

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

California's fires force the postponement of the annual Cal-Stanford Big Game. **D2**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Bruno Fernando, Maryland overcome a halftime deficit, handle Hofstra, 80-69. **D2**

PRO FOOTBALL

Houston's Deshaun Watson has shown a knack for tormenting defenses. **D3**

HIGH SCHOOLS

No. 4 Damascus is upset by Oakdale, sees its 53-game win streak halted. **D8**



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Maryland wideout Taivon Jacobs will play his final home game Saturday against Ohio State, his original school choice. His daughter was the main reason he switched.

Morals are immaterial if you win



Barry Svrluga

Urban Meyer is the football coach at Ohio State, and he will be on the sideline Saturday, when his 10th-ranked Buckeyes play at Maryland. In 17 years as a head coach, his record is 183-32, including 79-9 at Ohio State. That's an .851 winning percentage, better than Nick Saban or Bobby Bowden, the best in major college football since Frank Leahy finished coaching at Notre Dame — in 1953. DJ Durkin is no longer the football coach at Maryland, so who knows where he will be when his former players host the Buckeyes on senior day at Maryland Stadium? In two years as a head coach, both with the Terrapins, his record was 11-15. That's a .423 winning percentage. Win that percentage of your games over a long enough time, **SVRLUGA** CONTINUED ON **D5**

Daddy's home

Taivon Jacobs spurned Ohio State for Maryland and stayed six years — through two injuries and four coaches — for his daughter

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO

The day after Maryland lost to Michigan State, Taivon Jacobs and the rest of the team headed to the football facility for a weightlifting session around lunchtime, then meetings and a short practice in the afternoon. Afterward, Jacobs guessed, most of his teammates napped or watched Sunday night football. He returned home to eat chicken wings and read “Junie B. Jones.” Having a 6-year-old daughter makes his routine different from those of his Terrapins counterparts. Jacobs, a wide receiver in his sixth year on Maryland's roster, says everything in his life revolves around Bailey. She motivates him on the field and led him to find odd jobs so he would be able to support her. Bailey prompted Jacobs to play for the in-state Terps rather than for Ohio State, the team that will visit

College Park for senior day Saturday and the program to which Jacobs once gave a verbal commitment. Bailey stays with her dad full time every other week, and through his career at Maryland, Jacobs has mastered the art of making it all work, zeroing in on game plans during the day and then his daughter's homework at night, while leaning on help from his parents and girlfriend. “Anything I do,” Jacobs said, “I try to make sure it's in the best interest so I can help her.” When Jacobs found out as a 16-year-old high schooler that he would become a father, his parents were shocked. Jacobs's mom, Rosalind, knew her son's life would be permanently altered, just as hers had been when she had **JACOBS** CONTINUED ON **D5**

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAY: GAMES TO WATCH

Nationally

Pittsburgh at Wake Forest, noon, NBCSW
3 Notre Dame vs. 12 Syracuse, 2:30, NBC
USC at UCLA, 3:30, Fox
24 Cincinnati at 11 Central Florida, 8, ABC

Locally

10 Ohio State at Maryland, noon, ABC
Virginia at Georgia Tech, 3:30, NBCSW
Miami at Virginia Tech, 3:30, ESPN
Tulsa at Navy, 3:30, CBS Sports Network

Copley tops Grubauer as Capitals gut one out

CAPITALS 3, AVALANCHE 2 (OT)

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN

DENVER — This night was supposed to be about the goaltender on the other end of the rink, the one playing his former team. Philipp Grubauer was the backup who had made good, so impressive as Braden Holtby's understudy that the Washington Capitals obliged his trade request this summer so he could have an opportunity to be a top netminder elsewhere. They did so expecting some drop-off in their own goaltending tandem, that it would take rookie Pheonix Copley time to grow into the role. But with Holtby nursing an undisclosed “upper-body” injury, Copley's been thrust into more responsibility early into his tenure, making his third straight start Friday night against the Colorado Avalanche. With forwards Evgeny Kuznetsov and T.J. Oshie also out with likely concussions, Copley backstopped the Capitals to a 3-2 overtime win with 24 saves after center Nicklas Backstrom scored just 22 seconds into overtime. With 2:44 left in regulation, Ian Cole's shot bounced off Copley's chest, and Colorado's Colin Wilson smacked in the rebound to tie the game. To that point, Copley had impressed, keeping the NHL's top offensive team to just one goal for more than 57 minutes. In the Avalanche net, Grubauer held his **CAPITALS** CONTINUED ON **D6**

Capitals at Canadiens
Monday, 7:30 p.m., NBCSW

Wizards hear boos during loss to the Nets

NETS 115, WIZARDS 104

BY GENE WANG

With the Washington Wizards trailing the Brooklyn Nets by double figures late in the third quarter Friday night, one particularly disgruntled fan at Capital One Arena shouted out a message of disgust. “Hey, Scott Brooks! This is unacceptable,” the fan screamed to the Wizards' coach. Other spectators echoed the displeasure with ample booing throughout the fourth quarter of a 115-104 loss. About the only cheers down the stretch came when Nets guard Spencer Dinwiddie missed a pair of foul shots, allowing ticket holders to claim a free chicken sandwich. The result was all the more disheartening given Washington's three-game winning streak — one that had the Wizards contemplating a potential turning point to an otherwise dreary beginning to the season — ended amid what Brooks and players attributed to a severe lack of effort. “That's the biggest thing,” Wizards guard Bradley Beal said. “We just put three good ones together and then kind of lay an egg tonight. We've got to stick with what was working, stick with our mind-set, stick with our approach, fighting through this adverse time together.” The many glaring deficiencies included surrendering 19 points **WIZARDS** CONTINUED ON **D6**

Trail Blazers at Wizards
Tomorrow, 6 p.m., NBCSW

Bell is a champion, at least for his cause



Kevin B. Blackstone

Radovich is pictured. Radovich made it to the Pro Bowl in his rookie season, 1938, with the Detroit Lions. Around a three-year stint in the Navy during World War II, he played six more seasons, the penultimate of which was a first-team all-pro performance with the Los Angeles Dons, before retiring after 1947. Radovich's career has not

been noted by the Pro Football Hall of Fame. But years ago, he was imprinted at the players' union because in 1949 he became the first player to sue the NFL for the right to play for more money and where he wanted, just like most of us who aren't professional athletes can do. Someday, maybe, former Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell will be embossed next to Radovich in the union's Dupont Circle office. After all, what Bell decided to do Tuesday was claim ownership of his destiny rather than allow the NFL or the franchise for which he plays to dictate it for him. Having refused to play all

season because he was unable to get terms he liked, Bell didn't show up at Steelers headquarters to sign a one-year franchise-player contract to play this year. NFL franchise-player contracts pay a predetermined salary based on the average of the top five salaries at the player's position, or 120 percent of a player's salary from the previous season. Per league rules, the Steelers' offer expired at the end of that day. And so did Bell's last chance to play for anyone this season. As Radovich did almost 70 years ago, Bell opted to challenge the league to let a club pay him his worth rather than as an expendable, flesh-and-blood **BLACKSTONE** CONTINUED ON **D3**



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Le'Veon Bell won't suit up for the Steelers or anyone else this year.