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### Latest Line

**BEST BET:** Boston is 10-7-1 against the spread in its last 27 games when playing on 1 or more days of rest. The Celtics are 23-81 against the spread their last 32 playoff games as the betting favorite. Miami is 1-1 against the spread in its last 8 Wednesday games. Take Boston -3 for another Best Bet winner.

Favorite	NFL		Underdog
	Odds	(OU)	
	Week 3		
Thursday			
JACKSONVILLE	3	(47.5)	Miami
Sunday			
NEW ENGLAND	6 1/2	(47.5)	Las Vegas
BUFFALO	2 1/2	(48)	LA Rams
PITTSBURGH	4	(45)	Houston
San Francisco	4	(41)	NY GIANTS
Tennessee	2 1/2	(47.5)	MINNESOTA
CLEVELAND	7	(44)	Washington
PHILADELPHIA	5 1/2	(46.5)	Cincinnati
ATLANTA	3 1/2	(47.5)	Chicago
INDIANAPOLIS	10 1/2	(43.5)	NY Jets
LA CHARGERS	6 1/2	(44)	Carolina
ARIZONA	6	(54.5)	Detroit
Tampa Bay	6	(43.5)	DENVER
SEATTLE	5	(55.5)	Dallas
NEW ORLEANS	3	(51.5)	Green Bay
Monday			
BALTIMORE	3 1/2	(53.5)	Kansas City

COLLEGE FOOTBALL			
Favorite	Odds	(O/U)	Underdog
Thursday			
Ale-Birmingham	7	(47.5)	S. ALABAMA
Friday			

<b>Saturday</b>			
Central Florida	27	(77)	EAST CAROLINA
Georgia St	2 1/2	(58)	CHARLOTTE
FLA ATLANTIC	3	(49.5)	South Florida
MIAMI FLORIDA	11 1/2	(54)	Florida St
Georgia Tech	8 1/2	(57)	SYRACUSE
PITTSBURGH	3	(55.5)	Louisville
Tennessee	3 1/2	(43)	S. CAROLINA
BAYLOR	16 1/2	(62.5)	Kansas
BYU	14	(61)	Troy
Alabama	27	(56)	MISSOURI
HOUSTON	21 1/2	(73)	North Texas
OKLAHOMA ST	8 1/2	(52)	West Virginia
Florida	14 1/2	(57)	MISSISSIPPI
UL-LAFAYETTE	13 1/2	(52)	Georgia Southern
OKLAHOMA	28	(60.5)	Kansas St
Georgia	26	(53.5)	KANSAS
Texas	18	(70.5)	TEXAS TECH
Iowa St	2 1/2	(45)	TCU
LSU	16 1/2	(56)	Mississippi St
TEXAS A&M	30 1/2	(48)	Vanderbilt
ALBURY	7 1/2	(49.5)	Kentucky
ARKANSAS ST	2 1/2	(46)	Tulsa
LIBERTY	6 1/2	(59)	Florida Int'l
Tulane	3 1/2	(54.5)	SO. MISS
CINCINNATI	14	(47)	Army
UL-MOORE	9 1/2	(47.5)	Utah
VIRGINIA	5	(47.5)	Duke
BOSTON COLLEGE	17 1/2	(58)	Texas St
VIRGINIA TECH	7	(57)	N.C. State

Favorite	Odds	(OU)	Underdog
MLB			
SAN DIEGO	8-9	(8.5)	LA Angels
Philadelphia	5 1/2-6 1/2	(9.5)	WASHINGTON
CLEVELAND	6 1/2-7 1/2	(7)	Chi White Sox
ARIZONA	6 1/2-7 1/2	(9.5)	Texas
NY Yankees	8 1/2-9 1/2	(9.5)	TORONTO
Houston	7 1/2-8 1/2	(8.5)	SEATTLE
CINCINNATI	6 1/2-7 1/2	(8)	Milwaukee
Chicago Cubs	7 1/2-8 1/2	(8.5)	PITTSBURGH
ATLANTA	9-10	(9)	Miami
Tampa Bay	8 1/2-9 1/2	(9)	NY METS
BOSTON	6-7	(9)	Baltimore
MINNESOTA	11 1/2-13 1/2	(8)	Detroit
St. Louis	Even-6	(9.5)	KANSAS CITY
LA DODGERS	7-8	(8.5)	Oakland
SAN FRANCISCO	7-8	(9)	Colorado

<b>NBA Playoffs</b>			
<b>Eastern Conference Final</b>			
<b>Best of Seven - Game 4</b>			
<b>Miami leads series 2-1</b>			
Favorite	Odds	(OU)	Underdog
•Boston	3	(215.5)	MIAMI
•at Adiant@Miami-Arena-Orlando, FL			

<b>Stanley Cup Final</b>			
<b>Best of Seven - Game 3</b>			
<b>Series tied 1-1</b>			
Favorite	Odds	(OU)	Underdog
•Tampa Bay	Even-1/2	(5)	DALLAS
•at Rogers Place-Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.			

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## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

# Leps set up showdown with TJ

EF boys remain unbeaten; SA girls remain hot, surpass last season's win total.

