



Cards take Game 2 The Cardinals held off a late charge by the Pirates. B2

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

Talented draft pool joins Steel City summer league

The summer season kicks off with a tripleheader Monday at Marx's Court Time Sports Center in Elizabeth Township.

By JEREMY SELLEW

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The first season of the fledgling Steel City Summer Basketball League will get underway Monday now that the teams have full rosters.

After two days of tryouts Monday and Tuesday, the league held its draft Wednesday at The Trailside in West Newton.

Teams in this year's league include four-time Mon Valley Independent Summer Basketball League champion AMD Industries, Monessen Florist, Cedarbrook, BeeGraphix (formerly Edward Jones), Trailside (formerly Dax Thomas State Farm) and Howard Hanna (Slagus).

Prior to the first pick being made there were a couple of preseason trades made to get the summer madness started.

Monessen Florist traded Michelle Jellison (Elizabeth Forward) to Cedarbrook for the No. 2 overall pick, No. 8 overall pick and the No. 20 pick. Cedarbrook received Jellison, the No. 4 pick and the No. 16 pick.

AMD Industries traded Belle Vernon sophomore Saylor Lee to BeeGraphix for the No. 11 overall

A one-time option for returning players in the league is to re-enter the draft, and it was a significant maneuver for two of the top three picks in this year's event.

With the first pick of the draft, Howard Hanna selected Thomas Jefferson's Allie Wilson, a 6-foot rising sophomore from Thomas Jefferson. Last season, the Jaguars' forward played for Cedarbrook but chose to throw her name back into



Allie Wilson

the mix.

Avonworth head coach Nick Dizon is taking over the reins as head coach of the Howard Hanna squad for his fiancee Kaitlyn Slagus, who will slide into the assistant's chair.

"Allie put her talent on display last year in the league and immediately was an impact player," Dizon said. "She is one of the tough matchups in the league and we're excited to see her growth this summer."

At No. 2, it was almost deja-vu as another 6-foot sophomore forward from Thomas Jefferson was selected by Monessen Florist.

Emma Altavilla was the pick, filling a need for the team affectionately known as "MoFlo".

"It was a position that we needed to fill," MoFlo head coach and league commissioner Chad Carroto said. "We actually contemplated another player, but the need at forward and watching Emma during the tryouts ... she was a girl we needed to have on our roster.

"She's long and athletic and has



Emma Altavilla

the ability to score inside or outside. I think she's going to fit in nicely with our group."

Trailside head coach Dan Slain, an assistant at Mars, went with a familiar pick and the other draft re-entry at No. 3 overall.

Abby Genes, who played for Cedarbrook in her first two seasons, will be reunited with Slain in a Serra Catholic reunion.

Genes continues to develop as a player, transitioning from a sharpshooter outside to a player that can attack the basket with the ability to step out and knock down jumpers from anywhere.

"I drafted Abby because of my familiarity with her and also with her game when I coached her as a freshman at Serra," Slain said. "She started because of her talents, her work ethic and the extra effort she always gives on the floor.

"She's an excellent ball-handler and a great shooter. With zone defenses being allowed this season, Abby can be our zone buster with



Abby Genes

her shooting ability."

After the departures of Genes and Wilson, new Cedarbrook coach Zynosky was left with only Jellison on his roster after the trades. His other player, Ringgold's Jada Gernot, is on the injured-reserve list

With the No. 4 pick, Zynosky went with a senior, North Allegheny's Leah Skweres with his pick.

"She's a girl that Michelle knows and really wanted on the team," Zynosky said. "She's a senior and we needed someone that can put the ball in the basket. You can't go wrong with senior leadership."

The tables turned back to Howard Hanna for the No. 5 pick, which was acquired in a trade last season. With the pick, Dizon and Slagus chose North Hills sophomore Del-

aney Amato, instantly providing

some more strength to their lineup. "Delaney is a strong guard with a very versatile skill set. She sees the floor well and can score it," Dizon

said. "She was a huge part of the

success North Hills had capturing a section title this season. We're looking forward to seeing her talent on display in the league.'

At No. 6, defending champion AMD selected talented Thomas Jef-

ferson point guard Riley McCabe. McCabe, a rising junior, has been the point guard for the Jaguars since her freshman year and brings her floor leadership to AMD.

