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Acclaimed pianist offers free concert in Radford

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Radford University

RADFORD - One day, while walking home from school, an 11-year-old Nick van Bloss noticed a free piano for the taking on a London sidewalk.

Four years later, he was studying at the Royal College of Music.

Van Bloss experienced a rapid rise to prominence during his studies, winning multiple competitions and accolades, and even performed for a televised concert at the Chopin Festival in Poland.

However, van Bloss's career took an unexpected hiatus from music at age 26 that lasted close to 15 years. During that time, he gave away his piano, learning and exploring music in his head rather than at an instrument.

After publishing his autobiographical memoir, "Busy Body," and featuring in a BBC documentary about his creative life called "Horizon," he grabbed the spotlight again, returning first to record Bach's Goldberg Variations.

This was followed by a handful of other recordings and performances around the globe that earned him critical acclaim including being hailed by the press as a "genius without vanity."

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, New River Valley residents will have an opportunity to experience van Bloss's unique and inspiring talent at a free public performance at Radford University.

The concert will feature solo performances of works by J.S. Bach as well as piano pieces with Radford's piano professor, Dr. Matthew Cataldi, and Erica Sipes, the music department's piano



Nick van Bloss brings intense focus to his piano performances to high acclaim.

collaborator. Together, they will perform works by Shostakovich, Mozart, Grieg, and Schubert.

Cataldi is excited about the performance and expresses great respect for the guest artist.

"Nick is one of the most incredible musicians I have ever had the pleasure of working with," Cataldi said.

"The electricity in his playing, the passion in his teaching, and the humble humanity in his public speaking are all indelibly inspiring."

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF RADFORD UNIVERSITY
World renown classical pianist, Nick van Bloss, will perform at Radford University for a free concert on January 18, 2023.

Montgomery/Radford/Floyd NAACP to celebrate life, legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Montgomery/Radford/Floyd branch of the NAACP will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

The guest speaker will be Elder Marlin Reeves, the branch's Executive Member-at-large for his second term and subscribing Silver Life member. He serves as the Assistant Pastor of New Beginnings Church in Pulaski and as the Vice President of the NRV and Roanoke Markets of the Freedom First Credit Union.

The program will include installation of the new 2023 officers by State NAACP President Robert Barnette; presentations, poetry and music by the branch youth council, and announcement of the two 2023 branch award winners of the MRF NAACP/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Awards.

-Submitted by Deborah H. Travis, NAACP Branch President

Free street photography series offered by Radford Photo Club

RADFORD - The Radford Photo Club will offer programs on street photography at the Jan. 19, Feb. 15, and March 16 meetings, to include a presentation, a conversation, an assignment, a contest, and a critique.

"The series will be interactive, not technical," said Professional Photographer Adi Ben Senior, who will lead the program.

The programs will be at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library.

In January, Ben Senior will talk about what street photography is, the techniques and approach. At the February meeting, a review of equipment will be held: what to bring, wear, and do, and what not to bring, wear, and do. Conversation and an assignment will be included. In March, those who completed the assignment will each share three of their photos on the projector and talk about the experience.

"In January we will look at some of the earliest street photography photos," Ben Senior said. "In February, we will look at newer photos. You will see that people notice, and sometimes they yell. It's not a studio."

"The rules are simple: 'be ready' and 'get close,'" Ben Senior said.

From Christiansburg, Ben Senior has been photographing since 1987. He studied photography in the Tel-Aviv Arts Museum on a full scholarship, graduated the ISR Navy as a type II international naval photographer specialist, worked for nature journals, and traveled from Lapland to Patagonia, from Congo to California. He has been awarded multiple intentional prizes over the years and had multiple publications and exhibitions in museums, International Art Centers, and private galleries.

Little River Road crash claims life of one man

A 19-year-old man from Pulaski County is dead following a one vehicle car crash in the 3100 block of Little River Road in Montgomery County on Sunday, Jan. 8.

The NRV 911 Center received the call in reference to the accident at approximately 7:40 a.m. Sunday.

The accident was reported to have involved an overturned vehicle in the Little River. Sheriff's deputies as well as fire and rescue crews responded to the scene, and upon arrival, rescue divers located one male occupant inside the vehicle. He was subsequently removed but was unresponsive.

Andrew Bryson, 19, of Pulaski Co. was transported by EMS to the New River Valley Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Crash Team is continuing its ongoing investigation of the incident.

-News Journal staff report



PHOTO BY ADI BEN SENIOR

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Youngkin talks 'compete to win' in Salem



PHOTO BY AILA BOYD

Gov. Glenn Youngkin discusses his desire for Virginia to "compete to win" during his speech at Carter Machinery in Salem last Thursday.

