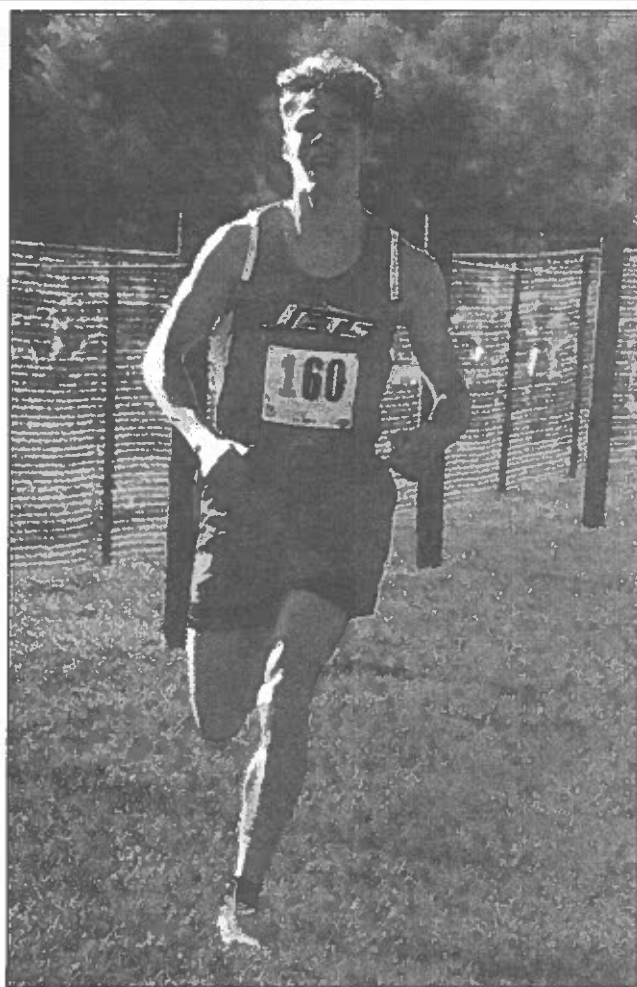


SPORTS

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Monday,
October 7, 2024

Photos by KIM NORTH

LEFT: SHADYSIDE'S Chloe Meholovitch races towards the finish line Saturday to place fifth overall in the OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country championships in Cambridge. **RIGHT: UNION Local's** Connor Bendo finished 15th in the boys race Saturday during the OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country championships in Cambridge.

Schools compete in Cal Pokas Cross Country championships

By **KIM NORTH**
Staff Writer

CAMBRIDGE — Standing on top of the awards podium is the dream of all athletes. Finishing a step below drives an athlete to strive for the top.

A pair of local cross country runners — both from University High — did just that Saturday morning during the OVAC Cal Pokas Championships on the 3.1-mile sun-filled course on the Cambridge Schools campus.

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noted. "I wanted to stay conservative and finish strong. The course was pretty nice, it wasn't too wet and the weather was pretty good."

Umbright said he pretty much battled Rohde for the entire race before overtaking him late for the win.

"We were going back-and-forth, but I finished strong and passed him down the stretch."

"I just wanted to go out fast and do my best," Rogers said. "I thought the course was in great shape and the weather conditions were ideal."

Behind Umbright's and Rogers individual titles, University won both the Overall and Class 5A crowns. The boys totaled 31 points as junior Ethan Conroy (16:05.09) and freshman Micah Gainer (16:06.37) placed third and fourth, respectively. The girls finished with 33 points and had Top 10 finishers in senior Adelyn Tager (6th, 19:56.51), sophomore Caroline Ballard (7th, 19:57.42), freshman Roselia Biundo (9th, 20:05.20) and senior Claire Von Boetticher (10th, 20:08.41).

Morgantown was runner up in the overall and Class 5A team races in

both boys and girls. The Mohigans had 60 points on the boys side and 67 on the girls. Senior Finlay Lorimer (7th, 16:21.07) and junior James Stacy (8th, 16:29.33) had Top 10 boys finishes. For the girls, senior Maraid Johnson (3rd, 19:21.20) and sophomore Lauren Hawkins (8th, 20:01.50) had Top 10 races.

Warren sophomore Luke Rettenberger (5th, 16:18.60); Parkersburg South's Josh Gill (6th, 16:21.07); Magnolia senior Landen Davis (9th, 16:30.48) and Shenandoah senior Jarrett Wentworth (10th, 16:33.34) rounded out the boys overall Top 10.

East Liverpool won the Class 4A title; Shenandoah (3A) and Magnolia (2A).

Other Top 10 finishers in the girls race were Shenandoah sophomore Ida Estadt (4th, 19:28.51) and Shadyside sophomore Chloe Meholovitch (5th, 19:55.04).

Winning team titles, in addition to University, were Edison (4A); Fort Frye (3A) and Shadyside (1A/2A).

A total of 204 boys and 189 girls took part in the event.

Commanders rout the Browns 34-13 to win their 4th in a row

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Jayden Daniels shook off throwing an early interception at the goal line like it was his 50th NFL game, not his fifth.

"Stay the course," he said. "Don't get too high, get too low. Everything's going to work out."

It worked out well enough to give Daniels and the Washington Commanders a fourth consecutive victory, a 34-13 rout of the Cleveland Browns on Sunday. The rookie quarterback had nearly as many incompletions as the previous three games combined but overcame that with 82 yards rushing and the longest touchdown pass of his young career.

"I just missed some throws," said Daniels, who was 14 of 25 for 328 yards passing. "That's it. Some throws I wish I had back, but we were able to capitalize on some plays."

Washington is 4-1 for the first time since 2008. Cleveland has lost three in a row to drop to 1-4.

"Nobody likes where we are," Browns coach Kevin Stefanski said. "I don't feel good about 1-4. It eats at you."

Daniels, Brian Robinson Jr., Austin Ekeler and Jeremy McNichols ran all over the Browns, combining for 211 yards on 31 carries. Robinson ran for two TDs, and McNichols had one in a game so lopsided that fans were doing the wave with four minutes left in the third quarter.

The Commanders defense had a ton to do with that, forcing Deshaun Watson to fumble, sacking him seven times and allowing a total of 212 yards. After Washington entered with the worst third-down defense in the league, Cleveland went 1 of 13 in a sloppy, disjointed effort, with its only touchdown coming in garbage time.

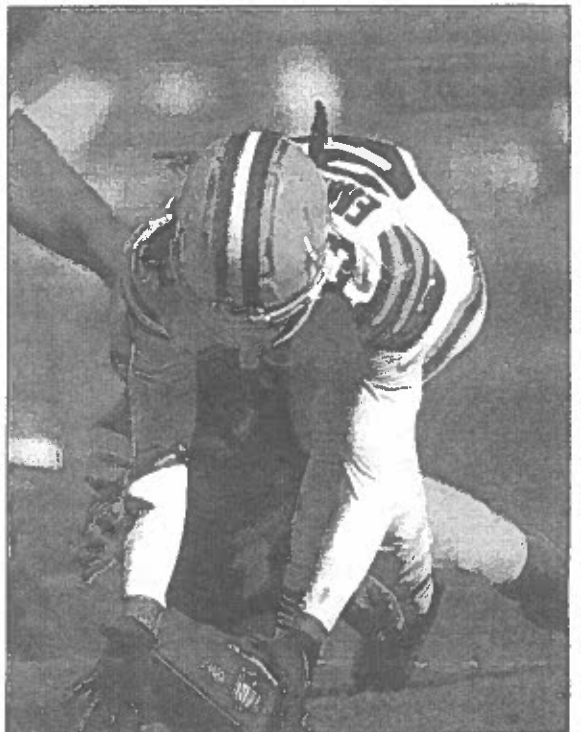
"We held it on our shoulders as a defense like this is the game for us to step forward," said linebacker Frankie Luvu, who led the team with 2 1/2 sacks. "There's always room for improvement, and us as a defense, we're just getting started."

