

PRO CALENDAR

Table with columns for day (WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN) and time (27, 28, 29, 30, 1). Rows include Lakers at New Orleans, Clippers at Memphis, Rams at Arizona, Chargers at Denver, Kings at San Jose, and Ducks at Arizona.

Shade denotes home game

TODAY ON THE AIR

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ODDS

Table with columns for Favorite, Line, and Underdog. Rows include College Basketball (Boston College, Rhode Island, etc.) and NHL (Columbus, Tampa Bay, etc.).

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THE DAY IN SPORTS

Flames' Peters accused of calling player a racial slur

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Bill Peters will not coach the Calgary Flames on Wednesday while club officials continue investigating an accusation that he repeatedly used a racial slur in addressing forward Akim Aliu while both were with the minor league Rockford (Ill.) Ice Hogs a decade ago.

The accusations by Aliu, who was born in Nigeria and raised in Canada and is no longer in the NHL, were corroborated by two players who witnessed the event, according to Canada's TSN.ca.

Aliu told TSN that Peters walked into the locker room before a morning skate and used a racial epithet several times in complaining about the lyrics of the hip-hop music Aliu had chosen to play.

Aliu said he feared his career would suffer if he came forward at the time.

He also said Peters' bias against him led to his being demoted to the ECHL.

Aliu's allegation led to other players using social media to bring up incidents in which they said they were hit or verbally abused by a coach, or saw other players hit or verbally abused.

Daniel Carcillo, a former NHL enforcer who played 26 games for the Kings during the 2013-14 season, said on Twitter he saw then-coach Darryl Sutter "kick someone in the lower back on the bench."

Added Carcillo: "What he did to Matt Greene in front of the entire room before a team meeting when he had a concussion was absurd."

Defenseman Drew Doughty said this year that he and Sutter often butted heads but he loved the coach who guided the Kings to two Stanley Cup championships.

Also on Tuesday, former Carolina Hurricanes defenseman Michal Jordan said Peters kicked him and punched another player during a game while Peters coached the Hurricanes.

He then walked out like nothing ever happened," Aliu told TSN.

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said the country's latest cheating attempt in a years-long doping scandal is an insult to the sports world.

On Monday, a World Anti-Doping Agency expert panel confirmed a database from the discredited Moscow laboratory that Russian officials were required to hand over in January was tainted with fake evidence, including to incriminate whistleblower Grigory Rodchenkov, the former lab director.

The panel recommended Russian athletes should compete as neutrals at next year's Tokyo Olympics and other major events for the next four years.

When the WADA executive committee meets Dec. 9 in Paris, it will consider the panel's request for Russia to be banned from hosting sports events such as world championships through 2023, and blocked from bidding for the 2032 Olympics.

The NCAA rejected an appeal by the University of Missouri to limit or overturn sanctions for infractions tied to the case of a former tutor.

The case dates to 2016, when tutor Yolanda Kumar acknowledged she violated NCAA rules by doing course work and ensuring athletes in football, baseball and softball passed certain courses.

Missouri launched an investigation and self-imposed many penalties but the school was hit with postseason bans,

and scholarship and recruiting restrictions in each sport, and the athletic department was placed on probation.

The Kansas City Royals changed hands from David Glass to an ownership group led by John Sherman and that includes actor Eric Stonestreet and local businessmen.

The purchase of the Royals for about \$1 billion was approved unanimously by the owners of the other big league clubs at their meeting Thursday. The financial closing occurred Monday.

This group is only the third owner of the Royals since their inception in 1969, when Ewing Kauffman established the team.

Right-hander Kendall Graveman and the Seattle Mariners agreed to a \$2-million, one-year contract.

Graveman hasn't pitched in the majors since undergoing elbow surgery in early 2018.

A full postseason share on World Series champion Washington was worth \$382,358, down from \$416,838 for Boston last year and the record \$438,902 for Houston in 2017.

Guard Kevin Huertter won't be with the Atlanta Hawks during a three-game trip to recover from a shoulder injury.

Huertter strained his left rotator cuff against Denver on Nov. 12.

Golden Boy parts ways with Cancio

Boxer is 'a little ticked off' after company lets him go in wake of loss, critical remarks.

BY MANOUK AKOPYAN

Andrew Cancio took his team to a steakhouse Monday, but it didn't end up being a celebratory dinner.

Cancio was coming off a defeat 48 hours earlier in which he lost his WBA junior-lightweight world title via seventh-round TKO to mandatory challenger Rene Alvarado, a fighter he had knocked out in 2015.

Cancio (21-5-2, 16 KOs), a blue-collar fighter who holds a full-time job as a construction technician at the Southern California Gas Co., still wanted to thank trainer Joseph Janik and manager Ray Chaparro for a whirlwind year in which he scored upsets by twice defeating Alberto Machado and becoming a world champion.

As soon as Cancio and his team met, however, Chaparro delivered career-altering news — Golden Boy Promotions was releasing Cancio from his contract, two days after the fighter expressed concerns to The Times on how his career was being handled by the company.



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ANDREW CANCIO, shown in 2016, lost Saturday night, then was released by Golden Boy Promotions.

punched up his criticism of Golden Boy founder Oscar De La Hoya and crew because he wanted to get his underdog story heard across wider audiences and platforms in order to gain a bigger following, and thus paydays, so that he could leave his job at the gas company. Instead, Golden Boy delivered a counterpunch and cut the fighter three days before Thanksgiving.

