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## NFL DRAFT 2018



## Cleveland selects Heisman winner No. 1 overall

In this Jan. 1 file photo, Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield celebrates after a touchdown during the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, Calif. AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File

# It's Baker!

By BARRY WILNER  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Quarterback desperation means NFL teams can't pass on taking a passer — even a flawed one — in the draft.

The Browns, Jets, Bills and Cardinals heeded that notion Thursday night, even as more highly rated players at other positions remained on the board.

Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield became Cleveland's latest attempt to find its franchise quarterback. Sam Darnold of Southern California is trying to revive the Jets, while in upstate New York — where the Bills gave up on Tyrod Taylor — the future belongs to Wyoming's Josh Allen. Just after Buffalo traded up to grab Allen, Arizona moved up to get UCLA's Josh Rosen, a potential replacement for the retired

Carson Palmer.

Four quarterbacks in the first 10 selections. Never mind that the best players were considered Penn State running back Saquon Barkley (second overall to the Giants) and North Carolina State defensive end Bradley Chubb (fifth to Denver). The last pick of the first round was a fifth quarterback: 2016 Heisman winner Lamar Jackson, chosen by Baltimore.

In today's NFL, it's all about the QBs. Even though none of these is considered a sure success.

"They all had something, a knock on (them)," Bills general manager Brandon Beane said. "We just think (Allen's) makeup is going to help him work on his flaws. That'll be part of our job here to accentuate his strengths."

Same deal in Cleveland, the

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## Seattle stunner: Seahawks select RB Rashaad Penny

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Once again, John Schneider and Pete Carroll left observers a little surprised by the Seattle Seahawks' first selection in the NFL draft.

This time, it included the player they picked — San Diego State running back Rashaad Penny.

"I'm one of those guys I came from a realistic program with a realistic head coach. He always said I was going to be the best player on the field. But then you start looking at all the mocks and the projections," Penny said Thursday night. "But then as the process started going on and on I

started to realize the mocks and the projections don't mean anything. Now I see it's real. It don't matter what the projections say. It's just unexpected."

The Seahawks used the No. 27 selection in the first round to strengthen their commitment to an offense based around the run and put less of the offensive onus on quarterback Russell Wilson. Penny will help affirm that focus, even if the pick came with a number of other players available that could have helped Seattle at other positions, including along the defensive line and in the secondary.

He joins rare company as just the third running back selected in the first round of

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## Prep roundup

# Tiger-Scots sweep Vikings

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ATHENA — Led by Jordyn Lambert, who had a six-hit day, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots swept the visiting Umatilla Vikings on Thursday.

In the first game, Weston-McEwen didn't hold back, getting out to an early lead and holding on to it for an 18-10 victory. In Game 2, the TigerScots (4-11 overall, 3-4 Special District 1) jumped to a commanding 10-run lead in the first inning and ended the game after 4 1/2 innings to win 23-3.

"I was really proud of the girls," head coach Jeff Griggs said. "They've been staying positive even though we haven't had much winning, but I'm happy they have something to celebrate tonight."

Lambert brought in eight RBI and scored seven times at the No. 3 spot in Weston-McEwen's lineup. She had plenty of help from Amie Coffman, who brought in three RBI off five hits and scored eight times herself.

Umatilla's woes continued, as the Vikings (0-9, 0-7) have yet to win a game this season. Their efforts were there in Game 1, recording 10 runs off 16 hits to match Weston-McEwen's output. But in the second game Umatilla was only able to put three runs on the board in the first two innings.

Lauryn Journot led the way for the Vikings at the top of the order.

In the circle, Duckett and Tyree Burke were handed the win for Weston-McEwen after both pitched complete games.