"She brings a lot of experience and we think she's going to bring some leadership," Rathway said. "She brings great experience playing in 5A and the section she's in. She's confident and she can play defense. ... I think she'll be able to come in and make a huge impact."

BeeGraphix and head coach Larry Cash didn't have a pick in this year's first round. After acquiring Lee, their first pick was No. 17, where they selected rising freshman Raya Johnson from Penn-Trafford. For the complete list of draft picks, see page B3.

DRAFT TIDBITS: Howard Hanna (1st, 5th, 7th) and Monessen Florist (2nd, 8th, 10th) each had three picks in the top 10 of the draft. ... Belle Vernon's Isis Almyty and Norwin's Giuliana Giannikas were 8th graders given commissioner's exemptions to join the league a year early. Giannikas was selected by AMD Industries with the No. 11 pick they received via trade. Almyty was chosen 16th overall by Cedarbrook ... Former Monessen Florist player and Pitt-Greensburg soccer commit Bella Carroto has joined the MoFlo coaching staff. ... EF assistant coach Keegan Brownlee is Zynosky's assistant with Cedarbrook. ... With the Lee trade, BeeGraphix and AMD each returned the most players (six). A replay of the draft is available on MVI Live's YouTube page...

Jaguars ready to play for program's first state title

By LIAM BELAN lbelan@yourmvi.com

Thomas Jefferson's softball team has spent the entire postason defying the odds, and they're now just one game away from claiming a state championship today.

After earning the No. 10 seed in the WPIAL Class 5A playoffs, the Jaguars (15-8) made an impressive run all the way to the championship where

they lost to Armstrong. Earning a spot in the state playoffs, some might have thought that the district playoff run was a fluke, but the Jaguars have proven that it was anything but that with another run in the state tournament. Now, Thomas Jefferson will make the journey to Nittany Lion Softball Park at Penn State, with District 2 champions Pittston Area the only squad between them and the state crown.

First pitch is set for 4 p.m.

"We're really excited," Thomas Jefferson coach Heidi Karcher said. "We're a little nervous, but a good nervous. I'm proud of what we've accomplished, and we've got a chance to make history for the school as one of the first female sports to possibly win a state championship. The girls are prepared and just ready to play.'

The Patriots boast four hitters that hit over .400 as Tori Stephenson leads the way with a .459 batting average. Lili Hintze (.440), Gabby Gorzkowski (.436) and Gianna Adams (.433) have been difference makers for their squad, as have Julia Mehal (.338) and Maria Antal (.324).

Antal leads the Patriots with 20 RBIs while Stephenson has managed 19, and freshman Gabby Roman's two home runs also pace the team.

The real challenge for the Jaguars will be on the bump, as Adams is one of the best pitchers in the state. She sports a 0.33 ERA in 21 games, giving up just 29 hits in 128 innings. She also has 273 strikeouts to just 18 walks while allowing only nine runs.

Adams is coming off of a no-hitter in the 2-0 win over South Western in the state semifinals, so she'll be looking to do the same against the Jaguars. The senior pitcher has seven no-hitters and four perfect games on the season.

"(Adams is) very hyped up in the northeastern part of the state, but we have very good pitchers here in District 7 that



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The Jaguars' Zoe Krizan doubled, homered and drove in five runs in the PIAA semifinal win over Central Mountain.

we've faced," Karcher said. "My girls aren't going in there afraid. They know that she's throwing fast from what the papers and the stats are saying, but we know we're a good hitting team. We're just going to try and do our thing. ... She doesn't walk a lot of people, so she's always going to be around the plate. We have to make sure we get a good bat on the pitches in and around the zone."

It'll be up to the likes of Zoe

Krizan, Morgan Alisesky and Hannah Alonso among others to prevent Adams from taking over their state championship battle. The trio has been hitting the ball extremely well in the PIAA Class 5A tournament, culminating in a 19-hit, 17-run outburst in the squad's opening game in the state playoffs, a 3-1 win in the quarterfinals and a dramatic 9-8 comeback win to reach the champion-

In TJ's state semifinal victo-

ry over Central Mountain, the her, but she's also very objeceventual winners trailed 8-4 tive. If she doesn't feel like the fifth and three more runs in the sixth to snatch the game away from their opponents.

