## **FRIDAY**

BASKETBALL	Time	TV
High school,		
Oak Hill Academy (VA) vs. Wasatch (UT)	noon	ESPNU
High school,	2	ECDAILL
Montverde (FL) vs. Sunrise Christian (KS)	2 p.m.	ESPNU
Women's college, Arizona at Oregon St.	4 p.m.	Pac-12,
		-12 (Ore)
Men's college, George Mason at Dayton	4 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Akron at Kent St.	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, Maryland at Penn St.	4 p.m.	FS1
NBA, Toronto at Brooklyn	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Monmouth at Manhattan	6 p.m.	<b>ESPNU</b>
Men's college, Boise St. at Nevada	6 p.m.	FS1
NBA, Boston at L.A. Clippers	7 p.m.	ESPN
GOLF		
PGA Tour, Phoenix Open	noon	Golf
European Tour, Saudi International	1:30 a.m. (Sat)	Golf
HOCKEY		
College, Notre Dame at Ohio St.	1:30 p.m.	Big Ten
NWHL, Isobel Cup finals	4 p.m.	NBCSN
SOCCER		
Premier League, Aston Villa vs. Arsenal	4:25 a.m. (Sat)	NBCSN
CATUDDAY		

#### **SATURDAY**

SOCCER		
Premier League,		
Newcastle United vs. Southampton	6:55 a.m.	NBCSN
Premier League, Fulham vs. West Ham United	9:30 a.m.	NBC
Mexico Primera Division,		
Monterrey vs. Pumas UNAM	7 p.m.	FS2
Italian Serie A, Benevento Calcio vs. Sampdoria	3:25 a.m. (Sun)	ESPN2
Premier League, Tottenham Hotspur vs. West Brom	4 a.m. (Sun)	NBCSN
BASKETBALL		
Women's college, Siena at Manhattan	9 a.m.	<b>ESPNU</b>
Men's college, Seton Hall at Connecticut	9 a.m.	FOX
Men's college, Toledo at Ball St.	9 a.m.	CBSSN
Men's college Alahama at Missouri	9am	FSPN

BASKETBALL		
Women's college, Siena at Manhattan	9 a.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, Seton Hall at Connecticut	9 a.m.	FOX
Men's college, Toledo at Ball St.	9 a.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Alabama at Missouri	9 a.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Iowa St. at Oklahoma	9 a.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Virginia Tech at Miami	9 a.m.	Root
Men's college, DePaul at Butler	9 a.m.	FS1
Men's college, La Salle at Fordham	9:30 a.m.	NBCSN
NBA, Portland at New York	10 a.m.	NBCSNW
Men's college, Kansas at West Virginia	11 a.m.	CBS
Men's college, St. Bonaventure at Saint Louis	11 a.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Florida at LSU	11 a.m.	ESPN
Men's college, East Carolina at Memphis	11 a.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, St. John's at Providence	11 a.m.	FS1
Men's college, Wisconsin at Illinois	11:30 a.m.	FOX
Men's college, Texas at Oklahoma St.	noon	ABC
Men's college, Mississippi St. at South Carolina	12:30 p.m.	. SEC
Men's college, Washington at Oregon	1 p.m.	CBS
Men's college, Air Force at UNLV	1 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Pittsburgh at Virginia	1 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Ole Miss at Auburn	1 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Northwestern at Purdue	1:30 p.m.	Big Ten
Men's college, Creighton at Marquette	2 p.m.	FOX
Men's college, Colorado St. at Wyoming	3 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, North Carolina at Duke	3 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, UCF at Tulsa	3 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Washington St. at Oregon St.	3 p.m.	Pac-12,
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	PaC-	-12 (Ore)
Men's college, Vanderbilt at Georgia	3 p.m.	SEC
Men's college, Nebraska at Michigan St.	3:30 p.m.	Big Ten
Men's college, Tennessee at Kentucky	5 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Massachusetts at Rhode Island	5 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Prairie View A&M at Texas Southern	5 p.m.	<b>ESPNU</b>
Men's college, Arizona at Colorado	5 p.m.	FS1
NBA, Golden State at Dallas	5:30 p.m.	ABC
Men's college, UCLA at Southern Cal	7 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Cal State Bakersfield at UC Irvine	7 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, Utah St. at Fresno St.	7 p.m.	FS1
GOLF		
PGA Tour, Phoenix Open	10 a.m.	Golf
PGA Tour, Phoenix Open	noon	NBC
European Tour, Saudi International	12:30 a.m. (Sur	n) Golf
HOCKEY		
College, Notre Dame at Ohio St.	10:30 a.m.	Big Ten
College, Nebraska-Omaha at Denver	5 p.m.	CBSSN
HORSE RACING		

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## **SPORTS BRIEFING**

America's Day at the Races

Women's college, Utah at Arizona St.