Game 1					
		R	H	E	
UHS	340030	0	10	16	3
W-M	904122	X	18	16	1
(U) P. Picker, K. Holz, (WM) L. Duckett, W — Duckett, L — Picker.					
2B: L. Journot (UHS); W. Roggerio, S. Walter (WM)					
Game 2					
		R	H	E	
UHS	12000X	X	3	4	4
W-M	11381XX	X	23	14	3
(U) K. Holz, P. Picker (1), S. Griggs (1), C. Alvarez (2), (WM) T. Burke, W — Burke, L — Holz, HR: J. Lambert (WM), 2B: C. Alvarez (U); J. Lambert 2, W. Roggerio (WM).					

## TENNIS

BAKER CITY — The Hermiston girls tennis team continued its busy week with its second match in as many days Thursday. The Bulldogs traveled to Baker City and handed the host school a 4-2 loss.

The biggest match of the day came from Hermiston's No. 3 singles player, Adriann Stewart, who defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-0.

Highlighting doubles was the Bulldogs' No. 1 duo of Reed Middleton and Brena Wadekamper, who handed their Baker City rivals a 6-0, 6-4 defeat.

Singles	
M. Hill (HHS) vs. H. Johnson (BC) 6-1, 6-2	L. McAllister (HHS) vs. G. Trebilcock (BC) 6-7 (4-7) 6-3
A. Stewart (HHS) vs. 6-0, 6-0	
Doubles	
Middleton/Wadekamper (HHS) vs. Finley/Dalke 6-0, 6-4	Snyder/Mecham (HHS) vs. Woodward/Peltit (BC) 6-2, 6-4
Mitchell/Hofbauer (HHS) vs. Nemeec/Niederbach (BC) 6-7 (4-7), 6-1 (5-10)	

## Sports shorts

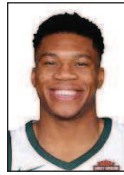
### Antetokounmpo scores 31 as Bucks force Game 7 with Celtics

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points and 14 rebounds and the Milwaukee Bucks pulled away late to beat the Boston Celtics 97-86 on Thursday night to force a Game 7 in the first-round series.

Khris Middleton and Malcolm Brogdon each added 16 points, with Brogdon hitting a momentum-swinging 3 from the left corner to give the Bucks a two-possession lead with 5:22 left. The Bucks held the Celtics at bay from there to force the winner-take-all game Saturday night in Boston.

The up-and-coming Bucks haven't played a seventh game in the playoffs since losing to the Atlanta Hawks in the first round in 2010.

Both teams went on runs to take big leads. The Bucks made the last big push to close out the Celtics.



Antetokounmpo

"It's truly a unique moment. Your first home run in the big leagues is a once-in-a-lifetime moment."

— Ronald Acuna Jr.

The Atlanta Braves rookie through team interpreter Franco Garcia after hitting his first career home run on Thursday in the Braves' 7-4 win in Cincinnati on Thursday. Acuna made his debut on Wednesday and was rated as the No. 2 overall prospect in baseball by MLB.com.

### NBA says LeBron's last-second block was a goaltend

CLEVELAND (AP) — The NBA said LeBron James' block in the closing seconds of Game 5 on Indiana's Victor Oladipo should have been called goaltending.

In the league's Last Two Minute Report posted Thursday, the NBA said the three officials missed the call with 5.1 seconds left. The league said the video shows James blocked Oladipo's shot "after it makes contact with the backboard."

Under league rules, the play could not be reviewed because it wasn't called on the floor. James then hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Cavaliers a 98-95 win and a 3-2 lead in the series.

The Pacers did not contest the block while on the floor, but later in their locker room they complained about the no-call.



## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1960 — The Minneapolis Lakers announce that they will relocate to Los Angeles.

1994 — Dave Hannan scores 5:43 into the fourth overtime to keep the Buffalo Sabres going in the playoffs with a 1-0 victory over the New Jersey Devils, the sixth-longest game in NHL history.

2008 — Ashley Force becomes the first woman to win a national Funny Car race. The 25-year-old beats her father, drag racing icon John Force, in the final round of the 28th annual Summit Racing Southern Nationals to deny him his 1,000th winning round in his 500th NHRA tour event.

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