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The hard working members of the Lions Club of Pago Pago taking a break from food service to pose for a Samoa News photo during the Lions Annual Golf Tournament this past Saturday. [photo: TG]

World Cup of Golf returning to Australia's Sandbelt in 2018

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The World Cup of Golf will be played in Australia's Sandbelt for the third consecutive time, with the PGA Tour announcing The Metropolitan Golf Club in Melbourne will host the tournament next November.

"The World Cup of Golf has been a celebrated and valued tradition in the game for decades, and the International Federation of PGA Tours is proud to see that tradition continue in 2018 with the best players from around the globe convening at The Metropolitan," PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan said in a statement. "Golf in the Sandbelt region speaks for itself."

The tournament, which has been held 58 times across 25 countries since 1953, will feature 28 two-person teams representing their countries from Nov. 21-25.

The highest-ranked player in each team will get to select his playing partner. The 2018 event will feature the same format as 2016, including two days of foursomes and two days of fourballs.

Australians Adam Scott and Jason Day won the 2013 World Cup played at Royal Melbourne, and Soren Kjeldsen and Thorbjorn Olesen won at Kingston Heath in 2016.

The 2018 edition will mark the sixth time the World Cup of Golf has been staged in Australia.



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Philadelphia 76ers' Ben Simmons, center, goes up to shoot between Phoenix Suns' Marquese Chriss, left, and Josh Jackson during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, in Philadelphia.
(AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

Booker scores 46 to lift Suns past 76ers 115-101

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Devin Booker was unguarded as he swished a 26-foot 3-pointer, and shrugged as he tossed up his hands.

The Suns were surely impressed.

The 76ers? Well, they likely wished they could have stayed in bed and called out sick.

Booker scored 46 points and outplayed a flu-ridden Ben Simmons in a battle of 21-year-old stars, and led the Phoenix Suns to a 115-101 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Booker and Simmons, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 draft, have positioned themselves as future faces of the league.

Booker was the one who left all smiles.

"I know there's more things I have to work on," Booker said. "Turn around this franchise, start to get wins and make the playoffs. Whatever I have to do to do that, I'm with it."

He shook off a wretched start (2 of 11 in the first quarter) and rallied for perhaps his game of the season. Booker, who once scored 70 points in a game, made a whopping 11 of 17 shots in the second half for 32 points. His three 3s in the fourth helped the Suns put away an on-the-rise Sixers team that played one of their worst games of the season. Booker made 5 of 8 3s.

"Devin had quite a night," 76ers center Joel Embiid said. "We took them lightly and we paid for it."

TJ Warren scored 25 points and Tyler Ulis had 12 points and 12 assists for the Suns.

Embiid had 22 points and 12 rebounds and Simmons scored 20 points. JJ Redick led the Sixers with 25 points.

Redick rallied the Sixers from 17 down and hit consecutive 3s in the fourth that sliced the deficit to five.

Ulis pushed back the Sixers with a 3 and Booker buried two on the next two possessions that squashed the 76ers' comeback for good. Booker let out a big yell after a fastbreak dunk that made it 110-94 and sent The Process fans toward the exits. Booker added one more 3 for good measure and a shrug.

Simmons had the flu and covered his head

with his hoodie as he trudged off the court from pregame warmups to the locker room.

"I feel like my body kind of hit a wall," Simmons said. "I woke up and I didn't feel like I could play."

Simmons, who averaged 23.1 points and 9.4 rebounds, was sick for most of the last three days and didn't leave his place at all on Sunday.

"Out of kindness, I've decided to still start him," coach Brett Brown.

Simmons made his first four shots and played 17 minutes in the first half. Fittingly, his first half highlight was a sick dunk: Simmons reached high and snared a low lob pass from Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot that skimmed Dragan Bender's outstretched finger and completed the alley-oop. Simmons scored on an up-and-under layup that brought the crowd to its feet.

It just wasn't enough to bring the Sixers a victory.

Embiid tried to make it a game in the third. He routinely punished Alex Len defensively; Embiid used his right hand to smack a shot into the backboard in the third. The Sixers recovered the ball, Embiid scored and it was 82-75. The Sixers trailed by 10 through three.

The Sixers, shooting 36 percent on 3s this season, missed a whopping 23 of 30 3s.

TIP-INS

Suns: The Suns expect to travel 4,987 miles during the six-game road trip. ... Tyson Chandler had 12 rebounds.

76ers: G T.J. McConnell could return this week against the Lakers. McConnell, averaging 7.1 points and 5.4 assists, missed his third straight game with a sprained AC joint in his left shoulder. He shot before the game for the first time since he was hurt.

BOOK 'EM

Booker was 7 of 8 from the free-throw line, grabbed eight rebounds and had two steals.

UP NEXT

Sunday: At Toronto on Tuesday.

76ers: Host the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday.



Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker Paul Posluszny, right, stops Indianapolis Colts running back Frank Gore after a short gain during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, in Jacksonville, Fla.

(AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton)



A member of the Folger's team focusing on his final putt of the day, during the Lions Annual Golf Tournament this past Saturday at the Ili'ili Golf Course.

[photo: TG]

Rare losing season hits hard inside Colts' locker room

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Frank Gore came to Indianapolis to earn a Super Bowl ring.

He may leave without making a playoff appearance.

If the Colts didn't know their fate before Sunday's 30-10 loss at Jacksonville, they certainly do now. An already lost season has become their first losing season since 2011.

"It's tough, especially knowing that when I got here, the year before I got here, they went to the AFC championship," the 34-year-old Gore said Monday. "I'm used to winning. But this is football and every year is different." Maybe Gore will find another title contender when he becomes a free agent in March, but he doesn't consider the decision to join Indy a mistake. Far from it, in fact.

He's enjoyed working with the coaching staff, earned the respect of new teammates and continued to grind out yards at an age when most running backs have been pushed out of the league. By rushing for 61 yards against the Jags, he moved into fifth on the NFL's career rushing list, 404 yards behind Curtis Martin.

But Gore didn't choose the Colts for individual achievements; he came here to play with Andrew Luck, a quarterback he thought would win and win big. Instead, Luck has missed half of the past 44 games with injuries and the Colts' expectations have nosedived.

Since coach Chuck Pagano led Indy to the playoffs in each of his first three seasons, the Colts have endured back-to-

back 8-8 seasons and are 3-9 this season.

The latest loss to the Jags eliminated Indy from the AFC South chase.

It's not easy for anyone to accept, especially the players who have been postseason regulars. "When you're used to winning, you expect to win," said kicker Adam Vinatieri, one of the few holdovers from the 2-14 debacle of 2011 when Peyton Manning missed the whole season with a neck injury. "When it becomes real at the end, when you're not going to the playoffs, that's when it becomes difficult."

Vinatieri is one of those fortunate guys. He's been part of more Super Bowl victories (four) than losing seasons (three) since entering the league in 1996. This season, though, nothing has gone as expected.

Luck hasn't taken a single snap because of offseason surgery on his throwing shoulder and backup Scott Tolzien was benched after just 3½ quarters.

Starting center Ryan Kelly missed the first four games with an injured foot and sat out Sunday with a concussion. Coach Chuck Pagano expects to have Kelly back at practice Wednesday. But Kelly's absence reflects a much larger problem. With four games left, Indy has used seven starting offensive line combinations and allowed 51 sacks — one short of the fifth-highest single-season total in franchise history and nine more than the Green Bay Packers, who have allowed the second-most this season.