Watson was 15 of 28 for 125 yards and the late TD toss to tight end Jordan Akins. He has yet to throw for 200 yards in a game this season, but Stefanski said after lifting Watson for Jameis Winston in the final minutes the Browns are "not changing quarterbacks."

"We need to play better," Stefanski said. "This is not a one-person issue on offense."

Daniels, the No. 2 pick who quickly became the favorite for offensive rookie of the year, did not come close to completing 82.5% of passes like in his first four professional games. But he did make highlight-reel throws of 66 yards to Terry McLaurin and 41 for a TD to Dyami Brown, the latter of which after he asked offensive coordinator Kliff Kingsbury for the chance to go deep.

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CLEVELAND BROWNS cornerback Martin Grammer

Tucker's field goal after Henry's big run lifts Ravens to a wild 41-38 overtime win

CINCINNATI (AP) — Lamar Jackson and Joe Burrow traded touchdown throws all afternoon. It took a big run and a chip-shot kick in overtime to settle a wild game between the Baltimore Ravens and Cincinnati Bengals.

After Derrick Henry rumbled for 51 yards to put the Ravens at the Bengals 6, Justin Tucker kicked a 24-yard field goal to lift Baltimore to a 41-38

that featured more than 700 yards passing and nine touchdown passes.

"It was a shootout, a flat-out shootout in the second half," Baltimore coach John Harbaugh said. "That's a great win against a team that was playing at a high level."

Tucker's winning field goal came after Evan McPherson missed a 53-yard attempt for Cincinnati after a fumbled snap.

(3-2). The Bengals (1-4) led by 10 points three times in the second half, but Jackson brought the Ravens back each time.

Burrow's screen pass to Ja'Marr Chase turned into a 70-yard touchdown romp that gave the Bengals a 38-28 lead with 8:54 left.

The Ravens answered with an 11-play, 70-yard drive capped by an im-

scrambling and stiff-arming Bengals defensive end Sam Hubbard before letting go with the pass.

"He was ready, no panic," Henry said of Jackson.

Burrow was intercepted on the next drive and the Bengals stalled on their last possession of regulation, setting up the tying field goal by Tucker.

After Jackson lost a fumble in overtime, McPherson seemed poised to win

• Browns

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"He called the play, and we did it," said Daniels, who gave way to backup Marcus Mariota with 12:50 left and the outcome already determined.

McLaurin made four catches for a season-high 125 yards. Ekeler had a 57-yard run that was Washington's longest since Derrius Guice went for 60 in 2019.

"We didn't score on every single drive like we have in the past, which is the reality of football," said Ekeler, who had 107 yards from scrimmage in his return from a concussion. "It was just a different kind of philosophy for us to win the game. We had big plays, which obviously helped us. It was great to be able to show, hey, we can win this way, as well."

Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah was

Cleveland's most impactful player before cramping up in the third quarter, picking off Daniels at his team's 1-yard line, sacking him once and forcing McLaurin to fumble. He was still kicking himself for not finishing another sack of Daniels, too.

"That kind of sticks with me a little bit," he said.

Browns cornerback Denzel Ward (hamstring) and long snapper Charley Hughlett (rib) were ruled out early in the second half. ... Safety Grant Delpit was evaluated for a head injury after going down in the third quarter. ... C Ethan Pocic went directly to the locker room after walking off the field in the fourth, and Stefanski said it was a knee injury. ... Tight end David Njoku had a 14-yard catch in his return from a three-game absence because of a high ankle sprain.

• Texas

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Tennessee lost to Arkansas and went from No. 4 to No. 8. Michigan lost at Washington and went from No. 10 to No. 24. Southern California lost at Minnesota and went from No. 11 to out of the Top 25. The Trojans were first among teams also receiving votes.

Texas A&M soundly beat Missouri at home in the only Top 25 matchup. That earned the Aggies a promotion from a tie for No. 25 to No. 15 and the Tigers a demotion from No. 9 to No. 21.

POLL POINTS

The Big Ten dominates the top five, but the Southeastern Conference maintains its grip on the top 10. No. 2 Ohio State, No. 3 Oregon and No. 4 Penn State are bookended by the SEC's Texas and Georgia. The SEC also has Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi in the top 10.

Double-digit drops by Missouri, Michigan and USC mark the first time since Nov. 13, 2016, that three teams fell 10 or more spots in the same poll. That week it happened to Auburn (8 to 18), Texas A&M (10 to 23) and North Carolina (15 to receiving votes).

The biggest upward movers were Texas A&M (25 to 15), Clemson (15 to 10) and Iowa State (16 to 11).

IN-AND-OUT

SMU (5-1) was rewarded for knocking off Louisville on the road and enters the rankings at No. 25. The Mustangs have appeared in the Top 25 all but one season (2022) since 2019. Louisville (3-2) has lost two of three and dropped out.

• Ravens

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But holder Ryan Rehkow fumbled the snap and McPherson pulled his kick wide left.

"Whether he drops it or it's perfect, I feel like I should make every kick," McPherson said.

Jackson was 26 for 42 for 348 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for another 55 yards. He threw TD passes of 1 yard and 6 yards to Liveley.

Burrow finished 30 of 39 for 392 yards and a

career-high five touchdowns, including two each to Chase and Tee Higgins. Chase led the Bengals with 10 catches for 193 yards, and Higgins had nine grabs for 83 yards.

"Perfect is what was needed, and that's not what we did," Burrow said.

"This one — sickening. For real," Bengals running back Chase Brown said. "That's my final thought on what happened out there."

Henry gets his moment

Henry, who has been terrific in his first season with the Ravens, was all but neutralized by the Bengals defense, at least until the penultimate play of the game.

He had 14 carries for 41 yards and was stopped in the end zone for a safety in the second quarter. Then he broke away for the 51-yard run in overtime to set up the winning field goal.

"Green grass," said Henry when asked what he saw after the handoff. "Green grass and trying to get as close to the end zone as possible."

He finished with a respectable 92 yards and a first-quarter touchdown.

INJURIES

Bengals: CB Dax Hill was declared out after suffering a right knee injury in the first quarter. ... RT Amarius Mims was carted off with an ankle injury in the third quarter.

Ravens: T Roger Rosengarten left with an ankle injury in the second quarter, but returned.