Women's college, Minnesota at Iowa

**GYMNASTICS** 

## **BASKETBALL**

**Short-handed Blazers rout Sixers 121-105** — Already without one All-Star, the 76ers held their collective breath as another left Thursday's game in the first quarter after landing awkwardly on his right knee. Yet Joel Embiid's departure was brief before his dominant return. His teammates couldn't follow his lead. Embiid scored 37 points, but the Sixers (16-7) lost, 121-105, to an undermanned Portland Trail Blazers team in Philadelphia. The Blazers (12-9) pulled away with a 40-19 third quarter after the teams were tied 57-57 at halftime. Trail Blazers' Damian Lillard missed his first game of the season with an abdominal strain and C.J. McCollum was out for his eighth straight game with a left foot fracture for the Blazers. Portland only had nine available players, but they got double-digit scoring from seven of them, including 24 from Gary Trent Jr. and 22 from Carmelo Anthony. Enes Kanter had a double-double with 17 points and 18 rebounds.

## **GOLF**

## NeSmith, Hubbart early leaders at Phoenix Open —

Co-leader Matthew NeSmith nearly made a hole-in-one on the par-3 16th — and barely got a reaction from the few fans. Xander Schauffele flubbed a chip — and couldn't help but hear a surprised spectator's reaction. With attendance capped at about 5,000 at sunny TPC Scottsdale — a fraction of the usual turnout but the most for a PGA Tour event since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic — the Phoenix Open began Thursday with some very different sights and sounds. Ne-Smith started on No. 10, and went through 16 in the morning before many of the 2,000 allowed fans made their way to the stadium hole. NeSmith and Mark Hubbard topped the leaderboard at 8-under 63, a stroke ahead of fellow morning starters Nate Lashley and Sam Burns, and two in front of 53-year-old Ryder Cup captain Steve Stricker. Hubbard had his lowest score on the PGA Tour, and NeSmith matched his career low.

- Bulletin wire reports

# **SCOREBOARD**

#### **FOOTBALL**

NFL playoffs **Sunday at Tampa, Fla.** Tampa Bay vs. Kansas City, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

America's Line SUPER BOWL Open Current O/U Favorite CHIEFS 31/2 56

**GOLF** 

**PGA Tour** Phoenix Open Partial Scores Thursday at Scottsdale, Ariz

Yardage: 7,266; Par: 71 First Round	
Matthew NeSmith	33-30-63
Mark Hubbard	32-31-63
Nate Lashley	31-33-64
Sam Burns	32-32-64
Steve Stricker	33-3265
Tom Hoge	33-33-66
Xander Schauffele	33-33-66
Ted Potter, Jr.	32-3466
Keegan Bradley	31-35-66
Billy Horschel	34-32-66
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	34-32-66
James Hahn, 34-33—67. Carlos Ortiz, 31-36-	-67. Andrew
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Putnam, 33-34—67. Bo Hoag, 32-35—67. Scott Stallings, 36-31—67. Scottie Scheffler, 33-34—67. Adam Hadwin, 32-35—67. Michael Kim, 32-35—67. Jordan Spieth, 35-32—67. Matt Jones, 33-35—68. Russell Knox, 31-37—68. Brooks Koepka, 35-33—68. J.T. Poston, 33-35—68. Zach Johnson, 35-33—68. Satoshi Kodaira, 34-34—68. Cameron Champ, 34-34—68. Kevin Streelman, 33-35—68. Henrik Norlander, 35-33—68. Harold Varner III, 34-34—68. John Huh, 36-32—68. Jon Rahm, 33-35—68. Matthew Wolff, 32-36—68. Ryan Armour, 35-33—68. Brendon Todd, 33-35—68. Nick

Emiliano Grillo, 34-35—69. Byeong Hun An, 35-34—69. Daniel Berger, 34-35—69. Max Homa, 34-35—69. Patton Kizzire, 33-36—69. Richy Werenski, 34-35—69. Pat Perez, 36-33—69. Louis Oosthuizen, 34-35—69. Bo Van Pelt, 35-34—69. Stewart Cink, 33-36—69. Chez Reavie, 32-37—69. Corey Conners, 34-35—69. Matt Kuchar, 33-36—69.

