Steelers to host Bengals with plenty at stake

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers are heading to the playoffs. It just doesn't exactly feel like it — or look like it — heading into their regular-season finale against Cincinnati on Saturday night.

A three-game losing streak against the league's elite will do that.

Yet rather than dwell on what's gone wrong, quarterback Russell Wilson has another suggestion: practice a little selective amnesia.

"You've got to be able to just embrace the moment and be so addicted to the moment that nothing else gets in the way of it," Wilson said. "They focus on the next practice, the next meeting. And that level of obsession, that level of focus, that level of communication, that level of response, is everything. And that's what champions do."

That's been part of the problem for the Steelers (10-6), who have let plenty get in their way during a slide that's likely cost them a shot at the AFC North title, namely uncharacteristic mental lapses by a defense that have made a proud unit dotted with stars look vulnerable.

On that front, the surging Bengals (8-8) can relate. Joe Burrow, Ja'Marr Chase and company look every bit as dangerous as most expected in August. Yet a horrific opening three months defensively forced Cincinnati to play catch-up in December. And for all of Burrow's brilliance, the Bengals need to beat the Steelers and then hope Denver and Miami lose on Sunday to reach the postseason.

It's why Burrow sort of shrugged when asked about the "MVP!" chants that rang out in the final minutes of a thrilling overtime win over Denver last week that kept Cincinnati's slim playoff hopes alive.

Yes, it was cool. And yes, he thinks he'll have a chance to win the league's most coveted award one day, just not this year. Why?

"Usually you've got to win your division," he said.

It's an opportunity the Bengals lost long ago. The Steelers appeared to be firmly in control of the North after consecutive wins over Cincinnati and Cleveland in early December, only to follow it up with three nationally televised pratfalls.

Now, their priority has shifted from winning the franchise's first division title since 2020 to playing like a playoff team before the postseason. The clock is ticking.

"We don't have time to run from adversity, we have time to run through it," Wilson said. "We've got to climb the wall. We've got to go run through it. There's no magic pill for getting around it."

Chase-ing records

Burrow heads into the finale playing perhaps the best football of his five-year career. His streak of eight straight games with at least 250 yards passing and three touchdowns is an NFL record. He also leads the league in completions (423), yards passing (4,641) and touchdown passes (42).

While Burrow believes reaching 5,000 yards "would be cool," he's more intent on taking in Chase's burgeoning greatness. The fourth-year pro is vying for the receiving triple crown. Chase leads the league in catches, yards and touchdowns. The last player to do it was Cooper Kupp of the Los Angeles Rams in 2021.

"He grinds for it," Burrow said of his college teammate at LSU. "He's a once-in-a-lifetime type player and our careers will forever be tied together from college into the pro landscape. That's just fun to be a part of."

Communication breakdown

The Steelers are allowing more than 400 yards per game during their losing streak, and their frustration has bubbled over into public view.

Safety DeShon Elliott blamed the unit for making the kind of alignment mistakes that might be understandable in September, but not December. Outside linebacker Alex Highsmith questioned whether some of his teammates have the "want-to" required to make a deep playoff run.

Pro Bowl safety Minkah Fitzpatrick believes the angst is a natural byproduct of having a room full of competitors. So does defensive coordinator Teryl Austin, who prefers his unit getting angry.

"That tells me that they want to get it right, and they're not satisfied with it going the way it is," Austin said. "We have good men in our building. They've been through a lot of stuff together, and rightfully so, a little bit frustrated, but out of that frustration, I think we can find some prosperity."

Late-season surge

Cincinnati's 30-24 overtime win over Denver was significant, considering that seven of its eight losses this season have come by one score. Before December, the Bengals were proficient at blowing leads late. The Bengals also won their fourth straight game for the first time this season. And for the first time they beat a team with a winning record. Their previous seven victories came against sub-.500 teams.

Last stand?

The finale could be the final game at Acrisure Stadium for Steelers running back Najee Harris. The club declined Harris' fifth-year option last spring, meaning the only player in franchise history to top 1,000 yards rushing in his first four seasons with the team could be elsewhere when the 2025 season kicks off.

The rise of Jaylen Warren may have played a role in the decision, and while Harris has had another productive fall, Warren has been the more effective option of late. Warren has 33 touches for 202 yards over the last two games, compared to 24 touches for 123 yards for Harris.

