

SPORTS

Penn State outlasts Appalachian State in OT



Penn State's Ricky Slade (4) dives in for a touchdown as Appalachian State's Austin Exford (9) and Clifton Duck (4) try to make the tackle during the second half of an NCAA college football game in State College, Pa., Sept. 1. (AP)

NFL Roundup

McKinnon tears ACL

Bears acquire pass rusher Mack in blockbuster trade

CHICAGO, Sept. 2. (RTRS): The Chicago Bears acquired defensive end Khalil Mack from the Oakland Raiders on Saturday, then reportedly reached a new deal with the pass rusher that will make him the highest-paid defensive player in NFL history.

Mack agreed to a six-year, \$141 million extension with the Bears, according to multiple reports. The deal averages \$23.5 million per season, includes \$90 million in guaranteed money and a \$60 million signing bonus. Mack had been a holdout during the preseason as he sought to become one of the NFL's highest-paid defenders.

The previous bar was set Friday, when the Los Angeles Rams and defensive tackle Aaron Donald finalized a contract worth \$135 million, with \$87 million guaranteed.

San Francisco 49ers running back Jerick McKinnon tore his right anterior cruciate ligament on the final play of practice and will miss the season, the team confirmed.

McKinnon fell awkwardly after making a cut. He was expected to start the Sept 9 opener against the Minnesota Vikings, his former club.

McKinnon played four seasons with the Vikings before signing a four-year, \$30 million deal with the 49ers in the offseason. He rushed for a career-best 570 yards last season. The 49ers currently have running backs Matt Breida, Alfred Morris and Raheem Mostert on the roster in addition to McKinnon.



Mack

The Buffalo Bills traded quarterback A.J. McCarron, whom they signed in the offseason, to Oakland, according to multiple reports. ESPN's Adam Schefter reported the Raiders are sending a fifth-round draft pick to Buffalo in exchange.

The move leaves the Bills without a veteran in the starting quarterback mix. Instead, Buffalo will start either Nathan Peterman, selected by the Bills in the fifth round of the 2017 NFL Draft, or rookie Josh Allen. From Wyoming, Allen was the No. 7 overall pick in the 2018 draft.

Nick Foles will start the first game of the 2018 season on Thursday for the Philadelphia Eagles against the Atlanta Falcons, according to NFL Network.

The Super Bowl champions are taking the safe route with quarterback Carson Wentz, who had surgery in December to repair a torn ACL and LCL, and has not participated in full-contact drills. Wentz, 25, could return by Week 3, according to reports.

Offensive tackle Jack Conklin was activated from the physically unable to perform list by the Tennessee Titans.

Conklin is recovering from a torn ACL. He was injured in the Titans' playoff loss to the New England Patriots.

Conklin was a first-team All-Pro selection as a rookie after the Titans traded up to take him eighth overall in the 2016 draft. He has started all 34 games (including playoffs) over his first two seasons.

Martavis Bryant's career is in jeopardy after the Raiders released him amid reports that he is facing his third suspension in four years.

NFL Network reported that Bryant is facing another ban that could sideline him for a full season or longer. The 26-year-old Clemson product was suspended for the first four games of the 2015 season and the entire 2016 season because of positive drug tests while he was with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Dallas Cowboys tight end Rico Gathers was arrested Friday night in Frisco, Texas, on misdemeanor marijuana possession charges, according to multiple reports.

According to the Dallas Morning News, Frisco police smelled marijuana coming from a parked vehicle and found the tight end inside. Gathers, who reportedly was in possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, was taken to jail Friday night and released on bond in the morning.

More than 1,200 roster moves in a 24-hour period helped NFL teams meet the Saturday 4 pm ET deadline to finalize their 53-man squad for the regular season.

A few of the players released will be eligible to be re-signed to the practice squad.

Among the headline moves Saturday:

Baltimore Ravens: Waived wide receiver Breshad Perriman. The Ravens selected him No. 26 overall in 2015. This is the first time the Ravens have split with a first-round pick before the expiration of his rookie contract.

Buffalo Bills: Released former first-round pick Corey Coleman. Buffalo acquired the wide receiver from the Cleveland Browns, but he failed to make an impact in a short period with the club during preseason. Coleman had \$3.5 million guaranteed remaining on the final two years of his contract.

Carolina Panthers: With injuries along the offensive line since training camp began, the Panthers addressed depth by agreeing to a trade with the Detroit Lions for offensive tackle Corey Robinson.

Dallas Cowboys: Kicker Dan Bailey, the second-most accurate kicker in NFL history, was released in a surprise move. Bailey had a \$4.2 million cap number. **Brett Maher**, who has never kicked in an NFL game, was kept on the 53-man roster instead. Former third-round pick Chaz Green, a Florida product who served as a swing tackle, was let go. Green was the starter at left guard to begin last season before Jonathan Cooper replaced him.

McDonald's 6 TD passes help Hawaii beat Navy 59-41



Wide receiver Talon Shumway #21 of the Brigham Young Cougars is unable to catch a pass defended by cornerback Lorenzo Burns #2 of the Arizona Wildcats during the first half of the college football game at Arizona Stadium on Sept 1 in Tucson, Arizona. (AFP)

Georgia flashed big-play potential, including a 59-yard touchdown pass from Fromm to Mecole Hardman and a 72-yard scoring run by Demetris Robertson, who was making his debut.