LOCAL CARD

(all events begin at 5:30 p.m. unless noted)
Monday, Oct. 7
GIRLS SOCCER
Cambridge at Oak Glen, 6:30 p.m.
John Marshall at Indian Creek, 7 p.m.
Harrison Central at Wheeling Central, 7:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Harrison Central at Barnesville
Bellaire at Buckeye Local
Malvern at Steubenville Catholic
East Richland at Hundred, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL CARD

(all games start at 7 p.m. unless noted)
Friday, Oct. 11
PREP
Madonna at Beallsville
Indian Creek at Beaver Local
Edison at Buckeye Local
Shadyside at Caldwell Valley at Cameron
Rosecrans at Bridgeport
Bellaire at East Liverpool
Marietta at Fort Frye
Strasburg at Buckeye Trail
Waterford at Harrison Central
Valley Christian School at Southern Local
Keyser at John Marshall
Frontier at Magnolia
Wellsville at United
Cambridge at Martins Ferry
Barnesville at Monroe Central
Martinsburg at Morgantown
Tyler Consolidated at Oak Glen
Shenandoah at River Brooke at Frankfort
Conotton Valley at Toronto
St. Clairsville at Union Local
Steubenville Catholic at Wheeling Central
East Fairmont at Weir
Huron Heights at Steubenville
Hundred at Paden City
Wheeling Park at Fairmont Senior
Saturday, Oct. 12
COLLEGE
Wheeling at Charleston, noon
West Liberty at UNC Pembroke, 1 p.m.
Westminster at Bethany, 4:30 p.m.
Ohio State at Oregon, TBA
Iowa State at WVU, TBA

SPORTS ON TV

Monday, Oct. 7
COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)
6 p.m.
BTN — Rutgers at Penn St.
7 p.m.
ACCN — Denver at Pittsburgh
8 p.m.
BTN — Washington at Ohio St.
MLB BASEBALL
4 p.m.
TBS — A.L. Division Series: Detroit at Cleveland, Game 2
TRUTV — A.L. Division Series: Detroit at Cleveland, Game 2
7:30 p.m.
TBS — A.L. Division Series: Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, Game 2
TRUTV — A.L. Division Series: Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, Game 2

NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
NBATV — Preseason: Oklahoma City at San Antonio
NFL FOOTBALL
8:15 p.m.
ESPN — New Orleans at Kansas City
ESPN2 — New Orleans at Kansas City (MNF with Peyton and Eli)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

MOUNTAIN EAST
West Liberty 31, Concord 10
UNC-Pembroke 35, Wheeling 32
Charleston (WV) 29, Glenville St. 17
Frostburg St. 49, WV Wesleyan 16
W. Virginia St. 45, Fairmont St. 34
PRESIDENTS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Grove City 62, Bethany 22
Geneva 16, St. Vincent 13
Carnegie Mellon 42, Waynesburg 0
Case Western 58, Allegheny 14
Washington & Jefferson 21, Westminster (Pa.) 14
ACC
Pittsburgh 34, North Carolina 24
Clemson 29, Florida St. 13
Georgia Tech 24, Duke 14

CROSS COUNTRY

OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country Championships (at Cambridge H.S.)
BOYS
Team Overall
1. University 31; 2. Morgantown 60; 3. Wheeling Park 144; 4. Warren 161; 5. Dover 175; 6. Shenandoah 203; 7. Parkersburg South 271; 8. East Liverpool 283; 9. Magnolia 302; 10. Martins Ferry 308; 11. Barnesville 318; 12. Trinity Christian 358; 13. Bellaire 373; 14. Beaver Local 377; 15. John Marshall 397; 16. St. Clairsville 420; 17. Wood County Christian 436; 18. Edison 442; 19. Fort Frye 446; 20. Brooke 492; 21. Union Local 541; 22. Caldwell 591; 23. Wheeling Central 612; 24. Cambridge 637
Class 5A
1. University 31; 2. Morgantown 60
Class 4A
1. East Liverpool 283; 2. Beaver Local 377
Class 3A
1. Shenandoah 203; 2. Martins Ferry 308
Class 1A/2A
1. Magnolia 302; 2. Trinity Christian 358
Individual Top 10
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GIRLS
Team Overall
1. University 33; 2. Morgantown 67; 3. Fort Frye 119; 4. Dover 173; 5. Edison 180; 6. Warren 180; 7. John Marshall 243; 8. Wheeling Park 282; 9. St. Clairsville 270; 10. Parkersburg South 286; 11. Shadyside 294; 12. Bellaire 318; 13. Martins Ferry 344; 14. Weir 387; 15. Shenandoah 400; 16. Indian Creek 424; 17. Southern Local 442; 18. Columbiana 444; 19. Barnesville 463; 20. Wheeling Central 503; 21. Trinity Christian 531
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NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	142 106
Miami	2	3	0	.400	60 113
NYJ	2	3	0	.400	93 85
N. Eng.	1	4	0	.200	62 102
South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Houston	4	1	0	.800	102 114
Indian.	2	3	0	.400	119 122
Tenn.	1	3	0	.250	79 80
J-ville	1	4	0	.200	97 143
North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Pitts.	3	1	0	.750	75 59
Balt.	3	2	0	.600	147 126
Cincin.	1	4	0	.200	140 145
Cleve.	1	4	0	.200	79 121
West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
K. City	4	0	0	1.000	92 72
Denver	3	2	0	.600	96 73
LA Ch.	2	2	0	.500	68 50
Vegas	2	3	0	.400	96 131
NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Wash.	4	1	0	.800	155 115
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	97 104
Phila.	2	2	0	.500	86 96
NYG	2	3	0	.400	89 104
South					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	111 119
Tampa	3	2	0	.600	127 143
N. Orl.	2	2	0	.500	127 70
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	83 168
North					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Minn.	5	0	0	1.000	139 76
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	104 82
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	113 89
Gr. Bay	3	2	0	.600	128 108
West					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	122 114
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	120 129
S. Fran.	2	3	0	.400	126 106
Rams	1	4	0	.200	94 139

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 36, Tampa Bay 30, OT
Sunday's Games
Minnesota 23, N.Y. Jets 17, London, GBR
Baltimore 41, Cincinnati 38, OT
Chicago 36, Carolina 10
Houston 23, Buffalo 20
Jacksonville 37, Indianapolis 34
Miami 15, New England 10
Washington 34, Cleveland 13
Arizona 24, San Francisco 23
Denver 34, Las Vegas 18
Green Bay 24, L.A. Rams 19
N.Y. Giants 29, Seattle 20
Dallas at Pittsburgh, late.
Open: L.A. Chargers, Tennessee, Detroit, Philadelphia

Monday's Games
New Orleans at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 13
Jacksonville vs Chicago at London, GBR, 9:30 a.m.
Arizona at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Houston at New England, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Kansas City, Miami, L.A. Rams, Minnesota

Monday, Oct. 14
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 8:15 p.m.

AP TOP 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 5, total points and previous ranking.

	Rec	Pts	Prv
1. Texas (52)	5-0	1516	1
2. Ohio St. (9)	5-0	1473	2
3. Oregon	5-0	1348	3
4. Penn St.	5-0	1305	7
5. Georgia	4-1	1299	8
6. Miami	6-0	1187	6
7. Alabama	4-1	1182	11
8. Tennessee	4-1	1001	4
9. Mississippi	5-1	978	12
10. Clemson	4-1	861	15
11. Iowa St.	5-0	853	16
12. Notre Dame	4-1	853	14
13. LSU	4-1	827	13
14. BYU	5-0	753	17
15. Texas A&M	5-1	702	25
16. Utah	4-1	473	18
17. Boise St.	4-1	463	21
18. Kansas St.	4-1	459	20
19. Indiana	6-0	459	23
20. Oklahoma	4-1	459	19
21. Missouri	4-1	352	9
22. Pittsburgh	5-0	196	24
23. Illinois	4-1	182	24
24. Michigan	4-2	170	10
25. SMU	5-1	165	13

Others receiving votes:
Southern Cal 98, Nebraska 51, Navy 43, Army 33, Vanderbilt 26, Arkansas 17, Washington St. 8, Iowa 8, Texas Tech 7, Syracuse 6, Washington 4, Louisville 3