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SALEM - Gov. Glenn Youngkin stopped by Carter Machinery's newly opened Machine Rebuild Center in Salem on Thursday, Jan. 5 to discuss a range of issues, including legislative priorities he has for the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly.

The focus of Youngkin's remarks was the slogan "compete to win." The slogan was used to highlight his desire to lower taxes and increase Virginia's competitive edge regarding new business recruitment.

He said that Virginia's ability to "compete to win" starts with both

corporate and individual taxes. He pointed to North Carolina's competitiveness because of its lowering of taxes. He added that the lowering of taxes sends a signal that "it's only going to get better, not worse."

A step towards lowering taxes Youngkin pointed to was "\$4 billion in tax cuts."

"It is time to compete to win. We've got to jam down that accelerator, get our foot off the brake and get going. The states to the south of us are competing every day, every day to win Virginians to move there, to win business decisions to locate there. I'll tell you, Virginia was built to win. We are going to

compete to win—that is what our future looks like," Youngkin said. "We need to win...that means tackling two of our biggest and fundamental and intertwined problems—winning people and winning jobs."

A factor that contributes to competitiveness that Youngkin stressed is the need for shovel-ready sites for businesses that are considering locating in the commonwealth.

"To support the recruitment and expansion of high-growth industries, the commonwealth requires massive investments to create shovel-ready sites," he said.

The lack of shovel-ready "mega sites," he said, has cost the

commonwealth more than 55,000 jobs since 2016.

"Last year, we made incredible progress. We're going to build on it by taking Virginia to the next level," he said.

Del. Joe McNamara spoke prior to Youngkin. He touted some recent legislative initiatives.

"The grocery tax was eliminated as the result of Gov. Glenn Youngkin and the Republicans in the General Assembly," he said. "Gov. Youngkin the Republicans also nearly doubled your standard deduction."

McNamara also brought up the start of the new session of the General Assembly. "We

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This will actually be van Bloss's second appearance at Radford. Last summer, he spoke to high school students attending the Governor's School for Visual & Performing Arts and Humanities about creativity and his journey of persistence, self-acceptance and succeeding against the odds.

"I feel that Radford has a unique and positive energy," said van Bloss, "All thanks to the diverse and vibrant body of students and staff who vividly bring it to life."

"It'll be a huge pleasure for me to return," he added.

In addition to the performance, van Bloss will talk to Radford's music students during the first week of classes about the importance of creativity in overcoming challenges and how it has played a significant role in his life. He will also work with musicians in the Music Department as part of his residency.

"I'll get to work with and meet a great many students," van Bloss explained. "Encouragement, honesty, and possibly even new perspectives are things I'm aiming to share and cultivate."

Erica Sipes, who has collaborated with van Bloss,

says he has "an uncanny ability to take a piece of music—or a person—and quickly identify not only their heart and soul, but also all of the different facets in them that work together."

"It makes his piano playing full of life, character, and freshness, and it makes his teaching and public speaking full of empathy, vision, and inspiration."

The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Davis Performance Hall in the Covington Center on Radford's main campus. No tickets are required and the event is free and open to all.

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have a lot of work ahead of us," he said.

John Batzel, president of Carter Machinery, also delivered remarks prior to Youngkin.

"Carter continues to grow," he said.

He talked about the company's growth, including the addition of more than 400 team members to the company's ranks. A significant number of

the technicians who were hired were apprentice technicians. Many of the newly hired technicians were in attendance on Thursday.

"On behalf of Carter Machinery's 2,500-plus team members, it was truly our honor to host the Governor, his staff, local and regional political and business leaders, as well as family and friends," Batzel

said. "Carter Machinery certainly understands the importance of a skilled, well-trained, committed workforce because our people are the key to the company's success, and more importantly, to our customers' success. We thank the governor for sharing his time, his plans, and his excitement today for growing business and jobs in Virginia."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11:

Brown Bag Book Club

At the Radford Public Library; noon to 1 p.m. Join the library on the second Wednesday of each month for a casual book discussion. Participants may bring a lunch. To be discussed this month is "From Here to Eternity" by Caitlin Doughty. To be discussed in February is "Sister Stardust" by Jane Green.

Loops Group

At the Blacksburg Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants may bring their project and join the Loops Group for community and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, Jan. 12:

River City Quilt Guild

The River City Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Grove United Methodist Church, 1020 Tyler Ave., Radford. The guild welcomes all skill levels of quilters. For more information, call Anna Handy, 540 320 7791.

Community quilting bee

At the Blacksburg Library; 10 a.m. to noon. Participants can bring their supplies and join this weekly quilting and sewing group for conversation.

Friday, Jan. 13:

Estate planning overview

At the Blacksburg Public Library; 1:30 to 4 p.m. At this free seminar, attorney Jaime Rebekovich will discuss the different documents involved in estate planning, including advanced medical directives, power of attorney, and wills. She will explain what these documents are and why they are important. Participants can come ready with questions.