They'll be hoping to keep that timely hitting going when it comes to today's matchup.

Krizan starred against Central Mountain, going 3 for 4 with five RBIs, while Alisesky went 2 for 4 with three RBIs. Alayna Grese added an RBI as well.

One of the clear revelations for the Jaguars since the end of the regular season, a stretch where they own a 6-1 record, is the emergence of freshman pitcher Aubrey

As a rookie, she has been the starter for TJ all year, and it's clear that she's developed in a big way over the course of the campaign as she's gotten more used to the varsity game.

"I think she's developed more confidence," Karcher said. "She's taking ownership of the mound, she knows her role, she knows that she has a great defense behind her and an offense that will support

entering the bottom of the fifth she pitched her best game, she inning. From there, the Jaguars owns up to it. She felt like that ripped off two solo home runs after the WPIAL (championship), and I told her, 'You're crazy. You pitched a great game.'

"She's very poised for a freshman, 15-year old. She's hard-working and determined. Confident, but not arrogant."

With a chance at program history on the line today, part of the preparations for the game included a stop at the house of longtime TJ coach John "Hoppy" Mitruski's daughter.

The Jaguars have devoted their whole season to Hoppy after he tragically passed away last May. On Wednesday, the team had some fun on the eve of their biggest game of the

"We were just at Hoppy's daughter's house," Karcher said. "She had us over for a team dinner and the girls were swimming. It was a really nice evening to relax and talk about memories of Hoppy and things like that."

There's no doubt that Thomas Jefferson will have Hoppy in mind when they take the field today.





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PIAA Playoffs

At Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, Penn State Class 6A

Today's schedule

LaSalle College (24-3) vs. Hempfield Landisville (21-5), 4:30 p.m.

Friday's schedule

Class 5A

Governor Mifflin (21-4) vs. Hollidaysburg (17-5),

Today's schedule Holy Ghost Prep (15-8) vs. Indiana (16-10)

1:30 p.m.

Class 3A

Friday's schedule Neumann-Goretti (20-6) vs. Avonworth (18-9),

Class 2A

Today's schedule

Tri-Valley (21-4) vs. Bald Eagle Area (23-2),

10:30 a.m Class A

Friday's schedule Faith Christian (22-0) vs. Eden Christian (19-6),

SOFTBALL Class 6A

Friday's schedule Council Rock South (22-3) vs. North Penn (24-3),

Class 5A

Today's schedule Pittston Area (21-1) vs. Thomas Jefferson

(15-8), 4 p.m.

Friday's schedule Blue Mountain (26-1) vs. Elizabeth Forward

(23-1), 1:30 p.m. Class 3A Today's schedule

Juniata (25-2) vs. Harbor Creek (21-5), 1:30 p.m.

Friday's schedule South Williamsport (24-2) vs. Neshannock (26-0),

Class A Today's schedule DuBois Central Catholic (22-2) vs. Carmichaels

Legion ball schedule Wednesday's Games Charleroi 14 at Colonial 5

Plum Jr. Legion 7, Charleroi 1

Today's Games

Connellsville Sr. Legion at Belle Vernon, 6 p.m. Charleroi Post 22 at Uniontown Sr. Legion, 6 p.m. Belle Vernon Jr. Legion at Ligonier Valley Jr

Charleroi Jr. Legion vs Ligonier Valley Jr. Legion,

Belle Vernon Sr. Legion vs Connellsville Sr. Legion, 8 p.m.

Friday Belle Vernon Sr. Legion at Colonial #3 Sr

Legion, 6 p.m. Charleroi Post 22 vs Connellsville Sr. Legion

Transactions

Major League Baseball American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated LF Andrew Benintendi from the 10-day IL and RHP Steven Wilson from the 15-day IL. Designated LHP Tim Hill for assignment. Optioned OF Duke Ellis to Charlotte (IL). Returned LHP Shane Drohan to

MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP Louie Varland and RF Alex Kirilloff to St. Paul (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Jay Jackson from

St. Paul (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES — Returned OF Jasson Domínguez from his rehab assignment, reinstated him from the 60-day IL, and optioned him to

