

McCutchen, Rangers agree to a contract

The Texas Rangers and veteran outfielder Andrew McCutchen agreed to a minor league contract on Thursday, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The person confirmed the agreement to the AP on condition of anonymity because the contract had not been finalized and a physical exam still needed to be completed. The 39-year-old McCutchen would make \$1.5 million this season while playing in the major leagues if he's added to the 40-man roster, the person said.

McCutchen has three weeks of spring training to show the Rangers he's worth a spot. They're well-positioned in the outfield with rising standouts Wyatt Langford in left field and Evan Carter in center field and veteran newcomer Bran-

don Nimmo in right field.

Still, Carter was limited by injuries to 63 games in 2025, so depth is a concern that McCutchen could help alleviate. His right-handed bat could also serve as a natural complement at the designated hitter spot, where left-handed hitter Joc Pederson is slated for the bulk of the playing time.

McCutchen played the last three seasons for the Pittsburgh Pirates, the club that drafted him in the first round in 2005 and promoted him in 2009 for his major league debut. McCutchen played his first nine years in MLB with the Pirates, making five straight All-Star teams and winning the 2013 National League MVP award while becoming one of the most popular players in that franchise's history.

McCutchen bounced around



Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen watches his RBI double during the first inning of a game against Colorado in Pittsburgh.

with four other teams between 2018 and 2022, before reuniting with the Pirates. He played in 135 games last season, with 13 home runs, 57 RBIs and a .700 OPS. When the Pirates reported to spring training

last month, general manager Ben Cherington publicly kept the door open to bringing back McCutchen, but the signing of veteran Marcell Ozuna effectively eliminated a spot on their roster for him.

Berries

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The Berries are led by senior guard/forward Cole Findlay and junior point guard Blake Marchinke. Findlay is the top scorer at 14.6 points per game while Marchinke, who was selected as the KSAC MVP, is next at 14.0 ppg.

Sophomore forward Shia Sanchez is third on the team in scoring at 10.4 ppg while senior forwards Connor Morrow (7.5 ppg) and Landon Baker (7.0 ppg) and senior guard Conner Zerbe (5.3 ppg) are also significant contributors to the team's success.

"It's a great opportunity," McIntyre said of playing the Quips. "A lot of players go their whole careers and never make the state tournament, so for us to make it in consecutive years is really an accomplishment for Cranberry basketball. I'm just really happy for the kids."

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NHL STANDINGS										
EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	59	38	17	4	80	210	158			
Buffalo	62	37	19	6	80	214	184			
Detroit	60	33	20	7	77	185	187			
Montreal	60	33	18	9	75	213	200			
Boston	60	34	21	5	73	202	188			
Ottawa	60	29	22	9	67	201	193			
Toronto	62	27	24	11	65	198	215			
Florida	62	30	29	3	63	188	209			
Metropolitan										
Carolina	61	39	16	6	84	214	175			
Pittsburgh	61	31	17	13	75	205	180			
N.Y. Islanders	62	35	22	5	75	183	177			
Columbus	61	32	21	8	72	196	193			
Washington	63	31	25	7	69	199	189			
Philadelphia	61	28	22	11	67	177	191			
New Jersey	62	31	29	2	64	160	186			
N.Y. Rangers	60	23	29	8	54	160	190			
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central										
Colorado	60	41	10	9	91	230	149			
Dallas	61	38	14	9	85	212	165			
Minnesota	62	36	16	10	82	209	180			
Utah	62	33	25	4	70	196	169			
Nashville	61	27	26	8	62	179	210			
Winnipeg	60	24	26	10	58	171	186			
Chicago	61	23	28	10	56	163	195			
St. Louis	61	23	29	9	55	159	210			
Pacific										
Vegas	62	29	19	14	72	205	197			
Anaheim	61	34	24	3	71	205	212			
Edmonton	62	30	24	8	68	220	210			
Seattle	61	29	23	9	67	173	179			
San Jose	59	30	25	4	64	186	207			
Los Angeles	60	24	22	14	62	155	179			
Calgary	60	24	29	7	55	149	181			
Vancouver	61	18	36	7	43	157	230			

