

Numbers Game

This Day In Sports

1981 — Alabama’s Paul “Bear” Bryant becomes the winningest coach in college football history when the Rolling Tide beats Auburn 28-17 in the Iron Bowl. It’s Bryant’s 315th career victory.

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Morning rush

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Arena Football League closes team operations; future unclear

PHILADELPHIA — The Arena Football League is closing its business operations in its six local markets, calling it a “difficult, but necessary decision.”

The league hasn’t decided what the next step will be.

“We have not yet made the final determination that it will be necessary to suspend all League operations, but we expect that decision to be made within the next few weeks,” Commissioner **Randall Boe** said in a statement Tuesday night.

He says the decision to close team services and business operations in the local markets was caused by “extensive legacy liabilities” and a recent multi-million-dollar lawsuit filed against the indoor league by its former insurance carrier.

But, he said, “We are exploring every possible avenue to continue bringing AFL football to our fans.”

Boe told the Albany Times-Union the AFL could evolve into a traveling league modeled after the six-team Premier Lacrosse League, which just completed its first season and has plans to return next year.

The Arena Football League was founded in 1987 by **Jim Foster**, a former NFL executive. The fast-paced game is played on a 66-by-28 yard field, about one-fourth the size of an NFL field. Franchises are Albany, New York; Atlantic City, New Jersey; Baltimore; Columbus, Ohio; Philadelphia and Washington.

Planner

COMING UP IN THE VALLEY



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE (Junior College)

■ **M Basketball:** Dec. 6 vs. Rio Hondo in Gregg Anderson Tournament at AVC, 7 p.m.

■ **W Basketball:** Dec. 7 at Fullerton, 3 p.m.



UNIVERSITY OF ANTELOPE VALLEY (NAIA)

■ **M Basketball:** Dec. 6 at Cal Tech, 7 p.m.

■ **W Basketball:** Saturday at Utah Valley, 1 p.m.

COMING UP IN SOCAL



CHARGERS (National Football League)

■ Sunday at Denver, 1:25 p.m., CBS

■ Dec. 8 at Jacksonville, 1:05 p.m., FOX

■ Dec. 15 vs. Minnesota, 5:20 p.m., NBC



RAMS (National Football League)

■ Sunday at Arizona, 1:05 p.m., FOX

■ Dec. 8 vs. Seattle, 5:20 p.m., NBC

■ Dec. 15 at Dallas, 1:25 p.m., FOX



CLIPPERS (National Basketball Association)

■ Friday at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m., PRIME

■ Sunday vs. Washington, 7:30 p.m., PRIME

■ Tuesday vs. Portland, 7 p.m., TNT



LAKERS (National Basketball Association)

■ Friday vs. Washing., 7:30 p.m., SpectrumSN/NBA

■ Sunday vs. Dallas, 1 p.m., SpectrumSN

■ Tuesday at Denver, 6 p.m., SpectrumSN



DUCKS (National Hockey League)

■ Friday vs. Winnipeg, 7 p.m., PRIME

■ Monday vs. Kings, 7 p.m., PRIME/FSW/ESPN+

■ Dec. 6 vs. Washington, 7 p.m., KCOP/ESPN+



KINGS (National Hockey League)

■ Friday at San Jose, 1 p.m., FSW

■ Saturday vs. Winnipeg, 7 p.m., FSW

■ Monday at Ducks, 7 p.m., PRIME/FSW/ESPN+



USC (College Football — Pac-12)

■ Bowl Game, TBD



UCLA (College Football — Pac-12)

■ Saturday vs. California, 7:30 p.m., FS1

■ TBD

ON TV TODAY

AUTO RACING

■ Formula One: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, practice session 1, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 12:55 a.m. (Friday), ESPN2

BEACH SOCCER (Men's)

■ FIFA World Cup: Brazil vs. Russia, Quarterfinal, Luque, Paraguay (taped), 7 p.m., FS2

