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IN BRIEFCurry hits record
13 3-pointers

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry let it fly from the top of the arc, backpedaled as his record-breaking 3-ball dropped and then wildly began bobbing his head and shuffling his feet with the swagger of a two-time reigning MVP.

Add another remarkable achievement to a long list of them for Curry: most 3-pointers in one game. The star guard sank 13 to set an NBA mark — one game after missing all his 3-point tries for the first time in two years — and the Golden State Warriors beat the winless New Orleans Pelicans 116-106 on Monday.

“This was a special night,” Curry said.

He finished with 46 points, three days after his league-record streak of 157 games with at least one 3 was snapped when he went 0 for 10 on 3-point tries in a 117-97 road loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

“I was hard on myself in practice the last two days. I had pretty good shooting sessions,” he said. “I don’t overreact to games like that whether I go 0 for 10 or 2 for 12 or whatever it is. My process is the same, but I had another level of focus the last two days trying to get my rhythm back and see the ball go in.”

Curry shot 13 of 17 from beyond the arc in his seventh career game with double-digit 3s. He broke the mark with 2:23 to go and bobbed his head in delight as the crowd roared.

Curry shared the previous 3-point record of 12 with Kobe Bryant and Donyell Marshall.

“Nothing you can do about it. He was being Steph,” Pelicans star Anthony Davis said.

Internet freezes
for ‘mannequin challenge’

Associated Press

Forget dumping ice buckets, dancing or planking, the latest viral phenomenon sweeping the internet consists of people standing still as part of the “mannequin challenge.”

Videos of the challenge feature posing as mannequins in dramatic postures. They began to appear late last month online and by last weekend everyone from high school cheerleaders in Texas to the NBA’s Milwaukee Bucks had taken part.

The Dallas Cowboys went airborne for their challenge, complete with a stoic Tony Romo being stuffed into an overhead compartment on the team plane.

The challenge has become a victory celebration for some teams. Texas Christian, Penn State and Clemson’s football teams posted mannequin challenges after big wins Saturday.

The videos are set to the song “Black Beatles” by rap duo Rae Sremmurd, which held a live version of the challenge during a concert last week.

Seattle gets Ruiz
from Dodgers

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners have picked up needed depth at catcher after acquiring Carlos Ruiz from the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for left-handed pitcher Vidal Nuno on Monday at the start of the general manager meetings.

“First and foremost, Carlos brings us a veteran presence with outstanding leadership qualities and a winning pedigree,” Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto said in a statement. “His combination of strong on-base skills, situational awareness and game-calling ability are a welcome addition to the Mariners.”

As part of the trade, the Mariners exercised the option on Ruiz for the 2017 season worth \$4.5 million.



AP Photos/Charles Rex Arbogast

‘Friendly chalkboard’

Cubs fans sign outside of Wrigley walls

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Matt Ridley climbed his ladder, scrawled a tribute to his deceased loved ones and high fived his mom when his feet hit the sidewalk.

The Cubs winning it all still seemed a bit surreal to him. Yet, there he was writing “Ridley Nation” high on the brick bleacher wall along Waveland Avenue in honor of his brother, father and uncle.

“Every time I hear the call of the last out, it almost sounds like it’s not real — like it’s a joke,” Ridley said Monday.

No joke, the Chicago Cubs at long last won the World Series when they beat the Cleveland Indians last week. And their first championship in 108 years stirred all sorts of emotions.

Fans who weren’t sure they would ever see it happen have been thinking about loved ones who never got to witness it. They’ve been flowing to Wrigley Field in a steady stream, turning the walls and sidewalks outside the famed ballpark into one gigantic chalkboard.

The bricks beyond the ivy are jammed with names and notes to family members. There are messages encouraging the team, and drawings, too.

It’s all in chalk, and it’s all about to go away.

The Cubs announced Monday they need to remove the messages and artwork due to offseason construction. Fans have until 5 p.m. CST Tuesday. After that, final photographs will be taken and displayed publicly at a later date.

Fans started writing encouraging messages to the team in chalk on the walls outside the bleachers during the run to the Cubs’ first championship since 1908, and they have continued in such a steady stream there is little room left anywhere outside the ballpark, be it outside the bleachers or near the marquee.

Along Sheffield Avenue, beyond right field, Kathleen and Bob Dove of Evanston found a spot a few



ABOVE: Messages in support of the Cubs’ championship run and in remembrance of friends and family who never saw the Cubs win the World Series, are written and drawn in chalk on an outer wall at Wrigley Field Monday in Chicago. Fans started writing messages encouraging the Cubs on the walls outside the famed ballpark’s bleachers during the run to the team’s first championship since 1908. Wrigley Field’s days as the “Friendly Chalkboard” are coming to an end. The Chicago Cubs say they need to remove chalk messages and artwork left by fans on the ballpark’s exterior walls due to offseason construction.

