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## Hercules Mata'afa named Polynesian College Football Player of the Year

Honolulu, HI (December 12, 2017) – Washington State University Defensive Lineman Hercules Mata'afa has been selected as the 2017 recipient of the Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award.

The Award is presented annually to the most outstanding Polynesian college football player that epitomizes great ability and integrity. University of Oregon and Tennessee Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota

was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Award in 2014, Notre Dame and Baltimore Ravens offensive lineman Ronnie Stanley was selected as the recipient in 2015, and University of Colorado quarterback Sefo Liufau was selected as the recipient in 2016.

A redshirt junior from Lahaina, Hawai'i, Hercules was named the AP's Pac-12 Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He was also named to the Walter Camp, Sports Illustrated, The Athletic's, FWAA, and the AP All-American Teams.

Mata'afa was the cornerstone of the Washington State defense, leading the Pac-12 with 21.5 tackles-for-loss and 9.5 sacks. He started all 12 games for the Cougars while recording 43 tackles with two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery, had multiple tackles-for-loss eight separate times and earned Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week honors following the Washington State win at Utah.

"On behalf of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Board of Directors and Selection Committee, we congratulate Hercules on this historic accomplishment," said Jesse Sapolu, Chairman and Co-Founder. "He had an outstanding season and truly represents the very best of our Polynesian culture."

The formal presentation of the Award will be held at the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Celebration Dinner (January 19, 2018), along with being recognized during the Polynesian Bowl (January 20, 2018) on Oahu, Hawai'i.

The Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award was voted on by the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee composed of coaches Dick Tomey (Chairman), Ron

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# IN THE COMMUNITY

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Inter Milan's Yuto Nagatomo scores the decisive penalty during the Italian Cup soccer match between Inter Milan and Pordenone at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, Tuesday, Dec.12, 2017. Inter won 5-4 following a shootout.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

## Inter beats 3rd-division Pordenone 5-4 on penalties in Cup

MILAN (AP) — Inter Milan scraped into the Italian Cup quarterfinals after the Serie A leader was taken to penalties by third-division Pordenone on Tuesday.

Pordenone goalkeeper Simone Perilli pulled off several saves in regulation time to keep the game scoreless, and he almost proved to be the hero during the shootout, stopping two penalties.

But Inter prevailed 5-4, with Yuto Nagatomo tucking away the final spot kick.

“The lads were brilliant, they were brilliant and you couldn’t ask for more, they took Inter to penalties, for us it’s like winning the Italian Cup,” Pordenone coach Leonardo Colucci said.

“When you get to penalties it’s a lottery, anyone can make a mistake, I appreciated all those who had the courage to take one. (Inter Coach Luciano) Spalletti told me that we deserved to go through, I thank him because he is a loyal, honest and sincere person.”

Both sides hit the woodwork during the 120 minutes.

Inter coach Luciano Spalletti rang the changes, and only Milan Skriniar and Matias Vecino remained in the starting 11 from Saturday’s 0-0 draw at Juventus.

However, he was forced by desperation to bring on Marcelo

Brozovic at halftime as well as star forwards Ivan Perisic and Mauro Icardi later.

Pordenone went closest to taking the lead during regulation as Inter goalkeeper Daniele Padelli did well to turn Simone Magnaghi’s shot onto the right post.

Inter should have broken the deadlock shortly before halftime but teenager Yann Karanmoh fired over with only the goalkeeper to beat after great work from Joao Cancelo.

Perisic was brought on in the 67th and he had a great chance shortly afterward but sent his effort inches wide of the left post.

Even Icardi couldn’t score when he was introduced in the 80th, heading over the bar from close range and sending another header onto the left post in extra time.

The match incredibly went to a penalty shootout, which got off to a bad start for Pordenone as Padelli saved Gianvito Misuraca’s kick.

However, Perilli saved from Skriniar and Roberto Gagliardini, while Luca Lulli blazed over for the visitors.

Salvatore Burrari, Magnaghi and Mirko Stefani converted for Pordenone, while Brozovic, Perisic and Icardi did the same for Inter, so the shootout went to sudden death.

Patrick Ciurria and Vecino

netted their efforts but Pordenone defender Giulio Parodi, who is on loan from Juventus, was saved by Padelli.

“Getting through was very hard, Pordenone probably would have deserved to go through, but I still congratulate the lads, Padelli and the others, because it wasn’t easy to win on penalties after that match,” Spalletti said.

“The players who have played less until now got into a bit of a difficult tonight, Pordenone had quality in the middle of the park. We got a bit mixed up and couldn’t pass the ball quickly, and when that happens the match becomes more complicated.”

### RECOVERY

Atalanta recovered from conceding an early goal to win at Genoa 2-1 and move into eighth spot in Serie A.

The match was scheduled for Monday but was postponed for 24 hours due to bad weather.

Genoa got off to a great start as Adel Taarabt picked out Andrea Bertolacci for the opener in the fourth minute.

Josip Ilicic leveled on half-time and Genoa wasted several chances to restore its lead before Andrea Masiello headed in a free kick seven minutes after the break to put Atalanta in front. Genoa remained two points above the drop zone.

## Two-time champ Azarenka gets Australian Open wild card

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Two-time former champion Victoria Azarenka has been awarded a wild card for the Australian Open.

Azarenka, who won the Australian Open in 2012 and 2013, has been involved in a custody dispute involving her son Leo, who was born last Dec. 19.

She hasn’t competed any-

where since Wimbledon, where she lost to Simona Halep in the fourth round on July 10. The dispute with her former partner started shortly after Wimbledon ended.

Azarenka has played only six matches this year and is ranked 208th.

Australian Open tournament director Craig Tiley said

on Wednesday that every assistance would be provided to the former No. 1, adding “Vika’s current situation is obviously very difficult for her and we have reached out to offer any support we can.”

The Australian Open starts on Jan. 15.



# Column: Defining shots based on every club in the bag

Some of the defining shots on the PGA Tour this year were hit from the tee and fairway, from the bunkers and behind trees, and even from the driving range. Two of them effectively clinched a first major. One of them introduced another young star. One way to look back on 2017 is through every club in the bag. The shots weren't necessarily the best, but they helped shape the year.

**DRIVER:** Moments after Dustin Johnson made a birdie putt to force a sudden-death playoff at the Northern Trust, he effectively ended it with one swing. CBS analyst Nick Faldo pointed to a bunker beyond the right side of the lake on the 18th hole at Glen Oaks as a target for Johnson's powerful fade. Instead, he took it over the entire lake, a 341-yard blast. That left him a lob wedge to 4 feet for birdie to beat Jordan Spieth.

**3-WOOD:** "Oh gosh, Jimmy, be good." Justin Thomas was speaking to caddie Jimmy Johnson after launching a 3-wood from 310 yards to the elevated green on the par-5 18th at Erin Hills. It was perfect, landing softly and rolling out 8 feet to set up an eagle that tied one U.S. Open record (63) and broke another (9-under par).

**HYBRID:** Robert Streb was in the rough left of the fairway on the par-5 12th hole at the TPC Old White in the Greenbrier Classic. It looked as though he might lay up, but Streb chose hybrid and slashed it out. The ball tumbled onto the green and came within inches of an albatross.

