



Season over
The Pirates ended the shortened season with a loss in Cleveland. B2

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McIntyre scores twice as Cougars top EF

He now has 16 goals in seven games for unbeaten Charleroi.

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Charleroi head coach Jon Ducoli never seems to fret when defenders surround Eben McIntyre.

Three defenders could swarm McIntyre or he could be faced with a one-on-one chance. Regardless of the situation, Ducoli remains confident in his junior standout's ability to make something happen in the attacking third.

McIntyre justified Ducoli's confidence Saturday at Warrior Stadium as he netted both of Charleroi's goals in a 2-0 nonsection triumph over Elizabeth Forward.

Through seven games this season, McIntyre has scored 16 goals. He has a goal in every game and has six multi-goal games for the unbeaten Cougars (7-0), who now own wins over the Warriors (4-2) in each of the last three seasons.

"With a player like Eben, you're definitely confident in how he can perform whether there are three guys on him or one guy on him," Ducoli said. "Whenever there are



Charleroi's Eben McIntyre winds up on the ground as he fires a shot past Elizabeth Forward goalkeeper Austin Onofrey.

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guys on him, we have the firepower to move things around, too. We can move our formation on a whim and our back line is strong and fast."

McIntyre picked up Charleroi's first shot of the game with 29 minutes remaining in the first half as he battled for a loose ball alongside EF defender Gino Pensacino. Despite a solid defensive effort from Pensacino, McIntyre found a way to get a shot off, but it sailed wide left.

McIntyre had another opportunity less than a minute later, and this

time, he didn't miss.

Following an EF giveaway, McIntyre was able to track down a long ball from Dom Yoculano. He chipped it past an approaching EF goalkeeper Austin Onofrey to give Charleroi a 1-0 advantage.

McIntyre's second goal came less than 10 minutes after his first.

The talented forward was able to get past a trio of Elizabeth Forward defenders and once again found the back of the net past Onofrey.

"I thought we had the right game-

plan, we just didn't execute it well enough on those two goals," EF head coach Doug Finke said. "Eben is tough; he's got the size, he's got the speed and he's got the touch. He's a tough kid to defend, but the point is we shouldn't have even let him get the ball in the first place."

Finke commended Isaac Hrehor for his defensive work in the second half as he shut down McIntyre.

"He's a handful for defenders, but I thought we did a nice job on him

in the second half," Finke said.

EF was able to consistently control possession in its attacking third for the early part of the first half.

The Warriors had six shots in the opening 40 minutes, but a number of them either sailed wide of the net or well over the crossbar. They had eight total shots in the loss as Charleroi's Jacob Jericho had to make just two saves.

"I think our effort level was good again, but I didn't see the creativity I needed in the attacking third and I said that's on us as coaches," Finke said. "We have to figure out how to get the best out of them in situations."

"We're comfortable with them sailing the shots wide," Ducoli said. "Our back line is a complete unit and they move and act as one."

Onofrey made all four of his saves in the second half for EF, which hosts Steel Valley today. Charleroi travels to Mt. Pleasant to open the week.

"EF is a really nice squad to play against," Ducoli said. "This shows us where our bar is. It shows us what we need to work on as well as what worked and what didn't work."



Steelers tight end Eric Ebron hauls in a touchdown pass behind Texans safety A.J. Moore in the first half Sunday.

Steelers stay perfect by beating Texans

James Conner has 109 rushing yards and the game-winning touchdown.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — James Conner ran for 109 yards and the go-ahead touchdown midway through the fourth quarter as the Pittsburgh Steelers stayed perfect by rallying past the Houston Texans 28-21 on Sunday.

The Steelers improved to 3-0 for the first time in a decade by putting the clamps on the Texans in the second half. Houston managed just 31 yards and two first downs after halftime as an early 11-point lead vanished. The Texans dropped to 0-3.

Houston started with the same mark in 2018 and rallied to win the AFC South. The going might be tougher this season if the defense can't find a way to keep opposing running games in check. The NFL's 31st-ranked run defense wore down in the second half as the Steelers methodically pulled away.

The game turned early in the

fourth quarter when Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson threw into double coverage deep in Pittsburgh territory with the Texans leading 21-20. Steelers nickelback Mike Hilton picked it off. Pittsburgh put together a 12-play 79-yard drive, with Conner covering the last 12 on a sprint to the end zone to give the Steelers the lead with 6:24 to go.

