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Daily News file photo

West Bend's Weston Keppert swims to a first-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke during a North Shore Conference dual against Hartford/Slinger on Dec. 10.

Area swimmers going for gold

Podium spots up for grabs for WB, Hartford/Slinger

By Beckett Callan
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WAUKESHA — It has been an impressive year in the pool for West Bend West/East boys swimming and diving team.

After claiming a second North Shore Conference championship in as many years, West/East finished third at the WIAA Division 1 Waukesha South Sectional behind Brookfield and Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial, who are ranked second and third in the state, respectively.

Additionally, West/East's performance at the South sectional saw several swimmers qualify for the WIAA Boys State Swimming and Diving Championships this Saturday at Waukesha South.

The diving competition begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, with the timed swimming finals starting at 2:30 p.m.

"I was not surprised at how well all of our swimmers swam because of how much I believed in them and their desire to now be part of the big guns in the state," West Bend coach Jim Sachse said.

"I am overjoyed with very happy emotions for all of the 12 young men who showed everyone how good they really are."

Several West/East school and co-op records fell at Saturday's sectional. West Bend junior Dawson Walters broke the school and co-op record in the 200-yard freestyle, winning the South sectional and qualifying for state with a time of 1:39.74. Walters' record-breaking time saw him qualify for state in the 200 free for the third time. Walters finished 14th as a freshman and eighth as a sophomore last year.

Walters is joined in the final heat of the 200 freestyle by

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BUCKS



Associated Press

Milwaukee Bucks center Bobby Portis reacts after a play against the Sacramento Kings during the first half of an NBA basketball game on Jan. 22, 2022, in Milwaukee.

Portis suspended 25 games for mistakenly taking banned painkiller

Mixed up Tramadol with Toradol

By Tim Reynolds
AP Basketball Writer

The NBA has suspended Milwaukee forward Bobby Portis Jr. for 25 games without pay because he tested positive for the painkiller Tramadol, a violation of the league's anti-drug program.

Portis cannot play again until April 8 — the 79th game of Milwaukee's 82-game regular-season schedule — at the earliest. His suspension starts with the Bucks' game Thursday against the Los Angeles Clippers.

"I was dealing with an elbow injury and using an NBA-approved medication for pain and inflammation," Portis said in a statement released by the team. "During that time, I made an honest mistake and took a pain-reducing anti-inflammatory pill that is not approved. I feel horrible and recognize that I'm responsible for what I put in my body."

Portis took the painkiller "unintentionally," said his

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BADGERS

UW's Fickell gets 1-year extension on contract

Deal now runs through 2031; coach 13-13 through first two-plus years at the helm

MADISON (AP) — Wisconsin coach Luke Fickell is receiving a one-year extension on a contract that will now run through the 2031 season.

The school's athletic board approved the one-year extension recommendation Wednesday.

Fickell originally agreed to a seven-year contract paying him an average of $7.8 million per year when Wisconsin hired him away from Cincinnati in December 2022. That contract calls for him to get an annual review that would result in a one-year extension based upon satisfactory performance, the athletic director's recommendation and the athletic board's approval.

Fickell has received a one-year extension after each of his two seasons on the job, assuring he remains on a seven-year deal. With this new extension, his contract runs through March 31, 2032.

This latest extension comes after Wisconsin finished 5-7 in 2024 for its first losing season since 2001, snapping a string of 22 straight bowl appearances. The Badgers ended the season with five straight losses.

Fickell owns a 13-13 record during his Wisconsin tenure, which started with a 24-17 victory over Oklahoma State in the 2022 Guaranteed Rate Bowl. The Badgers went 7-6 in 2023, Fickell's first season.

He came to Wisconsin after going 57-18 in six seasons at Cincinnati, including an undefeated regular season and College Football Playoff berth in 2021. Fickell's overall head coaching record is 76-38 in nine seasons.

Wisconsin's athletic board also approved one-year extension recommendations for volleyball coach Kelly Sheffield, women's soccer coach Paula Wilkins and men's soccer coach Neil Jones. They're on five-year deals that will now run through Jan. 31, 2030.

