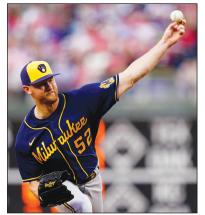


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Associated Press Milwaukee's Eric Lauer struck out 13 Phillies in Philadelphia Sunday night.

## Lauer sharp as Brewers **blank** Phils

PHILADELPHIA (AP)-Eric Lauer struck out a career-high 13 over six innings, Christian Yelich hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 1-0 on Sunday night.

Lauer and Aaron Nola took no-decisions in a pitchers' duel that saw the starters combine for 22 strikeouts.

The Brewers finally broke through in the ninth against Corey Knebel (0-1). Jace Peterson singled leading off the inning and moved to third on Andrew McCutchen's one-out single. Knebel, who saved 57 games in five seasons with the Brewers, then gave up Yelich's sac fly to left field that scored Peterson.

Devin Williams (1-0) worked the eighth and Josh Hader finished for his eighth save.

Lauer gave up five hits, walked one and threw 66 of 98 pitches for strikes but could not get his second win. He joined Teddy Higuera as the only lefthanders in Brewers history to strike out 13 batters in a game.

Lauer, who had 10 strikeouts over his first two starts. brought his best stuff against the Phillies. He struck out eight through four innings-including Bryce Harper twice.

Kyle Schwarber led off the fifth with a headfirst slide into second for a double and Alec Bohm walked. Lauer then matched his previous career high for Ks when he got Johan

# **Allen shoots Bucks to 3-1 lead**

### Milwaukee stays strong in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)-Grayson Allen once again responded to the boos from the fans and even his teammates by making shot after shot.

By the time he was finished, he had his highest point total in a postseason game. And the Milwaukee Bucks walked away with another lopsided win.

Allen set playoff career highs with 27 points and six 3-pointers, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 32 points and 17 rebounds and Milwaukee beat the Chicago Bulls 119-95 on Sunday to take a 3-1 lead in their firstround series.

Jrue Holiday scored 26, and the defending champion Bucks came away with another easy win after two shaky performances at home.

They've outscored the Bulls by a combined 54 points over the past two games. That includes a 111-81 romp Friday that was the most lopsided home playoff loss in franchise history.

The Bucks led by 22 early in the third quarter and steadied themselves after a push by Chicago. The defending NBA champions will try to wrap up the series in Milwaukee on Wednesday night.

Allen delivered another huge effort off the bench, surpassing his previous postseason scoring high of

22 points in Game 3. He made 10 of 12 shots and hit 6 of 7 3s, getting booed once again just about the entire time.

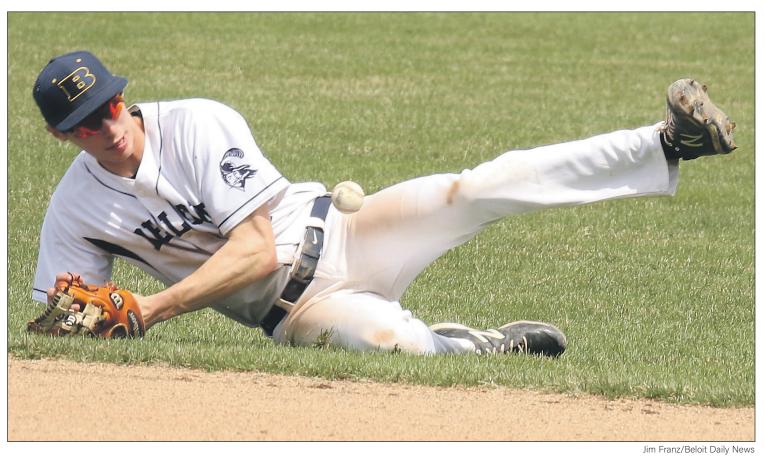
Allen, in his first season in Milwaukee, has a badboy image from his time at Duke. He is particularly unpopular in Chicago, where fans are upset about a hard foul that resulted in a broken wrist for Bulls guard Alex Caruso during a game in Milwaukee in January.

Teammates have since started having fun with the boos, letting him hear it at practices and film sessions, on the bus and at the hotel. And now, they're doing it in games, too.

See Bucks, B3



The Bucks' Jrue Holiday reacts after a three-point basket during the first half of Game 4 in Chicago Sunday.



Beloit College second baseman Matt O'Leary tries to make a diving stop on a ball hit during Saturday's first game against Wheaton...

