Steelers are running in place, with no solution in sight

PITTSBURGH (AP) — T.J. Watt checked his phone, stuck his hands in his pockets, took a breath and looked up, girding himself for the questions he knew would come.

Eight years into his pro career, the Pittsburgh Steelers star linebacker has become all too familiar with the abruptness of how seasons end. Maybe because they always seem to end the same for his team.

A promising start. A slide to the finish. A lopsided playoff loss. An uncomfortable locker cleanout day and muted goodbyes.

In that way, 2024 was no different from 2023. Or 2021. Or 2020. Or 2017. It's getting old for a player with a burgeoning Hall of Fame resume with a massive hole that only grows bigger with each passing season.

"There's not one thing that needs to be fixed here," Watt said Monday, less than 48 hours removed from a 28-14 beating at the hands of Baltimore that marked Pittsburgh's sixth straight playoff loss. "There's a lot of things."

What, exactly, remains unclear even as Watt pledged to be "part of the solution."

Pittsburgh blew up its quarterback room last winter and overhauled its offense only to end up in a familiar spot: with a 10-7 record and a fringe postseason team whose shortcomings were repeatedly exposed against the teams they're so desperately trying to catch.

Asked if he felt the Steelers were closer to returning to the league's elite than they were 12 months ago, Watt shrugged, well aware that a five-game skid to end the season that included blowouts at the hands of Kansas City, Philadelphia and Baltimore didn't exactly paint the picture of a team on the rise.

"I don't know," Watt said. "I definitely haven't lost confidence in this group. I feel like we have the pieces."

Getting those pieces to work together when it matters, however, remains elusive. There was a sameness that crept in weekly during Pittsburgh's swoon. A slow start on offense. A defense that allowed opponents to quickly build double-digit leads. A futile attempt at a comeback. Talk afterward about better preparation and execution, platitudes that never materialized no matter what day of the week they played on.

AP

Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver George Pickens runs for a touchdown after making a catch against the Baltimore Ravens on Saturday.

Now what?

The Steelers have no plans to part with Mike Tomlin. The NFL's longest-tenured head coach will be back for a 19th season in the fall, with franchise fixtures like Watt and Pat Freiermuth adamant that Tomlin remains the right man for the job.

Yet it's reasonable to expect significant changes to his coaching staff. Defensive coordinator Teryl Austin — who collaborates heavily with Tomlin on the game plan — could move on after Pittsburgh was pushed around with alarming ease throughout its late slide, something Austin seemed to acknowledge ahead of the loss to Baltimore.

"I think the one thing as coaches that we do in our staff is we take pride in what our guys do and how they do it," he said. "And if we fail or come up short, then we don't point it at the guys, we put it on us."

Accountability is easy and admirable. Tangible improvement, however, is another matter.

While the Steelers believe they took steps forward in certain areas — they led the league in takeaways and the offense ticked up under first-year offensive coordinator Arthur Smith — they ended up in the same place they've been for nearly a decade: packing up in mid-January while the playoffs go on without them.

"We need to win football games," Watt said, later adding, "but I don't have all the answers as we sit here right now as to what needs to change."

He's hardly alone.

The QB problem

The Steelers gambled last winter when they signed Russell Wilson and traded for Justin Fields to give them essentially a one-year tryout.

Though there were signs of progress — Fields went 4-2 to begin the season while filling in for an injured Wilson, and Wilson cooked for a bit while winning six of his first seven starts — it dried up late. The Steelers averaged just 14.2 points over their final five games and Wilson's signature "moonballs" largely disappeared.

Wilson and Fields are scheduled to become free agents in March, though each indicated he wanted to stay. Whether either does is a mystery, perhaps even to the Steelers. Who knows what kind of contract Wilson — who threw for 16 touchdowns against five picks — might command on the open market. And while Fields showed flashes, consistency was an issue, one of the reasons Tomlin turned to Wilson despite Pittsburgh's solid start.

The Pickens problem

For all of his otherworldly talent, the reality is third-year wide receiver George Pickens remains an immature enigma. The 23-year-old was fined 10 times by the league for a variety of on-the-field missteps, whether it was starting fights with opponents or writing a message on his eye black, unaware it was against the rules.

Tomlin defended Pickens at nearly every turn, though it's fair to start wondering if the squeeze is worth the juice. Pickens is entering a contract year and if the Steelers decide not to lock him up for the long term, seeing what he might fetch in a trade might be a better option than banking on him handling their decision professionally.

