NFL Roundup

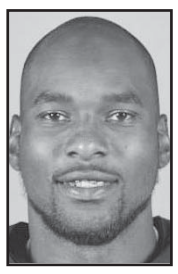
Lions waive DT Mack

Saints sign LB Bradham, activate linebacker Elliss

NEW ORLEANS, Aug 8, (AP): The New Orleans Saints have signed linebacker Nigel Bradham and activated linebacker Kaden Elliss from the club's Reserve/Covid-19 list, general manager Mickey Loomis said Friday.

The 6-foot-2, 241-pound Bradham is an eight-year veteran out of Florida State who began his NFL career as a 2012 fourth-round draft choice by Buffalo.

He spent his first four seasons with the Bills and past three with Philadelphia. He started all 12 games in which he played for the Eagles last season and made or assisted on 63 tackles. He also had an interception and forced fumble.



Bradham

Ellis is a second-year pro who was taken by New Orleans in the seventh round of the 2019 draft. He played in three regular-season games before his rookie campaign was cut short by a knee injury.

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The **Detroit Lions** waived defensive tackle **Daylon Mack**.

The team announced the move Friday. The NFL's transaction report listed the move with a failed physical designation.

The Lions acquired Mack off waivers from **Baltimore** last weekend. Mack was a fifth-round draft pick by the **Ravens** last year out of **Texas A&M**.

Mack dealt with knee and hip problems last year and eventually went on injured reserve.

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The Washington Football Team released running back **Derrius Guice** on Friday after he was charged in multiple domestic violence incidents.

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Department told The Associated Press that Guice was arrested on one count of strangulation, three counts of assault and battery and one count of destruction of property. Strangulation is a Class 6 felony in Virginia.

The team said in a statement it learned of a potential domestic violence situation Thursday, immediately notified the NFL and met with Guice to excuse him from football activities pending a review. After learning of the multiple charges against him, reviewing the case and discussing the matter, Washington said it decided to release Guice.

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Tyrod Taylor understands why many may compare his opportunity with the **Los Angeles Chargers** to the one he had in **Cleveland** two years ago. But the veteran quarterback sees many differences.

The only thing that hasn't changed is how Taylor views his job.

"I've been a firm believer in just controlling what you can," Taylor said Friday. "A lot of things that happened in Cleveland was out of my control, but I never changed my attitude towards what I can do and towards the team."

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The NFL's chief medical officer says the league is establishing a new two-step protocol for players and coaches who have no known history of the COVID-19 infection and receive a positive test.

Dr. Allen Sills said Friday any individual in that situation who is also asymptomatic will be given two confirmatory tests on the day following the positive test result. Both confirmation tests are nasal swabs, Sills said.

During the confirmation period, the individual must remain out of the team facility and isolate at home until the confirmatory test results return. If both confirmatory tests are negative, the individual is not considered COVID positive and may resume all normal activity, including access to the facility.

If a test is ruled either invalid or inconclusive, or there is a "technical error," the individual must retest. The restrictions will continue until the individual passes both tests.

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Chris Herndon was all set for a big breakout season a year ago with the **New York Jets.**

A four-game suspension and a few tough injuries put those plans on hold. Now, the third-year tight end is ready to make up for lost time.

"My body's feeling good," the 24-year-old Herndon said during a video conference call. "I'm in a good space mentally. I'm excited to be back with my team and putting in work with them again."

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Social distancing protocols will prevent **Green Bay Packers** outside linebackers **Preston Smith** and **Za'Darius Smith** from having the side-by-side joint locker-room interviews that followed so many of their games last season.

They'll have to continue getting together while surrounding the opposing quarterback a few times each Sunday instead.

The Smiths, who aren't related, combined for 25½ sacks last year in their debut seasons for Green Bay. Now that they've had a year of experience as teammates, the Smiths are eager to build on a season that ended with the Packers one game shy of the Super Bowl.

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Coaches will have their own category for being voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame - at least for the next four years.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Board of Trustees on Friday approved a change in the selection process. Effective with the class of 2021, there will be 15 modern-era players as finalists (with a maximum of five ultimately elected). There also will be one coach finalist, one senior finalist and one contributor finalist through the selection of the class of 2024.

Previously, coaches were considered along with players, lessening their chances of being elected to the Canton, Ohio, shrine. There also were one or two senior and one or two contributor finalists, with those numbers alternating each year, with three candidates combined annually.

In this Nov 24, 2019 file photo, Washington Redskins running back Derrius Guice (29) runs the ball during an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions in Landover, Md. (AP)

MLB Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Aug 8, (AP): Results and standings from the MLB games on Friday.