Pittsburgh Penguins

December 3, 2024



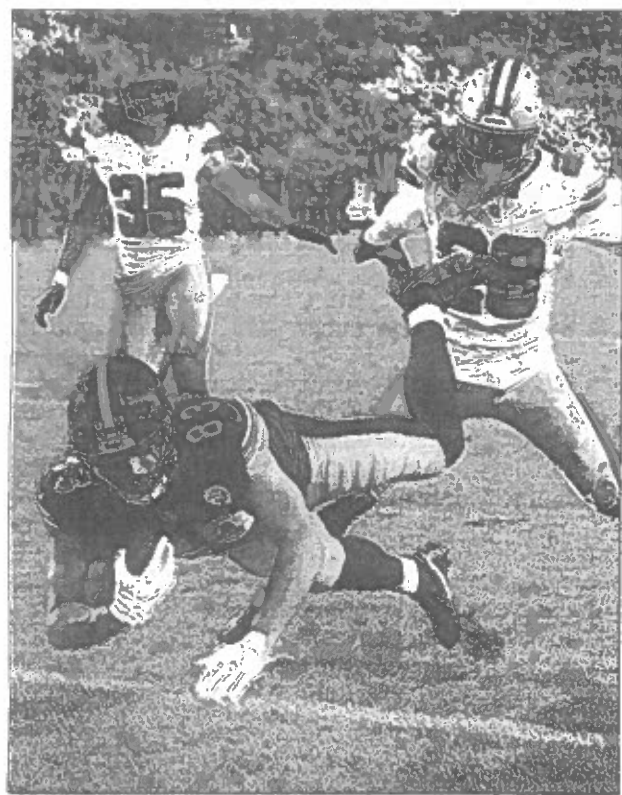
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AP Photo Pittsburgh Steelers tight end Connor Heyward (83) dives in for a touchdown after making a catch in front of Dallas Cowboys safety Malik Hooker (28) and linebacker Marist Liufau (35) during the second half on Sunday in Pittsburgh.

Cowboys Score In Final Minute, Defeat Steelers

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Dak Prescott threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Tolbert with 20 seconds remaining and the Dallas Cowboys slipped past the Pittsburgh Steelers 20-17 early today.

The Cowboys (3-2) won their second straight after Prescott overcame a mistake-filled night to lead a 70-yard drive that ended with Prescott finding a lunging Tolbert just across the goal line on fourth down.

Pittsburgh (3-2) dropped its second consecutive game following a 3-0 start, this one a sluggish performance on a night the opening kickoff was delayed nearly

90 minutes due to severe weather. The game ended at 12:59 a.m.

The sky eventually cleared. The Steelers spent much of the night in a fog, particularly on offense, managing just 222 yards against a defense missing injured stars Micah Parsons and DeMarcus Lawrence.

Prescott, the NFL's highest-paid player, threw for 352 yards and two scores to offset a night he had two interceptions and fumbled in Pittsburgh territory.

Rico Dowdle gave the league's worst rushing attack a boost by running for 87 yards.

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Page 10

Park's Tipton Takes 2nd In OVAC Championship



Photos by Kim North LEFT: Wheeling Park's Brenna Tipton finished second Saturday during the OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country championships in Cambridge. RIGHT: The Wheeling Park duo of Redick Moore, left, and Isaak Nuzum placed 21st and 22nd, respectively, during Saturday's event.

University Sweeps Individual, Team Cross Country Titles

By KIM NORTH
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Mountaineers Run Over Cowboys For Huge Victory

By DEREK REDD
Managing Editor

It was billed as a crucial college football game for both West Virginia University and Oklahoma State. It quickly became a cage fight.

Actually, it looked like a one-sided sparring practice for the Mountaineers.

With every stiff arm, every shoulder pad into the chest, every breakaway run into the open field, WVU devoured turf and pummeled the Cowboys into submission with its run game, thumping OSU in a 38-14 win in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The Mountaineers dominated Oklahoma State's defense from the opening drive, muting Boone

Pickens Stadium outside of the boos that rained from the stands as the Cowboys' own offense could do nothing.

West Virginia churned up 389 rushing yards with nothing fancy, just 65 carries on simple, straightforward play-calling, bolstered by a pile of missed tackles by an over-matched Oklahoma State defense.

The Cowboys walked into Saturday's game at a disadvantage. The knee injury that hobbled OSU preseason all-America linebacker Nick Martin in last week's loss to Kansas State kept him sidelined against WVU.

His absence was obvious and, for the Cowboys, it was fatal.

That was most evident on WVU's second drive of the second

quarter. The Mountaineers ran up the middle for six of the eight plays of that drive, ending with Garrett Greene charging up the Cowboy defense's gut for a 15-yard touchdown that made it 24-0, WVU.

Since the start of last season, when it came to Oklahoma State and running games, the story usually was Ollie Gordon II and his ability to barrel through opposing defenses. The Mountaineers saw that first hand last year, when Gordon single-handedly pulled victory from the clutches of defeat against WVU with 141 yards and three touchdowns in the fourth quarter alone.

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Photo Provided West Virginia running back CJ Donaldson powers into the end zone for a touchdown during the Mountaineers' 38-14 victory Saturday at Oklahoma State.

Top 25: Upsets Propel Texas'



Phillies Walk Off Mets In 9th To



Dallas Cowboys defensive back and Linsly graduate C.J. Goodwin warms up before Sunday's game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh.

Photo by Joe Lovell

go-ahead drive. But just as he did eight years ago as a rookie, Prescott engineered another late winning drive to give the Cowboys some momentum after consecutive losses to New Orleans and Baltimore.

to begin the second quarter, joining his father on the court out of the time-

19 points, five rebounds and four assists in 16 minutes.

TOP 25

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Miami, which came back from a 25-point second-half deficit to beat California 39-38, rose two spots to No. 6.

The mayhem wasn't limited to Alabama. Six of the 18 AP Top 25 teams that played lost to unranked opponents (33%), the highest mark since six of 16 (38%) lost the first week of October 2020.

The Tide were among four teams in the top 11 to lose to unranked opponents — the first time that's happened since Nov. 12, 2016, when five teams did it, according to Sportradar.

Tennessee lost to Arkansas and went from No. 4 to No. 8. Michigan lost at Washington and went from No. 10 to No. 24. Southern California lost at Minnesota and went from No. 11 to out of the Top 25. The Trojans were first among teams also receiving votes.

Texas A&M soundly beat Missouri at home in the only Top 25 matchup. That earned the Aggies a promotion from a tie for No. 25 to No. 15 and the Tigers a demotion from No. 9 to No. 21.

POLL POINTS

The Big Ten dominates the top five, but the Southeastern Conference maintains its grip on the top 10. No. 2 Ohio State, No. 3 Oregon and No. 4 Penn State are bookended by the SEC's Texas and Georgia. The SEC also has Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi in the top 10.

Double-digit drops by Missouri, Michigan and USC mark the first time since Nov. 13, 2016, that three teams fell 10 or more spots in the same poll. That week it happened to Auburn (8 to 18), Texas A&M (10 to 23) and North Carolina (15 to receiving votes).

The biggest upward movers were Texas A&M (25 to 15), Clemson (15 to 10) and Iowa State (16 to 11).

IN-AND-OUT

SMU (5-1) was rewarded for knock-

ing off Louisville on the road and enters the rankings at No. 25. The Mustangs have appeared in the Top 25 all but one season (2022) since 2019. Louisville (3-2) has lost two of three and dropped out.

Pittsburgh won at North Carolina to start 5-0 for the first time since 1991 and enters the rankings at No. 22 for its first appearance in two years.

USC (3-2) has lost two of its first three Big Ten games and is out, as is UNLV, whose first-ever Top 25 appearance was spoiled by an overtime home loss to Syracuse.

CONFERENCE CALL

■ SEC — 9 (Nos. 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, T-18, 21).

■ Big Ten — 6 (Nos. 2, 3, 4, T-18, 23, 24).

■ Big 12 — 4 (Nos. T-11, 14, 16, T-18).

