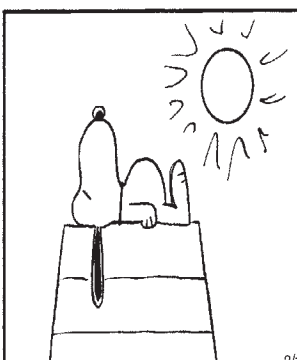


SIGHHHH...

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS WHAT YOU LEARN FROM HAVING YOUR FACE IN SOMEONE'S ARMPIT RIGHT BEFORE LUNCH.

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**PEANUTS** ©




YOU SHOULDN'T LIE THERE LIKE THAT WITHOUT SUN GLASSES

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HERE...I'LL PUT THEM ON FOR YOU..



VERY FUNNY!

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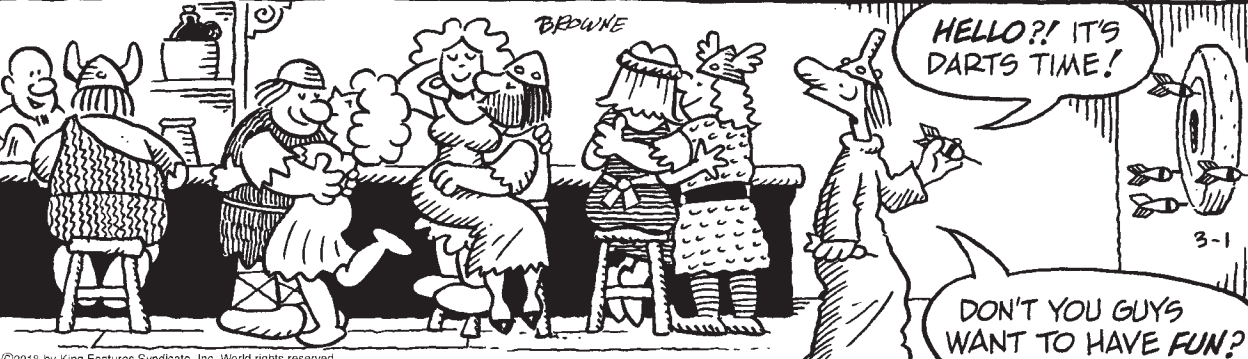


...THAT SUIT IS YOU, SIR!! ...AND TO THINK WE WERE SO FOOLISHLY HOLDING IT FOR GEORGE CLOONEY!

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**Hagar the Horrible** ©

by Chris Brown



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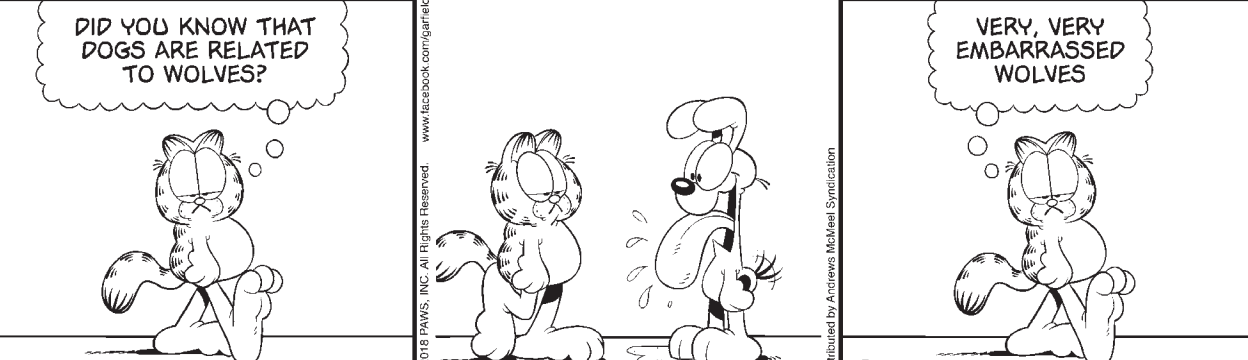
HELLO?! IT'S DARTS TIME!

DON'T YOU GUYS WANT TO HAVE FUN?

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by Jim Davis



DID YOU KNOW THAT DOGS ARE RELATED TO WOLVES?

VERY, VERY EMBARRASSED WOLVES

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**Sudoku Pacific**

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

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

3/1 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Wednesday's Puzzle Answer 2/28

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

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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives to the basket against Washington Wizards forward Tomas Satoransky, center, and center Marcin Gortat (13), of Poland, during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, in Washington.

(AP Photo/Nick Wass)



# Meet A Spelling Champ!

The student at the right will represent Olomoana Elem. School in the American Samoa Spelling Bee to be held March 07, 2018. The winner of that Bee will represent American Samoa in the 90th annual Scripps Howard Spelling Bee to be held in Washington, D.C.



## BIOGRAPHY OF A 2018 SPELLING BEE FINALIST

- What is your name?  
**Ruta Sua**
- What is your school name?  
**Olomoana Elementary School**
- What grade are you in?  
**Grade 7**
- Who is your English Teacher?  
**Fatima Sua**
- Who are your parents?  
**Tovio & Tasi Sua**
- What village are you from?  
**Aoa**
- What was your winning word?  
**COHORT**

Spelling Bee Winners, if you've not filled out your biography and had your picture taken, please come in to Samoa News.

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## Alo...

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kiki oso a le tama'ita'i lenei. O loa malos'i'aga o le Kickboxer lava, peita'i o lea e tauva i le fa'agatama e taga ai le fusu, kiki, pi'i ma le karate. E o fa'atasi uma nei mea i lea fa'agatama,

ae iloga lava le malosi o le kiki a Fabioso, aua o lea fo'i na pe ai le TV a le tamaita'i siamupini na la fetau'i o Charmaine Tweet."

## Warriors...

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**HAWKS 107, PACERS 102**  
ATLANTA (AP) — Dennis Schroder scored seven of Atlanta's final eight points to finish with 14, and the Hawks held off a late Indiana comeback. John Collins had 16 points for the Hawks, who led by 23 before holding on late to end their four-game losing streak.

Bojan Bogdanovic led Indiana with 26 points while making four 3-pointers in the final period. His third 3 of the period cut the Atlanta lead to 97-91. A follow shot by Domantas Sabonis, who had 14 points, pulled the Pacers to 101-99.

Schroder answered with a layup with 44 seconds remaining, and then added

another driving layup following an Indiana turnover.

**SUNS 110, GRIZZLIES 102**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Devin Booker scored 34 points, Josh Jackson added a career-best 29 and Phoenix snapped a 10-game losing streak by beating Memphis.

Elfrid Payton had 19 points and 10 assists for Phoenix, which won for the first time since defeating the Dallas Mavericks 102-88 on Jan. 31.

While the Suns snapped their losing streak, the misery continued for Memphis, which lost its 11th straight as the Grizzlies were winless in February.

Marc Gasol led the Grizzlies with 22 points and 13 rebounds, while Andrew Harrison scored 20 points.

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