MLB

Free-agent compensation, international draft top CBA issues

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NEW YORK — Negotiators for baseball players and owners are meeting this week in Irving, Texas, in an attempt to reach agreement on a collective bargaining agreement to replace the five-year contract that expires Thursday. After eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball has had 21 years of labor peace.

Some of the issues in negotiations:

FREE AGENCY COMPENSATION

Compensation for the loss of free agents has been an issue since the free-agent era began in 1976. The statistical ranking system established in the 1981 strike settlement was scrapped in the current agreement that began with the 2012-13 offseason and replaced by qualifying offers: A team would be entitled to draft-pick compensation if a player left as a free agent after failing to accept a one-year contract for the average salary among the 125 highest-paid players ($17.2 million this year) and the signing club would lose a top pick. Five of 64 free agents who received qualifying offers accepted during the current agreement, and some less-than-premier free agents who received offers said their market was limited by teams not wanting to give up draft selections.

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR DRAFT

Commissioner Rob Manfred has said restraints on contracts for international amateur players have not been as effective as management had hoped, and he is a proponent of an international draft that would cover residents outside the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The union has been resistant.

CURRENT AMATEUR DRAFT

Teams spent $234 million in the 2011 draft on amateurs residing in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The total dropped to $209 million in the first year of restraints, went up to $220 million the following year, then rose to $224 million in 2014, $249 million in 2015 and $268 million this year. The sides are negotiating the slot figures used to determine signing bonus pools and the penalties for exceeding pools. Some have expressed concern that the slot values early in the first round encourage a team not headed to the postseason to tank in the final weeks to get higher draft picks and a larger signing bonus pool.

LUXURY TAX

One of the last items in the negotiations will be the luxury tax. The threshold for the tax has been $189 million for the past three years, and for the past four years, the rate has been 17.5 percent for the first time over the threshold, increasing to 30 percent for the second time in a row, 40 percent for the third and 50 percent for the fourth or subsequent. An increase to $200 million or more is likely, which should lead to greater spending by high-revenue teams currently at or above the threshold. The union and some teams would like the rate to reset for all teams in 2017.

ROSTER SIZE

The sides have discussed an increase from 25 active to 26 from opening day through Aug. 31. In an effort to keep late-season rules closer to the ones used for most of the season, the active limit would decrease from 40 to 28 or 29 from Sept. 1 through the end of regular season.

PACE OF PLAY

Management would like to have pitch clocks, which have been used at Triple-A and Double-A for the past two seasons, and restrictions on trips to the mound. Players generally have resisted any changes to the natural flow of the game.

MINIMUM SALARY

Expect a rise in the minimum salary, which was $507,500 in the major leagues last season and $82,700 for a minor league player on a 40-man big league roster for at least a second season and $41,400 for a first.

REVENUE SHARING

The sides have discussed changes to the revenue-sharing rules, which included a market disqualification test that prevented both teams from New York, Los Angeles and Chicago from receiving any revenue-sharing money in 2016, along with Atlanta, Boston, Houston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Texas, Toronto and Washington.

SALARY ARBITRATION

Under the current agreement, the top 22 percent of players by service time of those with two or more years of major league service and less than three are eligible for arbitration, along with players with at least three years but less than six. Change in eligibility has not gotten much attention.

SMOKELESS TOBACCO

Management has discussed a ban on the use of smokeless tobacco during games. The union has resisted, maintaining that using smokeless tobacco is legal and a matter of individual choice, but in the 2012-16 agreement the union did agree that players may not carry tobacco packages and tins in their back pockets when fans are permitted in the ballpark, and players may not use tobacco during pregame or postgame interviews, and at team functions.

SEASON OPENS: Post players will be key for Bucks and Dawgs

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giving lots of players chances to prove themselves early.

"I'm going to be shuffling guys in and out, just because we're so young," he said. "We're a whole new team. Guys are going to have to earn their minutes."

The Hermiston boys will tip off 30 minutes after the finish of the girls game with a scheduled start of 7 p.m.

Pendleton's girls will be the only team traveling for their season opener as first-year head coach Kevin Porter will make his debut in a 7 p.m. game at Baker. The former Bucks assistant inherits three starters from a team that went 13-12 last season — senior wing Haley Greb, junior post Kalan McGlothan and junior wing Lauren Richards. Six more Buckaroos return with varsity letters, giving them the largest returning group of the four teams.

A few more things to watch this season for the Bulldogs and Buckaroos:

GUARDS GETTING SETTLED

All four teams will look to replace starters in the backcourt.