Saturday, Jan. 14:

Family movie matinee

At the Radford Public Library at 11 a.m. Come watch "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile." A handsome crocodile shares a house with a boy and his family in this musical tale based on a story by Bernard Waber. Rated PG; 106 minutes.

Grownup board game club

At the Radford Public Library from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Bring a friend and a board game, or just bring yourself to get some quality board-gaming time in at the library. The library has a collection of games on hand, but participants are welcome to bring a game from home and teach the staff how to play it.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 and ongoing

NRV Cares Parent Education: Parenting young children

At the Radford Public Library 5 to 7 p.m. A free eight-week parenting class presented by NRV Cares. A free dinner will be provided from 5 to 5:30 p.m., and free child care will be included for the duration of the class. Register by email at Keli@nrvcares.org or by text to Julie at (540) 494-0806.

Thursday, Jan. 19:

Radford Photo Club: Street photography part one

At the Radford Public Library 6 to 7 p.m. Adi Ben Senior will present the first of three interactive workshops on the techniques of Street Photography. Save the other two dates: Feb. 15 and March 16.

Friday, Jan. 20:

American Red Cross blood drive

At the Radford Public Library 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, and appointments can be made in advance at redcrossblood.org.

Monday, Jan. 23:

Radford City Council meeting

The Radford City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Radford Municipal Building, 10 Robertson St., Radford.

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 24:

Blacksburg Town Council meeting

The Blacksburg Town Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 S. Main St. These meetings are open to the public and are televised live on WTOB Channel 2.

Christiansburg Town Council meeting

The Christiansburg Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of Town Hall (100 E. Main Street). The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend with a citizen hearing time reserved at each meeting for residents to bring any matter they desire before the entire council.

Ongoing:

Help veterans with your donations

The Meadowbrook Public Library is a collection point for items needed at the VA Medical Center in Salem. Donors may bring an of the following items to the library during January: deodorant, denture adhesive, 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, nail clippers, sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts (size M, L, XL) , and new baseball caps. Co-Sponsored by VFW Post 5311 and Montgomery-Floyd Regional libraries.

Free GED Classes

At the Meadowbrook Public Library, 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. New River Community College is offering free GED classes at the Meadowbrook Library every Tuesday and Thursday until Thursday, Dec. 15. For more information or to sign up, call the Meadowbrook Library at 540-268-1964.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Borris has been a resident at the Animal Care and Adoption Center for just a short time. He is a sweet, gentle boy. This orange tabby likes attention and affection from his favorite humans.



Delilah is a fun-loving, playful pup ready to head home. She enjoys entertaining herself with toys, including tennis balls and squeaky plush toys. Delilah is treat-motivated and knows the "sit" command.

Celebrate National Popcorn Day at Lil' Bit Corny

RADFORD - The public is invited to come out and celebrate National Popcorn Day at Lil' Bit Corny on Thursday, Jan. 19 at noon. The event will also include a

ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate Lil' Bit Corny's new location at 111 Third Avenue in Radford.

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Buddy King: Remembering Pittsburgh's two iconic sports moments

I am a frustrated sports writer as I have mentioned before. From early childhood I enjoyed playing sports, watching sports, and reading about sports. Once I accepted the fact that I was unlikely to end up as the second baseman for the L.A. Dodgers, my dream job was to be a beat writer for Sports Illustrated, covering either college football or basketball or Major League Baseball. So I have enjoyed (abused?) the opportunity this column provides to do an occasional sports column. In my own fashion.

The recent death of Franco Harris, Hall of Fame running back for the great Pittsburgh Steeler teams of the 1970's, provided the motive for this column. So, as any viewer of television crime shows knows, if you have motive and you have opportunity, a crime can result. Here it is.

I think that at least arguably (a word which they teach you in law school to use when you accept there may be other points of view) the most iconic single moments in NFL history and in Major League Baseball history each occurred down the road from where I have lived the last 42 years of my life. In Pittsburgh, née the "Steel City" (not so much so the last 30 or 40 years, more the home of technology and fabulous health care and entrepreneurs over that time) and the "City of Champions," a phrase coined by the late broadcaster Howard Cosell (said to be able to make the world of fun and games sound like a Congressional inquiry) in the 1970's when the Steelers and the Pirates were winning world championships on a regular basis. Later to be joined by the NHL's Penguins. Sometimes I think the state flower of my part of West Virginia is the Penguins logo on the back of a car.

So Franco's recent passing gives me the opportunity to reflect on a couple of the most iconic moments in American sports history, certainly the two seminal plays in Pittsburgh sports history. Fortunately, in my time in and around the Burgh, I have had the good fortune to meet both heroes of these points in time on several occasions. Another column for

another day.