Fromm completed 12 of 16 passes for 157 yards, including a 10-yard scoring pass to Riley Ridley. Fields, one of the headliners in coach Kirby Smart's top-ranked class of signees, made his debut on the Bulldogs' first second-quarter possession and started the second half.

Oklahoma 63, Florida Atlantic 14

In Oklahoma, Kyler Murray, taking over for Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield, passed for 209 yards and two touchdowns to lead Oklahoma.

Murray connected on 9 of 11 passes in just under one half. The first-round Major League Baseball draft pick also ran for 23 yards on four carries. It was Murray's second college start since transferring from Texas A&M after the 2015 season.

Auburn 21, Washington 16

In Atlanta, Jatarvious Whitlow ran 10 yards for a touchdown with 6:15 remaining and the Auburn defense came through at the end, leading the Tigers in the opener.

Trailing 16-15 after missing a two-point conversion on their opening drive of the game, Auburn drove 76 yards in 10 plays for the winning score. Jarrett Stidham kept the drive going early with a 12-yard pass to Chandler Cox on third-and-9. Then, facing third-and-7 deep in Washington territory, Auburn handed off inside to Whitlow, who knocked over a Washington defender as he smashed into the end zone.

Southern California 43, UNLV 21

In Los Angeles, J.T. Daniels, the second freshman to start at quarterback in a season opener for Southern California, threw for 282 yards, and had a 43-yard touchdown pass to Amon-Ra St Brown.

Daniels was 22 of 35, and fellow freshman St Brown making seven receptions for 98 yards. The former Mater Dei High School teammates connected for their first college touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter, with St Brown getting a step behind cornerback Jericho Flowers on a post route to give USC a two-possession lead over the Rebels.

TCU 55, Southern U 7

In Texas, Shawn Robinson threw three touchdown passes and ran for two more scores while playing only the first half in TCU's opening blowout.

The Horned Frogs scored on their first six drives to take a 38-7 lead before fellow sophomore Michael Collins, a former transfer from Penn, took over after halftime.

West Virginia 40, Tennessee 14

In Charlotte, Will Grier got his Heisman Trophy campaign off to an impressive start, throwing for 429 yards and five touchdowns to help West Virginia rout Tennessee in a game delayed for more than an hour at halftime due to lightning.

Grier connected on touchdown passes of 33 yards to David Sills, 28 yards to Gary Jennings, and 14 yards to Kennedy Mc-

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Coy in the third quarter as the Mountaineers opened a 33-14 lead.

Mississippi State 63, Stephen F. Austin 6

In Mississippi, Keytaon Thompson threw for 364 yards and five touchdowns, Mississippi State had 17 tackles for a loss and the 18th-ranked Bulldogs cruised in their opener.

Joe Moorhead won his first game as Mississippi State's head coach, and the play-book showed some of the downfield passing prowess he's promised over the past months. The Bulldogs had completions of 53, 84, 27 and 30 yards for touchdowns.

Thompson, a 6-foot-4, 225-pound sophomore, made his second career start. He was



Amari Burney #30 of the Florida Gators tackles Kameron Brown #11 of the Charleston Southern Buccaneers during the game at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Sept 1, in Gainesville, Florida. (AFP)

pressed into action after senior Nick Fitzgerald was suspended for the season opener for a "violation of team policy" that Moorhead said happened in March.

Thompson also ran for 109 yards and two touchdowns.

Boise State 56, Troy 20

In Alabama, Brett Rypien passed for 305 yards and four touchdowns, and Sean Modster had 167 yards receiving, to lead Boise State in the opening victory.

The Broncos raced to a 35-7 halftime lead over a Trojans team coming off an 11-win season, largely with the Rypien-to-Modster connection. Then, Tyler Horton and Boise State's defense mostly took over the scoring for the second half against Troy.

The cornerback scooped-and-scored on a pair of fumbles, with returns of 55 and 11 yards. Horton, who has four defensive touchdowns, tied the FBS record for fumble returns for TDs in a game shared by four others.

Oregon 58, Bowling Green 24

In Oregon, Justin Herbert threw for five touchdowns and ran for another score for Oregon.

Herbert completed 10 of 21 passes for 281 yards and the five passing TDs were the most for a Duck in a season-opening game. He also rushed for 41 yards.

The victory extended Oregon's winning streak in home openers to 14.

Bowling Green, which went 2-10 last season, jumped in front 10-0 in the first quarter, but the Ducks scored 37 straight point and led 37-17 at the half. Bowling Green's Jarret Doege threw for 252 yards and three touchdowns.

Hawaii 59, Navy 41

In Honolulu, Cole McDonald threw for 428 yards and six touchdowns on 30-of-41 passing and Hawaii used a quick start en route to a 59-41 win over Navy on Saturday night.

The Rainbow Warriors (2-0) scored on their first six possessions and racked up 522 total yards, while the Midshipmen (0-1) dropped their first season opener since 2014.

John Ursua (10 catches for 167 yards), Cedric Byrd (11 for 90) and JoJo Ward (6 for 161) each caught two touchdown passes from McDonald.

Freddy Holly III's 1-yard TD run, the first of his career, gave Hawaii a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

After Navy turned it over on downs in its ensuing drive, Ward pulled down a 34-yard scoring strike from McDonald five plays into the second quarter on fourth-and-4.

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