■ ACC — 4 (Nos. 6, 10, 22, 25).

■ Mountain West — 1 (No. 17).

■ Independent — 1 (No. 11).

RANKED VS. RANKED

■ No. 1 Texas vs. No. 18 Oklahoma, at Dallas. It's their first head-to-head SEC meeting, and it's a Top 25 matchup for the sixth time in eight games. Sooners scored with 15 seconds left last year to hand Texas its only regular-season loss. Both teams are coming off open dates.

■ No. 2 Ohio State at No. 3 Oregon. Entering the season, this was billed as a midseason preview of the Big Ten championship game. It still could be. The Buckeyes have won nine of 10 previous meetings, the only loss coming in the most recent one (2021).

■ No. 9 Mississippi at No. 13 LSU. Huge College Football Playoff implications here. Rebels' Jaxson Dart prevailed 55-49 last year in a dizzying matchup with Heisman winner Jayden Daniels.

Hawkins (8th, 20:01.50) had Top 10 races.

Warren sophomore Luke Rettenberger (5th, 16:18.60); Parkersburg South's Josh Gill (6th, 16:21.07); Magnolia senior Landen Davis (9th, 16:30.48) and Shenandoah senior Jarrett Wentworth (10th, 16:33.34) rounded out the boys overall Top 10.

East Liverpool won the Class 4A title; Shenandoah (3A) and Magnolia (2A).

Other Top 10 finishers in the girls race were Shenandoah sophomore Ida Estadt (4th, 19:28.51) and Shadyside sophomore Chloe Meholovitch (5th, 19:55.04).

Winning team titles, in addition to University, were Edison (4A); Fort Frye (3A) and Shadyside (1A/2A).

A total of 204 boys and 189 girls took part in the event.

OVAC

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Behind Umbright's and Rogers individual titles. University won both the Overall and Class 5A crowns. The boys totaled 31 points as junior Ethan Conroy (16:05.09) and freshman Micah Gainer (16:06.37) placed third and fourth, respectively. The girls finished with 33 points and had Top 10 finishers in senior Adelyn Tager (6th, 19:56.51), sophomore Caroline Ballard (7th, 19:57.42), freshman Roselia Biundo (9th, 20:05.20) and senior Claire Von Boetticher (10th, 20:08.41).

Morgantown was runner up in the overall and Class 5A team races in both boys and girls. The Mohigans had 60 points on the boys side and 67 on the girls. Senior Finlay Lorimer (7th, 16:21.07) and junior James Stacy (8th, 16:29.33) had Top 10 boys finishes. For the girls, senior Maraid Johnson (3rd, 19:21.20) and sophomore Lauren

and two scores. The Mountaineers averaged six yards per carry and used that to dominate time of possession. WVU held the ball for 42 minutes, 36 seconds on Saturday, compared to 17:24 for Oklahoma State.

"When we talked about running the football, we talked about a team approach and it's all 11 guys," WVU coach Neal Brown said on television following the game. "I thought our receivers and our tight ends were special in the run game today. ... And I thought our O-line and our running backs were really good, and our quarterbacks helped as well."

Much like last week, Oklahoma State had to turn to its passing game to try to get back into the contest. The results were identical. It didn't work.

MOUNTAINEERS

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After winning last season's Doak Walker Award, he's had no such luck in 2024, eclipsing 100 yards just once this season. Against WVU, he was relegated to bystander. He finished Saturday's game with a measly 50 yards on 13 carries and his last play came early in the third quarter on a short pass from Alan Bowman. Jaheem Joseph wrapped up Gordon's right leg for the tackle and Gordon walked gingerly to the sideline, never to return.

Meanwhile, it really didn't matter who carried the ball for West Virginia: that guy was gaining yards.

Three WVU players finished the game with at least 77 yards on the ground — Jahiem White with 158 yards and a touchdown, Garrett Greene with 86 yards and a touchdown and C.J. Donaldson with 77 yards

With 7:33 left in the third quarter, WVU linebacker Josiah Trotter leaped into the air and snatched a Bowman lob, stabbing his toes into the turf in bounds for an interception that essentially ended Oklahoma State's chances early in the second half. By the fourth quarter, OSU coach Mike Gundy had seen enough of Bowman, pulling him for backup Garret Rangel.

Ultimately, the only thing that was stopping West Virginia's run game was WVU itself. Late in the third, the Mountaineers turned it over on downs when Greene cut right into open field on fourth and 5 and slid for what looked like a first down. Officials overturned that, saying Greene started his slide behind the first down marker.

Saturday's game sent the

Mountaineers and Cowboys in wildly different directions. At 0-3 in the Big 12, Oklahoma State's chances at a conference title are essentially over. The Cowboys made the Big 12 championship game last year with two conference losses, but they're too much of a mess both offensively and defensively to rally.

But what about WVU? The Mountaineers are 2-0 to start the conference slate, chasing a furious comeback win over Kansas with Saturday's beat-down of Oklahoma State. Their only losses this year are to Penn State and Pittsburgh teams that are a combined 10-0 following this week's games.

West Virginia will face better defenses this season. At 129th out 133 Football Bowl Subdivision teams in total defense, there are few worse

than Oklahoma State's. But a rushing performance like the one WVU put together against the Cowboys should give the Mountaineers confidence for the rest of the season.

That confidence will be tested quickly. WVU's next two games are at Milan Puskar Stadium against Iowa State and Kansas State, two of the four Big 12 teams who entered the weekend nationally ranked. They're also the only ranked teams that presently are left on the schedule.

"We've got a good football team," Brown said. "I think because of how we started the year, people maybe quit paying attention to us, or maybe slept on us a little bit."

If WVU can play like they did Saturday for the rest of the season, they could offer up a pretty loud wake-up call.

SERIES

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Castellanos, who led the major leagues this season with four walk-off hits, tossed his helmet and was mobbed by teammates on the infield as a game that seemed to slip away one inning earlier turned into one more comeback for the NL East champions.

He ran over to his son, Liam, a steady presence at the ballpark during his tenure, and the two exchanged a big "Let's Go!" "When I'm old and no one cares about me as a baseball player anymore, we're going to be home and be able to remember and look back at that," Castellanos said.

His performance in Game 2 will live long in Philly sports lore. Castellanos had two big swings and misses in the fourth inning for an 0-2 count. He didn't bite on a sweeper in the dirt and mouthed his displeasure when he heard boos from fans.

His tying homer in the sixth made it 4-all, and Castellanos scored the go-ahead run on Bryson Stott's two-run triple in a three-run eighth that put Philadelphia ahead 6-4.

"He came up big for us a lot this year," Stott said. "It feels like every walk-off hit is Nick, and that's who he is. And his heart rate doesn't get up, stays the same. And gets the swing off."

Megill retired the first two batters of the ninth and walked Turner and Harper, who also homered and scored twice. Castellanos followed with the Phillies' fifth career postseason walk-off hit.

"Just made a bad pitch, backed up on me," Megill said.

After falling behind 0-2, Castellanos took a ball in the dirt, then pulled a hanging slider into left and sparked the towel-waving crowd at the ballpark into a frenzy.

"Unbelievable. Unbelievable," Castellanos said. "If he blows a fastball by me, so be it. I'd rather that than swing at something in the dirt. It was incredible but the se-

ries is even. Now we go to New York and there's a lot of baseball left."

Game 3 is Tuesday in New York, the Mets' first home game since Sept. 22.

"No excuses. It's been hard, but here we are," Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said. "I'm just looking forward to get back to Citi Field."

In just the second post-season game between the NL East rivals, the Mets and Phillies were pushed from pillar to post over the final four innings, each game-changing swing topped by one even more emotional.