#### RASKETRALI

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Phila.	16	7	.696	_
Milwaukee	13	8	.619	:
Brooklyn	14	9	.609	
Boston Indiana	11 12	9 10	.550	3½ 3½
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		12	.455	
Cleveland	10		.455	51/
Atlanta New York	10 10	12 13	.455	51/
	9	12	.435	
Toronto	8	12	.429 .400	61/
Chicago Orlando	8		.400	71/
Oriando Miami	8 7	14 14	.304	//
Washington	5	13	.278	81/
Detroit	5	16	.238	1
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Utah	17	5	.773	-
L.A. Clippers	17	6	.739	1,
L.A. Lakers	16	6	.727	,
Denver	12	8	.600	
Portland	12	9	.571	41/
Memphis	9	7	.563	
Phoenix	11	9	.550	
Golden State	12	10	.545	
San Antonio	12	10	.545	
Houston	10	10	.500	
Sacramento	10	11	.476	61/
Oklahoma City	9	11	.450	-
New Orleans	8	12	.400	
Dallas	9	14	.391	81/
Minnesota	5	16	.238	111
Wer	lnesday's	r I ato Ga	mac	

#### Thursday's Games

Utah 112, Atlanta 91 Golden State 147, Dallas 116 Portland 121, Phila. 105 Houston at Memphis, late Denver at L.A. Lakers, late

Thursday's Box Score

Trail Blazers 121, 76ers 105 PORTLAND (121) Anthony 8-14 3-4 22, Covington 4-9 0-0 9, Kanter 7-14 3-4 17, Hood 7-14 0-0 16, Trent Jr. 8-23 4-4 24, Giles III 2-4 0-0 4, Elleby 5-9 4-6 15, Blevins 0-2 0-0 0, Simons 4-9 4-5 14. Totals 45-98 18-23 121.

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PHILADELPHIA (105)

Harris 5-14 2-2 12, Korkmaz 5-14 2-2 13, Embiid 14-21
9-9 37, Curry 0-1 0-0 0, Green 1-5 0-0 3, Bradley 1-1 0-0
2, Howard 1-2 0-2 2, Milton 4-9 4-5 12, Poirier 0-0 0-0 0, Joe 2-3 0-0 6, Maxey 5-8 3-4 15, Thybulle 1-3 0-0 3. **Totals 39-81 20-24 105.** 

28 29 40 24 — 121 Portland Philadelphia 28 29 19 29 — 105 3-Point Goals—Portland 13-31 (Trent Jr. 4-9, Anthony Philadelphia 3-4, Hood 2-2, Simons 2-7, Covington 1-4, Elleby 1-5) Philadelphia 7-27 (Joe 2-3, Maxey 2-4, Thybulle 1-3, Green 1-5, Korkmaz 1-7, Harris 0-2, Milton 0-2). **Fouled** Out-None. Rebounds-Portland 53 (Kanter 18), Philadelphia 37 (Harris 11). **Assists**—Portland 17 (Anthony 5), Philadelphia 19 (Harris 5). **Total Fouls**—Portland 18, Philadelphia 15. **A**—0 (20,478)

Friday's Games Chicago at Orlando, 4 p.m

New Orleans at Indiana, 4 p.m. Milwaukee at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m. Toronto at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m. Utah at Charlotte, 5 p.m. Washington at Miami, 5 p.m. Detroit at Phoenix, 6 p.m. Boston at L.A. Clippers, 7 p.m.

	Men	i's c	olleg	e		
	PAC-12	2 CON	IFEREN	CE		
	Co	nfere	ence	Α	ll Gan	nes
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
UCLA	9	1	.900	13	3	.813
Southern Cal	8	2	.800	14	3	.824
Oregon	4	2	.667	9	3	.750
Colorado	7	4	.636	13	5	.722
Arizona	7	5	.583	13	5	.722
Stanford	7	5	.583	11	7	.611
Oregon St.	5	5	.500	9	7	.563
Utah	5	6	.455	8	7	.533
Arizona St.	3	5	.375	6	8	.429
Washington St.	3	7	.300	10	7	.588
Washington	2	9	.182	3	13	.188
California	2	11	.154	7	13	.350
		sday's	Game	S		
Utah 73, Arizon						
Stanford 70, Cal	ifornia	55				

#### Thursday's Box Score

Oregon St. 91, Washington 71 Washington St. at Oregon, late Arizona St. at Colorado, ppd.

