TUESDAY

BASKETBALL	Time	TV
WEDNESDAY		
FIS Alpine Skiing, World Championships: Team Parallel Event	3 a.m.	NBCSN
Championships: Parallel Slalom Finals	5 a.m.	NBCSN
FIS Alpine Skiing, FIS World Alpine Skiing		
WINTER SPORTS		
2021 Australian Open Tennis, Men's Quarterfinal	12:30 a.m.	ESPN2
Tennis, Phillip Island Trophy, Quarterfinals	6 p.m.	TENNIS
Australian Open, Men's and Women's Quarterfinals	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Australian Open, Men's & Women's Quarterfinals	4 p.m.	TENNIS
TENNIS	110011	CDSSIV
UEFA Champions League, Barcelona vs Paris Saint-Germain	noon	CBSSN
SOCCER		
NHL, Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins	4 p.m.	NBCSN
HOCKEY	, p	. 15 05 11
Sailing, Prada Cup	7 p.m.	NBCSN
BOATING	7 p.m.	1141
NBA, Brooklyn Nets at Phoenix Suns	7 p.m.	TNT
Men's College, Nississippi State at Auburn	6 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's College, La Salle at Sallit Louis Men's College, Texas at Oklahoma	6 p.m.	ESPN
Men's College, La Salle at Saint Louis	6 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's College, Xavier at St. John's	5:30 p.m.	FS1
Men's College, South Carolina at Tennessee	5:30 p.m.	SFC
NBA, New Orleans Pelicans at Memphis Grizziles NBA, Portland Trail Blazers at Oklahoma City Thunder		NBCSNW
NBA, New Orleans Pelicans at Memphis Grizzlies	4 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	TNT
Men's College, Temple at Tulsa	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's College, Dayton at knode Island Men's College, Teams TBA	4 p.m. ESP	
Men's College, Providence at Connecticut Men's College, Dayton at Rhode Island	4 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's College, Providence at Connecticut	3:30 p.m.	FS1
Men's College, Missouri at Georgia	3:30 p.m.	SFC
Men's College, Teams TBA	2 p.m.	ESPN
NBA G League, Austin Spurs vs Canton Charge	Time noon	TV ESPNU

WEDNESDAY		
BASKETBALL	Time	TV
NBA G League, Erie BayHawks vs G League Ignite	noon	ESPNU
Men's College, TCU at Texas Tech	3 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's College, Marquette at Butler	3:30 p.m.	FS1
Men's College, VCU at Richmond	4 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's College, South Florida at UCF	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's College, Clemson at Notre Dame	4 p.m.	ROOT
Men's College, Kentucky at Vanderbilt	4 p.m.	SEC
NBA, Houston Rockets at Philadelphia 76ers	4:30 p.m.	ESPN
Men's College, Arizona State at USC	5 p.m.	ESPN2
NBA, Portland Trail Blazers at New Orleans Pelicans	5 p.m.	NBCSNW
Men's College, DePaul at Seton Hall	5:30 p.m.	FS1
Men's College, Utah State at Boise State	6 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's College, Alabama at Texas A&M	6 p.m.	SEC
Women's College, Texas Tech at Oklahoma	6:30 p.m.	ROOT
NBA, Miami Heat at Golden State Warriors	7 p.m.	ESPN
HOCKEY		
NHL, Chicago Blackhawks at Detroit Red Wings	4:30 p.m.	NBCSN
NHL, Winnipeg Jets at Edmonton Oilers	7 p.m.	NBCSN
SOCCER		
Premier League, Burnley vs Fulham	9:55 a.m.	NBCSN
Premier League, Everton vs Manchester City	12:10 p.m.	. NBCSN
TENNIS		
Australian Open, Doubles Match TBA	4 p.m.	TENNIS
Australian Open, Women's Semifinals	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Tennis, Phillip Island Trophy, Semifinals	7 p.m.	TENNIS
Australian Open, Men's Semifinals	12:30 a.m.	ESPN
WINTER SPORTS		
FIS Alpine Skiing, FIS World Alpine Skiing		
Championships: Women's Giant Slalom (Run 2)	4:30 a.m.	NBCSN

SPORTS BRIEFING

Listings are the most accurate available.