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John Mara, owner of the New York Giants, speaks to reporters in East Rutherford, N.J., Monday, Dec. 4, 2017. The Giants made a rare in-season house cleaning, firing coach Ben McAdoo and general manager Jerry Reese on Monday, less than a year after the team made the playoffs for the first time since 2011.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

Reeling Giants fire coach McAdoo, GM Reese after 10th loss

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Believing the team was spiraling out of control, the New York Giants went out of character by making two major in-season moves, firing coach Ben McAdoo and general manager Jerry Reese.

With the team reeling at 2-10 in a season where most felt it was capable of challenging for a Super Bowl, co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch reached the decision Monday morning. It came less than a day after the Giants lost in Oakland, with quarterback Eli Manning benched and the offensively inept team performing poorly again.

“We agreed that wholesale changes to this organization needed to be made to get us back to the team we expect it to be,” Mara said at a hastily called news conference. “We

also agreed it was pointless to wait any longer to make these changes.”

Defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo will take over as interim coach for the final four games. He coached the St. Louis Rams from 2009-11.

Mara did not know whether Manning will return as the starter this weekend against Dallas, saying the decision will be made by Spagnuolo.

In a radio interview on WFAN, Manning said he told Spagnuolo that he wants to start the last four games.

“I want to be out there and help us go win these four games,” Manning said. “I hope I’m out there on Sunday playing against the Cowboys.”

Mara said neither McAdoo nor Reese was surprised by the decision, saying they were both professionals. He said his meeting with Reese was more emotional because the two had worked together since 1994.

“I don’t think there was any one final straw,” Mara said. “I just think that where we are as a franchise right now, you know, we’re 2-10. We’ve kind of been spiraling out of control. I just felt like we needed a complete overhaul. I don’t think there was any one event or one final act to precipitate that.”

Many felt the benching earlier last week of the well-liked Manning, the face of the franchise and a two-time Super Bowl MVP, was the deciding factor.

McAdoo also would have been subjected to howls from fans with three of the final four games at home, starting this weekend.

The moves come less than a year after the 40-year-old McAdoo ended a four-year Giants playoff drought in his first season, going 11-6. That record was aided in large part by Reese’s outstanding work in the free agent market that rebuilt the defense.

While the 2016 season ended in a loss to Green Bay in the wild-card game, this year was supposed to be better. Much better.

The offense was bolstered by signing free agent wide receiver Brandon Marshall and drafting tight end Evan Engram in the first round. The defense was back with the major exception of defensive tackle Johnathan Hankins.

A fifth Super Bowl was in everyone’s sights if the offensive line could improve.

It fizzled from the start. The Giants lost their first five games. The line was inept. The defense underperformed, then the injury bug decimated the roster.

“This has been the perfect storm this season,” Mara said. “Everything that could have gone wrong this season has gone wrong.”



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019
Approved to issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Fa’atili; DBAS President
Date of issuance: Dec 1, 2017
Date & Time Due: December 30, 2017
No later than 2:00 pm local time

DBAS requests proposals for financial audits and the related single audits for a period of three years, beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019. Fiscal and calendar years are coincident at DBAS.

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The proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from DBAS management and board. The committee may request interviews with potential contractors after reviewing the proposals before the final selection is made.

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It's December, which means time for a Seahawks surge

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — It's December which means it's time for the Seattle Seahawks to get on a roll.

That's been the formula for most of Pete Carroll's tenure with the Seahawks, always building toward the conclusion of the regular season.

And it's a feeling that was rekindled after Seattle's convincing 24-10 win over the Philadelphia Eagles. What was deemed to be a challenging beginning to the final month of the season could in turn become a catalyst for yet another final push by the Seahawks that's become so common.

"I contemplated in my head whether I wanted to say that out loud, whether I wanted to jinx it, but I do. I believe that this is the start of something that we've seen in the past," Seattle wide receiver Doug Baldwin said after the victory.

"Again, like I said I told Russell (Wilson), whatever this is we need to capture it, we need to hold onto it and continue to push forward to get better because the truth of the matter is we still have so much left in the tank."

Seattle's impressive win over the Eagles was a boost the Seahawks needed. They had lost two straight at home. They were on the fringe of the NFC playoff race. The long list of key injuries suffered by the Seahawks had led some observers to no longer consider them legit contenders.

Yet those concerns were muted seeing Russell Wilson put in another memorable performance and Seattle's defense holding the No. 1 offense in the NFL to just 10 points.

Seattle is 25-10 in December and January regular-season games under Pete Carroll going back to 2010. They are 20-5 in those games with Wilson at

quarterback.

"It's the fourth quarter and we have the opportunity to control everything," Carroll said on Monday. "That's all we could hope for. Every game we have is a championship match and we've got to play them all the way out and figure that you've got to win every one of them the week you play them."

"This was a really good test this week, this was a great test for us at home just because of the level of the play of these guys. ... Our guys know now we can deal with whatever is coming down and just have to do it one week at a time."

Wilson's performance against the Eagles was not his best statistically, but may be one of the best in his career.

He stood in the pocket and took punishment from Philadelphia's defensive front, yet did not commit a turnover, threw three touchdowns and when the opportunity arose used his legs to extend plays or continue his role as Seattle's leading rusher.

Wilson has 432 yards rushing, to go along with 3,256 yards passing and 26 TD passes.

"This year? Yeah, I'll give him this year but I've seen better from him in the past. I don't want to pump him up too much," Baldwin said of Wilson.

"I know you guys can do that, will do that. I just want him to continue to keep going because we need him at his best to continue this."

There was the matter still of whether Wilson got away with an illegal forward pass in the fourth quarter with Seattle trying to protect a 17-10 lead.

Facing third-and-8 at the 42, Wilson scrambled from the pocket for 6 yards. As he was about to be hit, Wilson lateralled to Mike Davis, who ran another 17 yards for the first down.

Texans look to regroup after mistake and injury-filled game

HOUSTON (AP) — After yet another loss, the Houston Texans are trying to figure out how to correct their mistakes and deal with several more injuries after already losing stars J.J. Watt and Deshaun Watson for the season.

Houston's 24-13 defeat at Tennessee on Sunday was its fifth loss in six games to drop the team to 4-8.

Already decimated by injuries, the Texans sustained several more against the Titans, leaving them thin at several positions heading into Sunday's game against the 49ers.

Tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz, receiver Braxton Miller and running back Alfred Blue all suffered concussions against the Titans. Also injured were

Bruce Ellington (hamstring) and cornerback Johnathan Joseph (shoulder).

"For me, calling plays and being a head coach, that game was a first for me where we lost that many players to injury during the game," coach Bill O'Brien said.

O'Brien didn't have an update on the status of any of those injured players on Monday, but Houston lost another player for the season when linebacker Brennan Scarlett was placed on injured reserve with a foot injury he sustained last week against the Ravens. Scarlett had been playing in place of Whitney Mercilus, who tore his pectoral muscle on Oct. 8 in the same game where Watt broke his leg.



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, right, leaps away from Philadelphia Eagles defender Brandon Graham in the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, in Seattle. The Seahawks won 24-10.

(AP Photo/John Froschauer)



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Cleveland Cavaliers’ LeBron James, right, shoots over Chicago Bulls’ David Nwaba during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, in Chicago. (AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

Wade, Love, James lead surging Cavaliers over Bulls 113-91

CHICAGO (AP) — Dwyane Wade and Kevin Love each scored 24 points, LeBron James had 23 and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Chicago Bulls 113-91 Monday night for their 12th straight win.

Backed by a trio of stars, the Cavaliers matched their longest winning streak since the 2014-15 season. Wade made 9 of 13 shots in his first game in Chicago since agreeing to a buyout with his hometown team in late September. Love grabbed 13 rebounds and made 8 of 13 from the field. James finished 9 of 15 with seven rebounds and six assists. The Cavaliers shot just under 52 percent.