SPORTS ON TV										
Friday, March 6										
BASEBALL										
5 a.m.										
FS1	— 2026 World Baseball Classic Pool Stage: Japan vs. China, Pool C, Tokyo									
11 a.m.										
FS2	— 2026 World Baseball Classic Pool Stage: Cuba vs. Panama, Pool A, San Juan, Puerto Rico									
1 p.m.										
FS1	— 2026 World Baseball Classic Pool Stage: Mexico vs. Great Britain, Pool B, Houston									
6 p.m.										
FS1	— 2026 World Baseball Classic Pool Stage: Puerto Rico vs. Colombia, Pool A, San Juan, Puerto Rico									
7 p.m.										
FS2	— 2026 World Baseball Classic Pool Stage: Nicaragua vs. Dominican Republic, Pool D, Miami									
8 p.m.										
FOX	— 2026 World Baseball Classic Pool Stage: U.S. vs. Brazil, Pool B, Houston									
10 p.m.										
FS2	— 2026 World Baseball Classic Pool Stage: China vs. Czech Republic, Pool C, Tokyo									
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)										
6 p.m.										
CBSSN	— N. Illinois at Akron									
7 p.m.										
ESPN2	— VCU at Dayton									
8 p.m.										
CBSSN	— UCF at West Virginia									
ESPN	— Ohio Valley Tournament: TBD vs. Tennessee St., Semifinal, Evansville, Ind.									
9 p.m.										
ESPN2	— Miami (Ohio) at Ohio									
FS1	— St. John's at Seton Hall									
10 p.m.										
CBSSN	— UNLV at San Diego St.									
10:30 p.m.										
ESPN	— Ohio Valley Tournament: TBD vs. Morehead St., Semifinal, Evansville, Ind.									
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)										
11 a.m.										
ESPN2	— Atlantic Coast Tournament: Clemson vs. Duke, Quarterfinal, Duluth, Ga.									
NBCSN	— Big East Tournament: Butler vs. Georgetown, First Round, Uncasville, Conn.									
PEACOCK	— Big East Tournament: Butler vs. Georgetown, First Round, Uncasville, Conn.									
USA	— Atlantic 10 Tournament: TBD vs. Rhode Island, Quarterfinal, Henrico, Va.									
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BTN	— Big Ten Tournament: TBD vs. UCLA, Quarterfinal, Indianapolis									
ESPN	— Southeastern Tournament: TBD vs. South Carolina, Quarterfinal, Greenville, S.C.									
ESPN	— Big 12 Tournament: TBD vs. Oklahoma St., Quarterfinal, Kansas City, Mo.									
1:30 p.m.										
ACCN	— Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD vs. NC State, Quarterfinal, Duluth, Ga.									
NBCSN	— Big East Tournament: DePaul vs. Providence, First Round, Uncasville, Conn.									
PEACOCK	— Big East Tournament: DePaul vs. Providence, First Round, Uncasville, Conn.									
2:30 p.m.										
BTN	— Big Ten Tournament: TBD vs. Minnesota, Quarterfinal, Indianapolis									
ESPN	— Southeastern Tournament: TBD vs. LSU, Quarterfinal, Greenville, S.C.									
4 p.m.										
NBCSN	— Big East Tournament: Xavier vs. St. John's, First Round, Uncasville, Conn.									
5 p.m.										
ESPN2	— Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD vs. Louisville, Quarterfinal, Duluth, Ga.									
USA	— Atlantic 10 Tournament: TBD vs. George Mason, Quarterfinal, Henrico, Va.									
6 p.m.										
SECN	— Southeastern Tournament: TBD vs. Vanderbilt, Quarterfinal, Greenville, S.C.									
6:30 p.m.										
BTN	— Big Ten Tournament: TBD vs. Iowa, Quarterfinal, Indianapolis									
7:30 p.m.										
ACCN	— Atlantic Coast Tournament: TBD vs. North Carolina, Quarterfinal, Duluth, Ga.									
8:30 p.m.										
SECN	— Southeastern Tournament: TBD vs. Texas, Quarterfinal, Greenville, S.C.									
9 p.m.										
BTN	— Big Ten Tournament: TBD vs. Michigan, Quarterfinal, Indianapolis									
GOLF										
10 a.m.										
GOLF	— PGA Tour: Puerto Rico Open, Second Round, Grand Reserve Golf Club, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico									
2 p.m.										
GOLF	— PGA Tour: Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, Second Round, Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando, Fla.									
7 p.m.										
GOLF	— PGA Tour Champions: James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational, First Round, The Old Course at Broken Sound Club, Boca Raton, Fla. (Taped)									
11 p.m.										
GOLF	— LPGA Tour: Blue Bay LPGA, Third Round, Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course, Hainan, China									
MLB BASEBALL										
1 p.m.										
MLB	— Spring Training: St. Louis vs. Baltimore, Sarasota, Fla.									
3 p.m.										
MLB	— Spring Training: L.A. Angels vs. Cleveland, Goodyear, Ariz.									
8 p.m.										
MLB	— Spring Training: Chicago Cubs vs. San Diego, Peoria, Ariz.									
NBA BASKETBALL										
7:10 p.m.										
ESPN	— Dallas at Boston									
9:35 p.m.										
ESPN	— L.A. Clippers at San Antonio									