Up next

Sift through the rubble of another quick exit, rework the coaching staff and try to find a way out of the purgatory they've created for themselves.

The list of notable free agents includes all three quarterbacks on the roster (Kyle Allen, too), running back Najee Harris, inside linebacker Elandon Roberts and cornerback Cam Sutton.

Pittsburgh has about $55 million in salary cap space at the moment, the 21st pick in the 2025 draft and no quarterback under contract beyond 3:59 p.m. on March 12.

Another busy and turbulent offseason looms.

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NHL Standings

NHL Conference Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	43	28	10	5	61	156	113
Toronto	44	27	15	2	56	135	124
New Jersey	45	26	15	4	56	142	114
Carolina	44	26	15	3	55	147	123
Florida	44	25	16	3	53	146	136
Tampa Bay	41	23	15	3	49	151	113
Boston	45	21	19	5	47	116	142
Columbus	43	20	17	6	46	149	151
Ottawa	42	21	18	3	45	122	120
Detroit	42	20	18	4	44	121	133
Montreal	42	20	18	4	44	126	140
Pittsburgh	45	18	19	8	44	135	169
Philadelphia	44	19	20	5	43	136	154
N.Y. Rangers	42	20	20	2	42	122	131
N.Y. Islanders	42	17	18	7	41	114	129
Buffalo	43	16	22	5	37	132	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	43	29	11	3	61	148	114
Winnipeg	44	29	12	3	61	156	108
Minnesota	44	27	13	4	58	132	122
Dallas	42	27	14	1	55	136	104
Edmonton	42	26	13	3	55	139	117
Los Angeles	40	24	11	5	53	121	99
Colorado	44	26	17	1	53	147	138
Calgary	42	21	14	7	49	115	125
Vancouver	42	19	13	10	48	124	130
St. Louis	44	20	20	4	44	125	133
Utah	42	18	17	7	43	117	125
Anaheim	43	18	20	5	41	108	135
Seattle	44	18	23	3	39	128	144
Nashville	42	13	22	7	33	101	132
San Jose	45	13	26	6	32	114	158
Chicago	44	14	28	2	30	113	152

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's Games
Detroit 6, Seattle 2
Tampa Bay 5, Pittsburgh 2
Ottawa 3, Dallas 2
Anaheim 3, Carolina 2, OT
Vegas 4, Minnesota 1

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 4, Florida 3
Calgary 5, Chicago 2
Los Angeles at Edmonton, late

Tuesday's Games
Anaheim at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Utah, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Anaheim at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Florida, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

NBA Standings

NBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Boston	28	11	.718	—
New York	26	15	.634	3
Phila.	15	22	.405	12
Brooklyn	13	26	.333	15
Toronto	9	31	.225	19½
Southeast	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Orlando	23	18	.561	—
Miami	20	17	.541	1
Atlanta	19	19	.500	2½
Charlotte	8	28	.222	12½
Washington	6	32	.158	15½
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	33	5	.868	—
Indiana	22	18	.550	12
Milwaukee	20	17	.541	12½
Detroit	21	19	.525	13
Chicago	18	21	.462	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	26	12	.684	—
Memphis	25	15	.625	2
Dallas	22	17	.564	4½
San Antonio	18	19	.486	7½
New Orleans	8	32	.200	19
Northwest	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	32	6	.842	—
Denver	23	15	.605	9
Minnesota	21	18	.538	11½
Portland	13	25	.342	19
Utah	10	28	.263	22
Pacific	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Lakers	20	16	.556	—
L.A. Clippers	20	17	.541	½
Sacramento	20	19	.513	1½
Phoenix	19	19	.500	2
Golden State	19	20	.487	2½

Sunday's Games
Denver 112, Dallas 101
New York 140, Milwaukee 106
Sacramento 124, Chicago 119
Indiana 108, Cleveland 93
Boston 120, New Orleans 119
Oklahoma City 136, Washington 95
Orlando 104, Phila. 99
Utah 112, Brooklyn 111, OT
Phoenix 120, Charlotte 113

Monday's Games
Minnesota 120, Washington 106
Toronto 104, Golden State 101
Detroit 124, New York 119
Houston 120, Memphis 118
Miami at L.A. Clippers, late
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, late