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Transferred INF Jon Berti from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL ${\tt OAKLAND\ ATHLETICS-Reinstated\ RHP\ Lucas}$

Erceg from the 15-day IL. Optioned RHP Michel Otañez to Las Vegas (PCL) SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled RHP Brett

de Geus from Tacoma (PCL). Optioned LHP Jhonathan Diaz to Tacoma.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent LHP Jeffrey Springs to Durham (IL) on a rehab assignment TEXAS RANGERS - Reinstated LHP Brock Burke from the 60-day IL. Optioned RHP Grant Anderson to Round Rock (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Acquired RHP Braydon Fisher from the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for UTIL Cavan Biggio and cash

considerations. National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Sent LHP Logan Allen outright to Reno (PCL) COLORADO ROCKIES - Sent RHP German Marguez to to the Arizona Complex League (ACL) Rockies on a rehab assignment. LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned 3B Miguel Vargas to Oklahoma City (PCL).

MIAMI MARLINS — Reinstated RHP JT Chargois from the 60-day IL. Optioned RHP Emmanuel

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS - Sent RHP Austin Warren to San Jose (CAL) on a rehab assignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS - Placed LF Joey Gallo on the 10-day IL. Recalled 3B Trey Lipscomb from Rochester (IL).

Frontier League ${\sf EVANSVILLE\ OTTERS-Signed\ RHP\ Ryan}$

FLORENCE Y'ALLS — Signed LHP Randy Abshier, OF Stephen Hrustich, and RHP Reed Smith. Released RHP Ayura Kobayashi, OF Ashton Creal, OF Andrew Lee, and RHP Luke Helton GATEWAY GRIZZLIES - Signed LHP Kaleb Hill and INF Tate Wargo.

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Ian Concevitch

TROIS-RIVIÈRES AIGLES — Signed C Jacob Carroll and UTL Thomas Green.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS - Signed LHP Rvan Munoz WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed RHP

Kyle Potthoff.

FOOTBALL

National Football League ${\it BUFFALO\ BILLS-Signed\ WR\ Keon\ Coleman\ to}$

a four-year contract. DETROIT LIONS — Released DB Craig James from injured reserve with a settlement. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Austin Trammell to a contract, Released OL Jack

Anderson NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DB Tre Herndon to a contract

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released DB Luq Barcoo from their injured reserve with an injury settlement.

 ${\sf TAMPA\ BAY\ BUCCANEERS-Signed\ DL\ Chris}$ Braswell to a rookie contract. TENNESSEE TITANS - Signed OL Geron Chris-

tian to a contract. WASHINGTON COMMANDERS — Signed DL Johnny Newton to a rookie contract.

National Hockey League OTTAWA SENATORS - Signed LW Angus Crookshank to a one-year, two-way contract

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Philadelphia

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Central Division

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West Division

Los Angeles

San Francisco

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota 17. Colorado 9

San Francisco 5, Houston 3

Milwaukee 5, Toronto 4

San Diego 5, Oakland 4

Washington 7, Detroit 5

Cincinnati 4, Cleveland 2

N.Y. Mets 10, Miami 4

St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 2

Boston 8, Philadelphia 6

Today's Games

2:15 p.m.

7:10 p.m.

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2-5), 9:40 p.m

East Division

New York

Baltimore

Boston

Toronto

Tampa Bay

Cleveland

Chicago

Seattle

Texas

Houston

Oakland

Los Angeles

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 5, Toronto 4

San Diego 5, Oakland 4

Washington 7, Detroit 5

Cincinnati 4. Cleveland 2

Boston 8. Philadelphia 6

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(Castillo 5-7), 9:40 p.m.

Chicago Cubs 4, Tampa Bay 3

N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.