Kris Dunn led Chicago with 15 points. Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday scored 14 apiece as the Bulls fell to 3-19 with their ninth straight loss.

WARRIORS 125, PELICANS 115

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Stephen Curry had 31 points and 11 assists but sprained his ankle late in the game, and Golden State came back from 21 points down late in the first half to defeat New Orleans.

Klay Thompson scored 22 points and Kevin Durant and Draymond Green each had 19 for the Warriors, who won their fourth straight. After it was over, Curry went for X-rays on his right ankle.

Jure Holiday scored 34 and E’Twaun Moore added a career-high 27 for the Pelicans, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

CELTICS 111, BUCKS 100

BOSTON (AP) — Kyrie Irving had 19 of his 32 points in the second half, helping offset a 40-point night by Giannis Antetokounmpo as Boston held off Milwaukee.

Al Horford added 20 points, nine rebounds and eight assists. Jayson Tatum chipped in 17 points to help Boston improve to an NBA-best 21-4. The Celtics have won five of their last six.

It was the third 40-point game this season for Antetokounmpo. Khris Middleton added 19 points while Eric Bledsoe had 18 points.

HORNETS 104, MAGIC 94

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kemba Walker had 29 points and seven assists in his return from a shoulder injury, Dwight Howard reached a rebounding milestone and Charlotte beat Orlando to snap a four-game losing streak.

Walker, who missed the previous two games, was the spark plug all night for the Hornets and became the first player in franchise history with 200 career 20-point games. He made all 14 free throw attempts.

Howard had 12 points and nine rebounds, moving past former Charlotte coach Paul Silas and Dikembe Mutombo

for 19th on the all-time NBA rebounding list.

KNICKS 115, PACERS 97

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Thaddeus Young scored 20 points to lead seven Indiana players in double figures as the Pacers routed short-handed New York.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points and Victor Oladipo added 16 for the Pacers, who led by 26 at half and 95-65 after three quarters.

The Knicks were without leading scorers Kristaps Porzingis (25.8 ppg) and Tim Hardaway Jr. (17.8 ppg) for a second consecutive loss. Porzingis is dealing with a sprained right ankle and illness and Hardaway has a lower left leg injury.

Michael Beasley led the Knicks with 13 points.

SUNS 115, 76ERS 101

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Devin Booker scored 46 points and TJ Warren added 25 to lead Phoenix over Philadelphia.

Booker made 17 of 32 shots and hit four 3-pointers, including three in the fourth quarter that helped the Suns put away a Sixers team that played one of their worst games of the season. Booker scored 32 points on 11 of 17 shooting in the second half.

Joel Embiid had 22 points and 12 rebounds and Ben Simmons, battling an illness, scored 20 points. JJ Redick led the Sixers with 25 points.

GRIZZLIES 95, TIMBERWOLVES 92

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Marc Gasol scored 21 points, Tyreke Evans added 16 — including two key free throws with 12.7 seconds left — and Memphis snapped an 11-game skid with a victory over Minnesota.

Memphis, which hadn’t won since Nov. 7, had to wait a bit longer after Evans’ free throws. On the ensuing possession, Jimmy Butler’s off-balance, 26-footer over Andrew Harrison bounced off the backboard and grazed the rim, snapping the Grizzlies skid.

Butler led Minnesota with 30 points, his second-straight game with at least 30. Taj Gibson finished with 14 points, while Andrew Wiggins and Jeff Teague added 12 points each.

MAVERICKS 122, NUGGETS 105

DALLAS (AP) — Harrison Barnes scored 22 points, Dennis Smith Jr. added 20 and Dallas beat short-handed Denver.

Six Dallas players scored in double figures as the Mavericks earned their second straight wire-to-wire win after beating the Clippers by 26 on Saturday. Dallas had its highest scoring game of the season and has won five of eight since starting 2-14.

Will Barton led Denver with 23 points, Jamal Murray added 22 and Gary Harris had 21.



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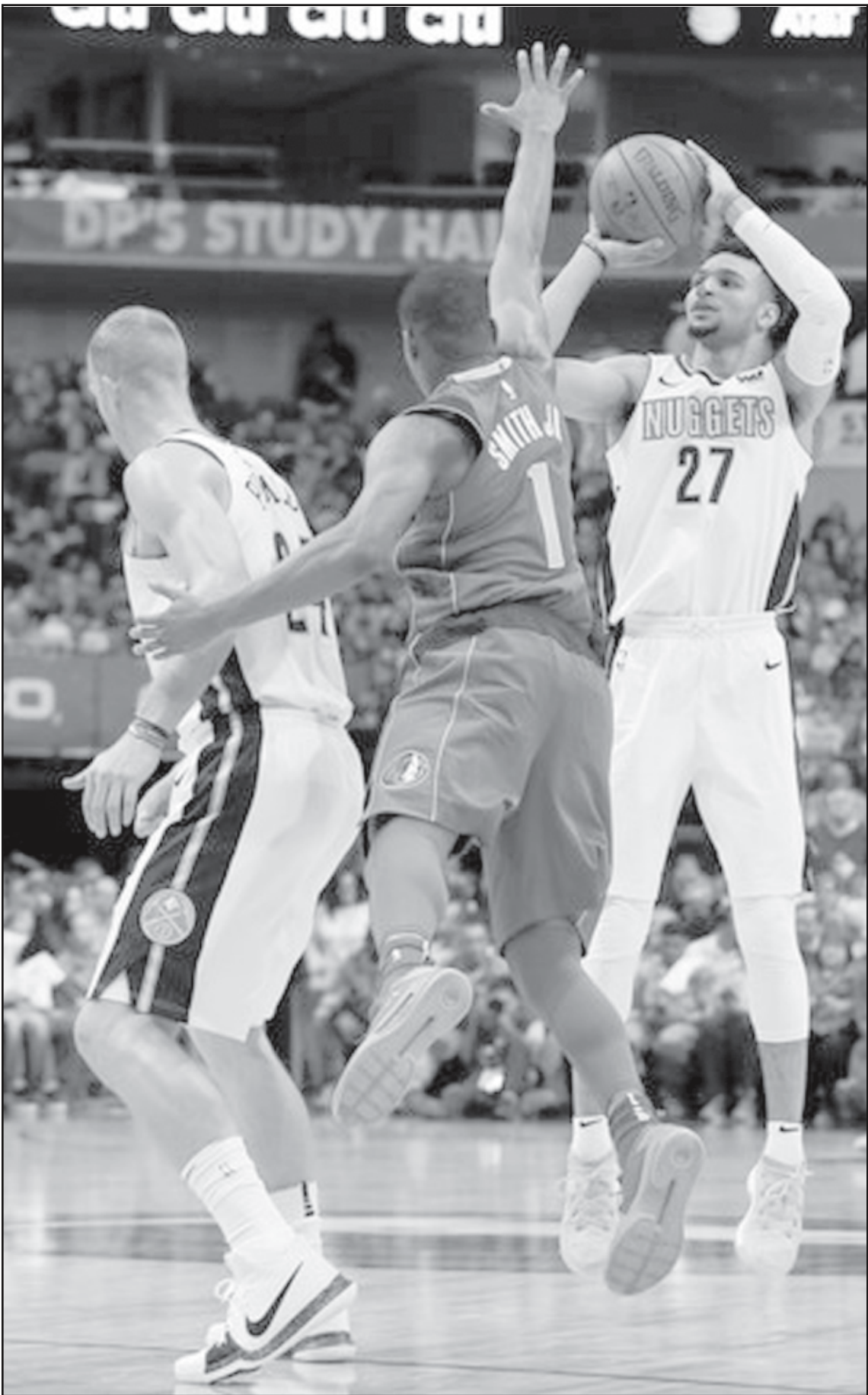
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Denver Nuggets center Mason Plumlee (24) blocks as Dallas Mavericks guard Dennis Smith Jr. (1) challenges guard Jamal Murray (27) on a shot attempt in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, in Dallas.