Baltimore	11	Washington	0
TB Rays	1	NY Yankees	0
Chic W. Sox	2	Cleveland	0
KC Chiefs	3	Minnesota	2
Boston	5	Toronto	3
Detroit	17	Pittsburgh (11 Ins)	13
Texas	4	LA Angels	3
Colorado	8	Seattle	4
Oakland	3	Houston (13 Ins)	2
Miami	4	NY Mets	3
Cincinnati	8	Milwaukee	3
SD Padres	3	Arizona	0
LA Dodgers	7	SF Giants	2

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	4	.692	–
Baltimore	6	7	.462	3
Tampa Bay	6	7	.462	3
Boston	5	8	.385	4
Toronto	4	7	.364	4
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	10	4	.714	–
Chicago	8	6	.571	2
Detroit	6	5	.545	2½
Cleveland	8	7	.533	2½
Kansas City	5	10	.333	5½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	10	4	.714	–
Houston	6	7	.462	3½
Los Angeles	5	9	.357	5
Texas	4	8	.333	5
Seattle	5	10	.333	5½

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	7	1	.875	–
Atlanta	9	5	.643	1
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	3½
Washington	4	6	.400	43
New York	5	9	.357	5
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	10	3	.769	–
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	4
St Louis	2	3	.400	4
Cincinnati	6	8	.429	4½
Pittsburgh	3	11	.214	7½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Colorado	10	3	.769	–
Los Angeles	10	4	.714	½
San Diego	8	6	.571	2½
San Francisco	6	9	.400	5
Arizona	5	9	.357	5½

Perez hits sacrifice fly in 8th, Rays hold off Yanks

Tampa Bay Rays second baseman Joey Wendle forces New York Yankees' D.J. LeMahieu (26) at second base and relays the throw to first in time to turn a double play on Aaron Judge during the sixth inning of a baseball game, on Aug 7, in St Petersburg, Florida. (AP)

Marlins win again, top Mets 4-3 for 6th straight

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Aug 8, (AP): Pinch-hitter Michael Perez hit a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning on his 28th birthday, six Tampa Bay pitchers combined on a two-hitter and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the AL East-leading New York Yankees 1-0 on Friday night.

Yoshi Tsutsugo drew a leadoff walk from Adam Ottavino (2-1) in the eighth and went to second with one out when Kevin Kiermaier walked. Both runners advanced a base on a wild pitch before Perez put the Rays up 1-0 on his fly to center.

Chaz Roe (2-0) went the final two innings for the win.

Masahiro Tanaka allowed one hit and struck out five over five innings, retiring his final 13 batters after giving up a first-inning single to Yandy Diaz. The Yankees' right-hander needed just 59 pitches in his second start after beginning the season on the concussion list after being struck in the head by Giancarlo Stanton's liner during a July 4th summer camp simulated game.

Three New York pitchers also limited the Rays to just two hits.

Marlins 4, Mets 3

In New York, Francisco Cervelli hit a three-run homer, Humberto Mejia impressed in his abbreviated major league debut and Miami kept up its surprising surge.

The Marlins won their sixth in a row and improved to 7-1 – they're 5-0 since missing more than a week because of the team's coronavirus outbreak.

Cervelli waved and pointed to the imaginary fans in the seating areas after hitting his second homer of the season. Jonathan Villar added an RBI double in Miami's four-run second.

Dominic Smith homered for the Mets, who have lost seven of nine. New York scored its other runs in the eighth on a throwing error by third baseman Brian Anderson and RBI single by J.D. Davis.

Stephen Tarpley (2-0) pitched two innings for the win. Nick Vincent escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth and finished for his first save since 2016 with Seattle.

Michael Wacha (1-2) allowed four runs and six hits in five innings.

White Sox 2, Indians 0

In Chicago, Dylan Cease worked his way through five shutout innings, and the Chicago White Sox beat Aaron Civale and Cleveland.

Cease walked the leadoff man four times and hit a batter, but wiggled out of trouble each time. The right-hander allowed two hits and struck out four.

The Indians went 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position and left 10 runners on base, continuing a season-long problem and wasting a terrific start by Civale. They had won three in a row.

Civale (1-2) allowed five hits, struck out five and walked one in seven innings.

Cleveland played without manager Terry Francona and hitting coach Ty Van Burkleo. Francona missed his sixth straight game while addressing a gastrointestinal issue he has been dealing with for months. The team announced before the series opener that Van Burkleo had opted out of the 2020 season because of the coronavirus.