Atlanta (López 3-2) at Baltimore (Irvin 6-2)

Washington (Corbin 1-7) at Detroit (Mize 1-4),

N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 3-5) at Kansas City (Marsh

Chicago Cubs (Steele 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Brad-

Philadelphia (Nola 8-2) at Boston (Houck 6-5),

Oakland (Medina 0-1) at Minnesota (Ryan 4-5),

Chicago White Sox (Crochet 6-5) at Seattle

L.A. Angels (Canning 2-6) at Arizona (Pfaadt

Texas (Lorenzen 3-3) at L.A. Dodgers (TBD),

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Friday

Monday

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NBA Finals

Celtics lead series 3-0

Boston 106, Dallas 99

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

x-Dallas at Boston, TBA

x-Boston at Dallas, TBA

Thursday, June 20

Sunday, June 23 x-Dallas at Boston. TBA

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Davis c

L.A. Angels at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

Texas at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Baltimore 4, Atlanta 2

Minnesota 17, Colorado 9

San Francisco 5, Houston 3

West Division

Kansas City

Central Division

AMERICAN LEAGUE

10:10 p.m.

lev 1-4), 6:50 p.m.

Chicago Cubs 4, Tampa Bay 3

L.A. Angels at Arizona, 9:40 p.m. Texas at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Atlanta (López 3-2) at Baltimore (Irvin 6-2)

Washington (Corbin 1-7) at Detroit (Mize 1-4)

Pittsburgh (Keller 8-3) at St. Louis (Lynn 2-3)

Chicago Cubs (Steele 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Brad-

Miami (Muñoz 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Severino 4-2)

Philadelphia (Nola 8-2) at Boston (Houck 6-5),

L.A. Angels (Canning 2-6) at Arizona (Pfaadt

Texas (Lorenzen 3-3) at L.A. Dodgers (TBD)

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Stanley Cup Finals

(x-if necessary) Panthers lead series 2-0 Today

Florida at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Saturday Florida at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 18

x-Edmonton at Florida, TBA Friday, June 21 x-Florida at Edmonton, TBA

x-Edmonton at Florida, TBA

Monday, June 24

(47-15), 7 p.m.

College World Series

Omaha, Neb. All Times EDT (Double Elimination; x-if necessary)

Friday Game 1 - North Carolina (47-14) vs. Virginia (46-15), 2 p.m. Game 2 - Tennessee (55-12) vs. Florida State

Sunday Game 3 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m. Game 4 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner

Tuesday Game 5 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, TBD

Wednesday Game 6 - Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner Thursday -Game 7 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser,

TBD (winner advances)

Game 1 - Kentucky (45-14) vs. NC State (38-21), Game 2 - Texas A&M (49-13) vs. Florida (34-28),

Game 3 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.

Game 4 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner

Tuesday, June 18 Game 5 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, TBD

(loser eliminated) Wednesday, June 19 Game 6 - Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner TBD (winner advances unless Game 7 needed)

Thursday, June 20 x-Game 7 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser.

Steel City Summer Basketball League

1st round

Howard Hanna - Allie Wilson, Soph., Thomas Jefferson Monessen Florist - Emma Altavilla, Soph.

3. Trailside - Abby Genes, Jr., Serra Catholic 4. Cedarbrook - Leah Skweres, Sr., North Allegheny

5. Howard Hanna - Delaney Amato, Soph., North Hills
6. AMD Industries - Riley McCabe, Jr., Thomas

7. Howard Hanna - Brooke Paylo, Sr., South Park 8. Monessen Florist - Lynsey Bernotas, Soph. Baldwin

9. Trailside - Ava Clark, Jr., Brownsville 10. Monessen Florist - Hayley Bennett, Jr. South Park

11. AMD Industries (via BeeGraphix) - Giuliana Giannikas, 8th, Norwin

12. AMD Industries - Emily Hritz, Soph., Thomas

3rd round 13. Howard Hanna - Isabella Niles, Jr., Baldwin 14. Cedarbrook - Torrie DeStefano, Jr., Penn-Trafford 15. Trailside - Rhyan Sledge, Soph., Oakland

16. Cedarbrook - Isis Almyty, 8th, Belle Vernon 17. BeeGraphix - Raya Johnson, Fr., Penn-Traf-

18. AMD Industries - Aubrey Graney, Fr., Norwin 19. Howard Hanna - KaLeina Earl-Hayden, Fr., Woodland Hills 20. Monessen Florist - Mallory Clemmer, Fr.,

Laurel Highlands 21. Trailside - Josephina Furno, Fr., Norwin 22. Monessen Florist - Vittoria Emerich, Soph., 23. BeeGraphix - Jacey Klingensmith, Jr.,