**3-IRON:** Jordan Spieth hit the most memorable 3-iron of the year, not for the way he struck the ball, but from where he struck it in the British Open. On the wrong side of a dune, facing an impossible lie, Spieth wisely asked if the practice range at Royal Birkdale was out-of-bounds. Told it was in play, he took a penalty drop on the range, got free relief from the equipment trucks and hit a blind shot with his 3-iron just short of the green. He got up-and-down for bogey. He played his next four holes in 5 under to win the claret jug.

**4-IRON:** Patrick Cantlay already made a remarkable recovery from a back injury that plagued him for three years by making it to the Tour Championship in just 11 starts. And then he finished his year in a playoff in Las Vegas. In the rough blocked by trees, Cantlay saw enough of an opening to hit 4-iron that somehow made it through, ran through the green and set up an efficient up-and-down to win the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open for his first PGA Tour victory.

**5-IRON:** Dustin Johnson was on the verge of losing the

last of a six-shot lead in the HSBC Champions when Justin Rose, in the group ahead of him, faced the tough par-3 17th at Sheshan International with a back pin. Rose hit 5-iron just left of the flag and watched it roll to 4 feet for a birdie that led to a two-shot victory, his first of the year.

**6-IRON:** The two memorable shots from Jordan Spieth's victory in the British Open were the shot from the driving range and the 50-foot eagle putt. The most important shot was the 6-iron he nearly holed on the par-3 14th. Trailing for the first time in the final round after his adventurous bogey on the previous hole at Royal Birkdale, Spieth's tee shot plopped down in front of the hole and stopped 4 feet away. The birdie tied the lead, and Spieth was on his way.

**7-IRON:** Justin Thomas took control in the final round of the PGA Championship with a par putt on the 16th. He sealed it with a 7-iron as good as any shot he ever hit. The pin was in the front on the par-3 17th at Quail Hollow, and Thomas had 221 yards over the water to the hole. It was so good that he let the club twirl through his hands as he watched it land on the front of the green to 15 feet. He made birdie for a three-shot lead and a most enjoyable walk to the final hole.

**8-IRON:** Sergio Garcia's comeback at the Masters began with a par. He caught up to Justin Rose in the final round with two of the best swings he ever made under the pressure of a major. The first was a drive so powerful that it left him only 171 yards into the par-5 15th. His 8-iron landed inches in front of the hole and nicked the pin before it rolled 14 feet away. He made the eagle, and eventually got the green jacket.

**9-IRON:** Brooks Koepka put the finishing touches on a brilliant closing stretch to win the U.S. Open on the par-3 16th at Erin Hills. His 9-iron was just right, landing beyond the hole and catching the slope to leave him 10 feet away for a third straight birdie to keep his three-shot lead.

**PITCHING WEDGE:** Xander Schauffele's name first surfaced at the U.S. Open when he tied for fifth. Three weeks later, he was part of a logjam down the stretch at the Greenbrier Classic when he reached the par-3 18th hole. He hit pitching wedge to 3 feet for birdie and a one-shot victory.

**54-DEGREE WEDGE:** Dustin Johnson faced charges by Jon Rahm and Tommy Fleetwood in the Mexico Championship and found himself in trouble on the 18th hole at Chapultepec Golf Club. He was in a fairway bunker, his feet on the edge of the grass.



Denver Broncos outside linebacker Shane Ray (56) tackles New York Jets quarterback Josh McCown (15) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, in Denver. McCown left the game after the hit.

(AP Photo/Joe Mahoney)

# Jets place McCown on IR, officially end QB's season

NEW YORK (AP) — Josh McCown is officially done for the season — and maybe for his career.

The New York Jets placed the 38-year-old quarterback on injured reserve on Tuesday, two days after he broke his left hand in a 23-0 loss at Denver.

Coach Todd Bowles announced Monday that McCown will need season-ending surgery, so the move was just a formality. The Jets promoted running back Akeem Judd from the practice squad to replace McCown on the active roster. They also signed running back Jahad Thomas and quarterback Joel Stave to the practice squad. Offensive lineman

Geoff Gray terminated his practice squad contract to sign elsewhere.

McCown's non-throwing hand was injured in the third quarter against the Broncos. He was emotional after the game, fighting back tears as he talked about having the best season of his 15-year career. McCown set individual highs with 2,926 yards passing and 18 touchdown throws, and quickly established himself as a respected leader in the Jets' locker room.

"It's been the best because of the guys, not numbers," McCown said Sunday. "It's been the best because of the group of men in the locker room. I'm just proud to be a part

of it and I'm so thankful they let me be a part of this team."

McCown, who signed a one-year, \$6 million deal last March, is scheduled to become a free agent after this season. It's uncertain whether the Jets will bring him back — or if McCown will even want to play again.

During an appearance on the NFL Network's "Good Morning Football" on Tuesday, running back Matt Forte said he spoke to McCown in the locker room after the game about the injury.

"He told me, like, 'That might be my last pass,'" said Forte, who caught a 14-yard toss from McCown on the play.

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⊗ Tennessee State guard Maxine Beard, right, attempts a shot over the defense of Louisville forward Kylee Shook, left, during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, in Louisville, Ky.

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# No. 3 Louisville keeps rolling, routs Tennessee State 95-56

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Asia Durr, Jazmine Jones and Sam Fuehring each scored 12 points to lead a balanced offense for No. 3 Louisville, which scored the game's first 12 points to jump-start a 95-56 blowout of Tennessee State on Tuesday night.

Seeking a tuneup before its upcoming rivalry matchup at Kentucky, the Cardinals (12-0) made 8 of their first 9 shots toward finishing 38 of 70 from the field (54 percent). They led 57-27 at halftime and by as many as 42 while dominating the boards 52-31 in continuing their second-best start in program history.

Bionca Dunham, Myisha Hines-Allen and Kylee Shook each added 11 points and Dana Evans had 10 as seven Cardinals scored in double figures. Louisville swept its four-game home stand against Tennessee schools by an average margin of 37.5 points.

Taylor Williams had five 3-pointers and 17 points and Tia Wooten added 12 points for Tennessee State (1-6), which had sought consecutive wins after starting 0-5. The Tigers shot 31 percent from the field.

**BIG PICTURE**

Tennessee State: Though overwhelmed throughout by the Cardinals, the Ohio Valley Conference school made tough perimeter shots and even mounted a 7-0, second-quarter run to get within 34-19. The Tigers were outscored 23-8 the rest of the quarter, symbolizing the challenge they faced the whole game. They still made a season-high eight 3-pointers, and have converted at least seven from behind the arc in their past three contests.

Louisville: The Cardinals had a tough act to follow after holding Middle Tennessee to single digits in each quarter over the weekend. But they didn't look past the Tigers or look back with a 12-0 lead, allowing coach Jeff Walz to clear his bench before halftime. Their only blemish was 17 turnovers, though they scored 27 points off 18 TSU mistakes.

**UP NEXT**

Tennessee State hosts Lipscomb on Friday.

Louisville visits rival Kentucky on Sunday, seeking its second consecutive win over

# No. 25 Cincinnati sends Mississippi State to 1st loss 65-50

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. (AP) — Jacob Evans III had 24 points and eight rebounds as No. 25 Cincinnati recovered from back-to-back losses and handed Mississippi State its first defeat, 65-50 on Tuesday night.