## **Hot-hitting Wheaton** bounces Bucs twice



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## Sky Carp can't hold onto lead in loss to Cubs

By Daily News staff

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—After finding their bats to pick up a 9-4 victory on Friday night, the Beloit Sky Carp dropped the final two games of the series with the South Bend Cubs, 7-5 on Saturday and 5-3 on Sunday.

The Cubs' Jake Washer blasted two home runs at Four Winds Field, the second a walkoff job in the bottom of the ninth inning.

It was the Cubs' second come-from-behind win over the Sky Carp in the series and Washer's walk-off came with two outs off Brady Puckett.

The game was scoreless through three innings, but Washer ended that when he hit a solo home run off Beloit starter Zach King.

The Sky Carp answered with three runs between the fourth and fifth innings. Cody Morissette made it 2-1 Beloit with a two-run homer off Peoria starter Max Bain.

Cubs reliever Chris Clarke came on and the Sky Carp added to their lead as Nasim Nunez stole second base and later scored to make it 3-1.

The Cubs closed within 3-2 with Luis Verdugo hitting an RBI single to score Washer, who had doubled.

Clarke held Beloit scoreless for three innings and Nicholas Padilla threw a scoreless ninth.

#### See Sky Carp, B4

Beloit needs remedy to snap 5-game skid By Daily News staff

BELOIT—Not so long ago, Beloit College's baseball team was coming off winning a series against Ripon College and feeling confident about its chances of qualifying for the Midwest Conference postseason tournament.

Five straight losses later. including being swept by MWC foe Lawrence, the Buccaneers are looking to regain their swagger.

'Fortunes can change real quickly," head coach Dave DeGeorge said after non-conference foe Wheaton College put on an offensive show at Beloit's expense

Saturday, smashing 36 hits as the Thunder swept a doubleheader, 12-5 and 15-7, at The Ballpark at Strong Stadium.

"When you're flying high you're probably not as good as you think you are and when you're feeling awful you're probably not as bad as you think you are either," DeGeorge said. "We have seven conference games left and I believe if we can win four of those I'm confident we'll make the tournament.'

Despite all of Wheaton's offensive prowess Saturday, DeGeorge believes his team's biggest problem has been the lack of a consistent attack.

"We're just not hitting well enough," he said. "We have guys putting a lot of

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...and despite losing his glove, has enough time to fire a throw to first base to record the out.

pressure on themselves and that's never good."

Saturday, the Buccaneers (13-17 overall, 9-8 MWC) got off to a great start, chasing Wheaton starter Alex Vlaisavich in the first inning as they scored four

runs. Thunder reliever Nate Barker came on to get out of that jam and went on to throw 3 2-3 innings for strong relief. He allowed one run on three hits.

See Bucs, B3

# New job won't prevent Douglas from advocacy

BELOIT—While congratulations are in order for Beloiter Robert Douglas, those that know him well have to be disappointed that his hometown is losing someone with his talent, ambition and community spirit.

Douglas announced recently he has accepted the position of sports director at the Oshkosh YMCA. He expects to begin his duties in mid-May, leaving his present position as a physical education teacher and athletic director at McNeel Intermediate School.

While Douglas is excited about the direction his career path is taking, he admits he wishes that path hadn't led him out of town.



He isn't alone. Douglas is well-known for his devotion to Beloit, particularly as the founder of Club Fun2Mental, which provides various youth and adult sports programs.

'Running Club Fun2Mentall gave me the experience that allowed me to get this job," Douglas said. It is bittersweet for both

Douglas and his supporters to see how Oshkosh's gain is Beloit's loss, although he says he will remain active in the community even from afar.

"Yes, I'm a bit frustrated and disappointed that something couldn't happen here," Douglas said. "When a really important job opened up that I felt I was read for it seems I never got the opportunity."

His latest disappointment occurred when he hoped he would be seriously considered for the soon-to-be-vacant athletic director position at his alma mater, Beloit Memorial High School.

See Douglas, B2



Jim Franz/Beloit Daily News Robert Douglas, right, is the director of Club Fun2Mental which runs a youth flag football league.