By the Mon Valley Independent

Belle Vernon Area captured a 6-1 nonsection victory over Uniontown Tuesday, setting up a Section 3-3A showdown with Thomas Jefferson Thursday.

The Leopards went into halftime tied at 1-1 after a goal by Daniel Gordon. Nick Nagy added a pair of second-half goals, while Daniel Sassak netted a hat trick in the final 40 minutes.

BVA (5-0) travels to face the Jaguars for a 7:30 p.m. tilt Thursday.

### Elizabeth Forward 6, South Allegheny 1

Rob Hrabosky and Andrew Smith each scored a pair of goals in Elizabeth Forward's Section 1-2A triumph over South Allegheny.

Donovan Woytek also netted a goal for EF (4-0, 4-0) as did Will Winay, who scored his first career varsity goal.

Ethan Bowser had a pair of assists and Tony Kelly added one.

Logan Cherepko had three saves in net, while Ethan Callaghan made one.

The Warriors were able to play all 27 of their regular players, including three goalkeepers.

EF hosts South Park Thursday. South Allegheny (0-4, 0-4) travels to East Allegheny.

### Girls

#### South Allegheny 4, West Mifflin 1

Olivia Stetz helped lead South Allegheny to a three-goal Section 4-2A win over West Mifflin.

Stetz netted a pair of second-half goals and added two assists for the Gladiators (4-1, 3-1). Mackenzie Burke had a goal and an assist, and Paige Allan contributed with a goal. Gianna Priselac chipped in with a helper.

Ava Martorelli made five saves in the win.

SA travels to Yough for a nonsection game Thursday.

### Steel Valley 9, Charleroi 3

Charleroi went down by four at halftime and was unable to overcome the large deficit, falling to Steel Valley in Section 2-A.

McKenna "Boots" DeUnger had two goals for the Cougars (1-3, 1-2), while Bella Carroto added one.

"They were too quick for us. We struggled to keep up offensively," Charleroi coach Traci Fleming said.

"They are a solid team and we didn't give Bella and Boots enough opportunities."

Addison Conrad had 19 saves in net.

"Even though the score doesn't show it, Conrad had another great game in net," Fleming said. "She faced 28 shots and made some great saves. She

is improving with each game."

Charleroi (1-3, 1-2) hosts Seton La-Salle tonight.

### Golf

#### Girls

#### Central Valley 184, Elizabeth Forward 204

Sarah Gossman shot a match low 40 for Elizabeth Forward, but it wasn't enough as Central Valley picked up a road win at Butler's Golf Course to remain unbeaten in section play.

Megan Lewonas carded a 45 for EF who drops to 5-3 in section play. Gossman, Lewonas, and Alexa Kelly will represent the Warriors in the WPIAL section qualifier Wednesday at Shadow Lakes.

### Boys

#### Waynesburg 202, Charleroi 242

Eliot Lenhart shot a 44 and Colton Polander finished with a 45, but it wasn't enough for the Cougars to upend Waynesburg at Rohanna's Golf Course Tuesday.

Hayden Church fired a 38 and Braden Benke carded a 40 to lead the Raiders to the win.

### Volleyball

#### California 3, Jeff-Morgan 0

The Trojans earned a sweep over

Jefferson Morgan Tuesday.

Cal won by set scores of 25-12, 25-12 and 26-24.

Camari Walden had a team-high nine kills for the Trojans, while Tayla Pascoe added six kills and three aces. Elaina Nicholson had four kills and Jenna DeFranco contributed with five aces. Jenna Dixon also had five aces to go with five assists.

### Uniontown 3, Belle Vernon Area 0

The Leopards suffered a 3-0 loss to Uniontown in volleyball action Tuesday.

BVA fell by set scores of 25-23, 25-21 and 25-23.

Ally Sedlak led the way with four kills, while Gianna Francia added 11 digs. Mia Lubrani had four aces.

### Laurel Highlands 3, Elizabeth Forward 1

The Warriors bounced back from a loss in the opening set, but could not prevail in the final two in a loss to Laurel Highlands.

EF lost the first set by a 25-12 score before winning the second set, 25-23. EF lost the final two sets by scores of 25-14 and 25-21.

Br Serisevic had 19 digs and Avrey Parkins added 14. Kaitlin Fournier led the team with 17 kills.

## SPORTS DIGEST

### BVA XC sweeps tri-meet

The Belle Vernon Area boys and girls cross-country teams swept a triangular meet at Brownsville with Burgetstown Tuesday.

The BVA girls (4-0) beat Brownsville, 15-50, and Burgetstown, 19-40. Top runners for the girls were Grace Henderson, Tessa Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Keegan, Emma Bellissimo and Melina Stratigos.

The Leopard boys beat both teams, 15-50. Top finishers for the boys were Luke Henderson, Noah Lehner, Mark Shenouda, Dylan Holliday and Gianni Pesi.

### Cal boys XC goes 3-1

The California boys cross country team earned three wins and suffered a loss during Tuesday's meet at Washington.