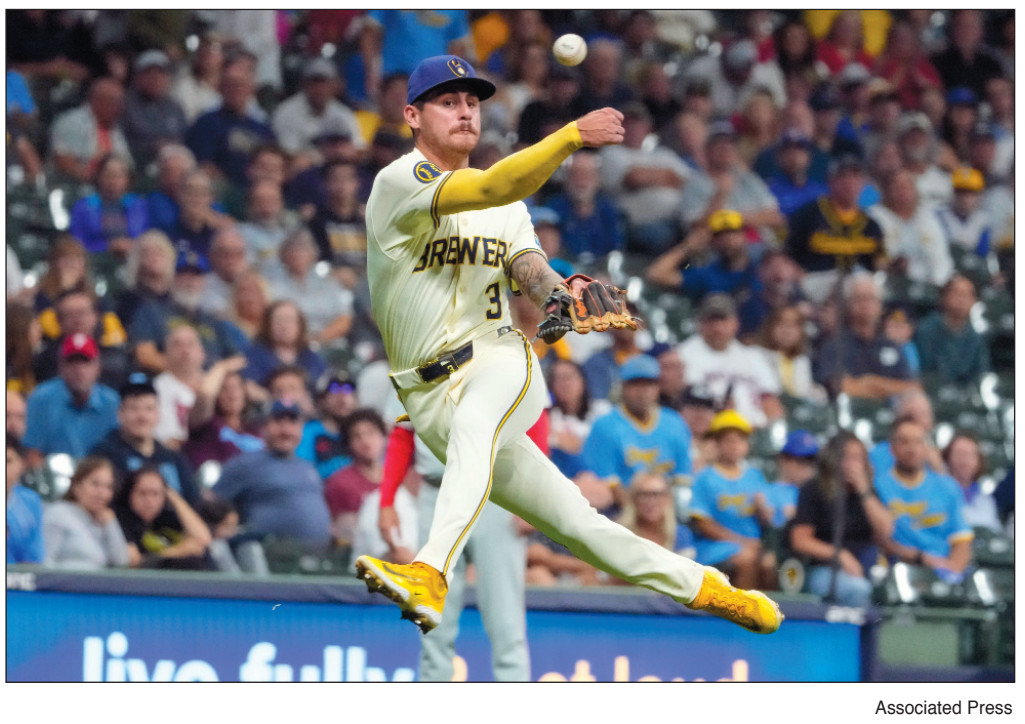


Associated Press

Wisconsin head coach Luke Fickell adjusts his headset during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Southern California on Sept. 28, 2024, in Los Angeles.

BREWERS

Without Adames, Murphy faces conundrum at short



Associated Press

The Milwaukee Brewers' Joey Ortiz tries to make a play on a ball hit by the Philadelphia Phillies' Kyle Schwarber during the sixth inning of a baseball game on Sept. 17, 2024, in Milwaukee.

Ortiz, Turang both possible options to slide over

By Andrew Wagner
Daily News Correspondent

PHOENIX — For the time being, the Milwaukee Brewers' infield situation plays out like an Abbot and Costello routine.

The departure of Willy Adames in free agency left a glaring hole on the left side of Milwaukee's infield and while there are no shortage of capable replacements, the two front-runners for the job — Brice Turang and Joey Ortiz — have established themselves at other positions, with the former earning Platinum Glove honors as baseball's best defensive second baseman a year ago and the latter looking like a natural at the hot corner in his first full big-league season.

So, what's manager Pat Murphys plan?

"That's a puzzle at the moment," Murphy said Thursday morning as the Brewers continued their Spring Training workouts at American Family Fields of Phoenix.

Both Turang and Ortiz were drafted and came up through the minor leagues as shortstops and both were lauded along the way for their ability to play the position but Adames' presence there forced both players to different positions.

Turang was first, making the Opening Day roster in 2023 as Milwaukee's starting second baseman where he quickly adapted to and excelled at his new spot.

Ortiz arrived a year later along with left-hander DL Hall in a trade that sent Corbin Burnes to Baltimore. A highly-touted shortstop prospect who was blocked at the big-league level by the likes of former top overall prospect Jackson Holliday, Gunner Henderson and Jordan Westburg, Ortiz was eyed at the time as a potential replacement for Adames.

But with a lack of available options and an early-season injury to Oliver Dunn, Ortiz found himself thrust into the mix at third. Despite making just 16 appearances there in the minor leagues, Ortiz looked like a natural and played himself into Gold Glove consideration.