Red Sox 5, Blue Jays 3

In Boston, Alex Verdugo hit two solo homers over the Green Monster, Mitch Moreland had a two-run shot and Boston's beleaguered staff rebounded to lift the Red Sox past Toronto.

Verdugo also robbed Travis Shaw of a homer with a leaping grab and Moreland had a bases-loaded walk to help Boston win its second straight following a four-game losing streak.

Miami Marlins' Humberto Mejia delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets, on Aug 7, in New York. (AP)

Cavan Biggio hit a solo homer, and Vladimir Guerrero Jr and Bo Bichette each had an RBI double for Toronto, which has dropped five of six.

Moreland's homer sailed just over the 380-foot sign at the edge of the Blue Jays' bullpen in right off starter Tanner Roark (1-1) in the third inning for his fourth homer.

Reliever Heath Hembree (2-0) got three outs for the victory and Brandon Workman the final three for his third save.

Royals 3, Twins 2

In Kansas City, Mo, Ryan McBroom hit a go-ahead homer in the sixth inning and Kansas City held Minnesota to a pair of solo homers.

Nick Heath and Nicky Lopez also drove in runs for the Royals, who have won two straight after a six-game slide.

Jakob Junis served up homers to Byron Buxton and Marwin Gonzalez before leaving with two outs in the fifth

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inning, and Greg Holland (2-0) led four relievers in holding down the Twins the rest of the way. Trevor Rosenthal retired the final three batters in order for his second save.

Matt Wisler (0-1) served up McBroom's homer as Minnesota lost a one-run game for the second consecutive night.

Reds 8, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Trevor Bauer turned in another stellar outing, and Matt Davidson and Nick Castellanos homered to lead Cincinnati.

Bauer (2-0) gave up three hits and one run in six innings while striking out 12.

The Reds scored six runs in the second off Milwaukee starter Eric Lauer (0-1), ending a 24-inning scoring drought. Cincinnati had pushed across three runs before Davidson's three-run homer, his first of the season, which barely cleared the wall in center field.

The Reds (6-8) lost 13-0 to Cleveland on Thursday night, failing to score in the last 23 innings of the home-and-home series.

Padres 3, Diamondbacks 0

In San Diego, Zach Davies retired the first 13 Arizona batters, Fernando Tatis Jr hit a leadoff homer and rookies Jake Cronenworth and Edward Olivares also went deep to lead San Diego.

Davies (2-1) took a perfect game into the fifth before giving up consecutive one-out singles to Eduardo Escobar and David Peralta. He got out of the jam by retiring the next two batters on popups.

Davies allowed three singles in 5-2/3 innings, struck out six and walked none. Four relievers finished the combined four-hitter for San Diego's first shutout. Kirby Yates pitched the ninth for his second save in two chances.

Luke Weaver (0-3) went only three innings, allowing two runs and two hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

Tigers 17, Pirates 13, 11 Innings

In Pittsburgh, Niko Goodrum drove in five runs, two on a double in a big 11th inning that sent Detroit past Pittsburgh.

Both teams finished with 16 hits, surprising since each club had four players in the starting lineup batting under .190. Those numbers soon changed as Detroit played its first game in five days.

Erik Gonzalez drove in six runs. He homered, doubled and singled twice as Pittsburgh lost for the eighth time in nine games and fell to 3-11.

It was 12-all after nine innings and Jeimer Candelario broke a 13-all tie with an RBI single in the 11th. Austin Romine singled home another run and Goodrum capped the inning with his line drive to right field.

Candelario finished with three hits and three RBIs.

Rookie Bryan Garcia (2-0) got the win despite giving up the 10th-inning run. Dovydas Neverauskas (0-2) allowed all four runs in the 11th.

Athletics 3, Astros 2, 13 Innings

In Oakland, California, Marcus Semien singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 13th to lift Oakland to its seventh straight win in a game that matched the longest this season with baseball's new extra-innings rule.

Alex Bregman hit an RBI double in the top of the 13th inning only for the A's to tie it on Austin Allen's single in the bottom half against Cy Sneed (0-2).

J.B. Wendelken (1-0) worked three strong innings and the A's finally delivered after squandering bases-loaded chances in the 10th and 12th.

Houston lost its third straight.

The Astros were supposed to visit Oakland months ago in late March for their first road trip of 2020 after a sign-stealing scam that blemished baseball during the offseason. Coronavirus delayed the Bay Area trip.