Mark Vientos hit a pair of two-run homers for the Mets, who got solo shots from Pete Alonso and Brandon Nimmo.

"I think we put on quite a show for everybody in attendance and everybody watching on TV," Nimmo said.

Harper's two-run homer and Castellanos' solo drive in a three-pitch span from Luis Severino sparked the Phillies' comeback from a 3-0, sixth-inning deficit.

"Missed my location and paid for it," Severino said.

After Nimmo's seventh-inning homer off Orion Kerkerer gave New York a 4-3 lead, Stott lined a go-ahead, two-run triple down the right-field line on his 27th birthday after Harper walked and Castellanos singled off Edwin Diaz in the eighth.

"He threw a slider that I thought I could finally hit, and was able to pull it down the line," Stott said.

Diaz, who has a 9.37 ERA at Citizens Bank Park, threw 104 pitches in three outings over a seven-day span.

Diaz faulted his approach to Harper, saying "I think I was a little bit lazy to him instead of attacking him."

J.T. Realmuto's grounder scored Stott for a 6-4 lead, but Vientos hit a two-run homer off Matt Strahm, an All-Star lefty who failed the Phillies for

a second straight game.

Harper — who wore a "Showman" headband — snapped the Phillies out of their offensive malaise when he drove Severino's fastest pitch of the day, a 99 mph fastball, 431 feet into the shrubbery in dead center as fans roared.

"That was sick," Harper said. "Best fanbase in the world."

Phillies fans were still going wild when Castellanos followed with a tying homer to left-center, then sprinted around the bases.

Now it's off to New York.

"Both teams, man," Harper said. "Punch for punch."

UP NEXT

Phillies RHP Aaron Nola and Mets LHP Sean Manaea start in Game 3.

PADRES 10, DODGERS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fans threw baseballs in the direction of San Diego left fielder Jurickson Proffer and then tossed trash that caused a lengthy delay before the Padres beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 10-2 on Sunday night to even their NL Division Series at a game apiece.

Yu Darvish limited the Dodgers' powerful offense to one run and three hits over seven innings and Fernando Tatis Jr. went deep twice as the Padres tied the postseason record of six homers.

David Peralta and Jackson Merrill each hit two-run homers, and a hobbled Xander Bogaerts and Kyle Higashioka had solo shots.

The delay in the middle of the seventh inning led to a 12-minute gap between pitches and occurred as two balls were thrown from the stands in the direction of Proffer. Trash was strewn on the warning track in right near the Padres bullpen.

There was continuous booing by the sellout crowd of 54,119 — the largest at Dodger Stadium this season.

The best-of-five series shifts to San Diego on Tuesday.

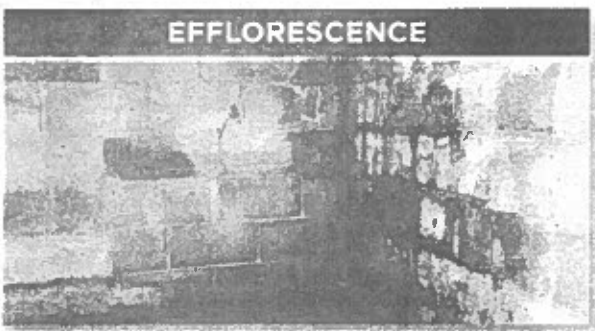
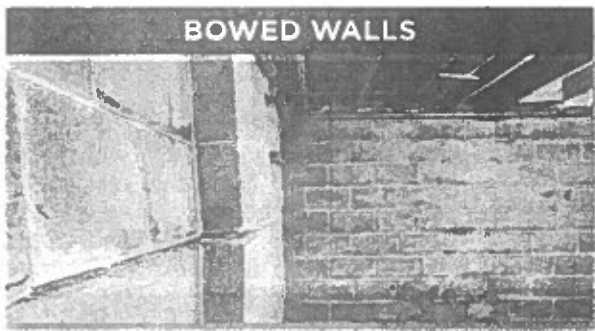
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LOCAL CARD

(all events begin at 5:30 p.m. unless noted)
Monday, Oct. 7
GIRLS SOCCER
 Cambridge at Oak Glen, 6:30 p.m.
 John Marshall at Indian Creek, 7 p.m.
 Harrison Central at Wheeling Central, 7:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
 Harrison Central at Barnesville
 Bellaire at Buckeye Local
 Malvern at Steubenville Catholic
 East Richland at Hundred, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL CARD

(all games start at 7 p.m. unless noted)
Friday, Oct. 11
PREP
 Madonna at Beallsville
 Indian Creek at Beaver Local
 Edison at Buckeye Local
 Shadyside at Caldwell Valley at Cameron
 Rosecrans at Bridgeport
 Bellaire at East Liverpool
 Marietta at Fort Frye
 Strasburg at Buckeye Trail
 Waterford at Harrison Central
 Valley Christian School at Southern Local
 Keyser at John Marshall
 Frontier at Magnolia
 Wellsville at United
 Cambridge at Martins Ferry
 Barnesville at Monroe Central
 Martinsburg at Morgantown
 Tyler Consolidated at Oak Glen
 Shenandoah at River Brooke at Frankfort
 Conotton Valley at Toronto
 St. Clairsville at Union Local
 Steubenville Catholic at Wheeling Central
 East Fairmont at Weir
 Huron Heights at Steubenville
 Hundred at Paden City
 Wheeling Park at Fairmont Senior
Saturday, Oct. 12
COLLEGE
 Wheeling at Charleston, noon
 West Liberty at UNC Pembroke, 1 p.m.
 Westminster at Bethany, 4:30 p.m.
 Ohio State at Oregon, TBA
 Iowa State at WVU, TBA

CROSS COUNTRY

OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country Championships (at Cambridge H.S.)
BOYS
Team Overall
 1. University 31; 2. Morgantown 60; 3. Wheeling Park 144; 4. Warren 161; 5. Dover 175; 6. Shenandoah 203; 7. Parkersburg South 271; 8. East Liverpool 283; 9. Magnolia 302; 10. Martins Ferry 308; 11. Barnesville 318; 12. Trinity Christian 358; 13. Bellaire 373; 14. Beaver Local 377; 15. John Marshall 397; 16. St. Clairsville 420; 17. Wood County Christian 436; 18. Edison 442; 19. Fort Frye 446; 20. Brooke 492; 21. Union Local 541; 22. Caldwell 591; 23. Wheeling Central 612; 24. Cambridge 637
Class 5A
 1. University 31; 2. Morgantown 60
Class 4A
 1. East Liverpool 283; 2. Beaver Local 377
Class 3A
 1. Shenandoah 203; 2. Martins Ferry 308
Class 1A/2A
 1. Magnolia 302; 2. Trinity Christian 358
Individual Top 10
 1. Tyler Umbright (Univ) 15:25.88; 2. Andrew Rohde (Steub. Catholic) 15:29.69; 3. Ethan Conroy (Univ) 16:05.09; 4. Micah Gainer (Univ) 16:06.37; 5. Luke Rettenberger (Warren) 18:18.69; 6. Josh Gill (Park. So.) 16:21.07; 7. Josh Gill (Morg) 16:24.62; 8. James Stacy (Morg) 16:29.33; 9. Landen Davis (Mag) 16:33.34; 10. Jarrett Wentworth (Shen) 16:33.34
GIRLS
Team Overall
 1. University 33; 2. Morgantown 67; 3. Fort Frye 119; 4. Dover 173; 5. Edison 180; 6. Warren 180; 7. John Marshall 243; 8. Wheeling Park 282; 9. St. Clairsville 270; 10. Parkersburg South 286; 11. Shadyside 294; 12. Bellaire 318; 13. Martins Ferry 344; 14. Weir 387; 15. Shenandoah 400; 16. Indian Creek 424; 17. Southern Local 442; 18. Columbiana 444; 19. Barnesville 463; 20. Wheeling Central 503; 21. Trinity Christian 531
Class 5A
 1. University 33; 2. Morgantown 67
Class 4A
 1. Edison 180; 2. St. Clairsville 270
Class 3A
 1. Fort Frye 119; 2. Bellaire 318
Class 1A/2A
 1. Shadyside 294; 2. Trinity Christian 531
Individual Top 10
 1. Abigail Rogers (Univ) 18:48.98; 2. Brenna Tipton (WP) 19:06.85; 3. Maraid Johnson (Morg) 19:21.20; 4. Ida Estadt (Shen) 19:28.51; 5. Chloe Meholovitch (Shady) 19:55.04; 6. Adelyn Tager (Univ) 19:56.61; 7. Caroline Ballard (Univ) 19:57.42; 8. Lauren Hawkins (Morg) 20:01.50; 9. Roselia Biundo (Univ) 20:05.20; 10. Claire Von Boetticher (Univ) 20:08.41