FOOTBALL

Former NFL receiver Vincent Jackson found dead in **hotel room** — Former NFL wide receiver Vincent Jackson was found dead Monday at a Florida hotel room, days after authorities spoke with him as part of a welfare check, according to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. A housekeeper discovered the 38-year-old's body at around 11:30 a.m. Monday, officials said. There were no signs of trauma and the medical examiner's office was looking into a cause of death at the Homewood Suites in Brandon, near Tampa. Sheriff's officials said his family initially reported Jackson missing on Wednesday. Deputies tracked him down to the hotel two days later, spoke with him and canceled the missing persons case.

HOCKEY

World's longest hockey game played in deep freeze in Alberta — The world's longest hockey game carried on in ghastly cold weather. Forty people took turns playing hockey

on an outdoor rink 24 hours a day, seven days a week since Feb. 4., all in the name of cancer research. Temperatures plunged at times between a bone-shaking minus 40 and minus 67 Fahrenheit. Pucks were shattered as players passed them along the boards The seventh edition of the game has raised about \$1.5 million for cancer research at the University of Alberta. The game hit the 252-hour goal at dawn Monday and will break its own Guinness World Record. The final score, according to the event's Facebook page, was 2,649 to 2,528 for Team Hope.

BASKETBALL

Michael Jordan gives \$10M for North Carolina health

clinics — Michael Jordan is donating \$10 million to launch two medical clinics in underserved communities near his hometown in North Carolina, a regional health care system announced Monday. The Novant Health clinics are set to open in early 2022 in New Hanover County along North Carolina's southeastern coast, according to a statement from the system. The gift marks one of the largest ever from the basketball legen, news outlets reported. Jordan previously gave \$7 million to open Michael Jordan Family Clinics in Charlotte in 2019 and 2020.

-Bulletin wire reports



MEGABUCKS

The numbers drawn Monday night are:

(2)(5)(6)(18)(31)(45) The estimated jackpot is now \$2 million.

As listed at OregonLottery.org and individual lottery websites

SCOREBOARD

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BASKETBALL

	N	BA		
E/	ASTERN C	ONFEREN	ICE	
	W	L	Pct	Gl
Phila.	18	9	.667	_
Milwaukee	16	11	.593	- 2
Brooklyn	16	12	.571	21/
Indiana	14	14	.500	41/
Boston	13	13	.500	41/
New York	14	15	.483	
Charlotte	13	15	.464	51/
Toronto	12	15	.444	(
Miami	11	15	.423	61/
Chicago	11	15	.423	61/
Atlanta	11	16	.407	
Orlando	10	18	.357	81/
Cleveland	10	18	.357	81/
Washington	8	17	.320	9
Detroit	8	19	.296	10
W	ESTERN C			
	W	L	Pct	Gl
Utah	22	5	.815	-
L.A. Lakers	21	7	.750	11/
A. Clippers	20	8	.714	21/
Phoenix	17	9	.654	41/
Portland	16	10	.615	51/
San Antonio	16	11	.593	(
Denver	15	11	.577	61/
Golden State	14	13	.519	8
Memphis	11	11	.500	81/
Dallas	13	15	.464	91/
Sacramento	12	14	.462	91/
New Orleans	11	15	.423	101/
Oklahoma City	11	15	.423	101/
Houston	11	16	.407	1
Minnesota	7	20	.259	15

Chicago 120, Indiana 112, OT New York 123, Atlanta 112 Phila. at Utah, late Brooklyn at Sacramento, late. Cleveland at Golden State, late Miami at L.A. Clippers, late

Tuesday's Games Denver at Boston, 4 p.m. San Antonio at Detroit, ppd New Orleans at Memphis, 4:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 5 p.m. Portland at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m. Toronto at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.

Brooklyn at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 4 p.m. New York at Orlando, 4 p.m. Atlanta at Boston, 4:30 p.m. Houston at Phila., 4:30 p.m. Denver at Washington, 5 p.m. Indiana at Minnesota, 5 p.m. San Antonio at Cleveland, 5 p.m Detroit at Dallas, 6 p.m. Oklahoma City at Memphis, 6 p.m. Portland at New Orleans, 6 p.m. Miami at Golden State, 7 p.m. Utah at L.A. Clippers, 7 p.m.