Pendleton and Hermiston's boys teams will be working a couple of players in early this season that fans all know, though not in their current roles.

For Pendleton, junior Shaw Jerome has been a standout on the football and baseball field, but will look to make an impact as a guard on the hardwood this winter and will start tonight.

"He's raw basketball-wise, but a good athlete," Tedder said. "Defensively he causes lots of problems, all around he's just tough and he's a good leader."

For Hermiston, senior guard Xavier Rambo will try to carve out a role after transferring from Irrigon where he was starter at the 2A level last season and a key contributor to the Knights' playoff team last season.

"Xavier's a good kid, we'll see," Arstein said. "He's an athletic kid but I think some questions will be answered (Wednesday) night. New teammates, new system that he's playing in. I don't know what to expect until I see him under the lights."

Hermiston's girls will also debut a new guard tonight with freshman Jazlyn Romero slated to start.

"She's worked really hard all summer to get there and she really stood out to us in the preseason practices that we've had," Rodriguez said. "She's a skilled player, shoots the ball well, and has a high basketball IQ."

PROFICIENT POSTS

The girls' Hermiston-Pendleton match-ups this season should give basketball purists plenty of satisfaction as post play looks to be a strength of both teams.

Rodriguez said he thinks Juul could compete for CRC Player of the Year, and she's joined in an experienced frontcourt by senior Kynzee Padilla and junior Hayden Meyers.

"We're going to lean on them a little bit," Rodriguez said of his posts, and added the Juul has shown a marked difference in her on-floor confidence after deferring to the Bulldogs' guards as an underclassman.

Pendleton brings back McGlothan, who like Juul made the All-CRC first team as a sophomore. Junior Maureen Davies and sophomore Katie Bradt also saw limited varsity minutes last season for the Buckaroos.

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In this Feb. 24, 2016 file photo, Maddy Juul (14), of Hermiston, goes up for a layup as Pendleton's Kalan McGlothan reaches in at the Dawghouse. Juul is expected to have a big year as a junior for the retooling Hermiston team.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today's Games
Baker at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Riverside at Columbia (WA), 7 p.m.
DeSales (WA) at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.
Arlington at Helix, 7:30 p.m.
Walla Walla (WA) at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Mac-Hi vs. TBD (Mac-Hi Tournament), 3 p.m.
Echo vs. Pilot Rock (at Paul Humphreys Tournament, Fossil), 3 p.m.
Riverside vs. Touchet (WA) (at Mac-Hi Tournament), 4:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii vs. Days Creek (at Cougar Classic, Molalla), 4:30 p.m.
Irrigon vs. Enterprise (at Ione Bonanza), 4:30 p.m.
Arlington vs. Delphian (at Hawk Invitational, Hood River), 5 p.m.
Hermiston vs. Wilson (at Aloha Tournament), 6:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. Ione (at Ione Bonanza), 7:30 p.m.
Heppner at Joseph (Joseph Tournament), 7:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Monument/Dayville (at Paul Humphreys Tournament, Fossil), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Hermiston vs. TBD (at Aloha Tournament), TBD
Irrigon vs. TBD (at Ione Bonanza), TBD
Ione vs. TBD (at Ione Bonanza), TBD
Riverside vs. TBD (at Mac-Hi Tournament), TBD
Mac-Hi vs. TBD (Mac-Hi Tournament), 2 p.m.
Pilot Rock vs. Monument/Dayville (at Paul Humphreys Tournament, Wheeler HS), 2:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Country Christian (at Cougar Classic), 3:30 p.m.
Clarkston (WA) at Pendleton (Red Lion Invite), 5 p.m.
Heppner vs. TBD (Joseph Tournament), 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Bickleton (WA), 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Echo (at Paul Humphreys Tournament, Fossil), 5:30 p.m.
Arlington vs. TBD (at Hawk Invitational, Hood River), 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. TBD (at Ione Bonanza), 7 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today's Games
Stanfield at Irrigon, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Columbia (WA), 5:30 p.m.
Walla Walla (WA) at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.
DeSales (WA) at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
Arlington at Helix, 6 p.m.
Pendleton at Baker, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Irrigon vs. Enterprise (at Ione Bonanza), 3 p.m.
Riverside vs. Touchet (WA) (at Mac-Hi Tournament), 3 p.m.
Stanfield vs. Culver (at Sherman County Tournament, Moro), 3 p.m.
Nixyaawii vs. Days Creek (at Cougar Classic, Molalla), 3 p.m.
Arlington vs. Delphian (at Hawk Invitational, Hood River), 3:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock vs. Echo (at Paul Humphreys Tournament, Fossil), 4 p.m.
College Place at Mac-Hi (Mac-Hi Tournament), 6 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Ione (Ione Bonanza), 6 p.m.
Heppner at Joseph (Joseph Tournament), 6 p.m.
Monument/Dayville at Condon/Wheeler (at Paul Humphreys Tournament, Fossil), 6 p.m.
Wilsonville at Hermiston (Hermiston Tournament), 7 p.m.
Umatilla vs. Colton (at Western Mennonite Tournament, Salem), 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Hermiston vs. TBD (Hermiston Tournament), TBD
Riverside vs. TBD (Mac-Hi Tournament), TBD
Weston-McEwen vs. TBD (at Ione Bonanza), TBD
Ione vs. TBD (at Ione Bonanza), TBD
Irrigon vs. TBD (at Ione Bonanza), TBD
Arlington vs. TBD (at Hawk Invitational, Hood River), TBD
Heppner vs. TBD (at Joseph Tournament), 11 a.m.
Pilot Rock vs. Monument/Dayville (at Paul Humphreys Tournament, Fossil), 1 p.m.
Mac-Hi vs. TBD (Mac-Hi Tournament), 2 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Country Christian (Cougar Classic), 2 p.m.
Clarkston (WA) at Pendleton (Red Lion Invite), 4 p.m.
Echo at Condon/Wheeler (at Paul Humphreys Tournament, Fossil), 4 p.m.
Helix at Bickleton (WA), 4 p.m.
Umatilla vs. TBD (at Western Mennonite Tournament, Salem), 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday
Mac-Hi at Estacada Tournament, 10 a.m.
Echo, Heppner at Irrigon Duals, 10 a.m.
Hermiston at Oregon City Tournament, TBD
Pendleton, Riverside at Kennewick Tournament, TBD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's Game
Eastern Oregon at Baker (Kan.) in NAIA FCS semifinals, 11:06 a.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Today's Games
Eastern Oregon vs. Montana Tech (NAIA pool play; at Sioux City, Iowa), 11 a.m.