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
East					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	142 106
Miami	2	3	0	.400	60 113
NYJ	2	3	0	.400	93 85
N. Eng.	1	4	0	.200	62 102
South					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Houston	4	1	0	.800	102 114
Indian.	2	3	0	.400	119 122
Tenn.	1	3	0	.250	79 90
J-ville	1	4	0	.200	97 143
North					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Pitts.	3	2	0	.600	92 73
Balt.	3	2	0	.600	147 126
Cincin.	1	4	0	.200	140 145
Cleve.	1	4	0	.200	79 121
West					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
K. City	4	0	0	1.000	92 72
Denver	3	2	0	.600	96 73
LA Ch.	2	2	0	.500	68 50
Vegas	2	3	0	.400	96 131

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Wash.	4	1	0	.800	155 115
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	117 121
Phila.	2	2	0	.500	86 96
NYG	2	3	0	.400	89 104
South					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	111 115
Tampa	3	2	0	.600	127 114
N. Or.	2	2	0	.500	127 70
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	83 165
North					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Minn.	5	0	0	1.000	139 76
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	104 82
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	113 85
Gr. Bay	3	2	0	.600	128 108
West					
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	122 114
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	120 129
S. Fran.	2	3	0	.400	126 106
Rams	1	4	0	.200	94 139

Thursday's Games
 Atlanta 36, Tampa Bay 30, OT
Sunday's Games
 Minnesota 23, N.Y. Jets 17, London, GBR
 Baltimore 41, Cincinnati 38, OT
 Chicago 36, Carolina 10
 Houston 23, Buffalo 20
 Jacksonville 37, Indianapolis 34
 Miami 15, New England 10
 Washington 34, Cleveland 13
 Arizona 24, San Francisco 23
 Denver 34, Las Vegas 18
 Green Bay 24, L.A. Rams 19
 N.Y. Giants 29, Seattle 20
 Dallas 20, Pittsburgh 17
 Open: L.A. Chargers, Tennessee, Detroit, Philadelphia
Monday's Games
 New Orleans at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10
 San Francisco at Seattle, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 13
 Jacksonville vs Chicago at London, GBR, 9:30 a.m.
 Arizona at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Houston at New England, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.
 Detroit at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
 Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Kansas City, Miami, L.A. Rams, Minnesota
Monday, Oct. 14
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 8:15 p.m.

AP TOP 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 5, total points and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Rec	Pts	Prv.
1.	Texas (52)	5-0	1516	2
2.	Ohio St. (9)	5-0	1473	3
3.	Oregon	5-0	1348	6
4.	Penn St.	5-0	1305	7
5.	Georgia	4-1	1299	5
6.	Miami	6-0	1187	8
7.	Alabama	4-1	1182	1
8.	Tennessee	4-1	1001	4
9.	Mississippi	5-1	978	12
10.	Clemson	4-1	861	15
11.	Iowa St.	5-0	853	16
12.	Notre Dame	4-1	853	14
13.	LSU	4-1	827	13
14.	BYU	5-0	753	17
15.	Texas A&M	5-1	702	25
16.	Utah	4-1	473	18
17.	Boise St.	4-1	463	21
18.	Kansas St.	4-1	459	20
19.	Indiana	6-0	459	23
20.	Oklahoma	4-1	459	19
21.	Missouri	4-1	352	9
22.	Pittsburgh	5-0	196	-
23.	Illinois	4-1	182	24
24.	Michigan	4-2	170	10
25.	SMU	5-1	165	-

Others receiving votes:
 Southern Cal 98, Nebraska 51, Navy 43, Army 33, Vanderbilt 26, Arkansas 17, Washington St. 8, Iowa 8, Texas Tech 7, Syracuse 6, Washington 4, Louisville 4, Colorado 3, Kentucky 1,

SPORTS ON TV

Monday, Oct. 7
COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)
 6 p.m.
 BTN — Rutgers at Penn St.
 7 p.m.
 ACCN — Denver at Pittsburgh
 8 p.m.
 BTN — Washington at Ohio St.
MLB BASEBALL
 4 p.m.
 TBS — A.L. Division Series: Detroit at Cleveland, Game 2
 TRUTV — A.L. Division Series: Detroit at Cleveland, Game 2
 7:30 p.m.
 TBS — A.L. Division Series: Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, Game 2
 TRUTV — A.L. Division Series: Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, Game 2
NBA BASKETBALL
 8 p.m.
 NBATV — Preseason: Oklahoma City at San Antonio
NFL FOOTBALL
 8:15 p.m.
 ESPN — New Orleans at Kansas City
 ESPN2 — New Orleans at Kansas City (MNF with Peyton and Eli)

MLB PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5)
American League
New York 1, Kansas City 0
 Saturday, Oct. 5: New York 6, Kansas City 5
 Monday, Oct. 7: Kansas City (Ragans 11-9) at New York (Rodon 16-9), 7:38 p.m. (TBS, truTV, Max)
 Wednesday, Oct. 9: New York at Kansas City, 7:08 p.m. (TBS, truTV, Max)
 x-Thursday, Oct. 10: New York at Kansas City, 8:08 p.m. (TBS, truTV, Max)
 x-Saturday, Oct. 12: Kansas City at New York, 8:08 p.m. (TBS, Max)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

MOUNTAIN EAST
 West Liberty 31, Concord 10
 UNC-Pembroke 35, Wheeling 32
 Charleston (WV) 29, Glenville St. 17
 Frostburg St. 49, WV Wesleyan 16
 W. Virginia St. 45, Fairmont St. 34
PRESIDENTS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
 Grove City 62, Bethany 22
 Geneva 16, St. Vincent 13
 Carnegie Mellon 42, Waynesburg 0
 Case Western 58, Allegheny 14
 Washington & Jefferson 21, Westminster (Pa.) 14
ACC
 Pittsburgh 34, North Carolina 24
 Clemson 29, Florida St. 13
 Georgia Tech 24, Duke 14

