


PRO CALENDAR					
	FRI 22	SAT 23	SUN 24	MON 25	TUE 26
 LAKERS	at Oklahoma City 5 SpecSN	at Memphis 5 SpecSN		at San Antonio 5:30 SpecSN	
 CLIPPERS	HOUSTON 7:30 Prime, ESPN		NEW ORLEANS 6 Prime		at Dallas 5:30 Prime
 RAMS				BALTIMORE 5:15 ESPN	
 CHARGERS	NEXT: DEC. 1 AT DENVER, 1:15, CHANNEL 2				
 KINGS		ARIZONA 1 FSW		SAN JOSE 7:30 FSW	
 DUCKS		at Tampa Bay 4 Prime		N.Y. ISLANDERS 7 Prime	

Shade denotes home game

TODAY ON THE AIR		
TIME	EVENT	ON THE AIR
BASKETBALL		
5 p.m.	San Antonio at Philadelphia	TV: ESPN
5 p.m.	Lakers at Oklahoma City	TV: SpecSN R: 710, 1330
7:30 p.m.	Houston at Clippers	TV: ESPN, Prime R: 570
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
8:30 a.m.	North Carolina A&T vs. Nicholls State	TV: CBSSN
9 a.m.	Charleston Classic, Miami vs. Florida	TV: ESPN2
11 a.m.	Eastern Michigan vs. Maryland Baltimore County	TV: CBSSN
11:30 a.m.	Villanova vs. Mississippi State	TV: ESPN2
2 p.m.	Baylor vs. Coastal Carolina	TV: ESPNU
2 p.m.	Empire Classic, Texas vs. California	TV: ESPN2
4 p.m.	Empire Classic, Duke vs. Georgetown	TV: ESPN2
4 p.m.	Charleston Classic, Towson vs. Buffalo	TV: ESPNU
4 p.m.	George Mason at Maryland	TV: Big Ten
4 p.m.	Mount St. Mary's at Kentucky	TV: SEC
4 p.m.	Morehead St. at Butler	TV: FS1
6 p.m.	Houston at Oregon	TV: Pac-12
6 p.m.	South Dakota at Arkansas	TV: SEC
6 p.m.	Cal Poly at Creighton	TV: FS1
8 p.m.	Montana at Washington	TV: Pac-12
8 p.m.	Temple at USC	TV: Pac-12LA, R: 790
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
6:30 p.m.	Colorado State at Wyoming	TV: ESPN2
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL		
3 p.m.	Women, Florida State at Pittsburgh	TV: ACC
6 p.m.	Women, Oregon at UCLA	TV: Pac-12 LA
6 p.m.	Women, Nebraska at Minnesota	TV: Big Ten
GOLF		
9 a.m.	RSM Classic, second round	TV: Golf
11 p.m.	PGA European Tour, DP World Tour Championship, third round	TV: Golf
HORSE RACING		
Noon	Trackside Live! Del Mar	TV: TVG
7 p.m.	The Quarters, Los Alamitos	TV: TVG
PREP FOOTBALL		
7:30 p.m.	Southern Section playoffs, St. John Bosco at Corona Centennial	TV: FSW
SOCCER		
9 a.m.	Turkish Superliga, Galatasaray A.S. vs. Basaksehir	TV: beIN1
11:30 a.m.	Bundesliga, Borussia Dortmund vs. SC Paderborn	TV: FS2, FOXD
11:30 a.m.	Uruguay, Racing de Montevideo vs. Boston River	TV: GOLTV
11:30 a.m.	France, Paris-Saint Germain vs. Lille	TV: beIN1
Noon	Spain, Levante vs. Mallorca	TV: beIN1
1:30 p.m.	Mexico, Club America vs. Monterrey	TV: TUDN
3:30 p.m.	Uruguay, Penarol vs. Fenix	TV: GOLTV
4:30 p.m.	Mexico, Puebla vs. Necaxa	TV: TUDN
7 p.m.	Mexico, Club Tijuana vs. Club Leon	TV: FS2, FOXD