LEFT: Three children from left, Milo Sagun, Aliya and her twin sister Kira Limon, look at messages in support of the Cubs’ championship run and in remembrance of friends and family who never saw the Cubs win the World Series.

feet up the wall to pay tribute to her mother. They colored a brick in light blue chalk and wrote “Dorothy McGuire” in white.

“The whole time I grew up, it revolved around the Cubs game — meals,” Kathleen Dove said. “She knew all the players every year. She would tell me all the statistics, this will be the year. She was a very typical diehard, I mean just brutally diehard, Cubs fan. She would be really amazed at this.”

Bob Dove, a retired sound technician for Chicago PBS affiliate WTTW, recalled working on a documentary about Bill Veeck Jr. during the last year of his life. And he has little doubt Veeck would have loved the scene playing out along the streets outside Wrigley.

“We have all of this angst about immigrants and racial animus and all that stuff,” Bob Dove said. “The Cubs’ victory is the greatest thing to happen in Chicago right now because everything else that’s going on right now is so negative. Veeck would love this wall because it’s representative of his philosophy of being a team for everyone. And he was the person that integrated the American League.”

Bill Veeck went to work for the Cubs when his father Bill Sr. was team president and was responsible for the ivy being planted in 1937. He also integrated the American League as owner of the Cleveland Indians when he signed Larry Doby and frequently hung out in the Wrigley Field bleachers after selling the White Sox to Jerry Reinsdorf in 1981.

Monday madness ends in Seahawks victory

By TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Another Monday night of controversy and madness involving the Seattle Seahawks.

For the third time in the past five seasons, a Monday night game in Seattle finished with most of the attention on the mistakes of officials, this time after the Seahawks beat the Buffalo Bills 31-25.

For how good Jimmy Graham, Russell Wilson and Tyrod Taylor were in putting on an entertaining primetime performance, their efforts became overshadowed by officiating mistakes at the end of the first half that eventually played a role in the final outcome.

“I’m not really sure what happened. I will say the refs were horrible at managing it,” said Taylor, who had one of the best performances of his career throwing for 289 yards and running for another 43 yards, and giving Buffalo a chance in the closing moments. “They made some horrible calls throughout the game, too. It’s not a thing where we’re blaming the refs. I just think they need to be held accountable for that and at least give some explanation.”

Taylor’s final pass of the night on fourth-down in the closing moments fell incomplete in the end zone and handed the Bills their third straight



AP Photo/John Froschauer

Seattle Seahawks tight end Jimmy Graham makes one of his two one-handed touchdown catches against the Buffalo Bills in the first half on Monday night in Seattle. Seahawks won 31-25.

defeat. Taylor had to throw in that situation because of what happened at the end of the first half that cost Buffalo a shot at a reasonable field goal attempt and eventually forced the Bills to try for a touchdown in the final seconds.

The chaotic final moments of the second quarter started calmly with Dan Carpenter lining up for a 53-yard field goal with 3 seconds left and ended several minutes later with

anger. Richard Sherman was called for offside and not unnecessary roughness after he crashed into Carpenter attempting to block the kick — an incorrect decision according to NFL head of officiating Dean Blandino. Buffalo was assessed an injury timeout after trainers ran on the field believing Carpenter was injured and forcing the Bills to spike the ball with 1 second left as Carpenter had to leave the field. That was followed by

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officials not resetting the play clock and Buffalo being assessed a delay of game and the half finally ending with Carpenter missing a 54-yard attempt.

The chaos seemed a footnote at the time with Seattle leading 28-17 at the half, and became a focal point when Buffalo rallied in the second half, but needed a touchdown at the end.

“Player safety was not in their mind. He was offside and dove at our kickers’ leg while he was in motion. That’s a dirty play,” Buffalo linebacker Jerry Hughes said.

Seattle’s been the center of crazy Monday night moments in the past. In 2012, the infamous “Fail Mary” game ended when Golden Tate caught a disputed touchdown on the final play to give Seattle a win over Green Bay, a decision that was made by replacement officials. Last year, K.J. Wright should have been called for illegal batting for knocking a fumble out of the end zone for a Seattle touchdown in the final moments of a win over Detroit. The penalty would have given possession back to Detroit but no flag was thrown.