The Bearcats (8-2) were coming off losses to crosstown rival Xavier and Florida that dropped them from No. 11 to the fringe of the rankings. They ended the slump with a solid defensive showing against the Southeastern Conference's last unbeaten team, blocking 11 shots.

Mississippi State (8-1) was off to its best start since 2003-04. The Bulldogs struggled to make shots in their first game against a ranked team. They missed 10 straight in the first half and 14 in a row in the second as Cincinnati blew open a close game.

Aric Holman matched his career high with 18 points for Mississippi State, which shot a season-low 30 percent from the field.

Cincinnati has won 31 straight home games, the longest streak in the nation. The Bearcats are playing this season at BB&T Arena at Northern Kentucky University while their on-campus arena is renovated. They went 18-0 at Fifth Third Arena last season.

**BIG PICTURE**

Mississippi State: The Bulldogs can't get that breakthrough win against a ranked team. They have dropped 18 in a row against teams in the Top 25. Their last such win was 67-57 over Arizona on Nov. 18, 2011.

Cincinnati: The Bearcats' offense was stymied during the back-to-back losses against Xavier and Florida. Cincinnati shot 41 percent from the field against Mississippi State but scored 22 points off 14 Bulldogs turnovers. The Bearcats scored only 60 points in the loss to Florida on Saturday.

**UP NEXT**

Mississippi State plays at UT Martin on Saturday.

Cincinnati plays UCLA at Pauley Pavilion on Saturday.





# Orioles star Machado could move \_ new position, or new team

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Baltimore Orioles star Manny Machado could be on the move.

To a new position — or a new team.

Big names emerged in trade talk Tuesday, with Machado, New York Mets pitcher Matt Harvey and Detroit pitcher Michael Fulmer heating up the winter meetings.

And no surprise, the busy New York Yankees are looming, looking to boost a ballclub getting more formidable by the day.

For the moment, no deals for that trio of All-Stars.

“Everything else is — today — moot,” Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said of a Harvey deal.

Pitching is always at a premium, and the Chicago Cubs completed two-year contracts for reliever Brandon Morrow and pitcher Drew Smyly, expected to miss next season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

The Yankees made another trade, too. Nothing close to magnitude of getting NL MVP Giancarlo Stanton from Miami, but nonetheless a deal that could help them very soon. New York sent third baseman Chase Headley, pitcher Bryan Mitchell and \$500,000 to San Diego for outfielder Jabari Blash.

“The biggest motivation from our end is it creates a lot more financial flexibility,” Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said after dumping a \$13 million salary.

That could lead to another starter for the Yankees’ rotation, such as Fulmer. The 2016 AL Rookie of the Year was an All-Star last season, going 10-12 with a 3.83 ERA for the Tigers.

A more intriguing possibility, for any club, is Machado.

At 25, he’s already a three-time All-Star and two-time Gold Glover at third base. Plus, he’s a power bat, hitting 33 home runs with 95 RBIs last season.

Machado had an \$11.5 million salary last season, is eligible for arbitration and can become a free agent after next year’s World Series. That’s prompted questions about whether the last-place Orioles can afford him, or if he’d even want to stick around Camden Yards.

Or if they’d be better off trading him to guarantee something in return.

In the meantime, Machado is indicating he’d like to shift over to shortstop. The spot is open, now that J.J. Hardy has become a free agent.

Machado made his big league debut as a third baseman in 2012 with the Orioles and has made 49 starts at shortstop, most of them in 2016 when Hardy was hurt.

Baltimore manager Buck Showalter said Machado has long expressed interest in playing shortstop.

“Always has, since the day he signed,” he said. “To say that Manny and I haven’t had conversations about it over the years, I wouldn’t be truthful.”

“Obviously, we’re not there yet, but it’s something that Manny — I found that players need to know about that, not February 15th or March 15th. They need to know about it back then — Manny’s capable of playing both real well,” Showalter said.

Then again, Machado could be playing either spot for some other team. The Yankees would love to slot him in, but no telling whether the Orioles would trade him to an AL East rival.

Baltimore owner Peter Angelos didn’t get along great with former Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, their animosity ratcheted up after the teams got into a vicious brawl in 1998.

“I’ve got a real gut feeling about how it’s going to work out, but I want to make sure we cover all the bases before whatever direction we go in,” Showalter said.

Harvey has come up in Mets’ trade talks. Coming off another injury decimated year, this time caused by a stress injury to the scapula bone in his right shoulder, he can become a free agent after next season.

New manager Mickey Callaway and pitching coach Dave Eiland take over a team that is built on starting pitching, provided a rotation that includes Noah Syndergaard, Jacob deGrom, Steven Matz and Harvey can stay healthy. The 28-year-old Harvey was 5-7 with a 6.70 ERA in another injury-filled season for the former ace.

“The most important thing I’m weighing is the opinion of Mickey Callaway and Dave Eiland, and they don’t want to lose him,” Alderson said.



Baltimore Orioles manager Buck Showalter talks with members of the media at the Major League Baseball winter meetings Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, in Orlando, Fla. (AP Photo/John Raoux)

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# Callaway failing ‘tall task’ of viewing all 2017 Mets games

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Mickey Callaway might not quite complete one offseason “tall task.”

The new manager of the New York Mets originally intended to watch all 162 of the team’s games last season — an aim that now seems out of reach.

“They can condense a game down to 20 minutes,” Callaway said Tuesday at baseball’s winter meetings. “I’ve been trying to do it. I don’t know if I’m going to make it all the way through.”

Callaway has been focusing on individual players as he prepares for his first managerial job at any level. He had been the pitching coach for the Cleveland Indians the past five seasons.

“As I’m watching a game, if I see something, I’ll kind of hone in on him and kind of watch what he’s doing,” Callaway said. “I just want to be familiar with what the players can do.”

Beset by injuries, the Mets went 70-92 last season under manager Terry Collins.

# Lyles, Lamar lead UMBC past winless Coppin State 81-74

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jairus Lyles buried five 3-pointers and scored 27 and Arkel Lamar added 14 points and 13 rebounds to help Maryland-Baltimore County hold off winless Coppin State 81-74 on Tuesday night.

Joe Sherburne scored 15 on 5-of-10 shooting from beyond the arc for the Retrievers (7-5), while Jourdan Grant scored 10 with seven rebounds.

Karonn Davis tossed in 22 points for the Eagles (0-11), who fell to 0-10 on the road this season. Adam Traore chipped in 14 points and seven rebounds before fouling out, while Tre’ Thomas and Lamar Morgan scored 11 and 10, respectively. Coppin State has now lost 13 straight regular-season games dating to last season.

Keandre Fair’s 3-pointer gave the Eagles a 25-22 lead midway through the first half. But Lamar scored seven and Sherburne nailed three 3s to spark an 18-0 run and UMBC led 43-29 at the half.

# Cubs announce 2-year deal with Morrow

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Brandon Morrow has agreed to a two-year contract with the Chicago Cubs, taking one of the top free-agent relievers off the market.

The 33-year-old Morrow went 6-0 with a 2.06 ERA and two saves in 45 appearances for the NL champion Los Angeles Dodgers last season. He also pitched in 14 playoff games, helping the Dodgers eliminate the Cubs in the NLCS.