Still, he's the most likely to make the shift if only because the Brewers' infield depth options — Dunn,

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Daily News file photo

Hartford/Slinger's Finn Nelson takes first in the 500-yard freestyle during a North Shore Conference dual against West Bend on Dec. 10.

Swimming

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Hartford/Slinger junior Finn Nelson. Nelson finished second behind Walters at the Waukesha South sectional, and with a qualifying time of 1:41.59, will start in Lane 6. This is Nelson's third trip to state in the 200 freestyle. He earned a sixth-place finish last year.

While both Nelson and Walters are in with a chance at a podium spot, they will both be chasing Muskego senior Carter Jewell. Jewell qualified with a time of 1:38.44, the only qualifier to have a time under 1:39.

Nelson will also compete in the second heat of the 100-yard freestyle after just missing out on qualifying for the final heat by .22 seconds.

Nelson isn't the only Hartford/Slinger swimmer to qualify for Saturday's meet. Senior Lucas Geisler is set to compete in the second heat of the 50 free, while senior Max Klockow is in the second heat of the 500 free.

Nelson, Klockow and Geisler join junior Caleb Alsum in the first heat of the 200-yard medley relay and team up again in the first heat of the 400-yard freestyle relay.

After breaking the school and co-op record at West/East, Walters also took the sectional title in the 100 butterfly. His time of 49.37 sees him start in Lane 3 in the final heat on Saturday.

Walters grabbed a podium spot last year with a fifth-place finish and could challenge top qualifier Alex Heinrich of Madison Memorial (48.25) for gold this time around.

Walters is also part of the 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams, both of which are poised for podium finishes. Walters, along with senior Weston Keppert, and juniors Andrew Gundrum and Westley Aleithe, finished as sectional champions in the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle with times of 1:33.43 and 3:08.43, respectively.

Both times were West school and co-op records, and the second-fastest times across all state sectionals. But West/East will have its work cut out as it tries to chase down Middleton, which was the top qualifier in both events.

Keppert and Gundrum will also share the pool in the final heat of the 100-yard backstroke. Gundrum outqualified Keppert by .51 seconds and will be looking to reach the podium for the second year in a row after finishing sixth in 2024.

This is Keppert's first trip to the state meet in the 100 backstroke, but he will make his third trip to state in the 200 IM after setting a West school record with a time of 1:54.91 at the South sectional.

Gundrum will also have a chance to podium in the 100-yard freestyle after qualifying with the sixth-fastest time. This is Gundrum's first trip to state in the 100 free, but with a top-six qualifying time could be set for a podium finish.

West/East senior Joel Walter returns to the diving pool for the second year running after finishing 11th in the 1-meter dive last year. Walter's sectional score of 431.80 was the fifth-best in the state, lining him up for a chance at a medal.

He is joined by fellow West/East diver freshman Gavin Paruch. Paruch qualified with a score of 323.70. Both Paruch and Walter and the rest of the diving field will be chasing defending champion Brady Huettl from Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial. The senior qualified with a score of 567.40, 52 points higher than second-place qualifier River Reeves of the Oshkosh North co-op.

It will be a stern test for all area swimmers and divers this weekend, but regardless of the outcomes, it's a moment the fans, coaches and athletes will cherish.

"I'm so proud of everyone," Walters said. "I think this season, and it really started last season, we've been just training so hard and I'm so proud of everyone."

Portis

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agent, Mark Bartelstein. Portis thought he was taking Toradol, which is approved and is something that he has taken before, Bartelstein said in details first given to ESPN and that he later confirmed to The Associated Press. Portis did not realize that he was taking Tramadol — which was properly prescribed, but is on the NBA's banned substance list.

"I am deeply disappointed that the NBA chooses to interpret its policy so strictly, and that the policy does not allow for a different result for an honest mistake with pure intentions," Bartelstein said in the statement. "Bobby loves being a part of the NBA and he loves being a role model and a true ambassador for the Bucks and the city of Milwaukee. This has been incredibly difficult for him, but he will accept this penalty with grace and turn this into a great opportunity to improve and further build his reputation and performance in every way, both on and off the court."

Portis — considered one of the league's tougher players, and a key part of the Bucks' rotation — is averaging 13.7 points and 8.3 rebounds for the Bucks this season, playing mostly off the bench.

The 30-year-old Portis will lose $2,858,701 in salary because of the suspension, which comes with the Bucks starting post-All-Star break play fifth in the Eastern Conference — one game behind No. 4 Indiana, one game ahead of No. 6 Detroit and 3 1/2 games ahead of No. 7 Orlando.

