

# Ravens hire Chargers defensive coordinator Minter as coach

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jesse Minter is heading back to Baltimore, this time as the Ravens' next head coach.

The club hired the Los Angeles Chargers defensive coordinator on Thursday. Minter replaces John Harbaugh, who was fired earlier this month after 18 years when the Ravens failed to make the playoffs.

Minter spent four seasons on Harbaugh's staff from 2017-20, working his way up to become the defensive backs coach during his final season before taking the defen-



Jesse Minter

sive coordinator job at Vanderbilt.

The 42-year-old Minter was one of the hottest names on the market. He interviewed virtually with several teams — including the Pittsburgh Steelers, who are also looking for a coach after Mike Tomlin stepped down last week — before landing in Baltimore, where his job will be to help two-time MVP quarterback Lamar Jackson take the next step in a career that's been consistently snakebit in the postseason.

"This is an organization whose values, culture and tradition of excellence reflect everything I believe about the game of football and how it should be played," Minter said in a statement.

Minter has been with the Chargers for two seasons after two years as defensive coordinator at the University of Michigan. Minter's partnership with both Harbaughs helped him build a resume that made him the right fit to replace John Harbaugh and become the fourth head coach in Baltimore's 31-year history.

"Jesse is a strong leader who possesses a brilliant football mind and a spirit that will resonate with our players and fanbase alike," Ravens general manager Eric DeCosta said in a statement. "Jesse comes from a football family, with success at every level of the sport, and we are confident that he is the right coach

to lead the Ravens forward."

The Bolts were fifth in the league in total defense this season, allowing 285.2 yards per game. They allowed a league-low 17.7 points per game in 2024. The Wolverines led the nation in total defense in 2023 en route to winning the College Football Playoff national championship.

Minter also spent four seasons at Baltimore (2017-20), rising from a defensive assistant to defensive backs coach his final year. He also interviewed for the head coach openings in Atlanta and Miami earlier this week. Las Vegas, Pittsburgh and Tennessee have also requested interviews.

The Ravens endured a tumultuous 2025 season marked by a 1-5 start and major injuries, from Jackson to defensive tackle Nnamdi Madubuike. Baltimore recovered to head into a Week 18 showdown with Pittsburgh for the AFC North title.

Rookie kicker Tyler Loop's potential game-winning field goal on the final play sailed wide right, handing the division crown to the Steelers.

Harbaugh, the NFL's second-longest tenured head coach, was out of a job days later. Harbaugh didn't stay out of work long. He was hired to the same position by the New York Giants last week.

## Mets acquire ace Peralta from Brewers

NEW YORK (AP) — The active New York Mets acquired ace pitcher Freddy Peralta and right-hander Tobias Myers from Milwaukee on Wednesday night in a trade that sent two prized young players to the Brewers.

Milwaukee received pitcher Brandon Sproat and minor league infielder/outfielder Jett Williams. Both were rated among the game's top 100 prospects by Baseball America.

Peralta gives the new-look Mets a frontline starter after their rotation faltered in the second half of a hugely disappointing 2025 season. The move came hours after New York formally introduced free agent addition Bo Bi-

chette at a Citi Field news conference, and one night after the team obtained talented center fielder Luis Robert Jr. in a trade with the Chicago White Sox.

"Acquiring Freddy adds another established starter to help lead our rotation," Mets president of baseball operations David Stearns said in a statement. "Throughout the offseason, we sought to complement our rotation with another front-end pitcher, and we're thrilled we are able to bring Freddy to the Mets."

Peralta went 17-6 with a 2.70 ERA in 33 starts last season, when he led the National League in wins and finished fifth in Cy Young Award voting. He struck out 204 batters in 176 2/3 innings and earned

his second All-Star selection.

The 29-year-old Peralta hasn't been on the injured list since 2022, when the right-hander was sidelined by a strained lat and later elbow inflammation. He is set to make \$8 million this season and can become a free agent following the World Series. He is the latest former Brewers player acquired by Stearns, who ran Milwaukee's front office from 2015-23.

"He obviously knows the players well. Look, he and I have worked very well together for many, many years. I obviously care about him a lot," Brewers president of baseball operations Matt Arnold said. "Today's his anniversary and I was at his wedding. We go back a long way. We go back a long way."

I think I might have ruined his anniversary dinner. Look, he's a dear friend. Hopefully, again, these are the types of trades that work out for both guys."

Myers, 27, was 9-6 with a 3.00 ERA in 25 starts and two relief appearances as a rookie in 2024 before going 1-2 with a 3.55 ERA in six starts and 16 relief outings last year as Milwaukee won its third consecutive division title and advanced to the NL Championship Series.