■ FIFA World Cup: Senegal vs. Portugal, Quarterfinal, Luque, Paraguay (taped), 8:30 p.m., FS2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Men's)

■ ESPN Orlando Invitational: Temple vs. Maryland, Quarterfinal, Orlando, Fla., 8 a.m., ESPN2

■ ESPN Orlando Invitational: Texas A&M vs. Harvard, Quarterfinal, Orlando, Fla., 10 a.m., ESPN2

■ Battle 4 Atlantis: Michigan vs. North Carolina, Semifinal, Nassau, Bahamas, 10:30 a.m., ESPN

■ Wooden Legacy: Long Beach State vs. Providence, Quarterfinal, Anaheim, Calif., 11 a.m., ESPN2

■ Battle 4 Atlantis: Teams TBD, Semifinal, Nassau, Bahamas, 1 p.m., ESPN

■ Barclays Center Classic: Memphis vs. North Carolina State, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1 p.m., ESPN2

■ ESPN Orlando Invitational: Fairfield vs. Southern California, Quarterfinal, Orlando, Fla., 1 p.m., ESPN2

■ Wooden Legacy: Wake Forest vs. College of Charleston, Quarterfinal, Anaheim, Calif., 1:30 p.m., ESPNEWS

■ ESPN Orlando Invitational: Davidson vs. Marquette, Quarterfinal, Orlando, Fla., 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

■ Battle 4 Atlantis: Iowa State vs. Alabama, Consolation Semifinal, Nassau, Bahamas, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

■ Las Vegas Invitational: Texas Tech vs. Iowa, Semifinal, Las Vegas, 5 p.m., FS1

■ Wooden Legacy: Central Florida vs. Pennsylvania, Quarterfinal, Anaheim, Calif., 5:30 p.m., ESPN2

■ Battle 4 Atlantis: Teams TBD, Consolation Semifinal, Nassau, Bahamas, 6 p.m., ESPN2

■ Wooden Legacy: Pepperdine vs. Arizona, Quarterfinal, Anaheim, Calif., 8 p.m., ESPN2

■ Las Vegas Invitational: San Diego State vs. Creighton, Semifinal, Las Vegas, 7:30 p.m., FS1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

■ Mississippi at Mississippi State, 4:30 p.m., ESPN

GOLF

■ PGA Tour: The Alfred Dunhill Championship, first round, Fife, Scotland, 2:30 a.m., GOLF; second round, 2:30 a.m. (Friday), GOLF

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

■ Chicago at Detroit, 9:30 a.m., FOX

■ Buffalo at Dallas, 1:30 p.m., CBS

■ New Orleans at Atlanta, 5:20 p.m., NBC

SOCCER (Men's)

■ Liga MX: Santos Laguna at Monterrey, 5 p.m., FS2

Bain nets donations after game winner

By **JOEDY McCREARY**
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DURHAM, N.C. — The biggest winner in the aftermath of Stephen F. Austin’s shocking upset of No. 1 Duke might be the fundraising effort for the family of the player who hit the game-winning layup.

A thankful Nathan Bain was still in “disbelief” Wednesday — about the contributions more than his clutch basket.

Since the end of the game, the two-month-old GoFundMe page set up to help Bain’s family in the Bahamas rebuild from Hurricane Dorian damage had raised \$88,281 and counting shortly after 7 p.m. EST Wednesday. It’s a massive spike from the roughly \$2,000 it had raised before Tuesday night’s stunning result became the talk of college basketball.

To put that number in perspective, the fundraiser generated more in donations in less than 24 hours after the game than Stephen F. Austin pocketed from Duke for coming to Cameron Indoor Stadium and playing the game in the first place. SFA’s guarantee from the game was \$85,000, a school spokesman said.

Bain said Wednesday the donation totals had “skyrocketed” when he checked the website several times after the game.



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“I was just in disbelief at what basketball had done for my family,” the 6-foot-6, fifth-year senior guard told the Associated Press by phone. “It was truly a blessing.”