ODDS		
College basketball		
Favorite	Line	Underdog
at Maryland	17%	George Mason
at Ohio State	24%	IPFW
at Butler	18	Morehead State
at Davidson	9	Wake Forest
at Oklahoma St.	19	W. Michigan
at Arkansas	14%	South Dakota
at Creighton	25	Cal Poly
at Oregon	8%	Houston
at Santa Clara	15%	Idaho State
at San Diego St	18%	LIU Brooklyn
at Washington	14	Montana
at USC	9%	Temple
Liberty	14%	Morgan State
Rice	1%	Milwaukee
George Washington	1%	Missouri-K.C.
Evansville	7%	East Carolina
UMBC	1	E. Michigan
Louisiana State	1	Utah St
Rhode Island	6%	North Texas
Nicholls State		
Florida	9	at NC A&T
St. Joseph's	OFF	Miami
St. Joseph's	OFF	Missouri St
Tulane	OFF	Middle Tennessee
Mississippi St	OFF	Villanova
Grand Canyon	1	Valparaiso
Nevada	6	Fordham
Cincinnati	13	Illinois St
W Kentucky	2%	Bowling Green
UNC-Wilmington	7%	Cleveland St
Fla. International	7%	Eastern Kentucky
Loyola Marymount	OFF	Indiana St
Air Force	OFF	Duquesne
Georgia St	7	Prairie View A&M
at Cal Baptist	10	Central Arkansas
NHL		
Favorite		Underdog
at Pittsburgh	OFF	New Jersey
at Ottawa	-115	NY Rangers
		+105

WEEKEND SOCCER ON TV	
The English Premier League welcomes back the self-proclaimed "Special One" this weekend when Jose Mourinho returns to the sidelines, this time with Tottenham, the third team he has managed in England. He replaces Mauricio Pochettino, whose five-year reign made him the longest-serving coach with the same EPL club. In other top televised games from Europe, slumping Manchester City faces Chelsea, one of Mourinho's former clubs, while in Italy Juventus seeks to protect its slim lead atop the standings at Atalanta.	
EPL: Mourinho comes back in England less than a year after his sacking at Manchester United to make his Tottenham debut in Saturday's pre-dawn game against West Ham (NBCSN, Universo, 4:30 a.m. PST). Spurs made it to the Champions League final last season but at 3-4-5 this year they're in the bottom half of the standings, far closer to the relegation zone than to another European berth. West Ham (3-5-4) is winless in its last six EPL matches but it could pass Tottenham with a victory. Further up the standings Manchester City (8-3-1), the two-time defending league champion, has dropped to fourth place, a point behind Chelsea (8-2-2), the team it hosts Saturday (NBC, Telemundo, 9:30 a.m. PST). One more loss and City will match last season's total — and it's only November.	
Serie A: Despite the fact Cristiano Ronaldo has just three goals for Juventus (10-0-2), the eight-team defending Serie A champion, remains unbeaten in league play. Its lead in the standings, though, is just a point over Inter Milan entering Saturday's game at fifth-place Atalanta (ESPN Deportes, ESPN News, 6 a.m. PST). The good news is that Juventus hasn't lost to Atalanta (6-2-4) in a Serie A game since February 2001, earning 75 of a possible 87 points.	
— KEVIN BAXTER	

# Wilder can quickly switch fight persona on and off

WBC heavyweight champion, who next faces Ortiz, transforms into Bronze Bomber.

By MANOUK AKOPYAN

As soon as Deontay Wilder reaches for gauze and tape to wrap his hands, he transforms into his persona of the Bronze Bomber.

When the heavyweight champion of the World Boxing Council laces up the gloves, he'll go to any lengths to have an opponent lying on his back.

Wilder (41-0-1, 40 knock-outs) will enter the ring Saturday at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas and take on Cuban combatant Luis Ortiz (31-1, 26 KOs) in a rematch of their close fight from March 2018 in which the Alabama-born fighter was momentarily reeling before rallying for a 10th-round knockout.