(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

Mavericks lead wire-to-wire to beat Nuggets 122-105

DALLAS (AP) — Harrison Barnes scored 22 points, Dennis Smith Jr. added 20 and the Dallas Mavericks beat the short-handed Denver Nuggets 122-105 on Monday night.

Six Dallas players scored in double figures as the Mavericks earned their second straight wire-to-wire win after beating the Clippers by 26 on Saturday. Dallas had its highest scoring game of the season and has won five of eight since starting 2-14. Will Barton led Denver with 23 points, Jamal Murray added 22 and Gary Harris had 21.

Denver played without two-thirds of its starting frontcourt as Paul Millsap (left wrist injury) and Nikola Jokic (sprained left ankle) remained out. The Nuggets got Wilson Chandler back, but Chandler scored just four points in 27 minutes.

Denver fell to 3-8 on the road against 10-2 at home.

Dallas led by as many as 25 points but the Nuggets started the second half making their first six shots and cut the lead to 88-80 on Barton's 3 with 2:13 left in the third quarter. It was the first time Denver had been within single digits since trailing 16-8 early on.

Barnes hit a long jumper to restore a 10-point

lead, and Dallas maintained a double-digit lead throughout the fourth quarter.

The Mavericks built a 21-point first-quarter lead and finished their highest-scoring quarter of the season up 39-23. They added the first nine points of the second quarter and led 64-47 at the break.

TIP-INS

Nuggets: Kenneth Faried had 13 points and 11 rebounds, his fifth-straight double-figure scoring game while starting in place of Millsap.

Mavericks: Dallas held its annual Seats for Soldiers Night, where the team's season-ticket holders provide their courtside seats to more than 100 wounded U.S. service members. Former president and first lady George W. and Laura Bush were also in attendance. The Mavericks improved to 11-2 in these games since starting the tradition in 2004.

UP NEXT

Nuggets: At New Orleans on Wednesday night. Denver scored an NBA season-high 146 in beating the Pelicans on Nov. 17.

Mavericks: At Boston on Wednesday night to start a three-game trip. The Celtics beat the Mavs in overtime on Nov. 20.



IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua)













Senator Fano Shimasaki and his teammates posing for a group photo during the Lions Annual Golf Tournament held this past Saturday at the Ili'ili Golf Course.

[photo: TG]



Dominant defense keeps on coming through for Vikings

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings had just taken the lead with a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter at Atlanta, a still-uncomfortable five-point edge on a Falcons team with a potent offense and a loud home-field advantage.

Once again, the game was left in good hands with a defense that has made squelching quality opponents a season-long habit.

The Vikings got the ball back in 101 seconds.

“This group of guys, we don’t really care who we play or when we play or where we play,” linebacker Eric Kendricks said. “We just all play together, and we all come out with a chip on our shoulder. We fight, regardless, no matter what’s happening, whether we’re down or up.”

Following the go-ahead score by the Vikings, the Falcons started with a short run by Tevin Coleman.

Quarterback and 2016 NFL MVP Matt Ryan was pressured up the middle by Linval Joseph and threw incomplete over the middle at the feet of Coleman.

Then on third-and-7, Vikings defensive end Everson Griffen got a jump off the ball that was so quick he might have been offside.





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The Hawaiian Airlines team, led by General Manager Tuli Fruean, during the Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament held this past Saturday at the Ili'ili Golf Course. [photo: TG]

Barzal scores shootout winner, Islanders edge Panthers 5-4

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Mathew Barzal scored the winning goal in a shootout to lift the New York Islanders over Florida 5-4 on Monday night after Panthers goalie Roberto Luongo was injured in the second period.

New York's Anders Lee scored his 100th career goal. John Tavares, Brock Nelson and Thomas Hickey also scored in regulation for the Islanders. Jaroslav Halak made 39 saves and stopped all three attempts in the shootout. Denis Malgin, Aleksander Barkov and Aaron Ekblad scored for the Panthers. Keith Yandle had a goal and two assists, and Vincent Trocheck added three assists.

Luongo allowed one goal on 13 shots before he left the game after he was injured when he stretched out his right leg to block a shot by Ryan Pullock at 17:29 of the second. Luongo was helped off the ice by trainers and wasn't able to put any weight on the leg. He did not return. James Reimer replaced Luongo and finished with 16 saves. Malgin tied the score at 4 when he was left alone in front, took a pass from Trocheck from behind the net and poked in the puck at 5:06 of the third period. After trailing 3-2, the Islanders scored two goals in about two minutes of the second. Nelson tied the score at 3 on his shot from the slot that went five-hole on Reimer with 3:41 left. Tavares put the Islanders ahead 4-3 with 1:39 left when he backhanded the puck between Reimer's pads.

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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) shoots over New Orleans Pelicans guard E'Twaun Moore in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

⊗ Curry, Warriors erase 21-point deficit, top Pelicans 125-115

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Stephen Curry had 31 points and 11 assists but sprained his ankle late in the game, and the Golden State Warriors came back from 21 points down late in the first half to defeat the New Orleans Pelicans 125-115 on Monday night.

Klay Thompson scored 22 points and Kevin Durant and Draymond Green each had 19 for the Warriors, who won their fourth straight. After it was over, Curry went for X-rays on his right ankle.

Jure Holiday scored 34 and E'Twaun Moore added a career-high 27 for the Pelicans, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

DeMarcus Cousins added 19 points and 11 rebounds — but also had seven turnovers — before both he and Durant received their second technical fouls of the game while bickering in the final minutes, resulting in ejections for both players.

Trailing 69-49 at halftime, the Warriors opened the third quarter with a 15-0 run, with Durant scoring six on two dunks and a fade-away, while Thompson and Green each added 3-pointers.

From then on, the game was tight, with the Pelicans only briefly rebuilding a lead as large as 11 on Holiday's back-to-back 3s late in the third quarter.

Golden State regained the lead at 96-95 on Andre Iguodala's steal and breakaway dunk with 8:31 left.

New Orleans briefly went back up 95-92 when Darius Miller hit a 3 while being fouled by Curry for a four-point play, but Nick Young responded with consecutive 3s to give Golden State the lead for good, and Green added a pair of late 3s to help seal it.

The first half featured dramatic swings in momentum.

New Orleans led by 13 late in the first quarter after a 6-0 mini-run featuring Holiday's dunk and Cousins' 3, but the Warriors responded with

a 17-3 surge to take a 37-36 lead early in the second quarter.

Curry scored the first six points of the spurt, starting with his 21-foot jumper as he was fouled by Tony Allen.

Patrick McCaw's 3 put Golden State in the lead, and the game remained close until Rajon Rondo, who had 10 points and 11 assists, was subbed in about halfway through the second quarter. Rondo assisted on two Holiday 3s and later added a pair of his own from deep during a 25-5 run. Rondo's 10th assist came on Moore's 3, which put New Orleans up 21 points in the final minute of the first half.