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## Scoreboard

All Times EST

BASEBALL

**Major League Baseball** American League East Division

East Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
New York	10	6	.625 _
Toronto	10	6	.625 _
Tampa Bay	9	7	.563 1
Boston	7	9	.438 3
Baltimore	6	10	.375 4
<b>Central Division</b>			
	W	L	Pct GB
Minnesota	8	8	.500 _
Cleveland	7	8	.467 ½
Chicago	6	9	.400 11⁄2
Detroit	6	9	.400 11⁄2
Kansas City	5	9	.357 2
West Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Seattle	10	6	.625 _
Los Angeles	9	7	.563 1
Oakland	9	8	.529 1½
Houston	7	8	.467 2½
Texas	5	10	.333 4½
National I	eag	ue	
East Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
New York	12	5	.706 _
Miami	7	8	.467 4
Atlanta	7	10	.412 5
Philadelphia	6	9	.400 5
Washington	6	12	.333 6½
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
St. Louis	9	5	.643 _
Milwaukee	9	6	.600 ½
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500 2
Chicago	7	9	.438 3
Cincinnati	3	13	.188 7
West Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Los Angeles	11	4	.733 _
San Francisco	11	5	.688 ½
Colorado	10	5	.667 1
San Diego	10	7	.588 2
Arizona	6	10	.375 5½
Saturday's Games			
N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 4			
Detroit 13, Colorado 0, 1st game			
Texas 2, Oakland 0			
Toronto 3, Houston 2			

Minnesota 9, Chicago White Sox 2 Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2, 10 innings Colorado 3, Detroit 2, 2nd game Baltimore 5, L.A. Angels 4 Seattle 13, Kansas City 7 San Francisco 5, Washington 2 Chicago Cubs 21, Pittsburgh 0 Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 3 St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 0 Miami 9, Atlanta 7 Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 2 San Diego 3, Dodgers 2, 10 innings Sunday's Games Tampa Bay 5, Boston 2 Colorado 6, Detroit 2 N.Y. Yankees 10, Cleveland 2 Houston 8, Toronto 7, 10 innings

Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 4, 10 innings Oakland 2, Texas 0 L.A. Angels 7, Baltimore 6 Seattle 5, Kansas City 4, 12 innings Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 1 San Francisco 12, Washington 3 Miami 5, Atlanta 4 Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 3 N.Y. Mets 6, Arizona 2 L.A. Dodgers 10, San Diego 2 Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7:08 p.m. **Monday's Games** Boston (Fovaldi 1-0) at Toronto (Berríos 1-0), 7:07 p.m. Houston (Valdez 1-1) at Texas (Dun-

Colorado (Freeland 0-2) at Philadelphia (Gibson 1-1), 6:45 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Scherzer 3-0) at St. Louis (Mikolas 1-0), 7:45 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 1-1) at Arizona (Kelly 1-0), 9:40 p.m.

#### BASKETBALL **NBA Playoff Glance**

**FIRST ROUND** (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) x-if necessary **Eastern Conference** Philadelphia 3, Toronto 1 Saturday, April 16: Philadelphia 131, Toronto 111 Monday, April 18: Philadelphia 112, Toronto 97 Wednesday, April 20: Philadelphia 104 Toronto 101, OT Saturday, April 23: Toronto 110, Philadelphia 102 Monday, April 25: Toronto at Philadelphia, 8 p.m., NBATV Miami 3, Atlanta 1 Sunday, April 17: Miami 115, Atlanta 91 Tuesday, April 19: Miami 115, Atlanta 105 Friday, April 22: Atlanta 111, Miami 110 Sunday, April 24: Miami 110 Atlanta 86 Tuesday, April 26: Atlanta at Miami, 7 p.m., NBATV Boston 3, Brooklyn 0 Sunday, April 17: Boston 115, Wednesday, April 20: Boston 114, Saturday, April 23: Boston 109, Monday, April 25: Boston at Milwaukee 3, Chicago 1 Sunday, April 17: Milwaukee 93, Wednesday, April 20: Chicago 114, Friday, April 22: Milwaukee 111, Sunday, April 24: Milwaukee 119, Wednesday, April 27: Chicago at Western Conference Memphis 2, Minnesota 2 Saturday, April 16: Minnesota 130,

Brooklyn 114 Brooklyn 107 Brooklyn 103 Brooklyn, 7 p.m., TNT Chicago 86 Milwaukee 110 Chicago, 81 Chicago 95 Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m., NBATV Memphis 117 Tuesday, April 19: Memphis 124, Minnesota 96 Thursday, April 21: Memphis 104, Minnesota 95 Saturday, April 23: Minnesota 119, Memphis 118 Tuesday, April 26: Minnesota at Memphis, 7:30 p.m., TNT Friday, April 29: Memphis at Minnesota, TBD, TBD Golden State 3, Denver 1 Saturday, April 16: Golden State 123, Denver 107 Monday, April 18: Golden State 126, Denver 106 Thursday, April 21: Golden State 118, Denver 113 Sunday, April 24: Denver 126, Golden State 121 Wednesday, April 27: Denver at Golden State, 10 p.m., TNT Dallas 2, Utah 2 Saturday, April 16: Utah 99, Dallas 93 Monday, April 18: Dallas 110, Utah 104 Thursday, April 21: Dallas 126, Utah 118 Saturday, April 23: Utah 100, Dallas 99 Monday, April 25: Utah at Dallas, 9:30 p.m., TNT