24. Howard Hanna - Gabby Rieg, Soph., Trinity 25. Cedarbrook - Kaylin Staszak, Fr., Elizabeth Forward

26. Trailside - Nolan Althof, Soph., Greensburg Central Catholic 27. Monessen Florist - Ali Jacobs, Sr., Carmi-28. BeeGraphix - Laci Bernotas, Jr., Baldwin

29. Cedarbrook - Madison Johnson, Jr., 30. Trailside - Charley Murtha, Fr., Uniontown 31. BeeGraphix - Emerson LaCarte, Jr., Belle

7th round 32. Cedarbrook - Brooke Spitznagel, Soph., Norwin 33. Cedarbrook - Olivia Gibson, Fr., California

34. Cedarbrook - Rebecca Knight, Sr., Baldwin 35. Cedarbrook - Rae Robinson, Fr., Uniontown Bonus round 36. BeeGraphix - Ciara Horabik, Jr., Brownsville 37. Monessen Florist - Leah Hartley, Soph., California

38. Howard Hanna - Phoenix Slavicek, Fr., South Park

SPORTS ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL (MEN)

5:30 a.m. (Friday) - FS2 — AFL: St. Kilda at Brisbane

GOLF

6:30 a.m. - USA — DP World/PGA Tour: The U.S. Open, First Round, Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Pinehurst, N.C.

3 p.m. - GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Meijer LPGA Classic, First Round, Blythefield Country Club, Belmont, Mich.

MLB BASEBALL

2 p.m. - SPORTSNETPIT - Pittsburgh at

2 p.m. - MLBN — Regional Coverage: N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City OR Washington at Detroit

7 p.m. - MLBN — Regional Coverage: Philadelphia at Boston OR Chicago Cubs at Tampa Bay (6:50 p.m.) 9:30 p.m. - FS1 — L.A. Angels at Arizona

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

9 p.m - ESPN — PFL Main Card: Heavyweights & Women's Flyweights, Uncas-

ville, Conn

NHL HOCKEY

8 p.m. - ABC — Stanley Cup Final: Florida at Edmonton, Game 3

RUGBY (MEN)

5:45 a.m. - FS2 — NRL: Dolphins at Cronulla-Sutherland

SOFTBALL

6 p.m. - ESPNU — Athletes Unlimited: Athletes Unlimited: Team Leach vs. Team Warren, Wichita, Kan.

8:30 p.m. - ESPNU — Athletes Unlimited: Athletes Unlimited: Team Wiggins vs. Team Warren, Wichita, Kan.

TENNIS

5 a.m. - TENNIS — s-Hertogenbosch-ATP/WTA, Stuttgart-ATP, Nottingham-WTA Early Rounds

5 a.m. (Friday) - TENNIS — s-Hertogenbosch-ATP/WTA, Stuttgart-ATP, Nottingham-WTA Quarterfinals

WNBA BASKETBALL 7 p.m. - ESPN — Seattle at Dallas

10 p.m. - PRIME VIDEO — Las Vegas at Phoenix

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• The latest in a series of features about the 2014 inductees into the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame described Tony Segzda as having "baseball in his blood." The 1947 California High School graduate played in the outfield and pitched for the Trojans. He went on to spend seven decades in baseball. After pitching a no-hitter for the Brownsville American Legion team, Segzda was offered a contract by the Pittsburgh Pirates and went on to play minor league ball in Uniontown for the Coal Barons and later for teams in York, Waco and New Orleans, Later in his career he served as a scout for the Baltimore Orioles.

• Four Mon Valley weightlifters brought home first-place titles from the Kumite Classic held at the Monroeville Convention Center. John Jackson of Monessen had the highest raw bench press at 452 pounds. Along with Jackson, three other weightlifters from the Thunderbird Powerlifting Gym took firsts in their weight classes: Gino Frezzell, Uriah Jones and David Lhota.