TIP-INS

Warriors: C Zaza Pachulia missed his first game this season because of soreness in his left shoulder. The precise cause of the injury is a bit of a mystery. Team officials say Pachulia told them he didn't know exactly when or how he hurt his shoulder, only that it began bothering him during Sunday night's victory at Miami and that soreness persisted during warmups Monday evening. ... With Pachulia out, JaVale McGee started for the first time this season and immediately got involved. After a turnover by Cousins, McGee finished a fast break with a dunk as he was fouled for a three-point play. Minutes later, his block of Cousins' layup attempt led to Durant's transition 3. ... McCaw left in the second quarter after getting hit on the nose when Cousins followed through on a blocked shot. The Warriors said X-rays were negative, but McCaw did not return.

Pelicans: Star forward Anthony Davis missed his second straight game with a strained left adductor. New Orleans won its previous game without him in Portland on Saturday. ... Cousins has seven technical fouls this season.

UP NEXT

Warriors: Visit the Charlotte Hornets on Wednesday.

Pelicans: Host the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday.

Familiar ring: Cowboys visit Giants as interim coach debuts

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Jason Garrett dislikes comparisons, so the Dallas coach had no interest in recalling the motivation for his Cowboys when he debuted with a win at the New York Giants six days after the firing of Wade Phillips in 2010.

Why would Garrett get asked such a thing in the first place? Well, the Cowboys visit the Giants on Sunday. And New York will be led by interim coach Steve Spagnuolo after the firing of Ben McDoo on Monday.

"I'm sure every situation is different," Garrett said Monday, a few hours after the spiraling Giants cleaned house.

"I think the biggest thing you try to do is lock in on what the opportunity is in front of you. That's what we're trying to do this week."

Garrett's right about one thing. The Giants also dumped general manager Jerry Reese. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones would have to fire himself for the same thing to happen in Dallas, and Jones has always said he'll never do that.

So the other comparison will have to do, and begs the question of whether the Giants (2-10) can find a spark and spoil what remains of the playoff hopes for the Cowboys (6-6) a year after beating them twice when Dallas finished atop the NFC at 13-3.

Seven years ago, the Cowboys bounced back from a humiliating prime-time blowout in Green Bay with a 33-20 win over the Giants that ended New York's five-game winning streak and sparked a 5-3 finish under Garrett after a 1-7 start.

Nope. Still nothing from Garrett.

"That was a particular situation that we had a few years ago, and we tried to handle it the best," Garrett said. "The biggest thing we tried to preach to our guys is just to prepare for the opportunity that we have on Sunday. It's the same thing we're preaching right now to our team."

The Cowboys aren't nearly on the roll New York was for Garrett's debut. But quarterback Dak Prescott said his bruised throwing hand (right) is fine after taking a hit on it in last week's 38-14 win over Washington that snapped a three-game losing streak.

And 2016 All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee said he's ready to return after missing three straight games with a hamstring injury.

The Dallas defense had its best showing in five games overall without Lee this season, forcing four Redskins turnovers and sacking Kirk Cousins four times. The 280 yards allowed were the fewest since beating the Giants 19-3 in the opener.

"I thought we were more physical in how we tackled and in forcing the opposing offense to earn it," Garrett said. "That's really when we play our best defense. So I did think we grew over the course of time — the best game being the one against the Redskins."

The Dallas offense is also coming off its best game without suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott, who has two games left in his six-game suspension over alleged domestic violence.



In this Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017 file photo, Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett watches play from the sideline during an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Chargers in Arlington, Texas. Jason Garrett dislikes comparisons, so the Dallas coach had no interest in recalling the motivation for his Cowboys when he debuted with a win at the New York Giants six days after the firing of Wade Phillips in 2010. (AP Photo/Roger Steinman, File)

Ovechkin shines as Capitals enjoy rare win against Sharks

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the same night Tom Wilson beat up a player he grew up admiring, Alex Ovechkin beat the team he grew up rooting for.

Ovechkin scored his NHL-leading 20th goal of the season and assisted on another, helping the Washington Capitals snap their recent run of futility against the San Jose Sharks with a 4-1 victory Monday night.

The Capitals beat the Sharks for the fourth time in 18 meetings since Ovechkin entered the league in 2005-06. It's just Washington's second regulation win against San Jose in that time and first since Oct. 15, 2009. It ended a four-game skid in the series.

"It was a situation where everybody step up and everybody play for each other," said Ovechkin, who considered Owen Nolan his favorite player and the Sharks his favorite team as a kid in Moscow. "I think we just move our feet. I think we have lots of speed in our game. We didn't have lots of turnovers. We managed the puck well. That helps us a lot."

Halting the Sharks' recent mastery came at a cost: T.J. Oshie left in the second period with an upper-body injury and didn't return. As Oshie was already engaged with Logan Couture and falling down along the boards, he took Joe Thornton's backside to the head.

"He was just falling a little bit," said Thornton, adding that he hopes Oshie makes a full recovery. "It's not like I ran him or anything. I bumped him and it felt like my hip kind of hit him in the head. So it's just unfortunate what happened."

Washington coach Barry Trotz said the team would "go through all of the protocols" with Oshie as it does any injured player.

Tom Wilson took exception to Thornton's hit and fought him in the third period of a chippy game that also included a fight between Alex Chiasson and Barclay Goodrow. Wilson called Thornton an "honest player" and one of his favorites to watch but wasn't a fan of the hit that injured Oshie.

"He's what's good for the game, and in that instance, that hit, I didn't like personally and I don't think our team liked," Wilson said. "Any times a guy is down, it's kind of a no-hit zone."

Sharks coach Peter DeBoer wasn't happy that Wilson went after Thornton so long after the hit, calling it premeditated "garbage." He and Capitals assistant Lane Lambert shouted expletives at each other after the fight between Wilson and Thornton.

"I think our group appreciated the fact you've got a 38-year-old Hall of Famer out there that's basically forced into that by their coaches and their bench," DeBoer said.

Before those tensions rose, Ovechkin continued his climb up the career list with his 578th goal, passing Hall of Famer

Mark Recchi for 20th — in 703 fewer games. He only recently passed Mike Bossy and is now the 11th player in NHL history to score at least 20 goals in each of his first 13 seasons.

"You can't even keep up with all the guys he passes: that Bossy guy and that Recchi guy today," said goaltender Philipp Grubauer, who made 24 saves for his first career victory against San Jose. "He's one of the best goal-scorers in the game and he knows where to put the puck. He's dangerous and you can't leave him alone that many times."

Ovechkin scored on a rare backhand on a breakaway, turned several defenders inside out and made a perfect pass to set up Brett Connolly's power-play goal. Ovechkin said he even surprised himself by going backhand to beat Sharks goaltender Martin Jones.

"I don't have a good backhand, but it goes in," Ovechkin said. "One worked. I'll take it."



San Jose Sharks center Joe Thornton (19) fights Washington Capitals right wing Tom Wilson (43) during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, in Washington. (AP Photo/Nick Wass)



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Bears coach John Fox looking for answers after another loss

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Losing is wearing on the Chicago Bears, coach John Fox and his staff.

The heat on Fox and the Bears coaching staff has increased with each defeat in a five-game losing streak, although the Bears coach said Monday he hasn't discussed his job status with team ownership or management.

"I haven't heard anything one way or the other," Fox said. "I wouldn't ask. That's more how I see it.

"I'm doing everything in our power to put the best product on the field day to day, week to week. I control what I can control and that's what I can control." Fox's contract has one year left after this season. Fox said there has been nothing negative in his dealings with Bears general manager Ryan Pace.

"It's been very positive from the standpoint of a working relationship, like everybody, even you (media) to some degree," Fox said.

"It's frustrating, no doubt. That can't deter you. You just keep rolling, and like I've said, we've got four games, the final quarter of our season. As soon as today's over and we're done talking about yesterday, we're on to Cincinnati."