Morrow could step into the closer role for Chicago. Wade Davis had a career-high 32 saves for the Cubs and made the NL All-Star team this year, but he is a free agent. Morrow’s contract includes a 2020 club option that could become guaranteed depending on his performance. The Cubs also announced Tuesday night they had agreed to a two-year deal with left-hander Drew Smyly. He is recovering from Tommy John surgery in June and might not be able to return next season.



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Oregon State forward Drew Eubanks shoots over Eastern Kentucky’s A.J. Youngman (5), and is called for an offensive foul during an NCAA college basketball game in Corvallis, Ore., Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017.

(Andy Cripe/The Corvallis Gazette-Times via AP)

## Oregon State slips past Jacksonville State 70-69

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Stephen Thompson Jr. scored 18 points with four 3-pointers and had five assists as Oregon State held on to beat Jacksonville State 70-69 on Tuesday night.

Drew Eubanks added 13 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks and Tres Tinkle had 10 points and four steals for the Beavers (7-3), who won their fifth in a row.

Malcolm Drumwright had 20 points and five rebounds and Jason Burnell had 14 points before fouling out for the Gamecocks (7-3).

Oregon State led by one point with 17.8 seconds left and the Gamecocks inbounded the ball. But after a kicked ball, a deflection out of bounds, then a blocked shot off the court, Jacksonville State inbounded the ball with 1.5 seconds left on the baseline. Seven-footer Norbertas Giga missed a last-second shot for the Gamecocks. The first half was competi-

tive and physical, with plenty of contact on drives and in general, including a bone-rattling screen or two. The Gamecocks led by as many as seven and went to the break up 36-33.

The Beavers opened the second half with a four-point play by Ethan Thompson that gave Oregon State its first lead. That was part of an 11-3 run that put the Beavers ahead 44-39.

Oregon State led 70-67 but committed turnovers on consecutive possessions with less than two minutes left. Jacksonville State trailed 70-69 after two Jamall Gregory free throws, but Gregory missed a layup the next time down the floor. Jacksonville State made a defensive stop against the Beavers, though, and had a chance for the win.

The Gamecocks came into the contest averaging 52.2 percent on field goals, which ranked sixth in the NCAA. But the Beavers held them to 42 percent shooting and shot 52 per-

cent themselves.

### BIG PICTURE

Jacksonville State: The Gamecocks’ 7-2 start was their best through nine games since the 2012-13 season. . Jacksonville State, an NCAA tournament team last year, had seven different players lead them in scoring entering Tuesday’s game.

Oregon State: With a win against Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Saturday, Oregon State surpassed its win total for last season, when leading player Tinkle missed most of the year due to injury. . The Beavers last won four in a row during the 2014-15 season. The last time Oregon State won six in a row was in 2004-05.

### UP NEXT

Jacksonville State hosts South Carolina Upstate on Saturday.

Oregon State hosts Saint Louis in Portland for the Dam City Classic on Saturday.

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McBride and Dick Vermeil, past NFLPA president and inaugural inductee Kevin Mawae, former NFL Player and Class of 2015 inductee Ray Schoenke, ESPN sportscaster Neil Everett, NFL player personnel legend Gil Brandt, NFL Network writer and commentator Steve Wyche, and Honolulu sports-

caster Robert Kekaula.

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Seton Hall's Angel Delgado, right, attempts a shot as St. Peter's Elijah Gonzales, left, defends during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in South Orange, N.J., Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017.

(AP Photo/Rich Schultz)

# Hill scores 18 in return as Kings top Suns 99-92

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — George Hill had 18 points and seven rebounds in his return to the starting lineup and the Sacramento Kings rallied late in the fourth quarter to beat the Phoenix Suns 99-92 on Tuesday night. Zach Randolph added 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists, Bu Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Hield scored 14 points and Willie Cauley-Stein had 13 points and six rebounds to help the Kings win for the second time in five games. Sacramento trailed 85-80 with 6 minutes remaining then scored 13 consecutive points to take control. Randolph led the surge with eight points and an assist. The Kings' big man made a three-point play after getting fouled by Tyson Chandler to secure the win. The late scoring flurry was a change from the rest of the game when both teams struggled to score with much consistency.

Phoenix built an early 10-point lead in the first half but went scoreless for more than 5 minutes in the fourth quarter and lost their fourth straight.

The Suns, who have dropped nine of 11, fell to 0-3 since losing leading scorer Devin Booker to a left adductor strain,

TJ Warren scored 18 points for Phoenix. Mike James added 17 points and five assists.

The teams combined for 15 lead changes before Sacramento pulled away behind Randolph.

Warren scored two quick buckets early in the fourth quarter and Dragan Bender made a 3-pointer to put the Suns up 85-80. Randolph made back-to-back baskets then fed Hill for a reverse layup. After a 3 by Hield, Randolph made two free throws then scored down low to put the Kings up 93-85.

Tyler Ulis and James scored to cut the gap to 93-89 before Randolph's three-point play.

### TIP-INS

Suns: James, Troy Daniels, Josh Jackson and Bender made consecutive 3-pointers without a miss as part of a 12-2 run in the second quarter.

Kings: Sacramento committed nine turnovers. Hill returned to the starting lineup after sitting out one game for

# Delgado keys No. 15 Seton Hall over Saint Peter's

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Angel Delgado had 18 points and 11 rebounds, his 57th career double-double, leading No. 15 Seton Hall to an 84-61 victory over Saint Peter's on Tuesday night in a rare game at the Pirates' old campus location Walsh Gym.

Desi Rodriguez scored 17 points and Khadeen Carrington added 11, as Seton Hall (9-1) raced out to an early lead and never looked back, winning for the 20th time in the last 21 meetings against the Peacocks (4-5).

Davauhnte Turner scored 13 points and Nick Griffin had nine to pace Saint Peter's.

The Pirates displayed a stifling defense in the early stages of the game to take control, forcing the Peacocks to misfire on 11 of their first 12 field goal attempts.

The Pirates scored the game's first eight points from four players and cruised from there.

After Elijah Gonzales drained a 3-pointer to pull the Peacocks within 35-23, the Pirates scored the last seven points of the first half, capped by a layup by Delgado with 42 seconds remaining, giving Seton Hall a 42-23 halftime lead. Rodriguez paced the Pirates with 11 first-half points.

Seton Hall scored the first four points after the break to take a 46-23 lead.

Freshman Myles Cale nailed a long 3-pointer, then threw down a monstrous windmill dunk off a steal to push the lead to 61-38, causing Saint Peter's to call another timeout with 10:29 left.

Seton Hall held a commanding 43-27 advantage on the boards.

### OLD-TIME RIVALRY

It was the 88th meeting between the New Jersey rivals, dating to 1931-32. Seton Hall leads the all-time series 64-24 and has won 20 of the last 21 meetings. Saint Peter's lone win in recent years came in 2013, winning 83-80 in overtime. The programs met every year since the 1949-50 season before taking a one-year hiatus last year.

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP

The Pirates are the only Division I team to have three players who have scored 1,000 or more points during their career and all three (Rodriguez, Delgado and Carrington) all reached double figures Tuesday night.

### FAMILIAR TERRITORY

Saint Peter's coach John Dunne was an assistant coach at Seton Hall from 2001 through 2006 under then-head coach Tommy Amaker, the current head coach at Harvard.