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phila., 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Portland, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
New York at Phila., 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.
Brooklyn at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
Houston 32, L.A. Chargers 12
Baltimore 28, Pittsburgh 14
Sunday, Jan. 12
Buffalo 31, Denver 7
Philadelphia 22, Green Bay 10
Washington 23, Tampa Bay 20
Monday, Jan. 13
L.A. Rams 27, Minnesota 9
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 18
Houston at Kansas City, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
Washington at Detroit, 8 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 19
L.A. Rams at Philadelphia, 2 p.m. (NBC)
Baltimore at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 26
AFC
AFC lowest remaining seed at AFC highest remaining seed, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)
NFC
NFC lowest remaining seed at NFC highest remaining seed, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Super Bowl LIX
Sunday, Feb. 9
At New Orleans
Conference Championships winners, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Transactions

Major League Baseball
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Andrew Kittredge on a one-year contract. Designated C Blake Hunt for assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with INF Donovan Solano on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Austin Kitchen for assignment.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHP Colin Rea on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Michael Arias for assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms on minor league contracts with RHPs Carson Fulmer, Tanner Rainey, Yohan Ramirez, Yerry Rodríguez, Burch Smith and Hunter Stratton, INFs Darick Hall and Nick Solak and OF Bryce Johnson.
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Minnesota G Anthony Edwards $50,000 for making obscene gestures toward a game official during a Jan. 11 game against Memphis.
National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released head coach Mike McCarthy.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed LB K.J. Cloyd, DLs Andrew Farmer, Matt Henningsen, Jordan Miller, OLs Nick Gargiulo, Will Sherman, Calvin Throckmorton, S Tanner McCalister, CBs Quinton Newsome, Keidron Smith, Reese Taylor, WR A.T. Perry, and TE Thomas Yassmin to reserve/futures contracts.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed DLs Deslin Alexandre, James Ester and Jeremiah Martin, S Omar Brown, CBs Kamal Hadden and Kalen King, K Alex Hale, G Marquis Hayes, WRs Julian Hicks and Cornelius Johnson, G/T Donovan Jennings and TE Messiah Swinson to reserve/futures contracts.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Re-signed LB Cameron McGrone to a one-year contract extension.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Signed G Karsen Barnhart, TE McCallan Castles, WRs Dez Fitzpatrick and Jaylen Johnson, DL Jeremiah Jean-Baptiste, OLBs Tre'Mon Morris-Brash and Caleb Murphy, RB Jaret Patterson and S Kendall Williamson to reserve/futures contracts.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Elevated OLB Keir Thomas from the practice squad to the active roster.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed T Marcellus Johnson to the practice squad. Released DT Travis Bell from the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed OT Doug Nester to a contract. Moved LB julius Weischof from the practice squad to the international practice squad.

Pittsburgh Penguins Statistics

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THROUGH GAMES OF MONDAY, JAN. 13, 2025
Pittsburgh Penguins

POS	NO.	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	PCTG
F	87	Sidney Crosby	45	12	36	48	-14	19	6	0	3	134	.090
F	67	Rickard Rakell	45	22	16	38	-10	8	4	0	1	111	.198
F	17	Bryan Rust	38	16	17	33	-20	12	2	0	4	102	.157
F	71	Evgeni Malkin	41	8	24	32	-17	18	2	0	2	71	.113
D	65	Erik Karlsson	45	4	27	31	-14	18	1	0	0	112	.036
F	8	Michael Bunting	43	13	12	25	-13	42	8	0	1	84	.155
D	24	Matt Grzelcyk	45	1	21	22	-13	6	0	0	0	53	.019
D	58	Kris Letang	39	7	9	16	-15	18	3	1	0	90	.078
D	28	Marcus Pettersson	39	2	14	16	-1	23	0	0	1	37	.054
F	10	Drew O'Connor	45	6	9	15	-12	16	1	1	1	68	.088
F	72	Anthony Beauvillier	44	9	3	12	0	8	0	0	0	73	.123
F	46	Blake Lizotte	29	8	4	12	5	18	1	1	0	28	.286
F	13	Kevin Hayes	28	7	3	10	-14	2	3	0	1	39	.179
F	19	Cody Glass	32	1	8	9	-10	6	0	0	0	40	.025
F	18	Jesse Puljujarvi	25	3	6	9	-2	10	0	0	0	38	.079
F	55	Noel Acciari	45	4	4	8	-13	10	0	0	0	43	.093
F	20	Lars Eller	17	4	3	7	-4	10	0	0	0	27	.148
F	53	Philip Tomasino	18	4	3	7	-4	2	2	0	3	33	.121
F	83	Matt Nieto	24	1	2	3	-2	2	0	0	0	19	.053
D	38	Owen Pickering	20	1	1	2	-5	2	0	0	0	10	.100
F	0	Valtteri Puustinen	10	1	1	2	-4	4	1	0	0	6	.167
D	5	Ryan Shea	20	0	2	2	-6	6	0	0	0	8	.000
F	22	Sam Poulin	6	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	.000
D	3	Jack St. Ivany	19	0	1	1	-3	17	0	0	0	12	.000
D	4	Nathan Clurman	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	.000
D	27	Ryan Graves	31	0	0	0	-8	13	0	0	0	23	.000
D	73	Pierre-Olivier Joseph	11	0	0	0	-8	6	0	0	0	11	.000
F	2	Rutger McGroarty	3	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	2	.000
F	11	Vasily Ponomarev	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	.000
		TEAM TOTALS	45	134	227	361	-207	314	34	3	17	1284	.104
		OPPONENT TOTALS	45	165	284	449	192	352	26	2	23	1402	.118