First, of course, there is Franco and his "Immaculate Reception," a still-disputed (somewhat) miraculous (yes, a play on words) pass reception Harris made and carried into the end zone of the now long gone Three Rivers Stadium, in a December 1972 playoff game against the hated Oakland Raiders. Even a casual sports fan has probably heard the phrase "Immaculate Reception" and maybe seen a replay.

On fourth down and with the clock running down, and the up and coming young "Stillers" about to be sent packing, their future Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw dodged an almost certain sack and unleashed one of his typical 100 mph passes (a Pittsburgh investment guy I know tells the story of Terry dislocating both thumbs of one of his business associates, a former small college football player who had asked to "play catch" at 50 yards with Terry on the floor of Three Rivers.)

This is where the story gets really interesting. Bradshaw's pass hits somebody (either Raiders safety Jack Tatum or Steelers running back John "Frenchy" Fuqua) about 30 yards downfield and ricochets (hard) back towards the Steelers' line of scrimmage. At this point, the football goes out of sight of the television camera and ends up in Franco's hands, who alertly was following the old coach's rule of "keep your eye on the ball." Franco ends up racing through the stunned Raiders defense and scores the winning touchdown and is stormed by "Franco's Italian Army" in the end zone.

The catch involved two controversies. First, if the ball had hit Fuqua (the Steelers receiver) and ended up in Franco's hands without touching Tatum, the play would have been an "illegal touching" under the rules at the time, and the Steelers would have lost. Secondly, there is debate (unwarranted in my opinion) as to whether the ball hit the turf before Franco grabbed it. A replay from another camera angle shows that it clearly did not. Or almost clearly.

A few fun facts about the game and the play. While there was no "booth review" then, it took the officials about 15 minutes to reach a conclusion that the touchdown counted. Thirteen future NFL Hall of Famers played in the game. And, perhaps most interestingly, if not for this single play, Frenchy Fuqua would probably be remembered only because, on his nights on the town, he was known to wear extremely high heel shoes made of glass that contained live tropical fish. I kid you not. Only Frenchy remains among the living of the main protagonists here, and he refuses to say whether the ball hit him.

The phrase "Immaculate Reception" was coined by legendary Steelers broadcaster Myron Cope, who also invented The Terrible Towel and famously, and generously, gave the rights to The Terrible Towel to Allegheny Valley School, which cares for the intellectually and physically challenged. Myron's only son, who was autistic, attended the school, and I heard recently that the proceeds from sales have now raised over \$6,000,000 for Allegheny. As Myron would say on his broadcasts, "Double Yo'i!"

Then there is the "Mazeroski homer." In my opinion the defining sports moment in Pittsburgh sports history, even ahead of the Immaculate Reception. It occurred on Oct. 13, 1960, when I was in the second grade and living innocently on Cherry Lane in Christiansburg. At the time, baseball was still king. The NFL was just about to blossom, but it trailed Major League Baseball in popularity and exposure, and the NBA was almost a semipro sport. Soccer was played only by communists. It was a time when the World Series was played in the day time, and kids took transistor radios to school to listen to the games.

This event was the seventh and deciding game of the series and featured the 800 pound gorilla New York Yankees versus the upstart Pittsburgh Pirates. In the bottom of the ninth inning, in "venerable Forbes Field" (You can't write "Forbes Field" without putting "venerable" in front of it.) near the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, Bill Mazeroski, a 24-year-old "good field, no hit" second baseman, an eighth-place hitter, came to the plate in the bottom of the ninth inning of a 9-9 game that had already had more thrills and ups and downs than a baseball

game deserves. Maz hit the second pitch over the left field wall of Forbes with a despondent Yankee left fielder Yogi Berra drifting back and eventually giving up pursuit. This was the Yankees of Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris and Whitey Ford and Yogi.

A few interesting factoids from this game. It remains the only time a World Series has ended on a walk-off homer (a term not used then) in the bottom of the ninth inning of a seventh game. The home run ball was found by 14-year-old Andy Jerpe, a neighborhood kid walking home from school. Straight out of the movie Sandlot, young Mr. Jerpe had used the ball the next spring in a neighborhood game and it was lost in a ravine near his home. Maz had refused Andy's offer to give him the ball, saying, "keep it kid."

Ralph Terry was the pitcher for the Yankees who gave up the homer to Maz. He went on to redeem himself to some extent by getting the last out of the seventh game of the 1962 World Series when Willie McCovey of the San Francisco Giants scalded a bases loaded line drive into the glove of scrappy Yankee second sacker Bobby Richardson (You can't write "second sacker Bobby Richardson" without putting "scrappy" in front of his name.) The McCovey line drive and Bobby's catch became a staple of the Peanuts cartoon strip for several years. Charlie Brown was shown sitting on the curb, holding his head in his hands and saying, "If only McCovey had hit the ball two feet higher."