Notre Dame, Penn State to renew long-dormant rivalry

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — No. 3 Notre Dame and No. 5 Penn State are coming off rather divergent College Football Playoff quarterfinal experiences as they prepare to clash as semifinalists in the Orange Bowl next Thursday.

The Fighting Irish (13-1, CFP No. 7) mustered an opportunistic victory over SEC champion Georgia after an unprecedented delay and under emotionally trying circumstances stemming from a deadly terror attack in the Sugar Bowl's host city.

The Nittany Lions (13-2, CFP No. 6) overwhelmed a non-power conference team that looked overmatched in the Fiesta Bowl, during which social media was alight with football fans — and some analysts — questioning a CFP committee seeding process that had given eighth-ranked Boise State a No. 3 seed and a bye.

Notre Dame's Marcus Freeman isn't buying the notion that a team's performance in an upcoming game can be predicted by the path it took to get there.

In the case of the Sugar Bowl, Georgia earned a bye by winning the SEC title game against Texas, which is still playing in the semifinals at the Cotton Bowl against Ohio State. Notre Dame did not get as much rest. They had to play in the first round and looked sharp coming off a convincing victory over Indiana.

"Whatever circumstances you're given, you make the most of them," Freeman said. "And if we would have had a first-round bye, I would have been the first one to say, 'Hey, this is great for us.'

"I don't believe in my heart that the first game (against Indiana) had anything to do with this one (in the Sugar Bowl)," he added. "It was about the preparation they did after the first game."

Similar styles

Notre Dame is listed as a 1.5-point favorite, according to BetMGM Sportsbook. Neither offense airs it out on regular basis. Their yards-passing averages are outside the top 50 nationally. But both teams have rushed for more than 200 yards per game this season, and both have played some of the best defense in the country, each allowing fewer than 16 points per game.

Penn State ranks fifth nationally in yards allowed per game (288.8), while Notre Dame ranks eighth (295.3).

"Running game and defense travels; that's going to show up throughout a season," Penn State coach James Franklin said. "That's going to show up in bad weather. That's going to show up when you're trying to (run out the clock) at the end of the game."

In the Fiesta Bowl, Penn State outgained Boise State on the ground, 216 yards to 108. The Nittany Lions largely contained Broncos star Ashton Jeanty, the Heisman Trophy runner-up, limiting him to 104 yards on 30 carries. Penn State also forced four turnovers, including three interceptions.

"Being able to control the line of scrimmage, whether it's your offensive line or our defensive line, is critical," Franklin said. "It showed up (against Boise State). ... It's really kind of shown up all season."

Notre Dame was outgained on offense by Georgia, 296 yards to 244, but outrushed the Bulldogs 154 yards to 62. Meanwhile, Irish defenders forced and recovered two pivotal fumbles — one inside their own 20-yard line and one inside Georgia's — and stopped all three of Georgia's fourth-down attempts.

"The red zone defense, the big fourth down stops. It's a great group," Freeman said of his defense. "Got great leadership, great players, and they're doing a heck of a job."

Minority representation

The Orange Bowl matchup means either James Franklin or Marcus Freeman will have a chance to become the first Black coach to win a major college football championship.

That's something Freeman hopes will be less relevant at some point. But he recognizes it holds somewhat historic significance at the moment.

"It's a reminder that you are a representation for many others, and many of our players that look the same way I do," Freeman said.

"Your color shouldn't matter, and the evidence of your work should," Freeman continued. "So, it's a great honor. It's a privilege. But again, as the head coach of this place, I understand we're not in this position unless everybody in this program gets their job done."

All tied up

Penn State and Notre Dame have played each other 19 times, starting in 1913, and have split those matchups with nine victories each and one scoreless tie back in 1925. They haven't played since 2007, a 31-10 Penn State victory.

Older fans will remember when Penn State and Notre Dame took on the air of an annual rivalry from 1981 to 1992.

The 12-year stretch concluded with the classic "Snow Bowl" in South Bend, Indiana, won by Notre Dame, 17-16, on a late TD and 2-point conversion. They've played just twice since.

Welcome (back) to Miami

Notre Dame and Penn State each have played in the Orange Bowl five times.