Thursday's Games
Eastern Oregon vs. Georgetown (Ky.) (NAIA pool play; at Sioux City, Iowa), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday's Game
Clackamas at Blue Mountain, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Game
College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday's Game
Grays Harbor at Blue Mountain, 5 p.m.

Saturday's Games
College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.
Edmonds at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Game
Portland at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Friday-Saturday
Eastern Oregon at Battle of the Rockies (Great Falls, Mont.), TBD

COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Saturday
Eastern Oregon at Simon Fraser Open, TBA

Football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	293	197
Miami	7	4	0	.636	249	240
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	281	236
N.Y. Jets	3	8	0	.273	196	266

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	5	0	.545	194	236
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296
Indianapolis	5	6	0	.455	270	301
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	214	293

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	218	201
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	266	222
Cincinnati	3	7	1	.318	213	245
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	197	352

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	9	2	0	.818	307	275
Kansas City	8	3	0	.727	252	214
Denver	7	4	0	.636	266	219
San Diego	5	6	0	.455	313	291

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	10	1	0	.909	316	213
N.Y. Giants	8	3	0	.727	231	213
Washington	6	4	1	.591	280	264
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	254	213

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	358	302
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	249	264
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	334	307
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	276	281

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	247	238
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	218	192
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	274	289
Chicago	2	9	0	.182	178	264

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	7	3	1	.682	224	187
Arizona	4	6	1	.409	245	228
Los Angeles	4	7	0	.364	170	236
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	228	344

Thursday's Game
Dallas (-2.5) at Minnesota, 5:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Kansas City (+4) at Atlanta, 10 a.m.
Los Angeles (+13.5) at New England, 10 a.m.
Philadelphia (-1) at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.
Miami (+3.5) at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
Denver (-5) at Jacksonville, 10 a.m.
Detroit (+5) at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
San Francisco (+3) at Chicago, 10 a.m.
Houston (+3.5) at Green Bay, 10 a.m.
Buffalo (+3.5) at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.
Washington (+2.5) at Arizona, 1:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay (+5.5) at San Diego, 1:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants (+6) at Pittsburgh, 1:25 p.m.
Carolina (+6.5) at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.
Open: Tennessee, Cleveland

Monday's Game
Indianapolis (-2.5) at N.Y. Jets, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA

Top 25

Friday's Games
No. 4 Washington vs. No. 9 Colorado, Pac-12 championship at Santa Clara, Calif., 6 p.m.
No. 13 Western Michigan vs. Ohio, MAC championship at Detroit, 4 p.m.