The Trojans claimed wins over Waynesburg (34-23), Washington (31-26) and Chartiers-Houston (40-19). They lost to West Greene, 33-24.

Kolby Kent was California's top runner, finishing eighth.

The Cal girls team did not score, but Makayla Boda placed second after crossing the finish line with a time of 22:42. Ana Georgagis finished third at 22:49.

### BVAMS shuts out SA

The Belle Vernon Area Middle School soccer team claimed an 8-0 victory over South Allegheny Tuesday.

Trevor Kovatch notched a first-half hat trick and Bryce Burkhardt added a pair of goals to give BVA a comfortable 5-0 lead by halftime.

Brandon Yeschenko, Mason Yeschenko and Caleb Fister each scored in the second half.

## RIVALS FROM B1

takes and the cuts he makes. I have to slow the film down and still can't believe some of the things he can do."

The Cougars took a 4-0 lead with 10:42 to go when Eric Muchesko was the recipient of a great pass from Eben McIntyre, who crossed the ball deep from the left right onto the far post where Muchesko was waiting.

The goal went against Bearcats keeper Christian Hete, who came in for Urcho after the third Charleroi goal.

"Landon's an athletic kid and we had to pull him out of the net to try and get something started offensively," Amos said.

It was Urcho who got the Bearcats' goal, drilling home a penalty kick with 3:45 to go.

"Hopefully, it looks like we'll have our full lineup back for Thursday's game. That's big going back into section play," Amos said.

"We'll continue to try to push things offensively and continue being successful in the section."

The Bearcats (2-2) travel to Beth-Center Thursday.

"I thought our defense proved again how solid they are," Ducoli said. "We want to get things started back there, you always want to start at the strongest point. I think they showed how tough it is going to be to get the ball in deep past them."

"I think we did a good job of picking it up after coming out slow. This showed them what happens when you don't elevate your game to where it needs to be. You can't play down to the competition and you have to take advantage when teams come in here shorthanded and missing guys."

The Cougars are back in action Thursday with a Section 3-2A game at Brownsville.



Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin talks to line judge Kevin Codey during Sunday's game at Heinz Field.

AP

## Officials coming to practice

Mike Tomlin bringing in NFL officials to try to cut down on team's penalties.

By JOE RUTTER  
Trib Total Media

Frustrated by the number of penalties that extended drives and helped the Denver Broncos nearly come back from a 14-point halftime deficit Sunday, Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin will have officials on hand at practice this week.

The Steelers routinely bring in officials during training camp, and Tomlin has done it during the regular season, too, when

he feels the need to have some physical mistakes corrected.

"We need to ratchet up our quality of play in that area and that's a reasonable approach in doing so," Tomlin said Tuesday at his weekly news conference.

The Steelers were penalized 10 times for 89 yards in the 26-21 victory. Four pass interference penalties were called, including four in the second half when the Broncos rallied to within 17-14 and had the ball with a chance to go ahead in the final two minutes of the game.

Two other personal fouls — a horse collar tackle on Minkah Fitzpatrick and a

roughing-the-passer call on Mike Hilton — also were called against the Steelers in the second half.

In addition, Dontae Johnson's 81-yard punt return for a touchdown was brought back because of Cam Sutton's illegal block in the back.

Not to be outdone, Tomlin pointed to holding calls against tight ends Vance McDonald and Eric Ebron that led to a pair of second quarter drives stalling.

"There's too much scarcity in that discussion to get major penalties and throw yourself behind the chains," Tomlin said. "We're just not good enough to overcome those things at this juncture."

## STUNNED FROM B1

left. Less than two minutes later, Ringgold received its first six corner kick opportunities.

Zach Alvarez found a way to cash in as he netted an unassisted goal on the corner to put the Rams in front 1-0.

"Set pieces are always a huge gamewinner, especially in WPIAL soccer," Snyder said. "That wasn't the way the play was designed, but sometimes you're better lucky than good and we'll take the

goal any way we can get it."

Thomas Jefferson finished with 17 total shots, while Ringgold had five of its eight in the first half.

Alex Day had five saves in net for the Jaguars.

"TJ did their thing and tried to find their way a bit in the first half. At halftime, they figured some things out for sure and the field definitely tilted in their favor," Snyder said.

"The field tilted a little bit too heavy to one side and we couldn't find our way

out of our back and they took advantage of it."

Ringgold will look to bounce back Thursday at Trinity, while Thomas Jefferson prepares to host Belle Vernon Area.

The Jaguars head into their meeting against the Leopards with a 5-0 record for the first time since 2016.

"We are starting to play better teams this whole middle of the season here," Kulish said. "I expect it to be just as tough Thursday if not tougher."

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## SERRA FROM B1

Still, Bruns is glad to have started off the season with matchups against two of the better teams in Class A. Now, the Eagles know just how far they have to go to compete with the best.

"It gets us ready for the rest of the teams here. We immediately learned what we need

to work on, what's working and what we need to adjust," said Bruns, whose Eagles resume play Thursday at Geibel Catholic. "It's just a wake up call for us playing the top two teams and getting a sense of what it's gonna take to raise your game."