Thursday, April 28: Dallas at Utah, TBD, TBD

Phoenix 2, New Orleans 1 Sunday, April 17: Phoenix 110, New Orleans 99

Tuesday, April 19: New Orleans 125, Phoenix 114

Friday, April 22: Phoenix 114, New Orleans 111

Sunday, April 24: Phoenix at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m., TNT

Tuesday, April 26: New Orleans at Phoenix, 10 p.m., TNT

#### HOCKEY NHL **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division** GP W L OT Pts GF GA

WESTERN CONFERENCE **Central Division** 

Vegas 79 38 30 11 87 239 229 Vancouver San Jose 78 31 35 12 74 203 247 79 30 35 14 74 222 259 Anaheim Seattle 78 26 46 6 58 205 271 x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division

z-clinched conference 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. Saturday's Games

Buffalo 5, N.Y. Islanders 3 Carolina 3, New Jersey 2, OT Pittsburgh 7, Detroit 2 Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 1 Tampa Bay 6, Nashville 2 Florida 3, Toronto 2, OT Ottawa 6, Montreal 4 San Jose 4, Chicago 1 Dallas 3, Seattle 2 St. Louis 5, Arizona 4, OT Calgary 6, Vancouver 3 Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 2 Sunday's Games Detroit 3. New Jersev 0 Carolina 5, N.Y. Islanders 2 Columbus 5, Edmonton 2 Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 1 Winnipeg 4, Colorado 1 Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Florida, 7 p.m. Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Nashville, 8 p.m. St. Louis at Anaheim, 8:30 p.m. San Jose at Vegas, 10 p.m. Monday's Game Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.

## Fastbreak **Cantlay and Schauffele** set Zurich Classic mark

By The Associated Press

AVONDALE, La. (AP)-Patrick Cantlay and Xander Schauffele held off Sam Burns and Billy Horschel by two strokes Sunday in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans to complete a record-setting, wire-to-wire victory.

Cantlay and Schauffele closed with an even-par-72 in late afternoon showers in the alternate-shot final round to finish at 29-under 259 at breezy TPC Louisiana, two shots ahead of Burns and Horschel.

The Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup partners broke the tournament record of 27 under set by Kevin Kisner-Scott Brown and Jonas Blixt-Cameron Smith in 2017, the first year the event was as a team event. Cantlay and Schauffele are the first wireto-wire winners since the tournament adopted the team format.

Cantlay and Schauffele opened with a record 59 in best-ball play Thursday, shot 68 on Friday in alternate shot and had a 60 in best ball Saturday to shatter the tour-

nament 54-hole record and open a five-shot lead.

Burns, the local favorite who played at LSU, and Horschel closed with a 68. Doc Redman and Sam Ryder were third at 24 under after a 67.

PRO BASKETBALL

• DENVER—Nikola Jokic scored 37 points and fed Will Barton for a 3-pointer from the left corner with 8.3 seconds left, helping the Denver Nuggets avoid a series sweep with a 126-121 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Sunday.

Monte Morris' 7-footer broke a 121-all tie with 33.5 seconds left after the Nuggets blew a 17-point lead. Austin Rivers then stole Otto Porter Jr.'s pass.

Morris finished with 24 points. He hit five 3-pointers in the third quarter, the most in a quarter by any player in these NBA playoffs.

Steph Curry led the Warriors with 33 points. Klay Thompson scored 22 of his 32 points after picking up his fourth foul in the final second of the first half. Jordan Poole had 11 after averaging 27.8 in the first three games of the series.



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NASCAR Cup Series driver Ross Chastain (1) celebrates the win in Victory Lane following a NASCAR Cup Series auto race, Sunday, April 24, 2022, in Talladega, Ala.