"This just goes to show you how little I meant to them," Cancio said Tuesday. "If I would've won, I'm sure we would have worked things out. But since I was on the wrong side of a win that night, they just cut me. I'm a little

ticked off, but I have to get back on my feet."

Golden Boy matchmaker Robert Diaz called Chaparro on Sunday and said they were considering cutting Cancio after learning of his comments. By Monday, Golden Boy emailed the notice announcing his release.

"We wish Andrew all the very best of luck and hope he can find what he was missing here at Golden Boy with bigger money and bigger venues," Diaz said.

Cancio believes the relationship with Golden Boy could have been repaired, much like the company did recently with disgruntled stars

Canelo Alvarez and Ryan Garcia.

Cancio was further upset that he was denied the co-feature slot to the Alvarez-Sergey Kovalev card Nov. 2 after Golden Boy promised him the platform in Las Vegas. Instead, Golden Boy pacified Garcia at the request of Alvarez as soon as Garcia started ripping De La Hoya and company.

Cancio was further upset his fights were not staged in bigger venues instead of Indio's Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, a place where he has fought 12 times because of the 100-mile proximity to his hometown of Blythe.

The once-retired Cancio shocked former titlist Machado in February to win the crown he lost last week, and he beat him again in June to prove it wasn't a fluke.

However, Golden Boy declined Cancio's request for a rematch with Alvarado, another fighter they promote, and opted to serve him a pink slip instead.

"I was a world champion who suffered a defeat, and instead of giving me a rematch like they made me do against Machado, they just cut me," Cancio said. "I was an underdog who upset one of their guys, and they had no idea I could do it. I've been down before, and it's going to motivate me even more."

MORNING BRIEFING

Face Timing is everything for Anthony

BY CHUCK SCHILKEN AND HOUSTON MITCHELL

Carmelo Anthony had a big night Monday and his whole family got to share in the experience, one way or another.

The 17-year NBA veteran hadn't appeared in a game in more than a year when the Portland Trail Blazers signed him this month.

He has played in four games with his new team and had his best performance against the Chicago Bulls at United Center.

Anthony had a team-high 25 points and eight rebounds, both individual season highs for Portland as well, to lead the Trail Blazers to a 117-94 victory, their first since he joined the team.

He also made some history, passing Alex English to climb to No. 18 on the league's list of all-time leading scorers.

Anthony was 62 points behind English when he was deactivated by the Houston Rockets on Nov. 8, 2018. He was eventually traded to —

but never actually played for — the Bulls, then was waived and remained unsigned until several weeks into the 2019-20 season.

His wife, actress La La Anthony, was in the stands for her husband's big game. Anthony nailed a three-pointer at the 9:31 mark in the fourth quarter to bring his points total to 25,615, two better than English. During the next timeout, La La Anthony called their 12-year-old son, Kiyan, via FaceTime. She held her phone up so her husband and son could see each other.

When Anthony looked up from the bench and saw Kiyan's face, he gave the boy a salute.

"My son always wants to feel like he's here," La La Anthony told ESPN. "He misses his dad a lot. I was filming up the block, so I came here and just wanted my son to feel like he was a part of the moment."

"I FaceTimed him so he could see his dad, and he just was excited because his dad had such a great game

tonight."

Hall worthy?

Wide receiver Isaac Bruce, who played one season in Los Angeles before moving with the Rams to St. Louis, is among the 25 semifinalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In his career, Bruce had 1,024 receptions (13th all time), 15,208 yards receiving (fifth), and 91 touchdown receptions (12th). He was chosen in the second round of the 1994 draft, played 14 years with the team and is the Rams' all-time leader in touchdown receptions and yards receiving.

When he retired after the 2009 season, he was second all-time in yards receiving in NFL history behind Jerry Rice. Sounds like a Hall of Famer.

Safety Troy Polamalu, wide receiver Reggie Wayne and linebacker Patrick Willis made the semifinal list in their first year eligible.

Also on the list, which will be cut to 15 on Jan. 2, are previous finalists John Lynch, Steve Atwater, Tony Boselli, Steve Hutchinson,

Edgerrin James and Alan Faneca.

Five former players will be elected on Feb. 1, the day before the Super Bowl.

The Hall also will induct 10 senior candidates, three contributors and two coaches in a special centennial class in 2020.

The semifinalists, in alphabetical order: Atwater, safety; Carl Banks, linebacker; Ronde Barber, cornerback/safety; Boselli, tackle; Bruce, wide receiver; LeRoy Butler, safety; Faneca, guard; Torry Holt, wide receiver; Hutchinson, guard; James, running back; Lynch, safety; Clay Matthews, linebacker; Sam Mills, linebacker; Polamalu, safety; Simeon Rice, defensive end; Richard Seymour, defensive end/defensive tackle; Steve Tasker, wide receiver/special-teamer; Fred Taylor, running back; Zach Thomas, linebacker; Hines Ward, wide receiver; Ricky Watt, running back; Wayne, wide receiver; Willis, linebacker; Darren Woodson, safety; Bryant Young, defensive tackle.

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