The Irish's first appearance was on Jan. 1, 1973, when they lost 40-6 to Nebraska. They've since beaten Alabama (1975) and Colorado (1990) before losing to Colorado (1991) and Florida State (1995). Notre Dame also lost a BCS national title game to Alabama in Miami, 42-14, in 2013.

Penn State first played in the Orange Bowl in 1969, beating Kansas. The Nittany Lions then beat Missouri (1970) and LSU (1974), lost to Oklahoma (1986) and beat Florida State (2006).

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Buffalo	13	3	0	.813	509	345
Miami	8	8	0	.500	325	332
e-N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	306	384
e-New England	3	13	0	.188	266	401
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Houston	9	7	0	.563	349	358
e-Indianapolis	7	9	0	.438	351	404
e-Jacksonville	4	12	0	.250	297	409
e-Tennessee	3	13	0	.188	297	437
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Baltimore	11	5	0	.688	483	351
x-Pittsburgh	**10**	**6**	**0**	**.625**	**363**	**328**
Cincinnati	8	8	0	.500	453	417
e-Cleveland	3	13	0	.188	248	400
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
-Kansas City	15	1	0	.938	385	288
x-L.A. Chargers	10	6	0	.625	368	281
Denver	9	7	0	.563	387	311
e-Las Vegas	4	12	0	.250	289	400

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Phila.	13	3	0	.813	443	290
x-Washington	11	5	0	.688	462	372
e-Dallas	7	9	0	.438	331	445
e-N.Y. Giants	3	13	0	.188	260	395
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Tampa Bay	9	7	0	.563	475	366
Atlanta	8	8	0	.500	351	379
e-New Orleans	5	11	0	.313	319	371
e-Carolina	4	12	0	.250	297	496
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Detroit	14	2	0	.875	533	333
x-Minnesota	14	2	0	.875	423	301
x-Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	438	314
e-Chicago	4	12	0	.250	286	348
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-L.A. Rams	10	6	0	.625	342	356
e-Seattle	9	7	0	.563	345	343
e-Arizona	7	9	0	.438	353	355
e-San Francisco	6	10	0	.375	365	389

e-Eliminated from playoffs
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
-clinched home-field advantage

Saturday's Games

Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 8:20 p.m.

This Date in Sports

Jan. 4

1970 — The Minnesota Vikings become the first expansion team to win the NFL title by beating the Cleveland Browns 27-7 in 8-degree temperatures in Bloomington, Minn.

1970 — Kansas City's defense, highlighted by four interceptions, three in the final quarter, carries the Chiefs to a 17-7 victory over Oakland Raiders in the last AFL title game.

1976 — The Dallas Cowboys become the first wild-card team to make it to the Super Bowl with a 37-7 rout of the Los Angeles Rams in the NFC title game.

1986 — Eric Dickerson shatters the NFL playoff record with a 248-yard rushing performance and two touchdowns to lead the Los Angeles Rams to a 20-0 win over the Dallas Cowboys.

1992 — Mike Gartner of the New York Rangers scores his 1,000th NHL point with a power-play goal in the third period of a 6-4 loss to the New Jersey Devils.

Penguins Summary

Florida 3, Pittsburgh 2

Pittsburgh	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**—**	**2**
Florida	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**—**	**3**

Florida won shootout 2-0

First Period—None. Penalties—Reinhart, FLA (High Sticking), 9:18.

Second Period—1, Florida, Forsling 6 (Barkov, Reinhart), 0:36. 2, Pittsburgh, Crosby 11 (Grzelcyk, Rust), 11:09 (pp). Penalties—Greer, FLA (High Sticking), 2:16; Greer, FLA (High Sticking), 11:04; Rust, PIT (Illegal Equipment), 14:38; Rakell, PIT (Hooking), 14:38; Bunting, PIT (Roughing), 14:38; Rodrigues, FLA (Roughing), 14:38; Tkachuk, FLA (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 14:38; Tkachuk, FLA (Misconduct), 14:38; Pettersson, PIT (Tripping), 19:56.

Third Period—3, Florida, Tkachuk 14 (A.Boqvist, Verhaeghe), 8:48 (pp). 4, Pittsburgh, Rakell 18 (Bunting, Malkin), 19:20 (pp). Penalties—Joseph, PIT (Cross Checking), 6:57; Ekblad, FLA (Hooking), 9:08; Bennett, FLA (Roughing), 17:59.

Overtime—None. Penalties—None.