Saturday's Games
No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 15 Florida, SEC championship at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
No. 3 Clemson vs. No. 19 Virginia Tech, ACC championship at Orlando, Fla., 5 p.m.
No. 6 Wisconsin vs. No. 8 Penn State, Big Ten championship at Indianapolis, 5:17 p.m.
No. 7 Oklahoma vs. No. 11 Oklahoma State, 9:20 a.m.
No. 14 West Virginia vs. Baylor, 12:30 p.m.
No. 20 Navy vs. Temple, AAC championship, 9 a.m.

NAIA

Playoffs
Semifinals
Saturday's Games
Saint Francis (Ind.) (11-1) at Reinhardt (Ga.) (13-0), 10:30 a.m.
Eastern Oregon (10-2) at Baker (Kan.), 11:05 a.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	11	6	.647	—
Boston	10	7	.588	1
New York	8	9	.471	3
Brooklyn	5	12	.294	6
Philadelphia	4	14	.222	7½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	10	8	.556	—
Atlanta	10	8	.556	—
Orlando	7	11	.389	3
Washington	6	10	.375	3
Miami	5	12	.294	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	3	.813	—
Chicago	10	6	.625	3
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	5
Indiana	9	9	.500	5
Detroit	9	10	.474	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	14	4	.778	—
Memphis	11	7	.611	3
Houston	11	7	.611	3
New Orleans	7	12	.368	7½
Dallas	3	13	.188	10

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	11	8	.579	—
Utah	11	8	.579	—
Portland	9	10	.474	2
Denver	7	10	.412	3
Minnesota	5	12	.294	5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	16	2	.889	—
L.A. Clippers	14	5	.737	2½
L.A. Lakers	9	10	.474	7½
Sacramento	7	11	.389	9
Phoenix	5	13	.278	11

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 112, Charlotte 89
Brooklyn 127, L.A. Clippers 122, 2OT
Milwaukee 118, Cleveland 101
New Orleans 105, L.A. Lakers 88
Orlando 95, San Antonio 83
Utah 120, Houston 101

Wednesday's Games
Sacramento at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 5 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Washington at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 7 p.m.

NCAA

Men's Top 25

Tuesday's Games
No. 2 Villanova 82, Penn 57
No. 4 Kansas 91, Long Beach State 61
No. 5 Duke 78, Michigan State 69
No. 7 Xavier 85, North Dakota State 55
No. 10 Creighton 93, Buffalo 72
No. 17 Wisconsin 77, No. 20 Syracuse 60
Valparaiso 65, No. 21 Rhode Island 62

Today's Games
No. 15 Purdue at No. 14 Louisville, 4:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Texas Southern at No. 16 Arizona, 6 p.m. (PAC12)
Sam Houston State at No. 9 Baylor, 6 p.m.
No. 3 North Carolina at No. 13 Indiana, 6:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Ohio State at No. 6 Virginia, 6:15 p.m. (ESPN2)
No. 12 St. Mary's at Stanford, 8 p.m.
UC Irvine at No. 11 UCLA, 8 p.m. (PAC12)

Women's Top 25

Tuesday's Game
No. 2 Connecticut 80, Chattanooga 43

Today's Games
USC at No. 25 Texas A&M, 9 a.m.
SE Louisiana at No. 21 Colorado, 11 a.m.
Morehead State at No. 16 West Virginia, 3:30 p.m.
Wofford at No. 19 Florida, 4 p.m.
Michigan State at No. 20 Syracuse, 4 p.m.
No. 8 Florida State at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Tennessee State at No. 22 Tennessee, 4 p.m.
No. 1 Notre Dame at Iowa, 6 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	23	16	5	2	34	68	50
Ottawa	23	14	8	1	29	55	56
Tampa Bay	24	13	10	1	27	71	65
Boston	23	12	10	1	25	55	53
Toronto	22	10	8	4	24	70	71
Detroit	23	11	10	2	24	57	59
Florida	23	11	10	2	24	58	60
Buffalo	22	8	9	5	21	44	57