2004

• Sunday – no paper

1994

• Dunlevy stayed on the winning track in the Greater Pittsburgh Soccer League with a 5-2 win over Monongahela. Luke Paglia scored two goals early in the second half to take the Redbirds to a 3-0 lead. Dunlevy's Alex Amezquita tallied the game's lone goal in the first half with Ron Lupori and Vince Russell scoring the Redbird's other goals. Russell, Amezquita, Jeff McJunkin, Darren Lupori and Jason Miller all had assists for Dunlevy. Mike Milandra and Mike Ryan scored for winless Monongahela with Bob Byers and Dann Appolonia getting assists. Goalie Gene Robbins, sweeper John Stivoric, midfielder Mike Ruddy and defender Brian Lusk stood out for the Redbirds.

• Cal U graduate Ryan Erdely of Charleroi had to settle for third place in the Mon River 3-Miler at California after leading for all but the last 400 yards. Uniontown's Mike Tanner outkicked Cal's **Peter Leo** to win with a new course record of 15:58. Leo finished with 16:01.3 with Erdely being clocked at 16:07. The top three women finishers were Erin Frye of Ohio (19:45), Janet Gates of Smithfield (20:00.3) and Linda Hartman of Carnegie (21:14).

U.S., Brazil battle to 1-1 draw

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) -Four days after one of their worst matches, Christian Pulisic and the U.S. soccer team stopped an 11-game losing streak to Brazil with a spirted 1-1 draw that left them with a positive mindset heading into the Copa America.

Pulisic scored in 26th minute to offset Rodrygo's 17th-minute goal and Matt Turner had 11 saves, the most for an American goalkeeper since Tim Howard's 15 in the second-round loss to Belgium at the 2014 World Cup.

"It's obviously a huge bounce back performance for us," Turner said. "We really stared in the face of adversity and we were able to bounce back a few days later. And in tournament play that's so, so important because not every result, not every call is going to go your way and you have to be able put things behind you."

Rebounding from a 5-1 loss to Colombia last weekend, the Americans are now 1-18 with the draw against Brazil, getting their only win in a 1998 CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal. The Seleção had 61% of possession, outshot the U.S. 24-12 and had a 9-0 advantage in corner kicks. "We feel like we made a

little step. It's not a huge step, but it's a little step to be able to play against an amazingly talented Brazil team and bend but not break and I think give them problems, as well," U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter said. Among six invited guests

to the Copa America, the U.S. opens against Bolivia on June 23 and then plays Panama and Uruguay. Brazil, which last won the South American title in 2007, has first-round matches against Costa Rica, Paraguay and

Colombia.

"It just puts us in a good



Brazil forward Vinicius Junior, bottom center, and U.S. defender Chris Richards become entangled while going for possession of the ball.

place," American defender Tim Ream said. "Obviously, it's a good result going into tournament play and I think that's what we needed." The game drew a most-

ly pro-Brazilian crowd of 60,016 to Camping World Stadium, the largest attendance for a U.S. national team game in Florida. Yunus Musah nearly put

the U.S. ahead in the fifth minute with a 25-yard shot that hit the crossbar and ricocheted off the back of goalkeeper Alisson and away from the net. Brazil went ahead when Turner took a back pass

from Ream and sent the ball upfield for Musah, who was switching off. Brazilian midfielder Bruno Guimarães intercepted with a header toward Raphinha, who fed Rodrygo with a diagonal pass for his sixth international goal, an 8-yard shot past Turner's left arm.

Pulisic was pulled down by João Gomes at the edge of the penalty area and slotted a free kick through the defensive wall and past Alisson's right hand for his

29th goal in 68 international appearances. Turner made excellent

stops on 17-year Endrick in the 70th, Rodrygo in the 74th and Vinícius Júnior in the 87th, then punched away Andreas Pereira's free kick in the sixth minute of stoppage time. Alisson denied Pulisic in the 68th and Brenden Aaronson in the 80th. The U.S. again used rain-

bow numbers for Pride Month, this time on jerseys that were largely blue with a low white diagonal slash and a small amount of red at the bottom. Berhalter made

changes from Saturday's 5-1 loss to Colombia, inserting forward Ricardo Pepi and Musah for Folarin Balogun and Johnny Cardoso. All 11 starters played for European clubs — just six of 154 starting positions have been filled with Major League Soccer players for the 14 matches the full pool has been available since the 2022 World Cup, including three of 110 since Berhalter returned as coach.