Shootout—Florida 2 (Barkov NG, Reinhart G, Lundell G), Pittsburgh 0 (Rakell NG, Crosby NG).

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 13-4-11-3—31. Florida 10-10-10-3—33.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 2 of 7; Florida 1 of 3.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Jarry 8-6-3 (33 shots-31 saves). Florida, Knight 7-6-1 (31-29).

A—19,543 (19,250). T—2:44.

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Teoscar Hernandez on a three-year contract. Designated C Diego Cartaya for assignment. Agreed to terms with INF Hyeseong Kim on a three-year contract.

College Football Bowl Games

Jan. 1
College Football Playoff
Quarterfinals
Rose Bowl
Pasadena, Calif.
Ohio St. 41, Oregon 21
Peach Bowl
Atlanta
Texas 39, Arizona St. 31, 2OT
Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Notre Dame 23, Georgia 10
Gator Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi 52, Duke 20
Jan. 3
First Responder Bowl
Dallas
Texas St 30, North Texas 28
Duke's Mayo Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Minnesota vs. Virginia Tech, late
Jan. 4
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau, Bahamas
Buffalo vs. Liberty, 11 a.m. (ESPN2)
Jan. 9
College Football Playoff
Semifinals
Orange Bowl
Miami
Penn St. vs. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 10
College Football Playoff
Semifinals
Cotton Bowl
Dallas
Texas vs. Ohio St., 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Scholastic Basketball Boxscores

VARSITY BOYS

CRANBERRY (78)

Marchinke 9 4-4 22, Findlay 6 1-2 13, Morrow 1 4-6 6, Baker 5 0-0 10, Blauser 1 0-0 2, Zerbe 2 0-0 4, Nixson 1 0-2 2, Sanchez 3 3-5 9, Knapp 1 0-2 2, McCloskey 0 0-0 0, McIntyre 0 0-0 0, Carlson 0 0-0 0, Melat 2 1-1 5, Miller 1 0-0 3. Totals: 32 13-22 78.

NORTH CLARION (45)

Lutz 3 2-6 8, Swanson 1 0-0 2, Baumcratz 2 0-2 4, Zacheral 0 2-2 2, Bish 1 1-2 4, Buckley 1 0-0 2, Stitt 0 1-2 1, Irwin 8 4-7 20, Walter 1 0-0 2. Totals: 17 10-21 45.

Score by Quarters

Cranberry	22	23	19	14	—	78
North Clarion	11	14	11	9	—	45

3-point goals — Cranberry (Miller), North Clarion (Bish).

JOHNSONBURG (61)

Shaffer 5 4-6 17, Peterson 1 0-0 3, Demey 3 0-0 7, Calla 3 3-7 9, Schrieber 8 6-8 22, Newman 0 3-4 3. Totals: 20 16-25 61.

CLARION-LIMESTONE (70)

Ferguson 3 6-8 13, Craig 5 2-4 15, Siwiecki 5 0-2 13, Runyan 2 4-8 9, Kemmer 3 6-6 12, Wilson 1 4-4 6, Beggs 1 0-0 2, Hepfl 0 0-2 0. Totals: 20 22-34 70.

Score by Quarters

Johnsonburg	10	13	12	26	—	61
Clarion-Limestone	13	18	17	22	—	70

3-point goals — Johnsonburg (Shaffer 3, Peterson, Demey), C-L (Ferguson, Craig 3, Siwiecki 3, Kemmer).

VARSITY GIRLS

COCHRANTON (37)

Custead 6 0-0 13, Shorts 2 0-0 4, Pfeiffer 1 6-9 8, Lyons 0 1-2 1, Frayer 1 0-0 2, Rodax 3 2-2 9. Totals: 13 9-13 37.

MERCER (33)

Allen 3 0-0 8, Blough 1 0-0 2, Heckathorn 6 1-3 14, McCandless 1 0-0 2, Guenther 3 1-2 7. Totals: 14 2-5 33.

Score by Quarters

Cochranton	5	11	11	10	—	37
Mercer	5	10	8	10	—	33

3-point goals — Cochranton (Custead, Rodax), Mercer (Allen 2, Heckathorn).

SHARON (21)

Crumby 4 0-1 8, Clarke 0 1-2 1, McGee 2 0-0 4, Roberson 1 0-0 3, Holden 0 1-4 1, Amos 2 0-2 4. Totals: 9 2-9 21.