It's a blow to the Bucks, who are 21-10 when Portis scores at least 10 points this season. When he doesn't, they're 8-14 — and entering Thursday, they're 2-5 this season when he doesn't play with all five of those losses by at least 10 points.

"This is a very difficult set of circumstances for Bobby and our team," Bucks general manager Jon Horst said in a statement. "He and the Bucks organization respect the NBA/NBAPA Anti-Drug Program and will accept what's been handed down. But we 100% support Bobby. Together we will take this opportunity to grow and will have a better and stronger Bobby and Milwaukee Bucks team. He's an integral part of who we are, a huge member of the Milwaukee community, and we look forward to his return."



Associated Press

The Milwaukee Bucks' Bobby Portis shoots a free throw during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Atlanta Hawks on Dec. 4 in Milwaukee.

The suspension is happening just when the Bucks appeared on the verge of getting their full roster together after making multiple moves at the trade deadline, including the trade of three-time All-Star wing Khris Middleton to the Washington Wizards.

Two-time MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo missed the Bucks' last six games before the All-Star break with a strained left calf. Antetokounmpo still hadn't played alongside new Bucks players Kyle Kuzma, Kevin Porter Jr. and Jericho Sims, who all joined the team at the deadline, entering Thursday's game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Portis spoke to the media after the Bucks' Wednesday practice and was asked how much he was looking forward to seeing how the team might fare once everyone was available.

"The trade deadline was a couple of weeks ago and we are just now being able to see what it looks like," Portis said. "I think it's kind of fun for us going forward, especially just to pick the game apart, figure out what everybody does well and try to make it mold into one."

Portis is in his 10th NBA season, having spent half that time with the Bucks. He was part of Milwaukee's 2021 NBA championship team and played for USA Basketball at the 2023 World Cup in Manila.

He's one of four remaining players from the Bucks' championship squad, along with Antetokounmpo, Brook Lopez and Pat Connaughton.

"From the bottom of my heart, I want to apologize to the Bucks organization, my teammates, coaches, family, and fans," Portis said in his statement. "I give everything I have on the court and will terribly miss playing games for the Bucks during this time. I will continue to work hard and be ready for our long playoff run. Thank you for your support. I appreciate it more than you know."

Brewers

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Andrew Monasterio and recently-acquired Caleb Durbin — are better suited to platoon at third.

The team also maintains faith in prospect Tyler Black's ability to man the position.

"The third (player) in that (group) might be the most important," Murphy said. "Whoever that third (person) is ... it might come down to 'what's the best position for them.'"

With the first Cactus League game still two days away and more than a month before the Brewers open the regular season, Murphy isn't ready to make any decisions one way or another.

Instead, he's going to give everyone involved an opportunity at all three spots, not so much to find the perfect fit at each spot, but to find the right combination to cover them all. One thing he's certain of, however, is a preference to keep whichever player does get moved in that spot as opposed to mixing and matching throughout the year.

"I don't think you'll get to where all three positions are our best possible choice but I think we'll have a good combination," Murphy said.

Bukauskas injured: Right-hander J.B. Bukauskas became the first Brewers pitcher sidelined by injury this spring after hurting his arm throwing live batting practice Wednesday.

Imaging was performed that night and Murphy didn't yet have details on the nature or severity of the injury when he met with reporters Thursday morning.

"It's his right arm," Murphy said. "As he was throwing, we were (saying) 'this guy's stuff is good' then, bam, you could sense something wasn't right."

A former first-round draft pick out of North Carolina, Bukauskas was claimed off waivers by the Brewers from Seattle in April 2023 but has battled injuries since, missing time in 2023 with a cervical strain and pitching just six games last season due to a strained lat.

He was designated for assignment by Milwaukee in November and after clearing waivers, was out-righted to Triple-A Nashville where he was expected to open the 2025 season.

All gas, no brake: The Brewers ran away with the NL Central last year in large part because of their running game and Murphy doesn't plan to change the approach this season.

And just as he did last season, he plans to put that aggressive approach into action as soon as Cactus League play begins Saturday. Executing that aspect of the game plan will be more difficult this season now that opponents are prepared for it.

"I don't know if you can steal bases at the (same) clip when everybody is so aware of our players," Murphy said. "But we're gonna try, it's going to be part of our game. Teams are going to try and make it more difficult but that's part of our deal."