Men's College

THE AP TOP 25								
	Record	Pts	Prv					
1. Gonzaga (59)	20-0	1595	1					
2. Baylor (5)	17-0	1541	2					
3. Michigan	14-1	1469	3					
4. Ohio Št.	17-4	1402	4					
5. Illinois	14-5	1311	6					
6. Houston	17-2	1170	8					
7. Virginia	15-3	1129	9					
8. Alabama	17-5	1085	11					
9. Oklahoma	13-5	1071	12					
10. Villanova	13-3	1060	5					
11. lowa	15-6	910	15					
12. Texas	13-5	885	13					
13. West Virginia	14-6	836	14					
14. Creighton	16-5	793	19					
15. Texas Tech	14-6	791	7					
16. Florida St.	11-3	624	17					
17. Southern Cal	17-3	586	20					
18. Virginia Tech	14-4	513	18					
19. Tennessee	14-5	452	16					
20. Missouri	13-5	412	10					
21. Wisconsin	15-7	274	21					
22. Loyola of Chicago	0-0	166	22					
23. Kansas	15-7	140	-					
24. Arkansas	16-5	111	-					
25. San Diego St.	15-4	75	-					
Others receiving votes	Oklahoma S	t. 71. Ruta	ers 49.					

Belmont 47, Louisville 40, Colorado 31, Oregon 30, Drake 22, Purdue 20, Clemson 17, LSU 16, Florida 16, UCLA 10, VCU 10, Saint Louis 5, Xavier 4, Toledo 2, Western Ken tucky 2, North Carolina 2, UC Santa Barbara 1, BYU 1, Wichita St. 1, Wright St. 1, Utah St. 1.

MEN'S DASVETDALL COACHES DOL

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		Record	Pts	Prv
	1. Gonzaga (28)	20-0	796	1
	2. Baylor (4)	17-0	772	2
	3. Michigan	14-1	734	3
	4. Ohio State	17-4	680	5
	5. Illinois	14-5	600	6
	(tie)Houston	17-2	600	7
	7. Villanova	13-3	573	4
	8. Virginia	15-3	559	9
	9. Alabama	17-5	521	11
	Oklahoma	13-5	493	12
	11. Texas Tech	14-6	412	8
	12. Creighton	16-5	407	17
	13. Texas	13-5	400	13
	14 lows	15-6	300	16

16. Florida State 17. Virginia Tech 316 18. Southern California 19. Missouri 284 246 20. Tennessee 21. Wisconsin 191 123 22. Oklahoma St. 13-6 109 23. Loyola-Chicago 24. Kansas

25. Oregon

Dropped out: No. 24 UCLA (14-5); No. 25 Purdue (13-8). **Others receiving votes:** San Diego State (15-4) 45; Louisville (11-4) 41; Arkansas (16-5) 32; Rutgers (12-7) 28; Belmont (22-1) 28; Purdue (13-8) 23; Drake (20-2) 19; Clemson (13-5) 16; Florida (10-5) 15; UCLA (14-5) 13; Colorado (16-6) 13; LSU (13-6) 12; Utah State. (14-5) 7; Seton Hall (12-8) 5; Winthrop (18-1) 4; Colorado State (14-4) 3; St. John's (13-8) 2; Saint Louis (10-3) 2; Boise

12-4

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State (16-4) 2; Xavier (11-3) 1.									
PACIFIC-12 CONFERENCE									
Conference All Games									
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct			
Southern Cal	11	2	.846	17	3	.850			
UCLA	10	3	.769	14	5	.737			
Oregon	7	3	.700	12	4	.750			
Colorado	10	5	.667	16	6	.727			
Stanford	9	6	.600	13	8	.619			
Arizona	8	7	.533	14	7	.667			
Utah	6	7	.462	9	8	.529			
Oregon St.	6	8	.429	10	10	.500			
Arizona St.	4	6	.400	7	9	.438			
Washington St.	5	10	.333	12	10	.545			
Washington	3	12	.200	4	16	.200			
California	3	13	.188	8	15	.348			
			Games						
Washington 65, Washington St. 63									

Monday's Games AP TOP 25 No. 7 Virginia (15-4) lost to No. 16 Florida St. 81-60.

Wednesday's Games

n Cal, 5 p.m. SCORES

SOUTH Chattanooga 53, ETSU 51 E. Kentucky 83, Tennessee Tech 72 Florida St. 81, Virginia 60 Longwood 83, Hampton 73 Presbyterian 75, SC-Upstate 65 Stephen F. Austin 89, New Orleans 79 MIDWEST