To begin the promotion of his Fox pay-per-view fight, Wilder was at a Hancock Park mansion filming a promotional spot 43 days before the bout.

With a punching bag placed in the middle of the Victorian home's living room, he was placid, wrapping his hands and fielding questions moments before pulverizing the bag for show.

Then, an overzealous director barged in and interrupted Wilder midsentence as he applied tape.

"Sorry, guys. We have to get these gloves on," said the director. "Box!"

Those 10 words were enough to set off Wilder, transform him into the Bronze Bomber and lead him to a five-minute diatribe that gave everyone in the room a glimpse into his mental state when he's preparing for battle.

"Ay, I have to wrap my hands right to hit the bag. I'm not going to waste millions of dollars and break my hands because of you. So let me do this with profession. Don't rush perfection. I'm in camp right now. I'm in the wrong state of mind. I'm in war mode," said Wilder.

"When I'm wrapping my hands and have these gloves on, I'm strapping up. I'm about to punch a man in the face. It's like having a gun in your hand — you have the power.

"You don't understand. I am risking my life to go to work every time I'm in that ring for other people's entertainment. This is like my Last Supper. This is not a game. We go to hospitals after work. I take this seriously. Get in the ring, and I'll show you how it is. Every time I walk into the ring my mind-set is to kill my opponent in the ring — nothing else. So don't bother me. Give me my time and space. Let me have my peace. I'll let you know when I'm ready. That's the last time I'm seeing



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**CHAMPION DEONTAY WILDER** takes his fight preparations seriously. That includes carefully wrapping his potentially million-dollar hands.

you. I don't want anyone getting on my bad side."

"All right, sounds good," the director answered before swiftly scooting away.

Wilder later explained that when he wraps his hands, his whole body transforms, and his mind goes off. It's a build-up until the cup runneth over, which in this case will be Saturday.

In a sport that's dealt with an alarming rate of deaths in the ring this year, Wilder does not back off his stance of ending a foe's life when questioned under cooler circumstances weeks later.

"If I say, 'I'm going to kill a man,' they're going to criticize and crucify me but still be sitting in the front row just to see me do it. They are hypocritical," said Wilder. "They know what it is, and they love it. We know what we signed up to do, and what the repercussions and consequences are."

Since July, four boxers — Maxim Dadashev, Patrick Day, Hugo Santillán and Boris Stanchov — have died from injuries.

In May, before scoring a devastating first-round knockout of Dominic Breazeale, Wilder was adamant about legally killing a man with his fists.

"I mean every word that I say," said Wilder. "I don't care about other people's feelings in this sport. When I risk my life for other people's entertainment, why would I care about their opinions? I'm only verbally saying what I'm going to do. My actions speak louder than my words."

Whether it's real thirst for

blood or an act — Wilder is every part Hollywood, recently starring in the CBS show "Magnum P.I." — the 34-year-old World Boxing Council champion is currently the main actor of the chaotic and unpredictable heavyweight division.

A win against Ortiz leads Wilder on a direct path to Tyson Fury on Feb. 22 to settle the score of their draw from late last year. Should Premier Boxing Champions stablemate and current unified heavyweight champion Andy Ruiz hold his end of the rematch carousel against Anthony Joshua on Dec. 7, Wilder and Ruiz will undoubtedly face each other in 2020.

"I'm the man in the heavyweight division. I'm the man in boxing — period. None of these guys are doing what I'm doing," said Wilder. "Every man I've faced, I've dropped and knocked out. They are all looking at me. They want to be like me and have the swag like me. I'm not worried about no one. I am the man. I have the gift that they all want."

"There's no other fighter who puts you on the edge of your seat. You can't go to the bathroom, you can't look away, you cannot be late, or you're going to miss the knockout. Anybody who fights me has to be perfect for 12 rounds. I only have to be perfect for two seconds."

Wilder's charisma and braggadocio have been backed up by performances his entire career.

But before putting away Ortiz, he was rocked in the seventh round and had to sur-

vive the scariest 45 seconds of his life. At the time of the stoppage, Wilder was up only 85-84 on the scorecards and had landed just 11 more punches than Ortiz in the fight (98-87).