Robbie Grossman hit a tying homer in the seventh and Gold Glove third baseman Matt Chapman made a terrific stop on Jose Altuve's sharp grounder to keep the game tied in the 10th.

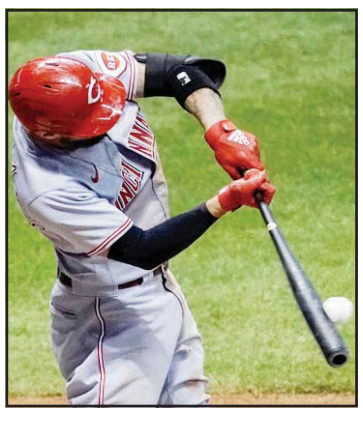
Rockies 8, Mariners 4

In Seattle, Daniel Murphy had a key two-run single and later hit a two-run home run, Garrett Hampson and Charlie Blackmon added solo shots, and Colorado won for the sixth time in seven games.

Murphy's hit with two outs in the sixth ended the night for Seattle starter Yusei Kikuchi (0-1) and gave Colorado a 4-1 lead.

Colorado then feasted on Seattle's shaky bullpen. Hampson hit his first home run of the season with two outs in the seventh, and Blackmon led off the eighth with his third long ball.

Murphy capped his night lining the first pitch from reliever Yohan Ramriez into the right-field seats with one out in the eighth.



Cincinnati Reds' Nicholas Castellanos hits a two-run home run during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, on Aug 7, in Milwaukee. (AP)

Colorado starter Antonio Senzatela (3-0) threw six strong innings, allowing two earned runs and struck out five.

Dodgers 7, Giants 2

In Los Angeles, Mookie Betts homered for the first time at Dodger Stadium, and Max Muncy, Will Smith and Edwin Ríos went deep to lead Los Angeles.

The Dodgers have won three in a row and eight of 10.

Betts was back in the lineup for the first time since injuring his left middle finger last Sunday in Phoenix. He didn't waste any time, doubling in his first at-bat. He homered into the left-field pavilion in the third, tying the game 1-all. Two batters later, Justin Turner's RBI single gave Los Angeles the lead for good, 2-1.

The Dodgers pummeled Jeff Samardzija in the fourth. Muncy homered to the right-field pavilion leading off. Smith slugged his second homer of the season – both against the Giants – that eluded a leaping Darin Ruf in left field, extending the lead to 5-1.

Samardzija (0-2) struggled again in the fifth, and was pulled after loading the bases with no outs. Samardzija was charged with six runs (five earned) and seven hits in four-plus innings.

Dylan Floro (1-0) got the victory, giving up one hit in one inning with two strikeouts.

Rangers 4, Angels 3

In Arlington, Texas, Mike Trout homered again on his birthday, but Robinson Chirinos drove in two runs without a hit and Texas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Trout turned 29, and homered for the fifth time in the seven big league games he has played on his birthday. The three-time AL MVP put the Angels up 2-0 in the first with his 444-foot drive over their bullpen in left-center.

Chirinos had a sacrifice fly in the second inning, then walked with the bases loaded as part of a three-run fourth when the Rangers went ahead to stay when all of those runs were unearned.

Jordan Lyles (1-1), one of three off-season additions to the Rangers rotation, struck out five in 5-1/3 innings. Rafael Montero, activated from the injured list earlier in the day, worked a perfect ninth for his first career save capped by Trout's game-ending strikeout.

Angels starter Griffin Canning (0-2) threw more balls (45) than strikes (43) while walking six batters in 3-2/3 innings.

Orioles 11, Nationals 0

In Baltimore, Even Chris Davis got in on the act for the suddenly slugging Orioles, doubling his season total by collecting two of Baltimore's 19 hits and raising his average from .087 to .143 in a big win over Washington.

Seven of the Orioles' nine starting position players each got at least a pair of hits. José Iglesias led the way by going 4 for 4 with three RBIs, and Renato Núñez added a three-run homer to back left-hander Tommy Milone (1-1), whose six-inning outing was the longest by an Orioles pitcher this year.

Milone, who was drafted by the Nationals in 2008 and briefly pitched for them in 2011 and 2018, allowed just three hits and didn't walk anyone.

The Orioles were coming off getting swept in four games at home by the cobbled-together, coronavirus-struck Miami Marlins. But after scoring a grand total of once through the first three games of that series, Baltimore put up seven runs in the finale Thursday, then kept on swinging well Friday against the reigning World Series champions Nationals and starter Aníbal Sánchez (0-2).