POS	NO	GOALTENDER	GP	MINS	AVG	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SA	SV%	G	A	PIM
	35	Tristan Jarry	21	1193	3.32	8	7	4	0	66	579	0.886	0	0	2
	39	Alex Nedeljkovic	19	1111	3.4	7	7	4	0	63	551	0.886	0	0	2
	30	Joel Blomqvist	8	416	3.61	3	5	0	0	25	261	0.904	0	0	0
		TEAM TOTALS	45	2742	3.42	18	19	8	0	154	1391	.882	134	227	314
		OPPONENT TOTALS	45	2742	2.84	27	12	6	4	128	1278	.896	165	284	352

Scholastic Basketball

VARSITY GIRLS
FRANKLIN (52)
Boal 12 1-2 25, Stevens 1 0-0 3, Blum 4 0-2 12, Hanna 3 1-2 9, Curry 1 0-0 2, Shingledecker 0 1-2 1. Totals: 21 2-8 52.
WARREN (36)
Farr 4 0-0 10, Stuart 6 0-0 14, Solberg 1 0-0 2, Wotorson 4 2-2 10, Roell 0 0-2 0, Rodgers 0 0-0 0, Davidson 0 0-0 0, Hagg 0 0-0 0. Totals: 15 2-4 36.
Score by Quarters

Franklin	13	15	14	10	— 52
Warren	14	2	7	13	— 36

3-point goals — Franklin (Blum 4, Hanna 2, Stevens), Warren (Farr 2, Stuart 2).
COMMODORE PERRY (64)
Boyles 2 0-0 4, Saxe 4 11-14 20, Furey 3 5-6 12, Voyner 2 2-2 6, Post 10 2-3 22, Waleff 0 0-0 0, Grover 0 0-0 0, McCloskey 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 20-25 64.
ROCKY GROVE (49)
Anderson 7 2-3 19, Kennedy 6 0-3 12, Copley 0 0-0 0, Mawhinney 3 0-0 6, Phillips 3 0-0 7, Cresswell 1 1-2 3, Reyburn 1 0-0 2. Totals: 21 3-8 49.
Score by Quarters

Commodore Perry	13	15	14	22	— 64
Rocky Grove	9	11	19	10	— 49

3-point goals — Commodore Perry (Saxe, Furey), Rocky Grove (Anderson 3, Phillips).
OIL CITY (41)
Boocks 3 0-0 8, Clark 0 0-0 0, Shevock 0 0-0 0, Vargason 0 1-2 1, Fry 2 0-0 4, Vandeventer 0 0-2 0, Liederbach 5 6-7 16, McQuiston 0 0-0 0, Garmong 4 4-7 12. Totals: 14 11-18 41.
TITUSVILLE (43)
Krepps 6 5-6 17, Burleigh 1 0-0 2, Whitman 0 0-0 0, Blakeslee 2 1-3 5, Ma. Covell 2 0-0 4, Mo. Covell 2 1-4 5, Baker 0 0-0 0, Lesko 4 1-3 10. Totals: 17 8-16 43.
Score by Quarters

Oil City	10	7	9	15	— 41
Titusville	4	12	13	14	— 43

3-point goals — Oil City (Boocks 2), Titusville (Lesko)
9TH GRADE BOYS
HICKORY (53)
Dungee 5 2-4 12, Manzo 2 0-0 5, Turosky 2 3-5 8, Megrlon 1 0-0 3, Hicks 1 0-0 2, Reese 5 0-0 14, Mac 3 0-1 6, Martin 1 1-1 3. Totals: 20 6-11 53.
FRANKLIN (36)
Winger 1 1-2 4, Williams 0 6-10 6, Martin 2 6-8 11, Cassano 2 6-8 11, Voto-Pelletier 1 1-2 3. Totals: 8 16-26 36.
Score by Quarters