Murray St. 86, SIU-Edwardsville 57 Washington 65, Washington St. 63

Women's College THE APTOP 25 Record 1. UConn (26) 16-1

3. Louisville	19-1	675	3
4. NC State	13-2	642	3
5. Texas A&M (1)	19-1	639	
6. Stanford (1)	18-2	627	5
7. Baylor	16-2	564	7
8. UČLA	12-3	530	
9. Maryland	14-2	515	ç
10. Arizona	14-2	505	10
11. Michigan	11-1	432	12
12. South Florida	11-1	386	14
13. Oregon	12-4	377	11
14. Indiana	13-4	332	15
15. Ohio St.	12-3	303	12
16. Gonzaga	18-2	272	17
17. Kentucky	14-5	260	20
18. Arkansas	15-7	248	18
19. DePaul	11-4	174	22
19. West Virginia	16-3	174	19
21. Tennessee	12-5	172	16
22. Georgia	16-4	139	24
South Dakota St.	17-2	130	23
24. Northwestern	11-4	92	21

13-2 Others receiving votes: Rutgers 10, Stephen F Austin 7, Oklahoma St. 6, Florida Gulf Coast 5, Georgia Tech 3, Mississippi St. 2, Virginia Tech 2, Rice 2.

PAC-12 CONFERENCE								
		nfere			II Gan	nes		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
Stanford	16	2	.889	19	2	.905		
Arizona	12	2	.857	14	2	.875		
UCLA	10	3	.769	12	3	.800		
Oregon	9	5	.643	12	5	.706		
Southern Cal	8	7	.533	10	8	.556		
Washington St.	7	9	.438	9	9	.500		
Colorado	6	8	.429	8	9	.471		
Arizona St.	5	7	.417	10	7	.588		
Oregon St.	4	6	.400	6	6	.500		
Utaĥ	4	13	.235	5	13	.278		
Washington	2	11	.154	5	11	.313		
California	0	10	.000	0	13	.000		

SCORES Monday's Games

Monday's Game

No. 17 Kentucky (15-5) beat Florida 88-80. No. 22 Georgia (16-4) beat Missouri 82-64. EAST Creighton 42, Georgetown 41 Fairleigh Dickinson 71, Wagner 46

No. 6 Stanford 63, No. 13 Oregon 6

Gardner-Webb 66, Winthrop 50 Jacksonville St. 73, E. Kentucky 55 Kentucky 88, Florida 80 MIDWEST
DePaul 82, Seton Hall 76

FAR WEST San Diego 82, Pepperdine 59 Stanford 63, Oregon 61 UNLV 80, San Diego St. 65

HOCKEY

East	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ	
Boston	14	10	2	2	22	42	30	
Philadelphia	13	8	3	2 3 3	18	46	41	
N.Y. Islanders	14	7	4	3	17	35	34	
Washington	13	6	4		15	47	51	
Pittsburgh	13	7	5	1	15	43	47	
N.Y. Rangers	13	4	6	3	11	31	34	
New Jersey	9	4	3	2	10	23	26	
Buffalo	11	4	5	2	10	31	35	
Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ	
Tampa Bay	14	10	3	1	21	54	32	
Florida	13	9	2	2	20	44	40	
Carolina	13	10	3	0	20	50	36	
Chicago	17	8	5	4	20	50	51	
Columbus	17	7	6	4	18	50	60	
Dallas	12	5	3	4	14	40	34	
Nashville	15	6	9	0	12	36	52	
Detroit	17	4	10	3	11	35	54	
West	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ	
Vegas	13	10	2	1	21	41	28	
St. Louis	16	9	5	2	20	52	49	
Arizona	15	7	6	2	16	40	42	
Colorado	12	7	4	1	15	38	25	
Anaheim	15	6	6	3	15	30	39	
Minnesota	11	6	5	0	12	30	30	
Los Angeles	13	4	6	3	11	40	44	
San Jose	13	5	7	1	11	35	49	
North	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ	
Toronto	16	11	3	2	24	58	44	
Montreal	15	9	4	2	20	52	39	
Edmonton	16	9	7	0	18	55	52	
Winnipeg	14	8	5	1	17	47	38	
Calgary	14	7	6	1	15	40	37	
Vancouver	18	7	11	0	14	54	67	
Ottawa								
NOTE: Two po	17	4	12	1	9	40	69	

loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for

playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.