The initial fundraising goal of \$25,000 was increased to \$50,000 — only to have it, too, surpassed by early in the afternoon.

GoFundMe spokeswoman Aja Shepherd said the Bain family site was the second-most popular campaign Wednesday — surpassed only by one for victims of an earthquake in Albania that had killed at least 30 and injured more than 650 — with more than 1,500 donors from all 50 states giving an average of \$36.

“I want them to know how

much ... we appreciate it, and how thankful we are that we’re alive,” Bain’s father, Norris Bain, a minister, told the AP. “As bad as it is, it could have been a lot worse.”

Norris Bain said the storm left more than 10 feet of water in the family’s single-story home in Freeport, Grand Bahama, and the house was “totally gutted” with none of their possessions recoverable.

The church he runs, the Tabernacle Baptist Church, had 5 feet of water inside and its affiliated K-12 school with an enrollment of about 800 had 4 feet of water and a hole in the roof caused by the Category 5 storm that hit the islands.

He said the roof has been fixed and enough repairs have been

BIG SHOT

Stephen F. Austin forward Nathan Bain (23) and guard David Kachelries (4) celebrate Bain’s game winning basket against Duke in overtime of a game in Durham, N.C. on Tuesday.

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made to reopen the school, but among other issues, the phone system has not been fully repaired.

Dorian hammered the northern Abaco and Grand Bahama islands before giving a glancing blow to the southeastern United States. There were 67 confirmed deaths and 282 people were still missing as of late October along with \$3.4 billion in losses for the Bahamas, according to a recent report.

“We just want to make sure we get the people around us taken care of at the church, at the school,” Nathan Bain said. “That’s really our main focus, to make sure everyone has a place to worship and to make sure the school is taken care of so these kids can get a proper education.”

Bain scored on a breakaway layup just before the overtime buzzer to give the Nacogdoches, Texas-based school an 85-83 victory that sent shock waves through the sport, ending the Blue Devils’ 150-game winning streak at Cameron against nonconference opponents — a run that extended nearly 20 years.

The upset that put the spotlight on the post-Dorian relief efforts came the night before the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament was to tip off in Paradise Island.

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	308	256
Oakland	6	5	0	.545	228	284
Chargers	4	7	0	.364	224	218
Denver	3	8	0	.273	175	217
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	10	1	0	.909	300	117
Buffalo	8	3	0	.727	231	173
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	198	258
Miami	2	9	0	.182	163	346
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	7	4	0	.636	265	249
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	244	226
Tennessee	6	5	0	.545	245	217
Jacksonville	4	7	0	.364	209	264
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	386	202
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	216	212
Cleveland	5	6	0	.455	233	252
Cincinnati	0	11	0	.000	157	292
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
San Francisco	10	1	0	.909	332	163
Seattle	9	2	0	.818	292	263
L.A. Rams	6	5	0	.545	249	243
Arizona	3	7	1	.318	248	317
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	295	210
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	243	247
N.Y. Giants	2	9	0	.182	217	308
Washington	2	9	0	.182	144	269
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	9	2	0	.818	272	230
Carolina	5	6	0	.455	295	291
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	312	335
Atlanta	3	8	0	.273	242	297
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	258	242
Minnesota	8	3	0	.727	289	205
Chicago	5	6	0	.455	188	188
Detroit	3	7	1	.318	260	291

Sunday, Nov. 17

Baltimore 41, Houston 7

Indianapolis 33, Jacksonville 13

Atlanta 29, Carolina 3

New Orleans 34, Tampa Bay 17

Dallas 35, Detroit 27

Minnesota 27, Denver 23

N.Y. Jets 34, Washington 17

Buffalo 37, Miami 20

San Francisco 36, Arizona 26

Oakland 17, Cincinnati 10

New England 17, Philadelphia 10

L.A. Rams 17, Chicago 7

Open: Giants, Seattle, Tennessee, Green Bay