Hickory	10	22	8	13	— 53
Franklin	10	10	12	4	— 36

3-point goals — Hickory (Reese 4, Megrlon, Turosky, Manzo), Franklin (Martin 2, Cassano, Winger).
8TH GRADE BOYS
JAMESTOWN (10)
Curtis 1 0-0 2, Pipp 1 0-0 2, Turk 2 0-0 4, Harbison 1 0-0 2, Cole 0 0-0 0. Totals: 5 0-0 10.
ROCKY GROVE (58)
Alcorn 1 0-0 2, Griffin 5 0-0 10, Barrett 2 0-0 4, Malys 1 1-1 3, Anderson 8 0-2 16, Mutzig 6 2-5 14, Carone 1 0-0 2, Baughman 2 3-4 7. Totals: 26 6-12 58.
Score by Quarters

Jamestown	2	6	0	2	— 10
Rocky Grove	18	11	15	14	— 58

MERCER (41)
Medrak 6 3-4 15, Wastul 3 0-0 6, Stockers 4 0-0 10, Jergenson 1 0-0 2, Osborn 2 0-0 4, Crooks 1 0-0 2, Chalers 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18 3-4 41.
FRANKLIN (36)
Stevens 3 2-4 9, McAfoose 1 6-6 8, Doty 2 2-2 7, Dick 1 1-2 3, Brundage 2 0-0 6, Behe 1 0-0 2. Totals: 10 11-14 36.
Score by Quarters

Mercer	11	8	9	13	— 41
Franklin	5	11	9	11	— 36

3-point goals — Mercer (Stockers 2), Franklin (Brundage 2, Doty, Stevens).
COMMODORE PERRY (9)
Clark 1 0-0 2, Philson 2 0-3 5, Wengard 0 1-2 1, Post 0 1-4 1. Totals: 3 2-9 9.
OIL CITY (44)
Drozdo 1 1-1 3, Vanwormer 2 0-0 4, Ruditis 1 0-0 2, Fulmer 1 0-0 2, Liederbach 1 0-0 2, Fleming 1 0-0 2, Kritikos 5 0-1 11, Hummel 1 0-0 2, Lingo 1 0-0 2, Tallie 1 0-0 2, Kiskaddon 3 0-0 6, Fichter 1 0-2 2. Totals: 21 1-4 44.
Score by Quarters

Commodore Perry	3	1	4	1	— 9
Oil City	11	10	10	13	— 44

3-point goals — Commodore Perry (Philson), Oil City (Kritikos).
7TH GRADE BOYS
JAMESTOWN (5)
Curtis 0 0-2 0, Pipp 0 1-2 1, Carr 1 0-2 2, Neely 1 0-0 2, Cole 0 0-0 0. Totals: 2 1-6 5.
ROCKY GROVE (41)
Hughes 7 1-2 16, Barrett 9 2-2 21, Platt 1 0-0 2, Carone 1 0-0 2, Ali 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 3-4 41.
Score by Quarters

Jamestown	0	3	2	0	— 5
Rocky Grove	14	13	4	10	— 41

3-point goals — Rocky Grove (Hughes, Barrett).
COMMODORE PERRY (15)
Grove 1 0-2 2, Bell 0 0-2 0, Mayne 2 0-0 4, Hengard 1 1-3 3, Post 3 0-0 6. Totals: 7 1-7 15.
OIL CITY (17)
McGarvie 1 0-2 2, Martin 1 0-2 3, Boyer 2 0-4 4, Kelley 2 2-2 8, Kase 0 0-0 0. Totals: 6 2-10 17.
Score by Quarters

Commodore Perry	2	2	4	7	— 15
Oil City	9	1	5	2	— 17

3-point goals — Oil City (Kelley 2).
MERCER (15)
Werich 1 0-0 2, Polite 1 1-4 3, Foster 3 0-4 6, Doolin 1 0-0 2, Mais 1 0-0 2. Totals: 7 1-8 15.
FRANKLIN (60)
Gonsalves 3 0-0 7, Fleming 1 0-0 2, Sires 7 0-2 14, Goodman 7 2-2 16, Boal 1 0-0 2, Polley 4 0-0 10, Hoobler 2 0-0 4, Rosen 1 0-0 2, Rivera 1 0-2 3. Totals: 27 2-6 60.
Score by Quarters

Mercer	4	3	4	4	— 15
Franklin	22	14	16	8	— 60

3-point goals — Franklin (Polley 2, Gonsalves).

