

Chargers interview Harbaugh about head coach opening

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jim Harbaugh has interviewed with the Los Angeles Chargers for their head coaching vacancy, a week after he led the University of Michigan to a national title.

The Chargers announced Harbaugh's interview on Monday without saying exactly when it took place. He is the eighth coaching candidate to interview with the Chargers, but his resume stands out from the rest.

The 60-year-old Harbaugh has an 89-25 record in nine seasons coaching his alma mater. Before that, he went 44-19-1 in four seasons as San Francisco's coach and took the 49ers to the Super Bowl after the 2012 season. He also had winning records at Stanford and the University of San Diego.

Harbaugh has a prior relationship with the Chargers and the Spanos family that owns the team. He played quarterback for the Bolts from 1999-2000.

The Chargers are looking for a coach and general manager after Brandon Staley and Tom Telesco were fired on Dec. 15, a day after a 63-21 loss at Las Vegas.

While Harbaugh is exploring his NFL options, he also is considering staying at Michigan, a person familiar with his thinking told the AP over the weekend. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the discussions.

Harbaugh has an offer from



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Michigan that would make him among the highest-paid coaches in college football.

The Wolverines beat Washington 34-13 in the College Football Playoff title game last Monday. Michigan held a celebratory parade on Saturday.

Harbaugh's tenure at his alma mater has lasted longer than some expected when he was hired in 2015.

To prepare for a possible NFL return, Harbaugh recently hired Don Yee as his agent. Yee is known for his representation of another famous Michigan quarterback — seven-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady — but the Pasadena-based agent also represents Denver Broncos coach Sean Payton, who was the most sought-after coaching free agent last year.

Harbaugh has not hidden his interest in a possible return to the NFL. His brother, John, is the longtime coach of the Baltimore Ravens, who beat Jim Harbaugh's 49ers in the Super Bowl after the 2012 season.

Harbaugh interviewed with the Minnesota Vikings two years ago and had discussions with the Broncos and Carolina Panthers last year.

Besides the Chargers, Atlanta, Carolina, Las Vegas, Seattle, Tennessee and Washington have openings.

The Chargers have also interviewed interim coach Giff Smith and offensive coordinator Kellen Moore, Las Vegas Raiders defensive coordinator Patrick Graham, Baltimore Ravens offensive coordinator Todd Monken, San Francisco 49ers defensive coordinator Steve Wilks, Baltimore defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald and former Buffalo Bills defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier.

Even though Monken, Wilks and Macdonald are part of playoff teams, they were allowed to interview virtually under the league's revised policy since their teams have byes this week as the top seeds in their respective conferences.

The Chargers have interviewed four candidates for general manager — interim GM JoJo Wooden, New York Giants assistant GM Brandon Brown, Baltimore director of player personnel Joe Hortiz and Chicago Bears assistant GM Ian Cunningham.

Mayfield leads Buccaneers to wild-card rout of Eagles

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Baker Mayfield threw for 337 yards and three touchdowns to lead the resurgent Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a 32-9 wild-card playoff victory over Jalen Hurts and the defending NFC champion Philadelphia Eagles on Monday night.

The Bucs (10-8) won for the sixth time in seven games to advance to a NFC divisional round matchup on the road next Sunday against the Detroit Lions (13-5), another team — like the Eagles — that stymied Mayfield during the regular season.

David Moore scored on a 44-yard reception in the first quarter. Rookie Trey Palmer broke the game open with a 56-yard catch-and-run for a TD that put the Bucs up 25-9 late in the third quarter. Both receivers took advantage of a porous, poor-tackling Eagles secondary to make their way to the end zone.

Mayfield, the 2018 No. 1 overall draft pick who's playing with his fourth team in less than two years, completed 22 of 36 passes without an interception. He capped his first playoff appearance since the 2020 season with a 23-yard TD pass to Chris Godwin.