In Sunday's 15-14 loss to the San Francisco 49ers (2-10), the

Bears offense misfired for the second straight game as they fell to 3-9.

With the defeat, Fox (12-32) has the worst winning percentage as a coach in Bears history at .272. Abe Gibron had a .274 winning percentage (11-30-1) from 1972-74.

The offense has gained only 140 yards and 147 yards in the past two games with Mitchell Trubisky at quarterback. And the offense managed only seven points Sunday against San Francisco. The other score came on special teams.

Fox said he hasn't considered changing offensive coordinators.

"That's not been kind of productive for me in the past, No," he said. Playing Trubisky after starter Mike Glennon was unproductive has led to problems as well as injuries to receivers. "I'd like to have been more productive offensively, but the reality is we're kind of where we are," Fox said.

"(We're) playing a lot of young players, in particularly at the quarterback position. I've seen improvement in him. And that's kind of what I look for is are we getting better."

Trubisky went 12 for 15 for only 102 yards Sunday.

"I thought Mitch played arguably his best game," Fox said.



Wisconsin's Alex Illikainen (25), Khalil Iverson, second from left, Khalil Iverson (21), Aaron Moesch and Aleem Ford, right, walk off the court after the team's 80-70 loss to Xavier in an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, in Madison, Wis.

(AP Photo/Andy Manis)

Iverson helps Badgers hang on for 64-63 win at Penn State

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The last 48 hours weren't easy for the Wisconsin Badgers who had all day Sunday plus a long flight into Happy Valley on Monday to stew over their worst home loss in nearly two decades. Penn State nearly extended that misery, but a potential go-ahead 3-pointer by Tony Carr bounced off the rim with two seconds to play and the Badgers held on for a 64-63 win. "It's nice to see a bounce back and look like a Wisconsin team should look," Badgers coach Greg Gard said.

Khalil Iverson scored 14 of his 16 points in the first half, Nate Reuvers added 11 points and Ethan Happ grabbed 10 rebounds for the Badgers (4-5, 1-1 Big Ten), who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Mike Watkins scored a career-high 22 points for the Nittany Lions (7-3, 1-1 Big Ten) who battled back from a 17-point deficit with 9:40 to play. Carr added 16 points and Shep Garner made 13 for the Nittany Lions who were trying for their first 2-0 start in conference play since 2007.

Penn State played its third game, and first at home, in six days and struggled to shoot the ball for most of the night. The Nittany Lions made just 9 of 26 field goals in the first half, trailed 31-25 at halftime and were just 3-for-21 over the final 1:50 of the first and the first 10 minutes of the second.

"We dug a little deeper because we looked very sluggish in the first half," Penn State coach Patrick Chambers said.

The Badgers led 51-36 with 9:40 to play, but Garner drained back-to-back jumpers shortly thereafter to spark a 21-9 run that cut Wisconsin's lead to 60-57 with 1:53 left. A pair of Garner free throws with less than a minute to play made it a one-point game before the teams traded free throws over the final 43 seconds. D'Mitrik Trice closed it out at the line on 4-of-4 shooting for the Badgers.

"I knew we'd have to be really dialed-in and gritty and persevere," Gard said. "I expected the whole game to be like the last four minutes and fortunately we were able to make enough plays and get enough stops to hang on."

BUILT FORD TOUGH

Carr got his shot after forward Aleem Ford bounced the game's final free throw off the rim on the other end of the floor. He didn't get another chance thanks in part to Ford's hustle to get back on defense.

When Carr's shot rang off the rim, it took a bounce toward a Penn State player in the corner. Ford grabbed hold of the ball to force a jump ball and prevent the Nittany Lions from getting any kind of chance.

Ford's late recovery came in the absence of usual post presences Happ and Davison, who both had fouled out.

"He really hustled for that loose ball," Gard said. "There were a lot of winning plays,

so to speak that were made. "We need to make better decisions down the stretch so that it doesn't get to that point."

TRUSTING CARR

Chambers had no issue with Carr, who was just 5-for-22 from the field, pulling up for the final 3-pointer even though Penn State's crafty point guard might've had room toward the hoop. The clock was ticking and Chambers trusts his leading scorer who entered the game with 20.6 points per game, 39 assists and 19-for-32 from 3-point range.

"Whatever Tony thought," Chambers said. "I'm not in his vision. I'm on the sideline. I don't know what he saw but he's a heck of a player and he makes really good decisions. So I'm going to trust that decision."

TOUGH STATS TO SWALLOW

Wisconsin's bench chipped in 25 points to Penn State's one.

Meanwhile, of Penn State's 29 misses, 11 were layups that didn't fall.

THE BIG PICTURE

Wisconsin: The Badgers are the only team to have played four ranked opponents so far and were tied or within a basket with two minutes left in three of those games. They looked better than their record inside the Bryce Jordan Center, matching Penn State's physical play throughout and frustrating Penn State's shooters all night.

Penn State: The Nittany Lions continue to play solid defense, but those stingy efforts will be for nothing if Penn State's shooters continue to miss like they did early and midway through against the Badgers. Penn State finished 26 for 50 from the floor.

UP NEXT

Wisconsin concludes a three-day trip through the Keystone State at Temple (4-2) on Wednesday.

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MANA COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE is now holding support groups for people who suffer from mental illness or any form of disability. Join me every Friday @ 12Noon @ the Alliance office in Nu'uuli. For more info call Liz Mailo @ 272-3257 or 699-0272.

FEELING ALONE? Come to SURVIVORS TAKING ACTION THROUGH SHARING, a support group for victims of violence (physical or sexual). Join me every Thursday at 12:00 noon @ the Alliance office in Nu'uuli. You don't have to do it alone. For more info, call Liz Mailo @ 272-3257 or 699-0272.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy Parker December 5, 2017

ACROSS

- 1 Hot roofing material
4 Helper
9 Separate
14 Presidential nickname
15 Singer Cara
16 Appraiser's figure
17 Tiny boxer
18 Give in return
20 Dots in the sea
22 Highly skilled
23 Life as it is
25 Not even
26 Soda synonym
29 Rode a bike
31 Singer Gomez
33 Minute
35 Wind-borne toys
37 Emulate the Pied Piper
38 Its mascot is a mule
40 Made a kittenish sound
42 Skip over
43 Nasty look
45 Very fast
47 Swiss canton
48 Floored in wrestling
50 Least prevalent
52 "Game, ____ match!"