Monday's Games Arizona 1. St. Louis 0 N.Y. Islanders 3, Buffalo 1 Florida 6, Tampa Bay 4 Carolina 7 Columbus 3 Ottawa 6, Toronto 5, OT Chicago 3, Detroit 2, OT New Jersey at Boston, ppd Nashville at Dallas, ppd Winnipeg at Edmonton, late

Calgary at Vancouver, late Anaheim at San Jose, late Tuesday's Games N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 4 p.m. New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m. Washington at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m. Nashville at Dallas, 5:30 p.m Colorado at Vegas, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 7 p.m. Wednesday's Games Florida at Carolina, 2 p.m. Ottawa at Toronto, 4 p.m. Chicago at Detroit, 4:30 p.m. Vancouver at Calgary, 7 p.m. Winnipeg at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

Australian Open Monday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia Purse: AUD32,790,000 Surface: Hardcourt outdoo MEN'S SINGLES Fourth Round

Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, def. Mackenzie McDonald, United States, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3. Andrey Rubley (7), Russia, def. Casper Ruud (24), Norway, 6-2, 7-6 (3), ret. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Fabio Fognini (16), Italy, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Stefanos Tsitsipas (5), Greece, def. Matteo Berrettini (9), Italy, walkover.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Fourth Round Jessica Pegula, United States, def. Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Jennifer Brady (22), United States, def. Donna Vekic (28), Croatia, 6-1, 7-5. Karolina Muchova (25), Czech Republic, def. Elise Mertens (18), Belgium, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, def. Shelby Rogers, United States, 6-3, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES Third Round

Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (5), Britain, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand, and John Peers (10), Australia, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4). Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Filip Polasek (9), Slovakia, def. Horia Tecau, Romania, and Marcelo Melo (7), Brazil,

Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Jamie Murray (6), Britain, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, and Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4. Matthew Fhden and John-Patrick Smith Australia def lands, 7-6 (2), 6-4

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Third Round
Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova (3), Czech Republic, def. Bernarda Pera, United States, and Rosalie van Der Hoek, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-4. Sharon Fichman, Canada, and Giuliana Olmos, Mexico, def. Heather Watson, Britain, and Leylah Annie Fernandez, Canada, 6-3, 6-2. Caty McNally and Coco Gauff, United States, def. Alexa

Guarachi Mathison, Chile, and Desirae Krawczyk (9), United States, 7-5, 6-3. Nicole Melichar, United States, and Demi Schuurs (4),

Netherlands, def. Lyudmyla Kichenok, Ukraine, and Jelena Ostapenko (13), Latvia, 6-2, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES

6-3, 10-7.

Second Round Marcelo Melo, Brazil, and Vera Zvonareva, Russia, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, and Xu Yifan, China, 4-6,

MIXED DOUBLES

Third RoundArina Rodionova and Max Purcell, Australia, def. Robert Farah, Colombia, and Nicole Melichar (2), United States,

Storm Sanders and Marc Polmans Australia def Andrew Harris and Ellen Perez, Australia, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 10-8. Rajeev Ram, United States, and Barbora Krejcikova (6), Czech Republic, def. Ben Mclachlan and Ena Shibahara. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Mate Pavic (3), Cro-

atia, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and

MOTOR SPORTS

NASCAR Cup Series DAYTONA 500 Results Sunday at Daytona International Spe

Daytona Beach, Fla. Lap length: 2.50 miles (Start position in parentheses) 1. (17) Michael McDowell, Ford, 200 laps, 44 points. 2. (12) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200, 42. 3. (4) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 48. 4. (8) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 200, 42. 5. (25) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 200, 52. 6. (11) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 200, 40. 7. (34) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 200, 32.

8. (19) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 200, 29. 9. (16) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 200, 28. 10. (13) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200, 37. 11. (27) Cole Custer, Ford, 200, 27. 12. (9) Joey Logano, Ford, accident, 199, 33. 13. (24) Brad Keselowski, Ford, accident, 199, 25. 14. (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 199, 25. 15. (39) Austin Cindric, Ford, accident, 199, 0. 16. (5) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 199, 26.

17. (6) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, accident, 198, 32. 18. (21) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 198, 19. 19. (30) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 197, 18. 20. (28) Joey Gase, Ford, 196, 17. 21. (35) Cody Ware, Ford, 196, 16. 22 (20) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 195, 15 23. (38) BJ McLeod, Ford, 195, 0. 24. (37) Josh Bilicki, Ford, 194, 13.

25. (26) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 193, 12. 26. (2) William Byron, Chevrolet, 191, 11. 27. (29) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 188, 10. 28. (40) Kaz Grala, Chevrolet, garage, 115, 9. 29. (33) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, accident, 37, 8. 30. (14) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 14, 7. 31. (22) Chris Buescher, Ford, garage, 14, 6. 32. (36) Anthony Alfredo, Ford, garage, 14, 5. 33. (23) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, garage, 14, 4.