Pittsburgh's defense then forced its third three-and-out of the second half and Conner did most of the rest as the Steelers chewed up the last 4:47 to ice it.

Ben Roethlisberger threw for 237 yards and two touchdowns in his franchise-record 221st appearance. Rookie running back Anthony McFarland Jr. added 42 yards rushing in his NFL debut. Eric Ebron and Juju Smith-Schuster each caught a touchdown pass as the Steelers stayed unbeaten through three weeks for the first time since 2010.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER ROUNDUP

Charleroi girls pound Monessen

By the Mon Valley Independent

A pair of talented freshmen continue to lead the Charleroi girls soccer team, but the Cougars are starting to find some secondary scoring that will help them in the long run.

Charleroi blasted Monessen, 10-3, Saturday as Bella Carroto (four) and Boots DeUnger (three) combined for seven goals.

"We had a solid performance and I thought we really moved the ball well," Cougars head coach Traci Fleming said. "It was nice to see some scoring other than Carroto and DeUnger today."

Monessen jumped to an early 1-0 lead on a goal by Kinsey Wilson, who finished with two in the game. Her goal, though, woke up the Cougars' offense.

Carroto scored the next three goals within a span of nine minutes to tally a hat trick. The first was assisted by Sophia Iacovino and the next two were helped by DeUnger.

Sophomore Leena Henderson scored her first career goal off an assist by Ella Sypolt with 13 minutes left in the first half to make it 4-1.

DeUnger, who missed a couple of golden opportunities early in the game, finally found the back of the net in the 28th minute, taking a nice feed from Carroto to make it 5-1 at the half.

In the second half, Carroto added her fourth before Aaliyah Rice made a nice run and trickled one in past Cougars keeper Addison Conrad to cut the lead to 6-3.

DeUnger scored the next two goals off assists from Iacovino and Carroto before moving to the back line.

That gave freshmen Marissa Stiffy and Zoe Duhon scoring opportunities, with Stiffy scoring with seven minutes to play and Duhon knocking home a penalty kick with less than three minutes remaining.

"I thought we played really well and I'm really pleased to see our girls starting to improve," Fleming said. "Taylor Ramsdell has been really playing well for us defensively, today she was a wall."

Belle Vernon Area 13, Greensburg Salem 0

Unfortunately for the Golden Lions, there was no towel to throw in as they were whitewashed by the Leopards at James Weir Stadium on Saturday.

The Leopards took a 10-0 halftime lead as Izzy Laurita and Jillian Butch-



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Charleroi's Boots DeUnger and Monessen's Madison Popovich fight for a loose ball during Saturday's game.

ki each notched a hat trick in the first half. Other first-half goal scorers were Morgan Eimodshofer with two, Melayna Morgan and Kataira Rhodes.

In the second half, Farrah Reader got into the act, sending two shots into the back of the net. Butchki scored her fourth in the final 40 minutes.

Butchki and Eimodshofer each registered three assists. Melayna Morgan added two helpers.

The Leopards (4-1, 3-1) host Laurel Highlands tonight for senior night.

Bentworth 7, Beth-Center 0

Mallory Schreiber netted her first career hat trick and her twin sister Reagan added a pair of goals to help push the Bearcats past the Bulldogs (1-4, 1-4) in Section 2-A play.

Taylor Leonetti and MaKenzie Buttermore had the other goals for the Bearcats (5-2, 3-2).

"It took a few minutes to get going, but we really found ourselves in the

game," Bentworth coach Tyler Hamstra said. "The entire squad played 40-plus minutes today. Using our depth is important because the attrition battle is really going to start kicking in for most teams."

Jasmine Manning and Reagan Schreiber combined for the shutout in goal.

Bentworth hosts Charleroi Tuesday.

Boys Albert Gallatin 2, Ringgold 1

The Rams were stunned in double overtime by Albert Gallatin Saturday.

The Colonials, who trailed 1-0 at halftime, tied the game in the second half on a goal by Kevin Thompson.

Cristian Steeber blasted the game-winner in double overtime to give the Colonials (1-5, 1-5) their first win of the season.