### DOUBLE TROUBLE

It was the 57th time in Delgado's Seton Hall career that he collected double figures in points and rebounds, the top figure in the nation. Delgado led the nation in rebounding last season, grabbing 13.1 per game. Delgado is the only active Division I player with more than 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds.

### NATIONAL RANKING

The Pirates' No. 15 ranking in the latest AP Poll is the highest for the program since Jan. 9, 2001.

### THE BIG PICTURE

Seton Hall: Tuesday night marked Seton Hall's 26th consecutive win against non-conference teams at home. The Pirates improved to 422-142 inside Walsh Gym on the Seton Hall campus.

Saint Peter's : The young Peacocks return only one key player, graduate student Griffin, from the team that won 23 games and captured the CollegeInsider.com Tournament championship last year. Fellow graduate student Nnamdi Enechionya was also a member of that team that tied the school record for wins in a season.

UP NEXT: The Pirates travel down the New Jersey Turnpike to take on state rival Rutgers in Piscataway on Saturday in the Garden State Hardwood Classic.

The Peacocks stay on the road and head to LIU Brooklyn on Sunday at the Barclays Center.

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## Maryland rolls past Catholic with 2nd half surge, 76-59

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Anthony Cowan scored 18 points, Kevin Huerter added 14 and Maryland overcame a sluggish start before pulling away from Division III Catholic 76-59 on Tuesday night.

The Terrapins (10-3) had three key players out of the lineup because of injuries. Forwards Justin Jackson (shoulder soreness) and Bruno Fernando (ankle sprain) missed their second straight game. Guard Dion Wiley (sick) was also unable to play.

Jared Nickens had 14 points for the Terrapins, who led by just six at the break.

Ivan Bender and Cowan hit a pair of 3-pointers during a 10-2 run to start the second half, extending Maryland's lead to 47-33. From there, the Terrapins were not threatened the rest of the way. Huerter and Nickens hit back-to-back shots from beyond the arc and Maryland led 53-35 with 14:32 remaining. The Terrapins, who have won four straight, played tighter man-to-man defense and finished with seven steals.

A dunk by Huerter boosted the margin to 60-38 and coach Mark Turgeon was able to rotate players.

Maryland's deep bench outscored Catholic 24-4.

Jay Howard, a NCAA Division III All-American candidate, led the Cardinals (9-4) with 20 points and Riley Hayes finished with 14.

The Cardinals did not have travel far for this matchup, driving about 3.5 miles from their Washington campus to Xfinity Center.



# Barea, Mavs spoil Leonard's return with 95-89 win over Spurs

DALLAS (AP) — Kawhi Leonard strolled to the locker room late in third quarter, just as J.J. Barea was starting a Dallas rally that spoiled the season debut of San Antonio's star forward.

The minutes restriction was up for Leonard after he missed the first 27 games with a right quadriceps injury, so there wasn't anything he could do in the fourth quarter about Barea and the last-place Mavericks ending another four-game winning streak for the Spurs.

Barea scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and alley-oop dunk partner Dwight Powell had 12 points and 12 rebounds in the Mavericks' 95-89 win on Tuesday night.

"I understand the situation that I'm in and we're thinking about down the road," said Leonard, who had 13 points in 16 minutes — roughly the first 5 minutes in each of the first three quarters.

Leonard, who has been recovering from a quadriceps condition that causes pain and weakness in the knee, made his first three shots and scored six of San Antonio's first eight points.

It was his first action since Game 1 of the Western Conference finals last season, when he injured his left ankle in what was eventually a sweep for Golden State on its way to the

NBA title. Leonard finished with a flourish as well, tipping a loose ball a couple of times to keep an offensive rebound alive and hitting a short jumper. But soon after that play in the third quarter, Leonard looked winded as he headed to the bench following a timeout. His night was over.


"I'm just happy to be out there, just to play the game and enjoy the things I missed — missing shots, losing games, making mistakes, just everything," said Leonard, who had six rebounds, an assist and a block. "I missed everything on the court."

Harrison Barnes scored 17 points while Yogi Ferrell and Wesley Mathews had 16 apiece as the Mavericks ended a five-game losing streak at home to the Spurs.


Barea led the Mavericks with six assists, including two alley-oop passes to Powell. The second one put them ahead for good at 71-69 and was part of a 10-0 run bridging the third and fourth quarters. Barea started and finished the run with layups.

"We have been waiting for a game like this where we go out and play a full 48-minute game," said Ferrell, who had a career-high eight rebounds. "We've had some good games this season, but we put it all together tonight."

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Mississippi State head coach Ben Howland directs his players from the bench in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Cincinnati, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, in Highland Heights, Ohio.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

# No. 25 Cincinnati sends Mississippi State to 1st loss 65-50

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. (AP) — Jacob Evans III had 24 points and eight rebounds as No. 25 Cincinnati recovered from back-to-back losses and handed Mississippi State its first defeat, 65-50 on Tuesday night.

The Bearcats (8-2) were coming off losses to crosstown rival Xavier and Florida that dropped them from No. 11 to the fringe of the rankings. They ended the slump with a solid defensive showing against the Southeastern Conference's last unbeaten team, blocking 11 shots.

Mississippi State (8-1) was off to its best start since 2003-04. The Bulldogs struggled to make shots in their first game

against a ranked team. They missed 10 straight in the first half and 14 in a row in the second as Cincinnati blew open a close game.

Aric Holman matched his career high with 18 points for Mississippi State, which shot a season-low 30 percent from the field.

Cincinnati has won 31 straight home games, the longest streak in the nation. The Bearcats are playing this season at BB&T Arena at Northern Kentucky University while their on-campus arena is renovated. They went 18-0 at Fifth Third Arena last season.

### BIG PICTURE

Mississippi State: The Bull-

dogs can't get that breakthrough win against a ranked team. They have dropped 18 in a row against teams in the Top 25. Their last such win was 67-57 over Arizona on Nov. 18, 2011.

Cincinnati: The Bearcats' offense was stymied during the back-to-back losses against Xavier and Florida. Cincinnati shot 41 percent from the field against Mississippi State but scored 22 points off 14 Bulldogs turnovers. The Bearcats scored only 60 points in the loss to Florida on Saturday.

### UP NEXT

Mississippi State plays at UT Martin on Saturday.

Cincinnati plays UCLA at Pauley Pavilion on Saturday.

Herndon stole an inbounds pass tied the game at 78-78 with nine seconds left in regulation. Dalton hit back-to-back jumpers for the Cowboys (8-3) to start the OT. James picked up his third double-double in four games with 20 points and 10 boards.

Bogdan Bliznyuk led the Eagles (3-8) with 30 points.

# Dalton, James lead Wyoming past E Washington 93-88 in OT

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Justin James scored on a fast-break after a steal, Hayden Dalton threw down back-to-back dunks and Nyaires Redding hit a pair of free throws

with one second left and Wyoming slammed the door on Eastern Washington 93-88 in overtime Tuesday night.

Dalton finished with 28 points, and his dunk after Alan

# Gehrig's 1931 contract sold at auction for \$210,000

NEW YORK (AP) — Lou Gehrig's 1931 contract with the New York Yankees has sold at auction for \$216,000.