It was a disappointing finish for Philadelphia (11-7), which lost to Kansas City in last year's Super Bowl and then spent much of this season resembling a club focused and determined to get back to the title game.

The Eagles played without leading receiver A.J. Brown, who injured a knee in the regular-season finale. Hurts started despite dislocating the



Baker Mayfield

middle finger on his throwing hand the previous week, and was 25 of 35 for 250 yards and one TD before being replaced by backup Marcus Mariota in the final minute.

The Bucs, who lost to the Lions 20-6 in Week 6, regrouped following a stretch in which they lost six of seven games to go 5-1 over the last six weeks of the regular season to win their third straight NFC South title and clinch a franchise-record fourth consecutive playoff berth.

The Eagles entered Monday night looking for a solution to what ailed them during a stunning about-face that saw them go 1-5 down the stretch after a 10-1 start to the season that included a dominant 14-point victory over Tampa Bay in Week 3.

Former NFL quarterback Norm Snead dies at age 84

NEW YORK (AP) — Norm Snead, an NFL quarterback for 16 seasons in the 1960s and '70s who was a four-time Pro Bowl selection, has died. He was 84.

Snead died Sunday in Naples, Florida, his brother, Danny, told The Associated Press on Monday. A cause of death was not provided.

Snead was the second overall pick in the 1961 NFL draft, selected by Washington, and he also was

taken 33rd by the Buffalo Bills in the American Football League draft that year. He chose Washington and played there for three seasons, with two Pro Bowl appearances, before being traded to the Philadelphia Eagles for Sonny Jurgensen and Claude Crabb.

Jurgensen, who was with Philadelphia when the Eagles won the league championship in 1960, became the face of the franchise for

Washington, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame and was a broadcaster for the team for decades.

Snead spent seven seasons with the Eagles during an era in which they never reached the playoffs. Despite that, he was picked for the Pro Bowl in 1965, when he threw for 15 touchdowns and 2,346 yards and led a league-high three game-winning drives for a team that finished 5-9.

He bounced around near the end

of his career, playing one season for Minnesota, 2 1/2 for the New York Giants and 1 1/2 for San Francisco. He returned to the Giants in 1976 before calling it a career in 1977.

Snead went 52-100-7 in 159 NFL starts with 196 touchdowns. His 257 interceptions rank sixth on the career list.

At Wake Forest, he earned All-ACC honors twice while setting more than a dozen conference re-

ords over three years (1958-60). After leading the ACC with seven interceptions in a season, Snead once quipped, "I couldn't run and couldn't get out of my own way but could throw the football."

A native of Halifax County, Virginia, who played football, basketball and baseball at Warwick High School, he was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NHL STANDINGS										
NHL Conference						Eastern Conference				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT
Boston	43	26	8	9	61	144	114			
Florida	43	27	13	3	57	136	111			
N.Y. Rangers	42	27	13	2	56	138	121			
Philadelphia	44	24	14	6	54	130	120			
Carolina	43	24	14	5	53	148	132			
Toronto	41	21	12	8	50	148	134			
Detroit	43	22	16	5	49	155	144			
Tampa Bay	44	22	17	5	49	146	149			
Pittsburgh	42	21	15	6	48	129	113			
N.Y. Islanders	43	19	14	10	48	128	146			
New Jersey	41	22	16	3	47	142	144			
Washington	41	20	15	6	46	99	125			
Montreal	43	18	18	7	43	120	148			
Buffalo	44	19	21	4	42	130	143			
Columbus	44	14	21	9	37	134	165			
Ottawa	38	15	23	0	30	127	140			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT
Vancouver	44	29	11	4	62	168	114			
Winnipeg	42	28	10	4	60	139	97			
Colorado	44	28	13	3	59	163	137			
Dallas	42	25	12	5	55	125	129			
Vegas	44	25	14	5	55	140	120			
Los Angeles	40	21	11	8	50	134	104			
Nashville	44	24	19	1	49	139	138			
Edmonton	39	23	15	1	47	138	117			
Seattle	43	19	15	9	47	122	125			
Calgary	43	20	18	5	45	136	137			
Arizona	41	21	18	2	44	126	123			
St. Louis	42	19	21	2	44	120	135			
Minnesota	43	18	20	5	41	126	144			
Anaheim	43	15	27	1	31	111	148			
Chicago	43	12	29	2	26	97	158			
San Jose	44	10	31	3	23	88	181			