The Yankees outscored the Pirates 55-27 in the Series, but managed to lose 4 of 7. Mickey Mantle called the Game-7 loss the low point of his career. Yankee manager Casey Stengel was fired after the game and famously said, "They told me I was too old, I told them I'll never make that mistake again".

And along the lines of Frenchy Fuqua's tropical fish esoteria, for many years it was thought that no video of the game existed. At that time, live broadcasts were not preserved by the networks. But 50 years after the historic game (broadcast on NBC by Mel Allen and Bob Prince, two of the greatest of all time), a tape of the game was found in the wine cellar of the Bing Crosby home at Pebble Beach. The legendary Irish crooner of his time, Bing was a part owner of the Pirates in 1960 and had been too nervous to watch the game live.

I remember vividly where I was when each of these moments happened. Much like when JFK was assassinated and when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon.

On October 13, 1960, I ended up in a fist fight in the middle of Cherry Lane with my great childhood neighbor and friend Richard, who had the temerity to root for the Pirates merely because that was the Little League team he was on (All true Americans were Mickey Mantle fans back then, except for Richard and my Dad.) And on December 23, 1972, I was home from college on Christmas break and in the den of my great friend Greg watching the Immaculate Reception with Greg and his Dad.

Franco died two days before the 50th anniversary of the Immaculate Reception, and three days before his number was retired in a game between the Steelers and the Raiders in Pittsburgh this past December.

Of such heroes are iconic moments made. And preserved.

PS: As far as I know, there is still a gathering on October 13 each year at the left field wall at the former sight of "venerable" old Forbes Field. The brick wall remains as it was in 1960, along with the flagpole which was inside the wall, and a crowd gathers and listens to a broadcast of the game, and someone sells 25-cent hot dogs. Home plate from the last game at Forbes rests in the floor of the lobby of the Pitt Graduate School of Business. I have been to the October 13 reunion several times. I always feel the ghosts.

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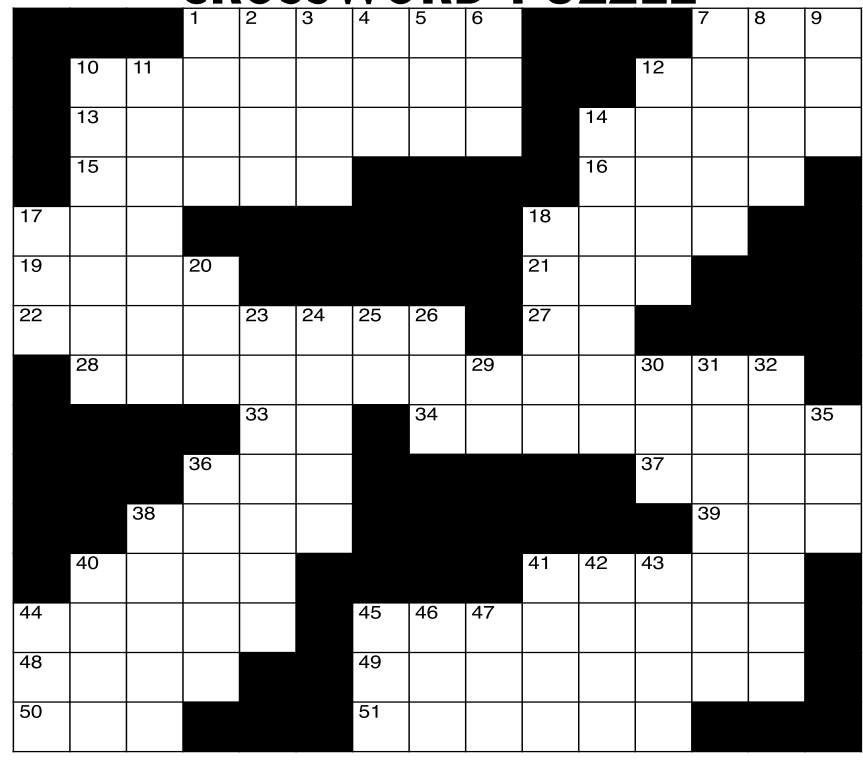
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FROM THE SIDELINES

By Marty Gordon

Scratching our heads over ACC basketball

Has anyone noticed the ACC men's basketball standings? The typical "blue bloods" of the league are having to scratch and claw their way to wins this season.

Clemson, who recently beat Virginia Tech, stands atop the standings with a 5-0 conference mark and a 13-3 record. Pitt and Miami are tied for second at 4-1, and Syracuse is fourth at 3-1.

Familiar names like Duke, Wake Forest, and North Carolina are hanging in the middle of the pack with 3-2 ACC records. Defending tournament champ Virginia Tech is 11th looking up at the league leaders.

North Carolina was a preseason AP #1, but how quickly have they fallen, even out of the recent Top 25 polls.