Oregon St. 91, Washington 71 **WASHINGTON (3-13)**Brooks 0-1 0-0 0, Roberts 3-3 0-0 6, Bey 2-6 8-8 13, Green 1-7 0-0 2, Stevenson 5-11 4-4 14, Tsohonis 8-13 4-4 22, Wright 3-5 0-0 8, Baiema 1-3 4-6 6, Sorn 0-2 0-0 0, Pryor 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 23-51 20-22 71.** OREGON ST. (9-7)

Alatishe 7-13 1-2 15, Silva 6-7 2-2 14, Lucas 6-12 2-3 19, Reichle 4-9 7-7 17, Thompson 6-12 1-1 16, Calloo 2-6 2-2 7, Tucker 0-1 1-2 1, Hunt 0-1 0-0 0, Silver 0-2 0-0 0, Andela 1-1 0-0 2, Franklin 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 32**-65 16-19 91. Halftime—Oregon St. 47-35. 3-Point Goals—Wash-

ington 5-20 (Wright 2-3, Tsohonis 2-4, Bey 1-2, Bajema 0-2, Green 0-4, Stevenson 0-5), Oregon St. 11-24 (Lucas 5-9, Thompson 3-7, Reichle 2-4, Calloo 1-2, Silver 0-2). Fouled Out—Silva. Rebounds—Washington 30 (Sorn 6), Oregon St. 27 (Alatishe 11). Assists—Washington 10 (Bey, Green, Stevenson 2), Oregon St. 25 (Reichle 8). **Total Fouls**—Washington 17, Oregon St. 21.

Saturday's Games Washington at Oregon, 1 p.m. Washington St. at Oregon St., 3 p.m. Arizona at Colorado, 5 p.m. No. 21 UCLA at Southern Cal, 7 p.m.

## Thursday's Games

No. 1 Gonzaga 76, Pacific 58 No. 7 Ohio St. 89, No. 8 Iowa 85

## Women's college

	Conterence			Al	I Gan	nes
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Stanford	12	2	.857	15	2	.882
Arizona	9	2	.818	11	2	.846
UCLA	8	2	.800	10	2	.833
Oregon	9	3	.750	11	3	.786
Washington St.	6	6	.500	8	6	.571
Southern Cal	5	6	.455	7	7	.500
Oregon St.	4	5	.444	6	5	.545
Arizona St.	4	6	.400	8	6	.571
Colorado	4	7	.364	6	8	.429
Utah	3	10	.231	4	10	.286
Washington	1	8	.111	4	8	.333
California	0	8	000	0	11	000

PAC-12

Friday's Games No. 5 UCLA at Washington St., noon No. 9 Arizona at Oregon St., 4 p.m. Colorado at No. 6 Stanford, 6 p.m. Utah at California, 6 p.m. Southern Cal at Washington, 7 p.m. Arizona St. at No. 12 Oregon, ppd. Saturday's Game UC Davis at No. 12 Oregon, 6 p.m.

#### **TOP 25 SCORES** Thursdays Games

No. 1 Louisville 97, Boston College 68 No. 2 South Carolina 77, Auburn 58 No. 7 Texas A&M 54,. LSU 41 No. 8 Baylor 83, Kansas 50 No. 10 Maryland 84, Wisconsin 48 No. 11 Ohio St. 92, Iowa 87 No. 13 Michigan vs. Minnesota, ppd. Mississippi 72, No. 15 Kentucky 60 No. 16 Arkansas 85, Missouri 80 No. 17 Indiana vs. Rutgers, ppd. No. 18 Tennessee at No. 24 Mississippi St., ppd. No. 20 DePaul at Seton Hall, ppd No. 25 Georgia 83, Alabama 76, OT