34. (3) Aric Almirola, Ford, accident, 13, 3. 35. (1) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, accident, 13, 2. 36. (15) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, accident, 13, 1. 37. (18) David Ragan, Ford, accident, 13, 1. 38. (7) Ryan Newman, Ford, accident, 13, 1. 39. (31) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, accident, 13, 1. 40. (32) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, accident, 3, 1

DEALS

Monday's Transactions BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with OF Billy Hamilton on a minor league contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with LHP Andrew Vasquez, RHPs Matt Canterino, Tom Hackimer, Robinson Leyer, Ryan Mason, Chandler Shepherd and Josh Winder, Cs Alex Isola and Kyle Schmidt, 3Bs Drew Maggi and Jose Miranda and 1Bs Aaron Sabato, Chris Williams and Zander Wiel.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with INF Jason Kipnis on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Named Jared Banner vice president of special projects in the baseball operations department. COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with C.J. Cron on a minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with C

Austin Barnes on a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with OF Travis Jankowski on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Named Kelly Jones chief peo-

ple officer. WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Named Chris Polian director of professional personnel. HOCKEY

National Hockey League NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Assigned D Frederic Alard to Chicago (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled G Aaron Dell from his

conditioning loan. Reassigned G Gilles Senn and D Josh SOCCER

Major League Soccer COLUMBUS CREW SC — Acquired \$175,000 in general allocation money, \$150,000 in 2021 GAM and \$25,000 in 2022 GAM from Orlando City SC in exchange for an international roster slot.

HOUSTON DYNAMO FC — Re-signed M Boniek Garcia. LOS ANGELES GALAXY — Signed D Oniel Fisher. SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Acquired M Eric Remedi from Atlanta United FC in exchange for \$200,000 of

2022 general allocation money.

COLLEGE

NOTRE DAME — Promoted Brian Polian to football associate head coach and Mike Elston to football recruiting and run game coordinator.

MLB | SPRING TRAINING

New year, but pandemic protocols remain

BY JAKE SEINER AP Baseball Writer

15. West Virginia

NEW YORK — Completing the 2020 season required MLB to rewrite its rule book. Stadiums were emptied, schedules rewritten. Some players opted out. The ones that didn't spat into COVID-19 testing cups until their mouths went dry.

"When it was all said and done, you kind of look back and go, 'God, that was the longest 60 games I've ever been a part of," veteran pitcher Jon Lester said last month.

Well, to borrow from another Chicago Cubs favorite: Let's play 162!

Against the backdrop of a still dangerous coronavirus pandemic, pitchers and catchers are reporting to spring training this week, the first step in a 2021 season that will take many of the complexities from 2020's 60-game sprint and stretch them over an additional four months.

Sure, there's the usual buzz over players with new homes. Blake Snell and Yu Darvish, hoping to push the upstart San Diego Padres over the top. Still in their way, the World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers, who upgraded with NL Cy



Alex Brandon/AP file

Atlanta Braves batting helmets sit on the field under a shining sun during a spring training baseball workout in Kissimmee, Florida, in 2014.

Young Award winner Trevor Bauer. Francisco Lindor is a Met, Nolan Arenado a Cardinal, and George Springer and Marcus Semien have joined up on the Blue Jays.

This season, though, promises to again be defined by the pandemic.

Offers by MLB to delay opening day were rejected by the players' association last month, defaulting the league into an on-time start.

Baseball will again use seven-inning doubleheaders and runners on second base to start extra innings — experiments introduced during last year's condensed regular season to ease the burden on pitchers amid a flood of postponements prompted by positive tests and contact tracing.

Sunflower seeds are still outlawed, and high-fives frowned upon, too. Although limited-capacity crowds are expected at many stadiums, autographs will remain a no-no.

Other 2020 changes have been put on the bench. The universal designated hitter is gone, and no deal has been reached

to re-expand the postseason. Of course, last year's agreement to fatten the playoff field from 10 to 16 teams wasn't finished until hours before the first pitch on opening day, so there's precedent for a late change.

Then again, the league and union have agreed on little lately — hardly a promising sign with the collective bargaining agreement set to expire Dec. 1. Expect chatter about that this spring, too.

Scheduling figures to remain a headache. There were 45 games postponed for coronavirus-related reasons last year, and all but two were made up.

Players will again be tested 3-4 times per week for COVID-19 and heavily restricted in what they can do during their time off. Lester, signed by Washington as a free agent in January after six seasons with the Cubs, compared the exhaustion of last year's protocols to a deep playoff run.

"Mentally, you don't realize how draining it is until you're done," he said. "I think last year was that. It was two months of that mental grind of the testing, worrying about the testing, making sure you're doing all the right things."