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	24	16	7	1	33	88	59
Pittsburgh	22	13	6	3	29	66	65
Washington	21	13	6	2	28	57	48
Columbus	21	12	5	4	28	67	48
New Jersey	22	10	7	5	25	55	58
Philadelphia	24	11	10	3	25	77	80
Carolina	22	9	9	4	22	54	59
N.Y. Islanders	21	7	10	4	18	51	64

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	24	15	6	3	33	68	60
St. Louis	23	13	7	3	29	62	63
Minnesota	22	11	8	3	25	62	47
Nashville	22	11	8	3	25	65	57
Dallas	24	9	9	6	24	61	79
Winnipeg	25	11	12	2	24	66	72
Colorado	21	9	11	1	19	47	63

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	23	13	9	1	27	54	49
Edmonton	24	12	10	2	26	70	63
Anaheim	23	11	8	4	26	59	55
Los Angeles	22	12	9	1	25	57	54
Calgary	25	10	13	2	22	57	77
Vancouver	23	10	11	2	22	54	70
Arizona	21	8	10	3	19	51	65

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Rangers 3, Carolina 2
Columbus 5, Tampa Bay 1
Detroit 3, Dallas 1
Philadelphia 3, Boston 2, SO
Buffalo 5, Ottawa 4
Winnipeg 3, New Jersey 2
Chicago 2, Florida 1, SO
Toronto 4, Edmonton 2
Nashville 5, Colorado 3
San Jose 2, Arizona 1, OT
Anaheim 2, Montreal 1
Vancouver 5, Minnesota 4

Today's Games
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 5:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Soccer

MLS

Conference Championships
Eastern Conference
Tuesday: Montreal 3, Toronto FC 2
TODAY: Montreal at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.

Western Conference
Tuesday, Nov. 22: Seattle 2, Colorado 1
Sunday, Nov. 27: Seattle 1, Colorado 0, Seattle advances 3-1 on aggregate

MLS Cup
Saturday, Dec. 10: Eastern champion vs. Seattle, 5 p.m. (TV: ESPN)

Golf

World Golf Rankings
Through Nov. 27

Player	Points Average
1. Jason Day, AUS	11.54
2. Rory McIlroy, NIR	10.55
3. Dustin Johnson, USA	10.09
4. Henrik Stenson SWE	8.67
5. Jordan Spieth USA	8.66
6. Hideki Matsuyama JPN	6.91
7. Adam Scott AUS	6.75
8. Patrick Reed USA	5.64
9. Alex Noren SWE	5.58
10. Bubba Watson USA	5.36
11. Danny Willett ENG	5.22
12. Rickie Fowler USA	5.12
13. Paul Casey ENG	5.01
14. Sergio Garcia ESP	4.96
15. Justin Rose ENG	4.94
16. Branden Grace SAF	4.62
17. Brooks Koepka USA	4.53
18. Phil Mickelson USA	4.40
19. Russell Knox SCO	4.32
20. Jimmy Walker USA	4.23

Transactions

BASEBALL

National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with OF Jon Jay on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Designated 1B Chris Carter and OF Adam Walker for assignment. Agreed to terms with 1B Eric Thames on a three-year contract. Claimed RHP Steve Geltz off waivers from Tampa Bay.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Designated LHP Jeff Locke for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Lisalverto Bonilla on a one-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Released C Brayan Pena.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Assigned G/F Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot to Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League
NFL — Suspended Buffalo OT Seantrel Henderson 10 games for violating the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed WR Chris Hubert to the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed DT Deandre Coleman and WR Dezmin Lewis from the practice squad and TE Gerald Christian to the practice squad.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed Cs Ryan Kalil and Gino Gradkowski on injured reserve. Signed C Ryan Wendell. Signed OT Dan France from Cleveland's practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed LB Danny Trevathan on injured reserve. Signed WR Daniel Braverman. Signed TE Justin Perillo to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed TE Kennard Backman to the practice squad.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed RB Orleans Darkwa on injured reserve. Signed LB/S Eric Pinkins from the practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed LB Shane Skov on injured reserve. Signed S Marcus Ball from the practice squad and LB Wynton McManis to the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Waived RB Mike James. Agreed to terms with S Major Wright. Waived WR Louis Murphy from the PUP list.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed CB D'Joun Smith to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived LS Rick Lovato. Signed DL A.J. Francis from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
NHLPA — LW Travis Moen announced his retirement.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
MINNESOTA UNITED — Named Adrian Heath coach.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed manager and technical director Peter Vermes to a contract extension through the 2019 season.