"Over the past two seasons, Tobias has become an extremely valuable major league pitcher," Stearns said. "His ability to pitch out of both the rotation and bullpen allows him to help our team in multiple ways."

## Roundup

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Oil City will compete in the Spire Invitational on Saturday in Geneva, Ohio.

### Knights pick up split

TITUSVILLE — Dani Erdley, Evelyn Highfield and Chloe Switzer each were four-event winners as the Franklin kept their unbeaten season alive with a 107-73 victory over Titusville in a Region 1 meet. Despite two wins apiece from Jordan Stumpf, Jackson Clark and Parker Smith, the FHS fell to the Rockets by a 108-71 score.

Erdley won the 50 free-style and the 100 backstroke while she also swam legs on

the winning 200 medley and 400 free relays as the FHS girls overcame a 10-point deficit in diving to record the win. She teamed with Highfield, Sammi Smith and Gabi Ion for the medley relay and with Sophie Wehrle, Ellie Coyer and Switzer on the free relay.

Highfield captured the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke while she teamed with Smith, Switzer and Coyer to win the 200 free relay. Switzer also won the 200 and 100 free events. Smith added a victory in the 100 butterfly.

On the boys side, Stumpf claimed the 200 and 100 free events, Clark won the 200 I.M. and the 100 breast while Smith finished first in the 100 fly and the 100 back.

## THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

### NHL STANDINGS

NHL Conference Glance					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Carolina	51	31	15	5	67
Tampa Bay	48	31	13	4	66
Detroit	51	31	16	4	66
Montreal	51	28	16	7	63
Buffalo	50	28	17	5	61
Boston	51	29	20	2	60
Pittsburgh	49	24	14	11	59
N.Y. Islanders	50	27	18	5	59
Toronto	50	24	17	9	57
Florida	49	26	20	3	55
Philadelphia	49	23	17	9	55
New Jersey	50	26	22	2	54
Washington	51	24	21	6	54
Ottawa	50	23	20	7	53
Columbus	50	23	20	7	53
N.Y. Rangers	51	21	24	6	48

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	48	34	5	9	77	191
Dallas	51	28	14	9	65	166
Minnesota	51	28	14	9	65	164
Vegas	49	24	13	12	60	160
Edmonton	51	25	18	8	58	171
Utah	50	26	20	4	56	158
Anaheim	50	26	21	3	55	165
Seattle	49	22	18	9	53	137
San Jose	49	25	21	3	53	153
Los Angeles	49	20	16	13	53	129
Nashville	50	24	22	4	52	146
Chicago	50	21	22	7	49	139
Winnipeg	50	20	23	7	47	148
Calgary	50	21	24	5	47	150
St. Louis	50	19	23	8	46	121
Vancouver	50	17	28	5	39	183

### Thursday's Games

Columbus 1, Dallas 0  
Buffalo 4, Montreal 2  
Boston 4, Vegas 3  
Chicago 4, Carolina 3, SO  
Nashville 5, Ottawa 3  
Florida 2, Winnipeg 1, SO  
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, late  
Detroit at Minnesota, late  
**Friday's Games**  
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Vegas at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Washington at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Anaheim at Seattle, 10 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at San Jose, 10 p.m.  
New Jersey at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

### NBA STANDINGS

NBA Conference Glance					
W	L	Pct	GB	GP	W
Detroit	32	10	.762	51	8
Boston	27	16	.628	52	9
New York	26	18	.591	7	10
Toronto	27	19	.587	7	11
Philadelphia	24	19	.558	8½	10
Cleveland	25	20	.556	8½	11
Orlando	23	20	.535	9½	12
Miami	23	21	.523	10	13
Chicago	21	22	.488	11½	14
Atlanta	21	25	.457	13	16
Milwaukee	18	25	.419	14½	17
Charlotte	17	28	.378	16½	19
Brooklyn	12	30	.286	20	24
Washington	10	33	.233	22½	26
Indiana	10	35	.222	23½	27

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	37	8	.822
San Antonio	30	14	.682
Denver	30	15	.667
Houston	26	16	.619
L.A. Lakers	26	16	.619
Phoenix	27	17	.614
Minnesota	27	17	.614
Golden State	25	21	.543
Portland	22	22	.500
L.A. Clippers	19	24	.442
Memphis	18	24	.429
Dallas	19	26	.422
Utah	15	29	.341
Sacramento	12	33	.267
New Orleans	10	36	.217

### Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 94, Charlotte 87  
New York 120, Brooklyn 66  
Boston 119, Indiana 104  
Detroit 112, New Orleans 104  
Atlanta 124, Memphis 122  
Oklahoma City 122, Milwaukee 102  
Toronto 122, Sacramento 109

### Thursday's Games

Charlotte 124, Orlando 97  
Denver 107, Washington