The only tally for Ringgold (2-3, 2-3) came from Tyler Davis.

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Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 11, Miami 4 ... Tampa Bay 4, Philadelphia 3 ... St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 2

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division W L Pct GB

Tampa Bay 40, 29 667 + ... New York 33, 27 550 7 ... Toronto 32, 28 533 8

Central Division W L Pct GB

Minnesota 36, 24 600 ... Chicago 35, 25 583 + ... Cleveland 26, 34 433 10

West Division W L Pct GB

Oakland 38, 24 600 ... Houston 29, 31 483 7 ... Seattle 27, 33 450 9

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 11, Miami 4 ... Seattle 5, Oakland 1 ... Texas 8, Houston 4 ... Oakland 6, Seattle 2

Pirates box score

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West

Baltimore 2 0 0 1,000 71 22 ... Pittsburgh 3 0 0 1,000 80 58 ... Cincinnati 2 1 0 667 75 68

East

Dallas 1 2 0 333 88 97 ... Washington 1 2 0 333 82 91 ... Philadelphia 0 2 0 0,000 59 99

North

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Green Bay 3 0 0 1,000 122 85 ... Detroit 2 2 0 333 70 92 ... Minnesota 0 3 0 0,000 75 102

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Seattle 3 0 0 1,000 111 86 ... Arizona 2 1 0 667 77 61 ... L.A. Rams 2 1 0 667 89 71

Thursday's Game

Miami 31, Jacksonville 13 ... Pittsburgh 28, Houston 21 ... Tennessee 31, Minnesota 30

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BOWLING

7 p.m. - FS1 - PBA: Division Semifinals 1, Centerville, Va. 9 p.m. - FS1 - PBA: Division Semifinals 2, Centerville, Va.

CYCLING

1 a.m. (Tuesday) - NBCSN - UCI: The Road Cycling World Championships, Imola, Italy (taped)

KBO BASEBALL

5:25 a.m. (Tuesday) - ESPN2 - SK at NC NFL FOOTBALL 8:15 p.m. - ESPN - Kansas City at Baltimore

NHL HOCKEY

8 p.m. - NBC - Stanley Cup Final: Tampa Bay vs. Dallas, Game 6, Rogers Place, Edmonton, Alberta

SOCCKER (MEN'S)

8 p.m. - FS2 - Gold Cup Draw 2021 SOFTBALL 4 p.m. - CBSN - Athletes Unlimited: Team Ocasio vs. Team Piancastelli, Rosemont, Ill.

ATHLETES UNLIMITED

8 p.m. - CBSN - Athletes Unlimited: Team Warren vs. Team Osterman, Rosemont, Ill.

TENNIS

5 a.m. - TENNIS - ATP/WTA: The French Open, First Round, Roland Garros, Paris 5 a.m. (Tuesday) - TENNIS - ATP/WTA: The French Open, First Round, Roland Garros, Paris

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Pirates end season with loss

Indians rally for 8-6 win and home field advantage in the first playoff round.

"We want to give the city of Cleveland what they deserve, which is to keep winning and a championship." The Indians, who won seven of their last eight games, host the Yankees in a best-of-three series beginning Tuesday.

CLEVELAND (AP) - The Cleveland Indians are staying home for the first round of the postseason - and the New York Yankees are coming to town.

Carlos Santana had four RBIs and delivered a go-ahead, two-run double in the seventh inning as the Indians rallied for an 8-6 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday to gain home-field advantage for their AL wild-card series.

Cleveland (85-25) finished second in the Central and grabbed the No. 4 seed in the American League playoffs when the Chicago White Sox lost to the cross-town Cubs.

STEELERS FROM B1

Pittsburgh reached the Super Bowl that season. The Steelers believe they have the tools to do it again in 2020. The defense overcame a shaky first half to overwhelm the Texans over the final two quarters.

Family reunion

The Watt family reunion - just the second game in the NFL in 93 years to feature three brothers - began with a group photo well before kickoff and included Pittsburgh linebacker T.J. Watt and big brother, Houston defensive end J.J. Watt, meeting at midfield for the opening coin toss.

ATHLETES UNLIMITED

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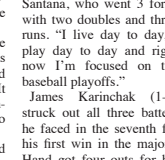
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