- 53 Race section
55 Like many Netflix programs
58 Actress Anderson
60 Group of eight
61 Fill-ins
65 Nest-egg initials
66 Was no longer supine
67 Cache of treasure
68 "The Lord of the Rings" monster
69 Pesky insects
70 Gumbo plants
71 Negative vote

DOWN

- 1 Long-snouted animal
2 Mishandle
3 Reserve
4 Needing Dramamine
5 Intense anger
6 32 feet, 9 inches
7 Oklahoma city
8 Ad's first proof
9 Steered clear of
10 Warsaw agreement

- 11 Chicken ____ king
12 Furrow
13 Peg for a drive
19 Curtain holders
21 City of Cambridgeshire
24 Far from fat
26 Variant
27 How the ecstatic walk
28 Legendary LaBelle
30 Big name in Scotch
32 Lion of the zodiac
33 Narrow-waisted fliers
34 Hudson of movies
36 Dairy apparatus

- 39 Tokyo tender
41 Catastrophic
44 Sympathizes
46 Gives testimony
49 Moore of films
51 Brief moment
54 Affect
56 ____ firma
57 Keach or Keibler
58 Hissed hey
59 Hang around
61 Droop
62 Large container
63 Neck wrap
64 Peron or Gabor

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Tuesday,
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THE LAST WORD IN
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Happy Birthday: Look for unusual opportunities to improve your health, financial and emotional future. Taking care of important business and putting an end to what hasn't been working for you in the past will point you in the right direction. Don't trust anyone but yourself, and base your plans on the research you do personally. This is the time to recoup what you've lost. Your numbers are 5, 15, 23, 29, 32, 35, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Refuse to let anyone put unreasonable demands on you. Time is precious and it's important that you use whatever skills and knowledge you have to the best of your ability. Embrace change and make the most out of what transpires.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): What you do for others will shape the way you are treated and how much you can accomplish. Look for new ways to improve relationships and professional situations. Put some muscle behind your plans and forge ahead. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Romance is on the rise and will improve your personal life. How well you get along with your peers will determine the opportunities that unfold. Being a team player will encourage colleagues to support you and rivals to back down. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get involved in activities and events that your friends are indulging in, and you will find common purposes that will bring you closer together. Good ideas stem from using your imagination and sharing with others. Personal growth is encouraged.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Tidy up any loose ends that might affect your tax status. Getting everything in order will give you the freedom to enjoy the holiday season. Travel plans can be made and long-term goals set. Keep your personal matters a secret. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel, communication and helping others will give you insight into what you want to do next or how you want to live the rest of your life. Inner growth will lead to personal changes that offer less stress and better relationships.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful how you handle personal situations. Don't let what's happening at home affect your responsibilities at work. An interesting job opportunity should be considered. Don't miss out because someone is making emotional demands. Do what's best for you.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for ways to cut your costs at home or to do away with expenses you can live without. Be creative and you'll come up with better and more cost-efficient ways to maintain your current lifestyle without jeopardizing your bank account. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't divulge secret information or get involved with anyone who could taint your reputation. Be firm in your convictions and steady in the way you handle relationships. Change should begin within to ensure that you are standing on solid ground emotionally. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will mount and trouble will surface if you are too open about what you have been doing. Be innovative and use your imagination and intuition to ensure that you only reveal what's necessary. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't go overboard and you will achieve the success you desire. Keeping a steady pace and avoiding overspending, overreacting or overdoing will help to balance and stabilize your life. Moderation and positive change are up to you.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Develop your ideas and you'll find a way to make them happen. Let your emotions be the propeller that pushes you to turn something small into something big. Refuse to let criticism or outside demands stifle your plans. ****



WOMAN IS READY TO HANG UP ON CONSTANTLY CALLING HUSBAND

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I argue more than I'd like. I am pretty easygoing and passive; he likes his feelings to be known. Over time I have become worn down, and my patience has worn thin.

We are starting to rebound from what I call "the year from hell." His drinking and poor choices nearly put us on the street, and I was ready to walk. Things are starting to get better, but what we can't seem to agree on is communication during the day.

Abby, I am on the phone for a living. I cannot stand being on it more than I must be. He calls and/or texts me up to 12 times a day. I can't stand it. Even when I'm busy or give him a time certain when I will call him back, he beeps in before I have the chance.

I am now at the end of my rope. With all that I have dealt with, worked through and put up with, this is something I will not compromise on.

I feel it's more than sufficient to talk on my way in to work, maybe check in around lunch, then on the way home. He feels that because I don't feel the need to call or talk that much that I don't love him. I can't stand listening to the dead air or breathing because there is nothing to talk about. Am I being petty for letting this be the thing that will break us? -- TALKS TOO MUCH IN TEXAS

DEAR TALKS TOO MUCH: If you want to save your marriage after everything you have been through, make the time for marriage counseling. What may destroy your marriage isn't your husband's talking; it's his neediness, insecurity and insensitivity.

Frankly, what you have described strikes me as controlling rather than loving behavior. After the struggles you have described, you have already proven your love for him. Being at his beck and call during the workday should not be an additional requirement.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law is extremely allergic to cats. We have six cats, but live 1,000 miles away from her. When her 8-year-old son comes to visit, he has a Ziploc bag full of clean clothes that he puts on before he goes home. The clothes he wore here are sealed up at the end of his trip to be washed.

I'm OK with this. But I need some advice for an upcoming big family holiday gathering. We have all been courteously asked to wash our clothes before coming, to vacuum our vehicles and to limit our contact with cats before arriving. Am I wrong to feel like it's her problem, not ours? -- WHOSE PROBLEM IS IT

DEAR WHOSE PROBLEM: Yes, you are wrong. When a family member has a health problem that can be triggered by the others, it becomes everyone's problem. If the steps needed to keep her safe are too much for you, you should stay home.

DEAR ABBY: Is it cheating to proofread your college-aged child's final before he/she turns it in? -- WONDERING IN ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR WONDERING: To read it? No. To correct it, yes.

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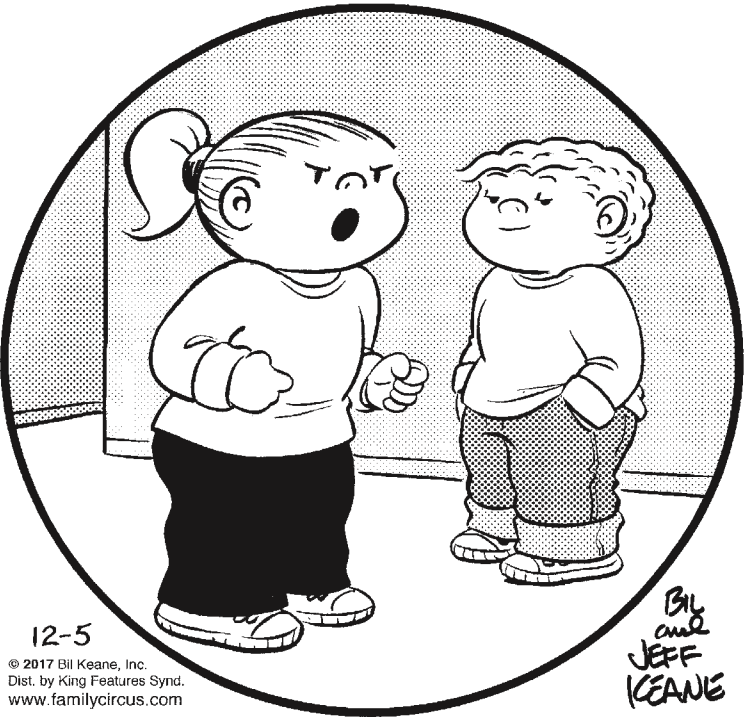
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YOUR TURN By Timothy E. Parker