Sports Scene

TUESDAY, JAN. 14
BOYS BASKETBALL
Franklin at Corry (6 p.m.)
Oil City at Warren (6 p.m.)
Maplewood at Rocky Grove (6 p.m.)
Cranberry at Sheffield (6 p.m.)
A-C Valley at North Clarion (6 p.m.)
Karns City at Redbank Valley (6 p.m.)
Farrell at Grove City (6 p.m.)
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Brookville at Cranberry (6 p.m.)
Cochranton at Sharon (6 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Forest Area at Rocky Grove (6 p.m.)
Cranberry at Union (6 p.m.)
North Clarion at Clarion (6 p.m.)
Karns City at Redbank Valley (6 p.m.)
SCHOLASTIC WRESTLING
Cochranton at Franklin (6 p.m.)

THURSDAY, JAN. 16
BOYS BASKETBALL
Forest Area at Cranberry (6 p.m.)
Union at Moniteau (6 p.m.)
Clarion at Karns City (6 p.m.)
North Clarion at Keystone (6 p.m.)
A-C Valley at Clarion-Limestone (6 p.m.)
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Conneaut Area at Franklin (6 p.m.)
Oil City at General McLane (6 p.m.)
Rocky Grove at Jamestown (6 p.m.)
Youngsville at Cochranton (6 p.m.)
Greenville at Grove City (6 p.m.)
SCHOLASTIC SWIMMING
Grove City at Franklin (6 p.m.)
Oil City at Slippery Rock (6 p.m.)

FRIDAY, JAN. 17
BOYS BASKETBALL
Franklin at Oil City (6 p.m.)
Rocky Grove at Jamestown (6 p.m.)
Cambridge Springs at Cochranton (6 p.m.)
Grove City at Sharon (6 p.m.)
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Cranberry vs. Forest Area at Tionesta (6 p.m.)
Moniteau at Union (6 p.m.)
Karns City at Clarion (6 p.m.)
Keystone at North Clarion (6 p.m.)

Sports on TV

TUESDAY, JAN. 14
CHAMPIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE
Noon
NHLN — Playoffs: Farjestad Karlstad at Sparta Prague, Semifinal — First Game
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
6:30 p.m.
FS1 — Villanova at Xavier
7 p.m.
ACCN — Louisville at Syracuse
CBSSN — Marquette at DePaul
ESPNU — Mississippi at Alabama
ESPN2 — Texas A&M at Kentucky
PEACOCK — Illinois at Indiana
SECN — Mississippi St. at Auburn
7:30 p.m.
PEACOCK — Georgetown at St. John's
8:30 p.m.
FS1 — Providence at Creighton
9 p.m.
ACCN — Clemson at Georgia Tech
CBSSN — Texas Tech at Kansas St.
ESPN — Miami at Duke
ESPNU — Missouri at Florida
PEACOCK — Ohio St. at Wisconsin
SECN — Arkansas at LSU
10:30 p.m.
FS1 — Iowa at Southern Cal
11 p.m.
CBSSN — Colorado St. at San Diego St.
ESPN — Baylor at Arizona
ESPNU — UCF at Arizona St.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
7 p.m.
BTN — Minnesota at Maryland
GOLF
2 p.m.
GOLF — Korn Ferry Tour: The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Third Round, Ocean Club Golf Course at Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas
7 p.m.
ESPN — TGL: Los Angeles Golf Club vs. Jupiter Links GC
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
TNT — Cleveland at Indiana
TRUTV — Cleveland at Indiana (DataCast)
9:30 p.m.
TNT — Denver at Dallas
TRUTV — Denver at Dallas (DataCast)
NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
SN-PITT — Seattle at Pittsburgh
SOCCER (MEN'S)
2:30 p.m.
USA — Premier League: AFC Bournemouth at Chelsea
2:55 p.m.
CBSSN — SPFL: Celtic at Dundee
TENNIS
3 a.m.
ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, First Round, Melbourne, Australia
Noon
ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, First Round, Melbourne, Australia
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Second Round, Melbourne, Australia
3 a.m. (Wednesday)
ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Second Round, Melbourne, Australia