FRANKLIN (50)

K. Boal 12 1-4 25, Stevens 3 1-2 8, Blum 2 1-2 5, Hanna 2 0-0 5, Curry 2 1-3 5, Shingledecker 0 0-2 0, Sanchez 0 0-0 0, Goodman 0 0-0 0, Cullins 1 0-0 2, Emick 0 0-0 0, McGill 0 0-0 0, Graham 0 0-0 0. Totals: 22 4-13 50.

Score by Quarters

Sharon	4	5	8	4	—	21
Franklin	13	6	19	12	—	50

3-point goals — Sharon (Roberson), Franklin (Stevens, Hanna).

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

SHARON (19)

Ruzich 0 1-2 1, J. Clarke 1 0-6 2, Harrison 2 0-0 4, Wilson 3 0-3 6, Roberson 1 2-4 4, A. Clarke 1 0-0 2. Totals: 8 3-15 19.

FRANKLIN (25)

Cullins 2 1-2 5, Goodman 0 0-0 0, Sanchez 2 3-4 7, S. Boal 0 2-2 2, Emick 0 2-2 2, H. Graham 3 0-0 6, Irons 0 3-4 3, Miller 0 0-0 0, Eakin 0 0-0 0, Hemphill 0 0-0 0, A. Graham 0 0-0 0. Totals: 7 11-14 25.

Score by Quarters

Sharon	0	11	2	6	—	19
Franklin	7	8	8	2	—	25

8TH GRADE BOYS

OIL CITY (46)

VanWormer 1 0-0 2, Fulmer 4 5-7 13, Liederbach 6 0-2 13, Hummel 1 1-2 3, Lingo 1 0-0 2, Kiskadden 6 0-0 13. Totals: 19 6-11 46.

FRANKLIN (36)

Stevens 1 1-2 4, McAfoose 2 0-2 4, Doty 5 0-0 11, Dick 1 0-0 2, Brundage 5 1-2 13, Behe 1 0-0 2. Totals: 15 2-6 36.

Score by Quarters

Oil City	9	16	14	7	—	46
Franklin	10	8	9	9	—	36

3-point goals — Oil City (Liederbach, Kiskadden), Franklin (Brundage 2, Stevens, Doty).

7TH GRADE BOYS

OIL CITY (16)

McGarvie 0 0-2 0, Sandrock 1 0-0 2, Harriger 0 4-5 4, Martin 2 0-2 4, Kelley 2 0-0 5, Miller 0 1-2 1. Totals: 5 5-11 16.

FRANKLIN (46)

Gonsalves 6 0-0 12, Fleming 1 0-0 2, Sires 7 0-2 15, Goodman 6 0-0 13, Boal 0 0-0 0, Polley 1 0-0 2, Rosen 1 0-0 2. Totals: 22 0-2 46.

Score by Quarters

Oil City	7	5	0	4	—	16
Franklin	19	6	17	4	—	46

3-point goals — Oil City (Kelley), Franklin (Goodman, Sires).

Sports on Television

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

11 a.m.
ESPN — Florida at Kentucky
NOON
CBS — North Carolina at Notre Dame
CBSSN — Oklahoma St. at West Virginia
CW — NC State at Wake Forest
ESPNU — Boston College at Georgia Tech
FS1 — DePaul at Villanova
SECN — Georgia at Mississippi
USA — Dayton at George Washington
1 p.m.
ESPN — Arkansas at Tennessee
2 p.m.
ACCN — Miami at Virginia Tech
CBS — Baylor at Iowa St.
CBSSN — VCU at Loyola of Chicago
ESPNU — Tulsa at UAB
FOX — UCLA at Nebraska
FS1 — Butler at St. John's
SECN — South Carolina at Mississippi St.
USA — George Mason at Rhode Island
2:15 p.m.
CW — Duke at SMU
2:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Arizona at Cincinnati
4 p.m.
ACCN — Louisville at Virginia
CBS — San Diego St. at Boise St.
CBSSN — Kansas St. at TCU
SECN — Missouri at Auburn
4:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Vanderbilt at LSU
6 p.m.
ACCN — Syracuse at Florida St.
CBSSN — MTSU at Liberty
ESPNU — UTSA at Tulane
SECN — Oklahoma at Alabama
6:30 p.m.
ESN2 — Stanford at Pittsburgh
8 p.m.
CBSSN — Missouri St. at Bradley
ESPNU — Delaware St. at Howard
FOX — Michigan at Southern Cal
SECN — Texas at Texas A&M
8:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — California at Clemson