Sunday's Games	
N.Y. Rangers	2, Washington 1
Detroit	4, Toronto 2
Monday's Games	
Buffalo	3, San Jose 0
Pittsburgh	3, Seattle 0
Columbus	4, Vancouver 3, SO
Boston	3, New Jersey 0
Anaheim	5, Florida 4, OT
Los Angeles	5, Carolina 2
Vegas	4, Nashville 1
Minnesota	5, N.Y. Islanders 0
Montreal	4, Colorado 3
Philadelphia	4, St. Louis 2
Tuesday's Games	
Anaheim	at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado	at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Seattle	at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles	at Dallas, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders	at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
San Jose	at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Arizona	at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Toronto	at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's Games	
Detroit	at Florida, 7 p.m.
Montreal	at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Chicago	at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games	
Colorado	at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas	at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota	at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Montreal	at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
St. Louis	at Washington, 7 p.m.
Seattle	at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Toronto	at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Arizona	at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers	at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Nashville	at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

PENGUINS SUMMARY			
Pittsburgh 3, Seattle 0			
Seattle	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	2	1
First Period—None.	Penalties—Yamamoto, SEA (Interference), 13:12.		
Second Period—1, Pittsburgh, O'Connor 6 (Rust, Malkin), 0:49, 2, Pittsburgh, Crosby 25 (Letang, Rakell), 3:32. Penalties—Malkin, PIT (High Sticking), 10:11.			
Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Crosby 26 (Rakell, Karlsson), 17:39 (en). Penalties—Harkins, PIT (Interference), 4:28; Tolvanen, SEA (Boarding), 11:06.			
Shots on Goal—Seattle 6-9-6-21. Pittsburgh 12-12-9-33.			
Power-play opportunities—Seattle 0 of 2; Pittsburgh 0 of 2.			
Goals—Seattle, Daccord 13-6-8 (32 shots-30 saves), Pittsburgh, Jarry 12-12-4 (21-21).			
A—18,202 (18,387). T—2-25.			
Referees—Brandon Blandina, Dan O'Rourke. Linesmen—Devin Berg, Bryan Panich.			

TRANSACTIONS			
BASEBALL			
Major League Baseball			
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with 3B Deshaun Tromp, OF Philandro Williams and 2B Mitchell Ojeda on minor league contracts.			

STEELERS SUMMARY			
Buffalo 31, Pittsburgh 17			
Pittsburgh	0	7	3
Buffalo	14	7	3
First Quarter			
Buf—Knox 9 pass from J.Allen (Bass kick), 7:02.			
Pit—Kincaid 29 pass from J.Allen (Bass kick), 4:15.			
Second Quarter			
Buf—Allen 52 run (Bass kick), 7:13.			
Pit—D.Johnson 10 pass from Rudolph (Boswell kick), 1:43.			
Third Quarter			
Pit—FG Boswell 40, 8:50.			
Buf—FG Bass 45, 1:32.			
Fourth Quarter			
Pit—Austin 7 pass from Rudolph (Boswell kick), 10:37.			
Buf—Shakir 17 pass from J.Allen (Bass kick), 6:27. A—70,040.			