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane




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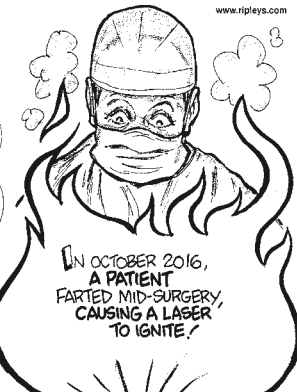
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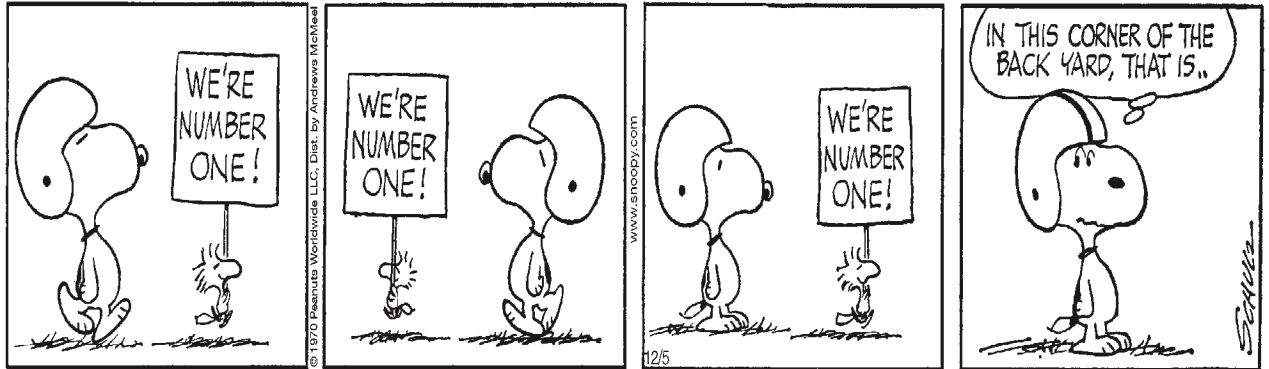
THEY'RE TRYING TO SUBVERT US LITTLE KIDS WITH SUBLIMINAL MESSAGES IN OUR TEXTBOOKS, TELLING US TO TURN IN OUR PARENTS WHEN THE SATURNIANS ATTACK! EARTH WILL BE RENDERED HELPLESS!

I THINK ONE OF US HAS BEEN EATING TOO MUCH PASTE IN ART CLASS.

I'M TOO SMART FOR 'EM, THOUGH! I DON'T READ MY ASSIGNMENTS!

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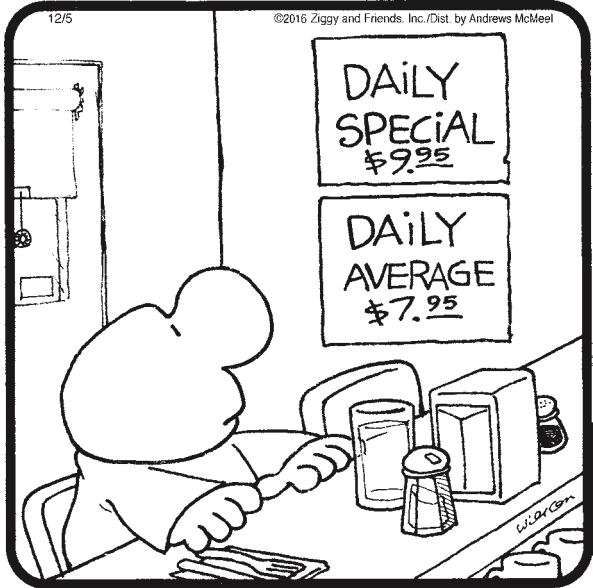


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Monday's Puzzle Answer

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1	3	8	5	2	7	9	6	4
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Hagar the Horrible®

by Chris Brown



SITTING HERE LOOKING AT COUNTLESS STARS IN AN INFINITE UNIVERSE MAKES ME WONDER IF WE ARE ALONE!

I HOPE SO! THAT'S WHY I CHOSE THIS SPOT!

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WELL, THOSE CHRISTMAS COOKIES DIDN'T LAST LONG

BURRRP

THEY WERE SOOOOO GOOD, THOUGH

YOU KNOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BAKE THEM FIRST

NOW YOU'RE JUST BORING ME WITH DETAILS



TELL ME A STORY: NO WHERE TO REST

(A NIGERIAN TALE)

adapted by Amy Friedman and
illustrated by Meredith Johnson

Once upon a time, a man named Akunna lived in a village named after his family. They had been the richest family in the whole land, and Akunna inherited all the wealth. Akunna was hard-working, but he was selfish and unkind. He lived alone because no one loved him or wanted to be with someone so greedy.

One day, after he had eaten breakfast, Akunna was sitting on his front porch when he saw a man dressed in rags walking by. He looked so strange that Akunna decided he must be mad. He tried hard to ignore him, but the man stopped right in front of Akunna and looked him directly in the eye.

“Please, give me some food,” he begged in the saddest voice Akunna had ever heard. But Akunna never gave anything away, and rather than feeling generous, he was angry that someone would be so bold. He grabbed a handful of rice from his plate and threw it at the beggar, who picked it up and ate it fast. He sighed with pleasure and licked his fingers. And then, before Akunna’s eyes, the man transformed from a poor beggar into a beautiful angel of heaven.

Akunna fell to his knees to beg for mercy, but the angel only smiled and said, “Do not be afraid. You were kind enough to share your rice, so I will grant you three wishes.”

As the angel’s words sank in, Akunna grew excited at the prospect of three wishes. With barely a moment’s hesitation, he pointed at his big armchair. “That is the only chair I own,” Akunna told the angel. “I bought it so I could sit comfortably after a hard day’s work. But sometimes people come to visit me, and they take my chair. I wish that if anyone but me sits in that chair, it shall toss the occupant high into the air and let him fall to the ground.”

The angel found this request odd, but he said, “So it will be.”

Akunna was filled with joy, so then he pointed to a tree outside his door. “I planted that tree many years ago to make my house look nice, but my neighbors steal the leaves and say it cures children of every illness. I do not like people stealing my leaves. Please put a spell on the tree, and if anyone plucks a leaf, he will get stuck to the tree.”

“So it will be,” the angel said. “And your third request?”

Akunna led the angel to his shed, and he pointed at his shovels, hoes and rakes. “See these tools? I bought these for a great deal of money, but my neighbors are forever borrowing them, taking advantage of my good nature. Please make these tools so heavy that no one but me can lift them, and if they do, the

tools will drop at once on their toes.”

“So it will be,” the angel sighed, and he disappeared. A few days later, as Akunna was preparing supper, Satan appeared at his door. Naturally, Akunna didn’t recognize him, so when Satan asked to sit in his chair, Akunna smiled and said, “Of course.” Satan sat, and the chair tossed him up in the air. He fell to the ground and hurt his leg. He began to swear and limped away while Akunna laughed.

The next day, as Akunna was preparing to go to work, he heard a commotion in his yard. When he looked outside, he saw his neighbors limping away from his shovels, hoes and rakes. “That will teach you to borrow my tools!” he laughed. He laughed so hard that he could barely catch his breath.

Later that very afternoon, as he was

walking back from work, he saw a woman carrying a child on her back. She walked up to his tree and reached up to pluck a leaf. As she did, the tree pulled her close. She was stuck to the trunk. Akunna burst out laughing. That evening, as Akunna was eating supper, still laughing at the plight of his visitors, he suddenly collapsed from a heart attack. As he fell to the floor, the woman was released from the tree, and all the other curses Akunna had wished for vanished. A few days later, Akunna’s workers wondered why he had not come to work. They went to his house and found him dead.

When Akunna reached the gates of heaven, the angel who had visited his home and granted his wishes greeted him. Akunna didn’t recognize the angel, who now had heaven’s glow in his eyes

and was bathed in light.

“Hello,” the angel said as he produced a large book and invited Akunna to read what had been written about him.

As Akunna read, he realized that the only good he had ever done in life was offering a little rice to the angel of heaven. Everything else he had done was greedy, selfish or cruel.

“I’m sorry,” the angel said, “but I cannot invite you into heaven. You will have to go to hell.”

When Akunna reached the gates of hell, Satan was waiting. But when Satan recognized the man who had cruelly launched him out of the chair, he refused to let him enter hell.

Because of his lifetime of bad behavior, Akunna had nowhere to go. And forever after, he was left to wander eternity alone, with nowhere to rest.

Nowhere to Rest