Wilder's close encounters carried into the Fury fight nine months later, when Wilder needed two knock-downs to score a draw in a fight of which Fury out-punched him 84-71.

Ortiz, 40, has recommitted to training this camp as he looks to fight off fatigue and age. In addition to a powerful record, footage from a recent media workout proved that Ortiz looks every bit the underdog who can further throw a wrench into the sport's glamour division and wreck Wilder's 10th attempt at defending his WBC title.

"Boxing makes me switch on and off naturally, and thank God I can turn it off," said Wilder. "Imagine if I was the Bronze Bomber every day — no one would ever like me."

"The Bronze Bomber doesn't give a ... about your feelings. He wants to rip you to shreds and give people knock-outs. Deontay Wilder is a loving father, a motivator who inspires people and a man who loves."

"A lot of guys don't know how to get into the state of mind of kill mode. I can love you one minute, and whoop your ... the next. I always worry about myself. I'm human as well. If I can hit in a certain place, I too can end up the same way [and get killed]. That's why I'm so aggressive. I'd rather get you before you get me."

## MORNING BRIEFING

# Her NFL dream still alive and kicking

By HOUSTON MITCHELL

You might be wondering, "Hey, what happened with U.S. women's national soccer team player Carli Lloyd possibly playing for an NFL team?" Well, first, you ask awfully wordy questions, but second, I'm glad you asked.

Lloyd appeared on "The Rich Eisen Show" on Wednesday and talked about it. She's more focused on the 2020 Olympics, but playing in the NFL is still on her mind.

"I definitely want to entertain it, but I want to be good at it," Lloyd said. "I want to be able to do it. That's ultimately what it comes down to. There's obviously a lot of other things that are a bit challenging, with big men on the line and people running at you."

Lloyd, 37, also said she got two offers from NFL teams to kick in a preseason game, but declined because of her own playing schedule. She did not name the teams.

This all began when video of her kicking a 55-yard field goal went viral.

**All is forgiven**

New England quarterback Tom Brady "liked" Antonio Brown's Instagram and Twitter posts apologizing to team owner Robert Kraft and the organization this week for



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**VIDEO OF** Carli Lloyd kicking a 55-yard field goal went viral, but she's still focused on soccer.

the "bad media attention and the drama."

Why?

"I liked him. We had a great rapport when we were here," Brady told the Boston Herald. "I'm trying to support him to be the best person that he can be, that's all."

**Your favorite sports moment**

What is your all-time favorite local sports moment? Email me at [houston.mitchell@latimes.com](mailto:houston.mitchell@latimes.com) and tell me what it is and why, and it

could appear in a future Sports newsletter or Morning Briefing.

This moment comes from Michael Lewis of L.A.:

"Growing up in Los Angeles in the 1970s, I loved basketball and always played on the hoop outside my house after school. So, I was thrilled when my dad told me that for my 10th birthday present he got tickets for the whole family to see the Lakers play the 76ers on Jan. 28, 1977."

"This was my first professional basketball game and everything was larger than

life. The Lakers were led by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. The 76ers were on their way to play for the NBA championship later that season and had their own All-Star team featuring Julius "Dr. J" Erving, George McGinnis and World B. Free.

"We had great seats, down low in the corner by one of the tunnels. The Lakers were my favorite team, but I idolized Dr. J and was mesmerized watching him casually doing reverse dunks in the pregame layup line. Entering the fourth quarter, the Lakers trailed by seven. Kareem was having a monster game, but down the stretch they were led by a rookie, Earl Tatum, who caught fire. The Lakers stormed back to beat the Sixers by 13. At one point during the Lakers' fourth-quarter run, the Sixers called timeout and the crowd gave the Lakers a standing ovation. I remember thinking that was the coolest thing ever."

"To top off the amazing evening, after the game ended, my dad went up to a photographer who was taking pictures near our seats during the game. My dad got his business card and we ended up getting copies of some of his pictures from that game, including Dr. J dunking. I still have them to this day."