#### **HOCKEY**

NHL NHL Glance NHL								
Boston	10	7	1	2	16	34	2	
Philadelphia	11	7	2	2	16	38	3.	
Washington	11	6	2	3	15	40	3	
Pittsburgh	10	5	4	1	11	30	3	
New Jersey	9	4	3	2	10	23	2	
N.Y. Rangers	10	4	4	2	10	29	2	
Buffalo	10	4	4	2	10	30	3	
N.Y. Islanders	9	3	4	2	8	19	2	
Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	G/	
Tampa Bay	8	6	1	1	13	29	1	
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	31	3	
Florida	7	5	0	2	12	27	2	
Carolina	8	6	2	0	12	26	1	
Chicago	12	4	4	4	12	35	3	
Dallas	8	5	2	1	11	32	2	
Nashville	10	5	5	0	10	28	3	
Detroit	11	2	7	2	6	21	4	
West	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	G/	
Colorado	11	7	3	1	15	38	2	
St. Louis	11	7	3	1	15	39	3	
Minnesota	11	6	5	0	12	30	3	
Vegas	7	5	1	1	11	23	1	
Anaheim	11	4	5	2	10	19	2	
Arizona	10	4	5	1	9	27	2	
Los Angeles	9	3	4	2	8	26	2	
San Jose	8	3	5	0	6	22	3	
North	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	G/	
Toronto	11	8	2	1	17	40	3	
Montreal	11	7	2	2	16	46	3	
Winnipeg	11	7	3	1	15	39	3	
Edmonton	12	6	6	0	12	42	4	
Vancouver	14	6	8	0	12	48	5	
Calgary	10	4	5	1	9	27	2	
Ottawa	11	2	8	1	5	27	5	

## Thursday's Games

Columbus 4, Dallas 3 Toronto 7, Vancouver 3 N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 2 Ottawa 3, Montreal 2 Nashville 6, Florida 5, OT Winnipeg 4, Calgary 1 Arizona 4, St. Louis 3 Chicago 6, Carolina 4 Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, ppd. New Jersey at Pittsburgh, ppd. Minnesota at Colorado, ppd. Friday's Games

Boston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m. Nashville at Florida, 4 p.m. Los Angeles at Vegas, 7 p.m. San Jose at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

### **DEALS**

#### **Transactions** BASEBALL Major League Baseball

American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Acquired OF Dexter Fowler and cash considerations from St. Louis in exchange for a player to be named later or cash considerations. TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Nick

Vincent on a minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Announced Charlie Montoyo manager, Dave Hudgens bench coach. Guillermo Martinez ng coach, Pete Walker pitching coach, Mark Budzinski first base coach, Luis Rivera third base coach, Matt Buschmann director of pitching and development and bullpen coach, John Schneider major league coach and

Gil Kim player development.

National League SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with INF Tommy La Stella on a three-year contract. Minor League Baseball

# Atlantic League LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed C Sal Giardina. American Association of Professional Baseball

BOARD OF DIRECTORS — Announced Kane County Cougars as new league member.

Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed LHP Andrew Gist.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed OF Jhalan Jackson.
TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS — Signed 3B Carter Maxwell. FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed QB Cole McDonald to a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BEARS — Named Michael Pitre running

DENVER BRONCOS — Named Chris Cook offensive quality control coach. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed LS Taybor Pepper to

a two-year extension.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Agreed to terms with OL SirVincent Rogers on a one-year contract extension. TORONTO ARGONAUTS — Signed DL Charleston Hughes to a two-year contract. Acquired DL Cordorro Law in a trade with the Calgary Stampeders. WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Agreed to terms with R Janarion Grant on a one-year contract extension. HOCKEY National Hockey League

## COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Designated G Cam Johnson for assignment to the taxi squad. Promoted G Matiss Kivlenieks to the active roster from the taxi squad. DALLAS STARS — Promoted F Jason Robertson to the

tive roster from the taxi squad.

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Reassigned D Alec Rauhauser from Syracuse (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL). NEW YORK RANGERS — Promoted D Libor Hajek to the active roster from the taxi squad.

OTTAWA SENATORS — Promoted D Erik Brannstrom to the active roster from the taxi squad. Designated D Braydon Coburn for assignment to the taxi squad

## SOCCER

Major League Soccer
AUSTIN FC — Signed free agent F Aaron Schoenfeld.
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Signed MF Eryk Williamson
multi-year contract extension.
National Women's Soccer League CHICAGO RED STARS — Waived D Hannah Davison.

ORLANDO PRIDE — Acquired rights to F Jodie Taylor from North Carolina Courage in exchange for D Car-COLLEGE
EAST CAROLINA — Named Colby Bortles director

of operations and Dennis Wilson strength and conditioning coach.

## **Chiefs**

## Continued from B3

Nor should players overlooked by every other NFL team in the draft, including games, jump at the opportunity to sign with Kansas City when it would appear to be a longshot to survive the cut.

Yet those are some of the reasons why guys such as linebacker Ben Niemann and defensive tackle Tershawn Wharton not only signed with the Chiefs but carved out important roles.

They are surrounded by some of the NFL's best players every time they step into the locker room, and that often forces them to raise their play

to a level not even they thought possible.