Gehrig played with the Yankees from 1923 to 1939, when he retired while suffering from ALS. He batted .340 with 493 home runs and 1995 RBIs, and helped the Yankees win seven World Series titles.

The 1931 contract was part of a Yankees Legends offering by Heritage Auctions that was available for bidding through Sunday.

"In addition to Gehrig's offensive statistics, which sent him to the Baseball Hall of Fame on the first available ballot, it was Gehrig's bravery, reliability and quiet strength, which make him a favorite among the Yankee faithful," Chris Ivy, Heritage's director of sports auctions, said Tuesday. "And prices realized for memorabilia related to his Yankee career certainly reflect it."

A scouting report on Derek Jeter from April 1992 sold for \$102,000. The report was prepared by Yankees scout Dick Groch after he saw Jeter play in a high school game in Kalamazoo, Michigan. In his summation, Groch said about Jeter: "A Yankee! A five tool player. Will

be a ML Star! +5!!"

The Yankees, who have won a record 27 world championships, selected Jeter with the sixth overall pick in the 1992 amateur draft. He went on to win Rookie of the Year honors in 1996 and helped the team win the World Series five times in his 20-year career before retiring in 2014.

"Similar to the contract that sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920 establishing their first championship dynasty, this scouting report brought Jeter to the Yankees, which helped to establish a new championship dynasty for the current generation," Ivy said.

The bat Gehrig used to hit his last two home runs, in an exhibition game in 1939, was also available, but the bidding did not exceed the reserve price and it was retained by the owner.

Other items that sold in the auction included: a baseball signed by Eddie Plank in 1915 (\$228,000); a bat used by Mickey Mantle in his rookie season of 1951 (\$168,000) and a glove he used in 1965 (\$144,000); and baseballs signed by the Yankees championship teams from 1926 (\$120,000) and the 1927 "Murderers Row" edition (\$120,000).

# Bennett will not join Edwards' staff at Arizona State

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State defensive coordinator Phil Bennett will not be on new Sun Devils coach Herm Edwards' staff.

Bennett said after practice on Tuesday he was leaving the program for personal and health reasons. Edwards retained the entire offensive staff, including coordinator Billy Napier, and had hoped to keep Bennett after being hired on Dec. 3.

The 62-year-old Bennett

joined Todd Graham's staff last season after working five seasons at Baylor. Graham was fired on Nov. 26, and athletic director Ray Anderson said he hoped the new coach would consider retaining at least some of the staff, mentioning Napier and Bennett by name.

Edwards said a statement that he wanted Bennett to remain on the staff, but appreciates that he chose not to because of family reasons.

# Dodgers' Bellinger could play more OF if Gonzalez healthy

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — NL Rookie of the Year Cody Bellinger could play more often in the outfield for the Los Angeles Dodgers next season if first baseman Adrian Gonzalez is healthy.

Last season, Bellinger made 83 starts at first base and 43 in the outfield, where he played all three positions. He was first base throughout the postseason with Gonzalez sidelined.

"We have a lot of versa-

tility," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said Tuesday at baseball's winter meetings, noting: "Cody is right up there, as far as versatility."

Bellinger hit .267 with 39 homers and 97 RBIs in 132 games in 2017 for the NL champions.

Gonzalez was limited to 57 starts at first base because of elbow and back injuries. He hit .242 with three homers and 30 RBIs.

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# Hall nets 2 as Devils stop Kings' 8-game winning streak, 5-1

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Among the criticisms leveled at Taylor Hall during his tenure with the Edmonton Oilers was a perceived lack of leadership.

It's a characterization new teammate Brian Boyle doesn't buy, not after Hall scored twice and the New Jersey Devils ended the Los Angeles Kings' eight-game winning streak with a 5-1 victory Tuesday night.

"Hall made some great individual efforts," Boyle said. "Was a leader tonight."

Boyle, Travis Zajac and Brian Gibbons also scored for the Devils, who stopped a two-game skid. Cory Schneider made 16 saves.

"Everybody wanted to contribute and get some of that taste out of their mouth from the last two games," Boyle said. "We saw improvement in everybody and that's what we need."

The Kings were beaten for the first time since losing 3-2 in overtime to Arizona on Nov. 24. Their winning streak was the longest in the NHL this season.

It was Los Angeles' first defeat in regulation since a 2-1 loss to Winnipeg on Nov. 22.

"The bottom line is that they were a lot harder on pucks than we were. It's a good lesson that stings a little bit. Sometimes you need a lesson like that to get your attention," Kings coach John Stevens said. "It's a game of possession. One team was (harder) on it tonight than the other and it showed."

Jonathan Quick made 21 saves for the Kings, and Torrey Mitchell's goal with 7:56 left prevented Los Angeles from being shut out for the first time this season.

"One team was really, really hungry and one was complacent," Stevens said.

Entering the first of two regular-season matchups, Los Angeles was 4-2-2 against New Jersey since the 2012 Stanley Cup Final, which the Kings won in six games over the Devils.

Zajac opened the scoring with his second goal of the season at 13:44 of the first period. New Jersey's veteran center drove to the net and had position on Los Angeles defenseman Drew Doughty before deflecting Gibbons' odd-angled centering pass past Quick.

Just 2:30 later, New Jersey's lead grew to 2-0 on Hall's 10th of the season. With the Devils on a power play after Mitchell was whistled for tripping Will Butcher, Hall wired a shot from the left faceoff dot. The man-advantage goal was New Jersey's second in December. The Devils had been 1 for 17 on the power play in five games this month.

New Jersey finished this one 1 for 2 with the man advantage, and killed off all three Los Angeles power plays.

"We found our game," top draft pick Nico Hischier said. "We played 60 minutes and when we do we feel we can beat

anyone in this league."

Even though the Devils already had the lead, the outcome was essentially decided in a span of 1:22 late in the second period.

Hall's second goal of the game with 4:18 left in the second pushed the advantage to 3-0. Hall slipped a backhand through Quick's legs as the Los Angeles goalie attempted a poke check. Hall had corralled a loose puck in the offensive zone, then split the Los Angeles defense pairing of Doughty and Jake Muzzin before scoring his 11th of the season.

"Hall with (a) great effort and finish," Schneider said.

Only 82 seconds later, Boyle scored his sixth of the season on a rocket from the right circle.

"That fourth goal makes it hard to come back in the third," Schneider said. "Once we got the fourth one, it was big."

Mitchell's first goal of the season cut the deficit to 4-1, but Gibbons' breakaway goal with 11 seconds left ended the scoring.

The Kings were outshot 26-17. Coming into the game, they had averaged 32 shots per game to 30 for the Devils.

"Are we happy with the effort? Absolutely not," Kings center Anze Kopitar said. "Part of it, they're bad bounces, but the other part of it is us not making plays, being in a position we shouldn't be in."