Virginia Tech started the season out of conference with only two losses and was on a rise in the AP poll before it hit the conference schedule. Now after three losses, the Hokies are moving backwards.

Duke and UVA also had caught the attention of the national pollsters, but losses have dropped them quickly.

Virginia Tech took it on the chin this past weekend in a 73-69 loss to N.C. State and is on a four-game skid.

The Hokies had three players score in double figures, led by Sean Pedulla, who had 19 points and four assists. Darius Maddox added 16 points, and Lynn Kidd chipped in with 14 points from the bench.

Kidd and Mylyjael Poteat have been bright spots off the bench for the Hokies this season. Poteat had eight points, four rebounds, one block, and a steal in a previous loss to Clemson.

Poteat has been a pleasant surprise for Coach Mike Young. "He's got unbelievable hands," said his coach. "He's going to help us win. He's big and he's physical, and he's not afraid of contact. He knows who he is as a player, and I think that's a benefit of playing college basketball for two years."

Off the court, Tech senior Justin Mutts recently became involved with the West End Center for Youth in Roanoke, hosting clinics and mentoring youngsters.

"Being a basketball player at a big-time program like Virginia Tech, I can use my platform to my advantage," Mutts said. "When I talk, the kids listen intently and give me their full attention when I offer advice or words of wisdom. I know I had a mentor when I was around the middle-school age, and this person was an extremely influential person in my life who helped guide me down the right path. That's exactly who I want to be for these kids."

Of course, it's Mutts's prowess or should we say extra effort in the classroom that stands out even more. He is embarking on his 11th semester in college, having already earned a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees. He is currently enrolled in his second undergraduate program (human development).

Sports news and notes: Hokies on preseason list, Big South Sweepstakes

By Marty Gordon
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Led by five selections from Wake Forest and three from Virginia Tech, 16 Atlantic Coast Conference players were named as Preseason All-Americans by Perfect Game on Thursday.

The ACC contingent includes four first-team selections in Virginia third baseman Jake Gelof, North Carolina outfielder Vance Honeycutt, Wake Forest starting pitcher Rhett Lowder, and Miami reliever Andrew Walters. Nine ACC squads had at least one player selected first-, second- or third-team. Wake Forest's five total selections are the most of any school.

The season opens for all Division I teams on Friday, Feb. 17. ACC teams wrap up regular-season play on Saturday, May 20, with the ACC Baseball Championship set for May 23-28 at Durham Bulls Athletic Park in Durham, North Carolina.

Perfect Game 2023 Preseason All-America Team

First Team
RHP - Rhett Lowder, Wake Forest

RP - Andrew Walters, Miami

3B - Jake Gelof, Virginia
OF - Vance Honeycutt, North Carolina

Second team
1B - Nick Kurtz, Wake Forest

DH - Brock Wilken, Wake Forest
OF - Jack Hurley, Virginia Tech.

RP - Wyatt Crowell, Florida State
Third team

C - Cooper Ingle, Clemson
3B - Yohandy Morales, Miami

IF - Carson DiMartini, Virginia Tech
OF - Travis Honeyman, Boston College

DH - LuJames Groover III, NC State
SP - Drue Hackenberg, Virginia Tech

SP - Teddy McGraw, Wake Forest
RP - Camden Minacci, Wake Forest

Perfect Game 2023 Preseason Rankings

5. Wake Forest
7. Louisville
9. Miami

13. North Carolina
15. Virginia Tech
19. Virginia

21. NC State
Collegiate Baseball 2023 Preseason Rankings

6. Louisville
8. Miami
10. Wake Forest

11. North Carolina
16. Virginia
23. Georgia Tech

28. Virginia Tech
30. NC State
32. Florida State

42. Clemson

Collegiate Baseball 2023 Preseason All-America Team

First Team
RHP - Rhett Lowder, Wake Forest

RP - Andrew Walters, Miami

3B - Jake Gelof, Virginia
OF - Vance Honeycutt, North Carolina

Second team
C - Jack Payton, Louisville

3B - Yohandy Morales, Miami

3B - Brock Wilken, Wake Forest
OF - Jack Hurley, Virginia Tech.

Third team
RHP - Drue Hackenberg, Virginia Tech.

Big South Sweepstakes
The Big South Conference has announced the return of its annual Big South Sweepstakes, presented by Hercules Tires, Pepsi, and Sunbelt Rentals. One lucky fan will receive a fabulous grand prize at the conclusion of the 2023 Hercules Tires Big South Basketball Championships in March.

Now in its 21st year, the Big South Sweepstakes is an opportunity to give back to fans who have supported the conference throughout the basketball season. All fans can enter the contest once per day as of Jan. 5, 2023. In addition to entering online, fans will also have a chance to register in-person during the inaugural Big South Basketball Championship Trophy Tour visiting each campus this season. The Trophy Tour will stop in Radford on Sat., Jan. 21.