CLEVELAND 1, DETROIT 0

Saturday, Oct. 5: Cleveland 7, Detroit 0
 Monday, Oct. 7: Detroit (Skubal 18-4) at Cleveland (Boyd 2-2), 4:08 p.m. (TBS, truTV, Max)
 Wednesday, Oct. 9: Cleveland at Detroit, 3:08 p.m. (TBS, truTV, Max)
 x-Thursday, Oct. 10: Cleveland at Detroit, 6:08 p.m. (TNT, Max)
 x-Saturday, Oct. 12: Detroit at Cleveland, 4:38 p.m. (TBS, Max)
National League
Los Angeles 1, San Diego 1
 Saturday, Oct. 5: Los Angeles 7, San Diego 5
 Sunday, Oct. 6: San Diego 10, Los Angeles 2
 Tuesday, Oct. 8: Los Angeles

his eyes and the eyes of his team looking forward. Not back. Not to the side. Forward. Even with the 22nd-ranked Panthers off to the program's best start since 1991 after a 34-24 win over North Carolina last weekend pushed them to 5-0. Even with the team picked to finish 13th in the new-look Atlantic Coast Conference back in the polls for the first time in two years. Even with first-year offensive coordinator Kade Bell's scheme looking every bit as dynamic as advertised when he was hired last December. "Right now, midseason, if you get too caught up, 'Look at us, we're ranked, good luck to you.'" Narduzzi said Monday.

receiving threat in the country. Pitt has won in blowouts and won while trailing by double digits in the fourth quarter. The Panthers have also showcased a fair amount of grit, something that came to the fore against the Tar Heels last weekend when Pitt largely shut down North Carolina in the second half to win in Chapel Hill for the first time. Asked what he's learned about a team that began the season with minimal expectation — externally anyway — after going 3-9 in 2023, Narduzzi pointed to the four words that adorn the back wall of the team meeting room: attitude, effort, toughness and knowledge.

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just goes back to all the preparation throughout the week, the practice, the film study, the scout team looks. All of that comes together for a great game." Saturday was the fifth time in the last two seasons West Virginia (3-2, 2-0 Big 12) has rushed for more than 300 yards and the seventh time it has gained at least 500 total yards. Much of that had to do with the Mountaineers' offensive front, one that had to replace two huge pieces in the offseason. Both center Zach Frazier, an All-American now starting for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and longtime starter Doug Nester, who is currently on the Steelers practice squad, both graduated

that's happened, he said, because the O-line room is filled with veterans. Of the top 10 offensive linemen entering the season, seven of them are redshirt juniors or older. Among the five starters — Milum, center Brandon Yates, tackle Nick Malone and guards Tomas Rimac and Ja'Quay Hubbard — there are 178 games played and 100 starts between them. "We've got an old group," Milum said. "We had a lot of people that have played a lot of snaps on the offensive line. So it wasn't like we were bringing in all new guys. These guys have played some snaps, so the chemistry has already been building up."

He said that's been the case between him and left guard Tomas Rimac. They're that comfortable and accustomed to each other, he said. Offensive coordinator Chad Scott could tell Saturday that his line was playing its best. It was the group's most consistent performance, he said. Everyone was on the same page and communication among the players was excellent. There were times, Scott said, that the chemistry in the offensive line room could have gone south. There have been struggles, such as the Penn State game, where WVU's offense could muster just 85 rushing yards

"Credit those guys, too, not being frustrated," Scott said. "There were times where it was easy to get frustrated, to get disappointed, not being able to see the results they intended to see." "Those guys continue to be consistent, staying persistent, staying with it." The offensive line's chemistry is coming together at a crucial time. The Cyclones (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) boast the No. 6 scoring defense in the Football Bowl Subdivision, allowing just 10 points per game, as well as the No. 13 total defense in the Football Bowl Subdivision, allowing 271.6 yards per game. Please see **WVU**, Page 10

Clase Gives Up 3-Run Homer, Tigers Tie ALDS With Game 2 Win

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CLEVELAND — Kerry Carpenter hit a three-run homer off Cleveland's All-Star closer Emmanuel Clase in the ninth inning, and the Detroit Tigers stunned the Guardians 3-0 in Game 2 on Monday to even their AL Division Series at one game apiece. Carpenter connected for a 423-foot shot with two outs off Clase, who had not given up a run since Aug. 30 and led the American League with 47 saves. "To do it off him is special," said Carpenter. "He's one of the best." Detroit ace Tarik Skubal pitched seven shutout innings, increasing his postseason total to 13, before the Tigers put together a rare big inning against the almost unhittable Clase. The intimidating right-hander has dominated hitters all season — he hasn't blown a save since May — and was making just his second multi-inning appearance of 2024.

hit consecutive two-out singles. Carpenter, who entered an inning earlier as a pinch-hitter, turned on Clase's third straight slider, sending the ball into the right-field seats and shocking Cleveland's rowdy home crowd. "How about those three two-out hits?" Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said. Guardians manager Stephen Vogt didn't regret using Clase for more than one inning. "Emmanuel has been locked down all year," Vogt said. "He's been nearly perfect. He's human, too. These things are going to happen, and it's unfortunate the timing of when it did, but at the same time he's going to have the ball in the ninth again. "This is the best closer in the game for a reason, and they just happened to get him tonight." The homer drove in the first runs of the series for the Tigers, who have been finding ways to win for months.

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Shadyside Girls Win OVAC Championship



The Shadyside Girls Cross Country team won the OVAC Class 1A/2A Division Saturday at Cambridge. Pictured from left are team members. Maddie Ringer, Mia Boatman-Salas, Gabby Kosky, Chloe Meholovitch, Val Boltz, Laken Miller, Addyson Buckingham and Cady Weber. Meholovitch was fifth overall and first in the 1A/2A Division.

Photo by Kim North

where Union Local, No. 5 in Division V, Region 19, awaits at Jets Field in what will be the final contest in the foreseeable future, unfortunately, between the two rivals. In Monroe County, Barnesville, No. 6 in Division V, Region 19, takes its powerful show on the road to Monroe Park in

The fleet-footed jetty accounted for five touchdowns — four through the air and one on the ground. He passed for 207 yards on 10 of 15 accuracy, tossing TD strikes to Tev'n Williams (21 yards), Maurice Barnett (51), Luca Shane (22) and Alex Reese (17). His six-point run came from 10 yards.

Wheeling University's Bishop Schmitt Field. The sophomore connected with Caleb Golden (18), Troy Mortakis (39) and Max Olejasz (20). Kusic also ran in from 20 yards for a fourth TD.

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the defense couldn't make it stand as Jalen Tolbert caught a four-yard touchdown from Dak Prescott on fourth-and-goal in the final 30 seconds to help Dallas defeat Pittsburgh 20-17.

"It came down to one play," Steelers DT Cam Heyward said. "They were on the right side of it."

Pat Freiermuth caught a 6-yard touchdown from Justin Fields in the final five minutes to give Pittsburgh a brief 17-13 lead, but the advantage was short-lived.

Pittsburgh's No. 2-ranked defense forced three turnovers and blocked a field goal, but allowed 445 yards and couldn't keep Tolbert out of the end zone on the final play of the Cowboys' last drive, as he capped a 15-play, 70-yard series. Pittsburgh has lost two straight after a 3-0 start.

Dallas converted a pair of third downs on the winning drive to set up first-and-goal from the 4-yard line. Rico Dowdle fumbled at the 1-yard line on second down, and Prescott jumped on the loose ball. Tolbert then beat DeShon Elliott to the pylon two plays later for the winning touchdown.

"We had to stop them on that one play," Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick said.

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Shadyside Girls Cross County wins class 1A/2A division



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Photo by KIM NORTH

Pitt is encouraged but hardly satisfied with the program off to its best start since 1991

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pat Narduzzi gathered his players on Sunday night, just like always. And just like always, the longtime Pittsburgh head coach kept his eyes and the eyes of his team looking forward.



Panther more than 40 years ago and 5-foot-8 Desmond Reid becoming perhaps the best running/receiving threat in the country.

Pitt has won in blowouts and won while trailing by double digits in the fourth quarter. The