NOTES: Hall collided with Kings defenseman Kurtis MacDermid in the third period and was evaluated by team doctors after the game, according to Devils coach John Hynes. ... Following the morning skate, Hynes announced LW Marcus Johansson would not play against the Kings due to an injury sustained in the Devils' 5-2 loss to the New York Rangers on Saturday night. Hynes also said RW Kyle Palmieri would not travel with the team to Montreal for Thursday's game. Palmieri broke his foot while blocking a shot in New Jersey's 4-3 overtime win against Minnesota on Nov. 20. He has missed 10 games. ... Devils defenseman Mirco Mueller missed his 13th straight game with a broken clavicle. ... New Jersey scratched defensemen Ben Lovejoy and Dalton Prout. ... About two hours before the game, Los Angeles announced LW Kyle Clifford was activated from injured reserve. He had missed 28 games with an upper-body injury. ... The Kings scratched D Oscar Fantenberg, C Andy Andreoff and LW Jussi Jokinen. ... The teams play again March 17 in Los Angeles.

## UP NEXT

Kings: Continue their four-game Northeast swing against the New York Rangers on Friday night.

Devils: Travel to Montreal for a game against the Canadiens on Thursday night.



Calgary Flames' Johnny Gaudreau (13) controls the puck against Minnesota Wild's Ryan Murphy (6) in the first period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, in St. Paul, Minn.

(AP Photo/Stacy Bengs)

# Granlund's shootout goal lifts Wild to 2-1 win over Flames

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The road-weary Minnesota Wild went the extra mile again to get two points on Tuesday night.

Mikael Granlund scored the winning goal in a shootout for a 2-1 victory over the Calgary Flames that stretched Minnesota's winning streak to three — the first two coming in overtime on a weeklong California trip that ended Sunday.

The shootout against Calgary reached the fifth round before Granlund beat Mike Smith. Alex Stalock then stopped Michael Ferland to seal it.

The Wild overcame a slow start to win for the sixth time in their last seven home games.

"We were kind of on our heels. Sometimes that happens when you come off the West Coast swing," said Matt Cullen, who scored Minnesota's lone goal in regulation. "We just had a hard time getting our legs going, but I thought that we dug down when we needed it."

Smith made 21 saves for Calgary, while Stalock stopped 16 shots in two periods plus overtime for the Wild. He replaced injured goalie Devan Dubnyk after the first.

The Flames earned a point for the fourth straight game, their longest streak of the season, but coach Glen Gulutzan thought his team deserved a better outcome.

"I look at it a little bit more as missed opportunities," said Gulutzan, whose team went 0 for 3 on the power play. "I thought we played well tonight. I thought we were the better team for most of the minutes, but our specialty teams weren't good enough."

Calgary dominated the puck throughout the first period and carried a 10-1 advantage in shots on goal 17 minutes in. But after the Wild killed off the second Flames power play of the frame, Minnesota's second and third shots on net produced the game's first goal.

Ryan Suter took a shot from the top of the left circle that Smith turned aside. Joel Eriksson Ek took a whack at the rebound before Cullen poked it in to put Minnesota on top 1-0.

The Flames tied it with just more than a minute left in the second period on Ferland's 12th goal of the season. Ferland fired a slap shot from center

point that deflected off Wild defenseman Jonas Brodin and beat Stalock over his left shoulder.

Stalock entered at the start of the second period in place of Dubnyk, who stopped all 10 shots he saw in the first but was removed after aggravating a lower-body injury. The team wouldn't speculate on the severity of his injury, but Chris Stewart, who kept Minnesota in it with a goal in the second round of the shootout, expressed his teammates' confidence in Stalock.

"He's a true professional, and as soon as he got the call we could see it in his eyes. You knew he was going to be ready," Stewart said. "If Alex is going to be carrying the load here, we're confident in him."

Ferland missed a golden opportunity to give Calgary the lead early in the third when Johnny Gaudreau got Stalock out of position and fed the puck across the slot to Ferland. Staring at an open net, Ferland hit the crossbar with a wrist shot.

"I couldn't have been more wide open," Ferland said. "Johnny made a great play and I should have put that in."

But even going home with one point instead of two was a step in the right direction for the Flames, who had lost five of seven before their recent point streak.

"The last four games we've gained some traction with the areas that we were struggling with early in the season," Smith said. "It's showed up in the wins column and the points column."

NOTES: Referee TJ Luxmore left early in the third period after the carom from Ferland's shot off the crossbar hit him in the head. Luxmore was able to return after receiving treatment. ... Cullen's goal was the 250th of his 21-year NHL career. ... Jaromir Jagr (lower-body injury) missed his fourth straight game for the Flames. ... Dubnyk played in his 100th game with the Wild. ... After going 5-17 in overtime since 3-on-3 play debuted during the 2015-16 season, the Wild have won their last three overtime games.

## UP NEXT

Flames: Host the San Jose Sharks on Thursday. Wild: Host the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday.





Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid (21), of Cameroon, and Dario Saric (9), of Croatia, go for rebound against Minnesota Timberwolves guard Jimmy Butler (23) during the second quarter of an NBA basketball game on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Hannah Foslien)

# Embiid scores 28 in return as Sixers top Wolves, 118-112

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Joel Embiid returned to the lineup to score 28 points, and the Philadelphia 76ers topped the Minnesota Timberwolves 118-112 in overtime on Tuesday night.

Embiid, back in action after missing two games with back tightness, hit two free throws with 14.8 seconds remaining to force overtime. He then scored seven points in the extra session, including a 3-pointer that gave Philadelphia a seven-point lead in the final two minutes.

J.J. Redick scored 24 points and was a perfect 11-of-11 from the free throw line for the Sixers, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Jimmy Butler led Minnesota with a season-high 38 points, including a pair of 3-pointers in the final minute of regulation.

Embiid got the better of Karl-Anthony Towns as the talented 7-footers battled down low all night. Towns had 17 points and 15 rebounds, his 22nd double-double of the season.

Butler had 17 fourth-quarter points and helped the Timberwolves build a seven-point lead early in the period. But his late heroics weren't enough.

Minnesota shot just 5-for-29 from 3-point

range. Andrew Wiggins hit 8 of 24 shots overall and 1 of 7 from beyond the arc.

Wolves coach Tom Thibodeau used just three reserves despite visible fatigue from his starting five. Towns and Butler each topped 40 minutes in regulation.

## TIP-INS

76ers: Ben Simmons, who entered averaging 18 points per game, didn't score his first points until 1:17 remaining in the fourth quarter on a dunk. He finished with seven points. ... The Sixers had a season-high 26 turnovers. Their previous high was 22 on Nov. 7 against Utah.

Timberwolves: Forward Nemanja Bjelica missed his 10th straight game with a foot injury. ... Minnesota committed just nine turnovers and fell to 5-10 when committing fewer than 15 turnovers in a game. The Wolves are 11-2 when turning the ball over 15 or more times.

## UP NEXT

76ers: At Oklahoma City on Friday.

Timberwolves: Home against Sacramento on Thursday.

# Lightning blank Blues 3-0 in matchup of NHL's top 2 teams

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Nikita Kucherov and Brayden Point scored, Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 32 shots and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the St. Louis Blues 3-0 on Tuesday night in a matchup of the NHL's top two teams.

Tyler Johnson added an empty-netter as Tampa Bay (22-6-2) earned its fifth straight win. It was Vasilevskiy's third shutout this season and the seventh of his career.

Jake Allen made 22 saves for St. Louis, which had won four in a row. The Blues (21-9-2) were shut out for the third time at home this season.

## DEVILS 5, KINGS 1

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Taylor Hall scored twice and New Jersey ended Los Angeles' eight-game winning streak.