Ten finalists of the sweepstakes will be randomly selected, and each will receive an exclusive prize package. At the Hercules Tires Big South Basketball Championships, one of the finalists will be awarded the grand prize featuring a set of Hercules Tires, two Mountain Dew camping chairs, a \$1,000 AIRBNB gift card provided by Sunbelt Rentals, and a special Big South prize pack.

To determine the grand prize winner, each of the 10 Big South Conference men's basketball teams competing for the conference championship will be randomly assigned to represent one of the 10 finalists. The grand prize winner will be the finalist paired with the Big South institution that wins the nationally televised 2023 Men's Basketball Championship game on Sunday, March 5.

For more information on the 2023 Big South Sweepstakes, visit www.bigsouthsports.com/sweepstakes.

Five local schools take part in memorial basketball tournament



Coahan Gordon scores on a layup in Auburn's 74-56 win over Christiansburg in Friday action of this year's Chance Harmon Memorial Basketball tournament at Floyd County High School. Gordon finished with 18 points.



Christiansburg's Caleb Robinson goes up for the shot while Auburn's Bryce Gill tries for the block. Robinson led all scorers in the Chance Harmon game with 23 points.



Blacksburg's Wade Bland drives around a defender in his team's Chance Harmon contest against Jefferson Forest.



Gavin Cormany tries to drive by a defender in Radford's Chance Harmon Tournament win over Lord Botetourt.

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Tech quarterback signee William Watson III named Gatorade Player of Year for State of MA

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Hokie quarterback signee William Watson III has been named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the State of Massachusetts.

Watson led Springfield Central High School to the Division One State Championship game this past fall as a senior, passing for 2,338 yards and accounting for 39 total touchdowns. For his high school career, Watson threw for 5,169 yards and 62 touchdowns. He was also named to the 2023 U.S. Army All-American Bowl roster.

Watson maintained a 3.62 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally in the community by being a face of Springfield's 'Vax The Field' in an effort to help city residents get their COVID-19 vaccination and also with the Springfield's Youth Football program as a coach.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states for the high school sports of football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross

country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field and then awards one National Player of the Year in each sport.

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Two named to Appalachian Hall of Fame

By **Marty Gordon**
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The Appalachian League has announced that two new members have been elected to the league's Hall of Fame: former Major League pitcher CC Sabathia and former Major League manager Jim Leyland.

"It is truly an honor to announce our 2022 class of the Appalachian League Hall of Fame," said Bristol State Liners President/GM and Appalachian League HOF Committee Chairman Mahlon Luttrell. "These two individuals are being recognized for the valuable contributions they have made to the continued development and success of the Appalachian League."

CC Sabathia: Drafted by Cleveland in the first round (20th overall) of the 1998 MLB Draft, Sabathia made his professional debut that season in Burlington, N.C., at age 17. He went 1-0 in five starts, striking out 35 in 18 innings. Sabathia compiled a career record of 251-161 with 3,093 strikeouts in 19 MLB seasons for Cleveland, Milwaukee, and New York (AL).

He received six All-Star selections and was a three-time Warren Spahn Award winner (given annually to baseball's best left-handed pitcher). Sabathia won the American League Cy Young Award with Cleveland in 2007 at age 26, going 19-7. He was the 2009 ALCS MVP and won a World Series title with the Yankees that season.

Sabathia established The PitCCh In Foundation in 2008. The foundation showcases three signature programs that provide young people with the tools to be successful in school and on the field: the All-Star

Baseball Clinic, the Youth Backpack Program, and Field Renovations. In addition, Sabathia has supported numerous philanthropic organizations and worthwhile causes, including the Jackie Robinson Foundation, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Toys for Tots and the Baseball Assistance Team (B.A.T.).

"I am excited to be inducted into the Appalachian League Hall of Fame," said Sabathia. "My time in Burlington was the first stop in my professional baseball career, and it brings back great memories to receive this honor."

Jim Leyland: Leyland began his managerial career in the Appalachian League with the Bristol Tigers in 1971 at age 26, guiding the team to a 31-35 record. He served as a coach for the Chicago White Sox from 1982-85 and garnered National League Manager of the Year honors with Pittsburgh in 1990 and '92, and was named the AL Manager of the Year with Detroit in 2006. Leyland managed 3,499 Major League Baseball games for the Pirates, Marlins, Tigers, and Rockies, recording 1,769 wins in 22 seasons. He is the only manager to win a World Series (Marlins, 1997) and the World Baseball Classic (2017, USA) title. In 2017, Leyland was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

The Appalachian League has announced the hiring of Justin Morgenstern as the new director of player personnel.