They are welcomed by a group of players so confident and secure in their own ability that they are willing to pour edge they can. And with Reid in control, they have a coach that has proven over several decades that he can get the best out of his players.

The result: 2020 fourthround draft pick L'Jarius Sneed was among the highest-rated cornerbacks in the league this season, and 2019 sixthrounder Rashad Fenton has become indispensable alongside him and Sorensen in the defensive backfield.

When injuries popped up on the offensive line, the Chiefs plugged a big hole with Nick Allegretti, a seventh-round pick in 2019. They also added depth with Yasir Durant, an undrafted rookie capable of playing several positions.

playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

"When they're looking for guys to add to our roster," Chiefs offensive line coach Andy Heck said, "they're looking for guys that love football, love to compete. Self-starters. That would be true on the offensive line. Guys that are extremely tough, guys that are able to move onto the next play, guys that are physically tough and rugged."

Reid deserves much of the credit, but so does general manager Brett Veach, who has an uncanny ability to unearth talent everywhere from junior

colleges and Division II schools to the mighty Southeastern Conference.

He needs to keep doing it, too. Like any other NFL team, the Chiefs can only afford to carry the gargantuan contrac of Mahomes and their other pricey stars if they're able to stock the rest of the roster with inexpensive talent.

"Brett does a nice job of knowing what the coaches need to be successful on both sides of the ball," Reid said. "He listens and weighs out what his scouts believe, what he believes, what the coaches believe, then he comes to a conclusions. He's been strong on his conviction with certain players that he thought would boost us and gone for it. And it's worked out."

## **NHL**

FS2

Pac-12

**ESPNU** 

11 a.m.

noon

1 p.m.

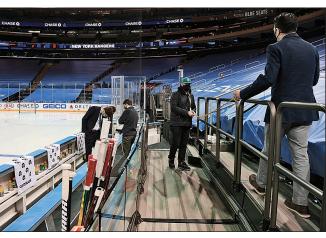
## Continued from B3

The Wild added another player to the list Thursday to get up to seven total and the Sabres said 61-year-old coach Ralph Krueger had tested positive and will enter virus protocol immediately. Vegas had three coaches in the protocol last week.

"The league is reacting to what's happening right now, and it's normal," Pittsburgh defenseman Kris Letang said. "They're trying to find ways to make it safer and to just act and try and find ways that we can still get our stuff done but in different ways."

So far, 22 games have been postponed affecting 16 of the league's 24 U.S.-based teams. Only one of the 40 players currently on the COVID list is from a Canadian team, and that is because Pierre-Luc Dubois is in quarantine after a trade from Columbus to Win-

nipeg.
The Jets' union representative, Andrew Copp, said he understands some of the changes but is particularly unhappy with later arrivals on game day, which he believes will be challenged in the name



Due to updated COVID-19 protocols, the glass has been removed from behind the team benches as workers take measurements for additional safety methods prior to a game between the Capitals and the Rangers at Madison Square Garden on Thursday in New York.

of preventing injuries.

"It's getting your mind right, it's getting your body right to put out the best possible product for the fans and trying to lower injury as much as possible," Copp said. "This is pretty much the only place we're allowed to come. ... I don't see what the difference is between a 5:15 and 4:15 entrance for guys."

After completing last season in quarantined bubbles in Toronto and Edmonton, Alberta, the NHL planned for 2021 out-

side a bubble with 12 different protocol documents spanning 213 pages. The rules call for masks everywhere at team facilities, including locker rooms, and coaches and backup goaltenders wearing them on the bench. Teams were also shuffled into four divisions and are playing only division foes over a shortened 56-game regular season schedule to limit travel.

Being on the road at all may be the biggest concern.

"Because you are going in and out of hotel lobbies and

"(The league is) trying to find ways to make it safer and to just act and try and find ways that we can still get our stuff done but in different ways."

#### - Kris Letang, Pittsburgh Penguins defenseman

elevators with other people around, it's impossible to feel as safe," Bowness said. "You've got strangers on the elevator. In Carolina the other day when we were getting on to an elevator, a couple got off and the woman did not have a mask on, so we don't know, was she coughing in the elevator? Was she sneezing? Who knows?"

Players, coaches and staff are also limited to the hotel and

rink on the road. "I think the protocols are appropriate," Philadelphia general manager Chuck Fletcher said Tuesday. "You can do everything right and still contract COVID. I think we're all trying to be careful. I think the players recognize how fortunate we are to be back playing, playing games, competing for a Stanley Cup and earning a paycheck."