Travis Zajac, Brian Boyle and Brian Gibbons also scored

for the Devils, who snapped a two-game skid. Cory Schneider made 16 saves.

The Kings were beaten for the first time since losing 3-2 in overtime to Arizona on Nov. 24. Their winning streak was the longest in the NHL this season.

It was Los Angeles' first defeat in regulation since a 2-1 loss to Winnipeg on Nov. 22.

Jonathan Quick made 21 saves for the Kings, and Torrey Mitchell's goal with 7:56 left prevented Los Angeles from being shut out for the first time this season.

## CAPITALS 5, AVALANCHE 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Carlson scored a tie-breaking goal in the second period and Washington defeated Colorado for its eighth win in 10 games.

Brett Connolly, Matt Nis-

kanen and Devante Smith-Pelly added third-period goals for the Capitals, and Braden Holtby made 22 saves. Jakub Vrana scored early, and Evgeny Kuznetsov had three assists.

Colin Wilson and Tyler Jost scored for the Avalanche, who had won two in a row. Semyon Varlamov stopped 22 shots in the finale of a four-game trip.

## BLACKHAWKS 3, PANTHERS 2, OT

CHICAGO (AP) — Patrick Kane scored 2:24 into overtime and Chicago topped Florida for its third straight win.

Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews tied it at 2 with 6:02 left in the third period after a terrific pass from Brandon Saad. Toews and Saad each had a goal and an assist. Chicago rookie Alex DeBrincat added two assists.



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11 Footnote word  
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- 18 Yup's opposite  
19 Lucky charm  
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26 "Aw, shoot!"  
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30 Lecher  
33 PlayStation company  
34 Challenge  
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39 Gambling city  
42 Ashcroft and Holder, briefly  
43 "Finally!!"  
44 Like jacket weather

- 45 Join forces  
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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A face-off will lead to dissatisfaction. Look for alternative ways to avoid an altercation. Focus on what you can do to help any situation you face instead of making it worse. Physical activities will help ease your stress.\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put greater emphasis on your relationships with others, especially when dealing with peers, relatives or anyone who can affect your personal security. Knowing what you are up against and keeping a calm exterior will make a difference.\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make change count. If you want to do something, stop procrastinating and follow through. Talk to whomever you need approval from or find an expert to help you make the right choices. If you remain in control, you will reach your destination successfully.\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Go over your personal finances, medical records and any documents, contracts or legal matters that may need updating before the year comes to a close. Staying on top of your affairs will bring you peace of mind.\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** It's your turn to put you and your plans first and foremost. Do whatever it takes to bring about the changes that will give you the freedom to be who and what you want to become. Live in the moment.\*\*\*

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**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Wrap your head around ways that you can make your cash grow. Taking care of personal business will help pave the way to an easy turnaround when tax time comes along. Don't leave anything to chance.\*\*\*\*\*



Dear Abby  
by Abigail Van Buren

MAN KEEPS WIFE IN THE DARK ABOUT NEW 'BUSINESS PARTNER'

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband met a gal 33 years younger than he is at a doctor's office. It seems they "became close," so they went off and bought real estate together in another state. They spend weeks at a time together there alone. When they are both here in town, they have "business" meetings several times a week. I am not allowed to attend, know when they take place or even ask what was discussed. They never have phone conversations while I'm near, and their texts to each other are "none of my business." My husband's words: "I don't know why you're so mad; you're just jealous." Your thoughts, please? -- PEEVED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR PEEVED:** You live in a community property state. Half of your husband's share of whatever property he and this woman bought together belongs to you.

My first thought is your husband is having a fling and lying about not knowing why you are angry. He's right that you are jealous. You have every right to be.

My second thought is that you should consult an attorney ASAP. I don't know how much you know about your husband's finances, but a forensic accountant can help you unearth any assets he may be hiding or has already buried. After that, it will be up to you to decide whether you want to continue in a marriage with someone who would treat you so shabbily.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I treated our 24-year-old granddaughter to dinner and a historical city tour. When we stopped by to pick her up, she came out of the house wearing a skin-tight top that laced up the front, with a 3-inch gap from top to bottom and no bra.

My first reaction was to ask her to change, thinking it was highly inappropriate. Her grandfather thought we should just let it go, so we went out for the evening. Nothing was mentioned regarding her attire, but I was extremely uncomfortable. What is your opinion? -- BUTTONED UP IN INDIANA

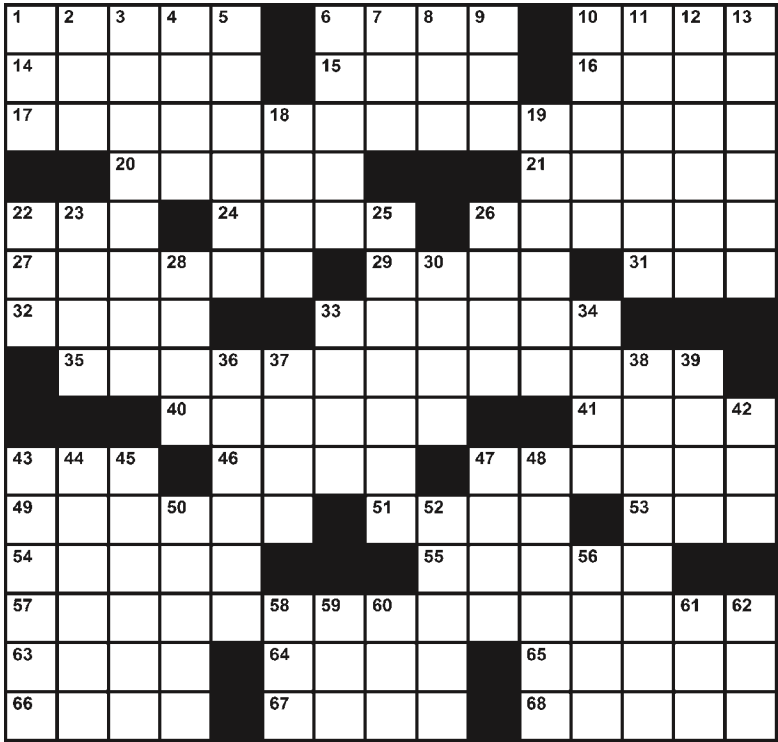
**DEAR BUTTONED UP:** Your granddaughter is an adult. For you to have asked her to change clothes would have been awkward for everyone concerned. While her choice of outfit may have been revealing, if there was any embarrassment, it should not have been yours. If you prefer she dress more modestly when she's with you, the next time you invite her to go someplace, say so.

**DEAR ABBY:** Allow me to offer a tip for those men about to pop the "big question" to their girlfriends: Let your fiancée pick out the ring style she will be wearing for the rest of her life. Arrange with a jeweler to have a tray of rings in different styles in your price range. Then present a ring with the proposal with the understanding it can be exchanged. -- WISE SOUTHERNER

**DEAR SOUTHERNER:** This is a subject that has been addressed in my column several times. A practical way to handle it is for the man to talk to the jeweler about what he can afford to spend beforehand, so the stones will be available to display to his fiancée, as well as a variety of settings from which she can choose. And, if none are to her liking, she might prefer the option of designing her own setting. Many brides do.

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OX? Y, MORON? By Timothy E. Parker



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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Tuesday's Puzzle Answer

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

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