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushing—Pittsburgh, Warren 8-38, Harris 12-37, Rudolph 2-16, Pickens 1-15. Buffalo, Cook 18-79, J.Allen 8-74, Ty Johnson 8-26.			
Passing—Pittsburgh, Rudolph 22-39-1-229. Buffalo, J.Allen 21-30-0-203.			
Receiving—Pittsburgh, Freiermuth 5-76, Pickens 5-50, D.Johnson 4-48, Warren 2-16, Harris 2-15, A. Robinson 2-12, Austin 1-7, Co. Heyward 1-5. Buffalo, Diggs 7-52, Cook 4-5, Kincaid 3-59, Shakir 3-31, Murray 2-13, Harty 1-34, Knox 1-9.			
Missed Field Goals—Buffalo, Bass 49, Bass 27.			

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE			
Saturday, Jan. 13			
Houston	45, Cleveland 14		
San Francisco	26, Miami 7		
Sunday, Jan. 14			
Green Bay	48, Dallas 32		
Detroit	24, L.A. Rams 23		
Pittsburgh	at Buffalo, p.p.d. to Jan. 15		
Monday, Jan. 15			
Buffalo	31, Pittsburgh 17		
Tampa Bay	32, Philadelphia 9		
Divisional Playoffs			
Saturday, Jan. 20			
Houston	at Baltimore, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)		
Green Bay	at San Francisco, 8 p.m. (FOX)		
Sunday, Jan. 21			
Tampa Bay	at Detroit, 3 p.m. (NBC/Peacock)		
Kansas City	at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m. (CBS/Paramount)		
Conference Championships			
Sunday, Jan. 28			
AFC			
AFC lowest seed at AFC highest seed, 3 p.m. (CBS)			
NFC			
NFC lowest seed at NFC highest seed, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)			

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL			
JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS (Friday's game)			
OIL CITY (52)			
Stinson	2 0-0 5	Singleton	1 0-0 2
Black	1 0-0 3	Heise	1 3-3 5
Rybak	4 2-2 10	Alexander	1 1-1 3
Jones	1 0-2 2	Dasher	1 0-0 3
Fink	1 2-2 4	Totals:	19-18-10-52.
PUNXSUTAWNEY (27)			
Koppenham	3 0-0 7	Preslud	2 1-2 6
Woods	3 0-0 7	White	1 0-0 2
Staffen	2 1-4 5	Totals:	11 2-6-27.
Score by Quarters			
Oil City	14	11	14
Punxny	7	9	8
3-point goals	—	Oil City (Melat 3, Stinson, Black, Dasher), Punxstawney (Koppenham, Preslud, Woods).	

9TH GRADE BOYS			
ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC (36)			
Songer	3 0-0 7	Gilmore	5 0-0 10
Cronk	1 0-0 3	Nunamaker	1 0-0 2
Brem	4 1-2 9	Williams	1 3-3 5
Totals:	15 4-5-36.		
OIL CITY (16)			
Love	1 0-2 2	Sabin	1 0-0 3
Grooms	0 3-6 3	VanWormer	2 0-0 6
Stevens	1 0-0 2	Totals:	5 3-8-16.
Score by Quarters			
ECC	10	12	3
Oil City	5	2	3
3-point goals	—	Elk County Catholic (Songer, Cronk), Oil City (VanWormer 2, Sabin).	

7TH GRADE BOYS			
WARREN (13)			
Individual statistics not reported.			
OIL CITY (45)			
Liederbach	3 1-2 7	VanWormer	3 0-0 6
Kiskaddon	6 3-6 15	Fulmer	3 0-1 6
Hummel	2 3-3 7	Ruditis	1 0-2 2
Wingo	1 0-0 2	Stevens	1 0-0 2
Totals:	19 7-14-45.		
Score by Quarters			
Warren	4	2	3
Oil City	16	15	10

SCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL			
VARSITY GIRLS			
TITUSVILLE (15)			
McGarvie	3 0-0 8	Wakefield	0 0-0 0
Colie	0 0-0 0	Matson	0 0-0 0
Burleigh	0 0-0 0	Krepps	1 0-0 2
Mo. Covell	0 1-2		