SCOREBOARD

NBA

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSN.
(Standings through Wednesday)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	10	.815	—
Indiana	30	23	.566	13 1/2
BUCKS	**29**	**24**	**.547**	**14 1/2**
Detroit	29	26	.527	15 1/2
Chicago	22	33	.400	22 1/2

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	16	.709	—
New York	36	18	.667	2 1/2
Philadelphia	20	34	.370	18 1/2
Brooklyn	20	34	.370	18 1/2
Toronto	17	38	.309	22

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	27	29	.482	—
Atlanta	26	29	.473	1/2
Miami	25	28	.472	1/2
Charlotte	14	39	.264	11 1/2
Washington	9	45	.167	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	36	18	.667	—
Houston	34	21	.618	2 1/2
Dallas	30	26	.536	7
San Antonio	23	29	.442	12
New Orleans	13	42	.236	23 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	44	10	.815	—
Denver	36	19	.655	8 1/2
Minnesota	31	25	.554	14
Portland	23	32	.418	21 1/2
Utah	13	41	.241	31

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	32	21	.604	—
L.A. Clippers	31	23	.574	1 1/2
Sacramento	28	27	.509	5
Golden State	28	27	.509	5
Phoenix	26	28	.481	6 1/2

Wednesday's Result
Charlotte 100, L.A. Lakers 97

Today's Games
BUCKS at Washington, 6 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Phoenix at Chicago, 4 p.m.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Miami at BUCKS, 5 p.m.
New York at Boston, noon
Dallas at Golden State, 2:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Toronto, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	57	34	20	3	71	192	165
Toronto	55	33	20	2	68	169	156
Tampa Bay	55	31	20	4	66	197	153
Ottawa	56	29	23	4	62	157	156
Detroit	55	28	22	5	61	160	171
Boston	57	27	24	6	60	157	182
Montreal	56	25	26	5	55	163	194
Buffalo	54	22	27	5	49	171	185

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	55	36	11	8	80	196	140
Carolina	56	33	19	4	70	184	154
New Jersey	57	31	20	6	68	175	142
Columbus	56	26	22	8	60	184	186
N.Y. Rangers	55	27	24	4	58	165	168
N.Y. Islanders	55	25	23	7	57	152	162
Pittsburgh	57	23	25	9	55	164	201
Philadelphia	57	24	26	7	55	162	192

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	56	39	14	3	81	202	134
Dallas	55	35	18	2	72	182	139
Minnesota	56	33	19	4	70	163	159
Colorado	57	33	22	2	68	186	174
Utah	56	24	22	9	57	158	170
St. Louis	56	25	26	5	55	154	171
Nashville	54	19	28	7	45	144	179
Chicago	54	17	31	7	41	149	191

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	55	34	17	4	72	182	152
Vegas	56	33	17	6	72	185	155
Los Angeles	53	29	17	7	65	151	136
Vancouver	55	26	18	11	63	155	166
Calgary	55	26	21	8	60	148	165
Anaheim	54	24	24	6	54	137	165
Seattle	57	24	29	4	52	169	183
San Jose	57	15	35	7	37	148	216

Monday's Result
Canada 5, Finland 3 (Canada clinches spot in 4 Nations Championship)
Sweden 2, USA 1

Saturday's Games
Minnesota at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Edmonton at Philadelphia, noon
Washington at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 4:30 p.m.
Seattle at Florida, 5 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Anaheim at Boston, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Utah at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Vegas, 9 p.m.

On The Air

Television

TODAY

4 a.m. — DP World Tour Golf: Magical Kenya Open, Second Round. **(Golf)**
2 p.m. — Premier League Soccer: Leicester City vs. Brentford. **(USA)**
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Mexico Open, Second Round. **(Golf)**
5 p.m. — College Hockey: Penn State at Michigan State. **(Big Ten)**
6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Washington Wizards. **(WSN)**
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Providence at Marquette. **(Fox Sports 1)**
6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Cleveland Cavaliers. **(ESPN)**
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Dayton at Loyola-Chicago. **(ESPN2)**
6:15 p.m. — Unrivaled Basketball: Rose Basketball Club vs. Lunar Owls Basketball Club. **(TNT)**
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Michigan State at Michigan. **(FOX)**
7:30 p.m. — College Hockey: Notre Dame at Wisconsin. **(Big Ten)**
7:30 p.m. — Unrivaled Basketball: Linyl Basketball Club vs. Mist Basketball Club. **(TNT)**
8 p.m. — Women's College Gymnastics: Florida at Oklahoma. **(ESPN2)**
8:35 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Houston Rockets. **(ESPN)**
9:30 p.m. — LPGA Tour Golf: Honda LPGA Thailand, Third Round. **(Golf)**