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

Noon
FOX — UCLA at Indiana
3:30 p.m.
BTN — Wisconsin at Oregon
4 p.m.
ESPNU — Liberty at MTSU
FS1 — Butler at Marquette

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

11 a.m.
ESPN2 — The Bahamas Bowl Presented by Atlantis Resort: Buffalo vs. Liberty, Nassau, Bahamas

COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)

9 p.m.
BTN — Wisconsin vs. Michigan St., Chicago

COLLEGE HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)

5:30 p.m.
BTN — Ohio St. vs. Wisconsin, Chicago

GOLF

4 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour: The Sentry, Third Round, The Plantation Course at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii
6 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Sentry, Third Round, The Plantation Course at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii

HORSE RACING

3 p.m.
FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.
NBATV — New York at Chicago
10:30 p.m.
NBATV — Atlanta at L.A. Clippers

NFL FOOTBALL

4:30 p.m.
ABC — Cleveland at Baltimore
ESPN — Cleveland at Baltimore
8:05 p.m.
ABC — Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
ESPN — Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

NHL HOCKEY

Noon
ABC — N.Y. Rangers at Washington

SOCCER (MEN'S)

7:30 a.m.
USA — Premier League: Newcastle United at Tottenham Hotspur
9 a.m.
CBSSN — Serie A: Empoli at Venezia
10 a.m.
USA — Premier League: Everton at AFC Bournemouth
12:30 p.m.
NBC — Premier League: Arsenal at Brighton & Hove Albion

SUNDAY, JAN. 5

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

Noon
BTN — Indiana at Penn St.
1 p.m.
ESPN2 — FAU at Eastern Carolina
2 p.m.
BTN — Northwestern at Purdue
NBC — Providence at UConn
3 p.m.
ESPN2 — Murray St. at Drake
4 p.m.
BTN — Illinois at Washington
PEACOCK — Maryland at Oregon
5 p.m.
ESPN — North Texas at Memphis

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

Noon
ACCN — Pittsburgh at Duke
CBSSN — Davidson at Saint Louis
SECN — Georgia at Florida
1 p.m.
ESPN — Notre Dame at North Carolina
2 p.m.
ACCN — Syracuse at Florida St.
CBSSN — Buffalo at Kent St.
CW — Stanford at Clemson
SECN — South Carolina at Mississippi St.
3 p.m.
ESPN — Oklahoma at Tennessee
4 p.m.
ACCN — Louisville at Wake Forest
SECN — Auburn at LSU
6 p.m.
ACCN — California at SMU
BTN — Maryland at Iowa
6:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Utah at Iowa St.
8 p.m.
BTN — Southern Cal at Rutgers

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m.
ESPN — Division III Tournament: Mount Union vs. North Central (Ill.), Championship, Houston

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)

5 p.m.
ESPN2 — Michigan at Denver

GOLF

4 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour: The Sentry, Final Round, The Plantation Course at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii
6 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Sentry, Final Round, The Plantation Course at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii

HORSE RACING

3 p.m.
FS1 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

NBA G-LEAGUE BASKETBALL

1 p.m.
NBATV — Birmingham at Maine

NFL

1 p.m.
CBS — Regional Coverage: Carolina at Atlanta, Houston at Tennessee, Buffalo at New England, N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia
FOX — Regional Coverage: Washington at Dallas, Chicago at Green Bay, Jacksonville at Indianapolis, New Orleans at Tampa Bay
4:25 p.m.
CBS — Regional Coverage: Kansas City at Denver, L.A. Chargers at Las Vegas
FOX — Regional Coverage: Seattle at L.A. Rams, Miami at N.Y. Jets, San Francisco at Arizona
8:15 p.m.
NBC — Minnesota at Detroit
PEACOCK — Minnesota at Detroit

NHL HOCKEY

3 p.m.
ABC — N.Y. Rangers at Chicago

SOCCER (MEN'S)

9 a.m.
USA — Premier League: Ipswich Town at Fulham
11:30 a.m.
NBC — Premier League: Manchester United at Liverpool