Morgenstern joins the Appalachian League from the Philadelphia Phillies where he has been an area scout since 2016. Morgenstern spent his first three years with the organization covering the Upper Midwest region before transitioning to the Northeast in 2020. Prior to

working for the Phillies, Morgenstern was a professional scout for the Atlanta Braves. He also worked for Major League Baseball in 2015 where he oversaw all operations for the Glendale Desert Dogs of the Arizona Fall League.

"We're excited to welcome Justin to the Appalachian League as the director of player personnel," said executive director Brian Graham. "Not only does he bring a proven track record of identifying talent at both the amateur and the professional level, but he also brings with him an outstanding network to help elevate the league to the next level."

Morgenstern arrives having previously worked in the Appalachian League as a media relations trainee with the Danville Braves in 2011. "I've got a lot of fond memories of the Appy League, and I'm honored to be able to come back in a different capacity," Morgenstern said. "The Appalachian League has tremendous growth potential from not just a fan entertainment perspective but also for the collegiate players who step on the diamond every night. I can't wait to help build and provide those opportunities."

An Indiana University graduate, Morgenstern currently resides in Jersey City, N.J., with his wife, Alex, and son, Cole.

The Appalachian League is a part of the Prospect Development Pipeline (PDP), the collaborative effort between Major League Baseball and USA Baseball that establishes a player development pathway for amateur baseball players in the United States. It is an integral part of the identification and development process for the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team and other future national teams.

HOKIE SWIMMERS WIN IN CHARLOTTE



CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Virginia Tech racked up many first-place wins during their meet against Queens and Tennessee Saturday, Jan. 7. The Tech men beat Queens 146-108, and the women won 151-103. Tennessee counted as an exhibition, so they do not have a final score.

HEAD COACH SERGIO LOPEZ MIRO

"Today we had a pretty good meet. It was our first meet in almost two months, so it's difficult to know what to expect with only about five days of training. I think we raced very well. Both the men and women did a great job. I'm so proud of the team. Now we just need to keep training and keep up the hard work for our meet against UVa next week."

HIGHLIGHTS

Men

The Hokies' relays didn't disappoint. To begin the meet, Forest Webb, Cobi Lopez Miro, Youssef Ramadan, and Luis Dominguez placed first in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:27.96. Finishing off the day, Ramadan, Carles Coll Marti, Will Koepfen and Dominguez placed first in the 200-free relay with a final time of 1:19.83.

Showing his endurance, Luis Dominguez placed first in the men's 1000 free with a time of 9:22.44. Following right behind him, Nico Garcia Saiz

placed second with a time of 9:24.44, and Nikolas Lee-Bishop placed third with a time of 9:34.35. Continuing the top distance swims, Dominguez also placed first in the 500 free with a time of 4:33.70. Keith Myburgh followed right behind, placing second with a time of 4:35.50, and Lee-Bishop placed third with a time of 4:37.51.

Carles Coll Marti showed speed and diversity in the pool. He placed first in the 200 free with a time of 1:38.16 and first in the 200 breast with a time of 1:57.06. He also placed first in the men's 200 IM with a time of 1:48.86.

Youssef Ramadan always proves his speed during freestyle events. Placing first, Ramadan finished the 100 free with a time of 43.71. He finished the 50 free with a time of 19.52, placing second.

Women

Like the men, the women's relays placed high. Starting the day off strong, Carmen Weiler Sastre, Fanni Gyurinovics, Karisa Franz, and Madelyn Moore placed first in the 200-medley relay with a time of 1:41.19. Gyurinovics, Franz, Emily Claesson and Anna Summers finished out the meet with a first-place win in the 200-free relay with a time of 1:33.86.

Chase Travis dominated distance events. Placing

first in the women's 1000 free, Travis finished with a time of 10:07.14. She went on to win the women's 500 free with a time of 4:59.03.

Sarah Shackelford, Emma Atkinson and Madelyn Moore placed high in freestyle. Shackelford finished first in the 50 free with a time of 23.43 and Moore followed right behind in second place with a time of 23.43. Shackelford also won the 100 free, finishing at 50.70 with Moore in second place at 50.85. Atkinson won the 200 free event with a time of 1:49.10.

Weiler Sastre, Emma Atkinson and Caroline Bentz continue to have strong performances in backstroke. Placing first, Weiler Sastre finished the 100 back with a time of 54.69. Right behind her in second place, Bentz finished with a time of 55.08. Atkinson placed first in the 200 back with a final time of 1:57.23. Weiler Sastre fell right behind her in second place with a time of 1:58.82 and Bentz in third at 2:00.07.-fly event with a time of 2:02.65. Karisa Franz finished first in the women's 100 fly with a time of 55.25.

UP NEXT

The Hokies will travel to Charlottesville to compete against Virginia on Jan. 14 in the first Commonwealth Clash of the year.

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