SATURDAY

3:30 a.m. — DP World Tour Golf: Magical Kenya Open, Third Round. **(Golf)**
6:30 a.m. — Premier League Soccer: Everton vs. Manchester United. **(USA)**
9 a.m. — Premier League Soccer: Ipswich Town vs. Tottenham Hotspur. **(USA)**
11 a.m. — Women's College Basketball: Penn State at Michigan. **(Big Ten)**
11 a.m. — College Basketball: Tennessee at Texas A&M. **(ESPN)**
11 a.m. — College Basketball: TCU at Cincinnati. **(ESPN2)**
11 a.m. — College Basketball: Oregon at Wisconsin. **(FOX)**
11 a.m. — College Basketball: Florida State at Louisville. **(The CW)**
112:25 a.m. — NHL Hockey: Minnesota Wild at Detroit Red Wings. **(ABC)**
11:30 a.m. — College Basketball: Richmond at Saint Joseph's. **(USA)**
11:30 a.m. — Premier League Soccer: Aston Villa vs. Chelsea. **(NBC)**
Noon — PGA Tour Golf: Mexico Open, Third Round. **(Golf)**
12:30 p.m. — Pro Volleyball Federation: All-Star Match. **(CBS)**
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Penn State at Minnesota. **(Big Ten)**
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Iowa State at Houston. **(ESPN)**
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Wake Forest at NC State. **(ESPN2)**
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Pittsburgh at Notre Dame. **(The CW)**
1:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Rhode Island at Saint Louis. **(USA)**
1:30 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Iowa State at Baylor. **(FOX)**
2 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins. **(ABC)**
2 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Mexico Open, Third Round. **(NBC)**
2:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Albany State at Fort Valley State. **(My24)**
3 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia at North Carolina. **(ESPN2)**
3 p.m. — College Basketball: Georgia at Auburn. **(ESPN)**
3 p.m. — College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Kansas. **(CBS)**
3:30 p.m. — MLS Soccer: Minnesota United FC at Los Angeles FC. **(FOX)**
4 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series: Bennett Transportation & Logistics 250. **(The CW)**
5 p.m. — College Hockey: Penn State at Michigan State. **(Big Ten)**
5 p.m. — College Basketball: Kentucky at Alabama. **(ESPN)**
5 p.m. — College Basketball: Akron at Ohio. **(ESPN2)**
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Duke vs. Illinois. **(FOX)**
7:30 p.m. — College Hockey: Notre Dame at Wisconsin. **(Big Ten)**
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets. **(ABC)**
9 p.m. — College Basketball: BYU at Arizona. **(ESPN)**
9 p.m. — College Basketball: California at Stanford. **(ESPN2)**
9:30 p.m. — LPGA Tour Golf: Honda LPGA Thailand, Final Round. **(Golf)**

Radio

TODAY

6 p.m. — College Basketball: Providence at Marquette. **(94.5 FM)**
6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Washington Wizards. **(AM 620)**

SATURDAY

11 a.m. — College Basketball: Oregon at Wisconsin. **(97.3 FM)**

Deals

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BROOKLYN NETS: Re-signed F Tyrese Martin to a rest-of-season contract. Signed G Killian Hayes to a 10-day contract.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS: Signed F Nae'Qwan Tomlin to a 10-day contract.

PREP ROUNDUP

Hartford breaks away from Falls

Orioles outscore Phoenix by 12 after halftime

Daily News Staff

HARTFORD — Hartford's boys basketball team pulled away in the second half for a 69-57 nonconference victory over Menomonee Falls on Wednesday.

The game was tied at 31-31 through one half of play. Sam Richter led four Orioles in double figures with 18 points, while Alex Kuepper had 16 points, Casey Radermacher 13 and Ethan Webb 10.

Jasper Warren paced the Phoenix with 13 points. Teammates Logan Rouse and Carter Patti added 12 and 10 points, respectively.