Thursday's Games
Utah 3, Philadelphia 0
Buffalo 5, Pittsburgh 1
Columbus 4, Florida 2
N.Y. Rangers 6, Toronto 2
Boston at Nashville, late
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, late
Ottawa at Calgary, late
N.Y. Islanders at Los Angeles, late

Friday's Games
Florida at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Carolina at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Vegas, 10 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Washington at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Nashville at Buffalo, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Utah at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Calgary, 10 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Ottawa at Seattle, 10 p.m.

PENGUINS SUMMARY										
Buffalo 5, Pittsburgh 1										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Buffalo	1	3	1	—	5					
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	—	1					

First Period—1, Buffalo, McLeod 12, 12:00 (sh). 2, Pittsburgh, Rust 21 (Kindel), 14:48 (sh). Penalties—Krebs, BUF (Hooking), 3:22; Karlsson, PIT (Holding), 8:16; Buffalo bench, served by Quinn (Too Many Men on the Ice), 10:24; Acciari, PIT (Holding), 14:04.

Second Period—3, Buffalo, Norris 9 (Byram, Doan), 4:10 (pp). 4, Buffalo, Tuch 25 (Thompson, Power), 6:18 (sh). 5, Buffalo, Power 6 (Ostlund, Norris), 10:30. Penalties—Malkin, PIT (Cross Checking), 0:38; Dahlin, BUF (Cross Checking), 0:38; Malkin, PIT (Misconduct), 0:38; Pittsburgh bench, served by Chinakhov (Delay of Game), 4:10; McLeod, BUF (Slashing), 5:25; Malenstyn, BUF (Boarding), 14:44.

Third Period—6, Buffalo, Samuelsson 12, 16:53 (en). Penalties—Kindel, PIT (Holding Stick), 7:04; Dahlin, BUF (Slashing), 11:54.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 7-11-8—26. Pittsburgh 6-12-10—28.

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 6; Pittsburgh 0 of 5.

Goals—Buffalo, Luukkonen 14-7-2 (28 shots-27 saves). Pittsburgh, Silovs 13-8-8 (25-21). A—17,572 (18,387). T—2:28.

SPORTS SCENE

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

BOYS BASKETBALL
PIAA Class 1A Playoffs
North Clarion vs. Turkeyfoot Valley at Somerset H.S. (7 p.m.)

GIRLS BASKETBALL
PIAA Class 2A Playoffs
Aliquippa at Keystone (6 p.m.)
PIAA Class 3A Playoffs
Cranberry vs. Greensburg Central Catholic at Hampton H.S. (7:30 p.m.)

SCHOLASTIC WRESTLING
PIAA Championship at Hershey

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

BOYS BASKETBALL
PIAA Class 2A Playoffs
Clairton at Cochran (1 p.m.)
PIAA Class 3A Playoffs
Cranberry at Aliquippa (1 p.m.)

SCHOLASTIC WRESTLING
PIAA Championship at Hershey



The Oil City YMCA River Otters will be competing at the District meet today thru Sunday at the Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio. Swimming in the Cadet Division are (front, from left): Chrissy Donahue, Violet Marsh, Reagan Williams and Brea Vogan; back, Brennan McClintock, Kian Grimm, Evan Ward and Nick Vogan.



Competing in the Prep Division for the Oil City YMCA are (front, from left): Noelle Wilson, Adalynn Gavin and McKenna Hoover; back, Owen Toto, Oliver Dudek, Dylan Allaman, Jamie McCain and Matt Wolbert. Missing from the photo is Janelle Machockas.



Swimming in the Junior Division for the Oil City YMCA are (front, from left): Lucy Donahue, Olive Toto, Brooklyn Williams and Nhu-y Phung; back, Nathan Wilson.



Swimming in the Senior Division for the Oil City YMCA are (front, from left): Gretchen Allaman, Helen-Anne Donahue, Ayla Hall and Emma Lee; back, Tyler Schake, Logan Byers and Ethan White.



Concluding the swimmers competing in the Senior Division for the Oil City YMCA are John Lander (left) and Madysen Kissell.