### **Chastain steals Cup victory** at Talladega Superspeedway

By JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP)-Ross Chastain surveyed his situation on the final lap at Talladega Superspeedway and decided his best strategy was to stay right where he was and not make a move for the win. It got him to victory lane. Chastain stole the win Sunday when leader Erik Jones moved out of his way to defensively block reigning NASCAR champion Kyle Larson. It cleared the lane for Chastain, who pointed his Chevrolet straight, slipped past Jones and collected his second career Cup victory "Holy cow! We didn't do anything! We just stayed down there!" Chastain screamed over his radio. The race was Jones' to control on the final lap and he knew Larson would make a move for the win. Larson waited until they were exiting the final turn and, in hindsight, Jones said he should have let him go and stayed put with Chastain on his bumper. "Looking back, I wish I would have stayed on the bottom and let (Chastain) push me," Jones said. "It is what it is. You're trying to just win the race. You can only see how much is going on from the seat. You're trying to make the best decision you can the last 1,500 feet." Chastain, who scored his first career Cup win last month on the road course at Circuit of the Americas, won for the second time in five races. This one was his first on a superspeedway, where he said he's usually the driver who makes the wrong moves. 'I'm always the one going to the top early and making the mistake and there at the end it was like eight to go, and I was like, 'I'm not going up there again," Chastain said. "I did that a couple of times, I was like, 'I'll just ride on the bottom. I'm not going to lose

the race for us.' "I have no idea. They just kept going up. They just kept moving out of the way. The eighth-generation watermelon farmer from Florida climbed out of his winning TrackHouse Racing entry through the open roof flapslike a sunroof—and smashed a watermelon from the roof of the Chevy in celebration. Chastain also bit into a hunk of watermelon he picked up off the ground, but this time asked on Fox Sports if any seeds had gotten stuck in his beard. He did his entire live television interview following his win in Texas last month with a bit of watermelon rind stuck on his face. The winning car was the same Chevrolet that Chastain drove to victory on a road course a month ago, but NASCAR's new Next Gen model makes it easily adaptable to the different circuits on the schedule. The car is also more durable than past models, which cuts down on cautions-even at crash-fest Talladega. The entire third stage Sunday was caution-free. Chastain and William Byron are the only multiple race winners through 10 Cup events-a quarter of the season. He's solidly locked into the playoffs with TrackHouse, a second-year team owned by former driver Justin Marks and Pitbull. Chastain, in his first season with TrackHouse, never imagined so much success out of the gate. "Are you kidding me? I've wrecked myself so many times and gotten into it with guys,' Chastain said. "Justin Marks and what he laid out for us was ambitious. I had no idea what to expect other than I knew I had my group from last year. (Sponsors are) believing in us. We started the year with a lot of races open (for funding). We're almost full now, and it's because of the vision of Justin Marks.

ning 0-1), 8:05 p.m. Cleveland (Bieber 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Lorenzen 1-1), 9:38 p.m. San Francisco (Long 0-0) at Milwaukee (Burnes 1-0), 6:10 p.m.

### **Douglas**

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Incumbent Joel Beard has accepted an AD position at McHenry High School in Illinois and will start there in May.

"I did get an interview, but I wasn't called back for the second round," Douglas said. "I can name a number of people who seemed right for jobs here, but had to go elsewhere. It's unfortunate, but Beloit has its way of doing things.

"I am hoping this experience in Oshkosh does put me in a position to be qualified so people can't tell me I don't have this or that. They didn't tell me specifically what I was lacking here, but I haven't been in an athletic director full-time position ever and I do not have the certain masters degree they might be looking for. I do feel like my experience and involvement in the community should give someone the impression that I know what I am doing."

Perhaps Douglas' resume doesn't check all the boxes the search committee requires and hopefully the next AD will be the district's best hire ever. It is difficult to fathom finding someone who wouldn't be more interested in the development of the Purple Knights both in the classroom and in athletics than Douglas or has the potential to be a successful leader.

'I believe Beloit is a city full of talent and it's just a matter of putting them in the position to be successful," he said

While he is heading north, Douglas said Club Fun2Mental will continue, run by a booster club, with his support remotely when he isn't paying frequent visits to his hometown

"The program has grown and we want to keep it going," he said. "I will make sure on the backend that equipment is ordered, registration is organized and referees are scheduled and paid, but for the day-to-day on-site supervision, DeAndre Harrell will be

in charge. He organized and created the adult flag football league last fall and he has been a youth flag coach. He is really invested and I trust him because he knows how everything operates and he wants to see it continue.'

Douglas said flag football practice will begin soon. The spring into summer leagues are for kids kindergarten through eighth grade. In the fall, the league is for kindergarten through fifth grade. The older kids move on to tackle football.

"I love to see the smiles on the kids' faces," he said. "It's important to me."

He said the program is probably ready for expansion into basketball, too, and his departure won't change that.

"I have someone in mind to head that," he said. "You have to be willing to delegate and this seems the perfect time to get people into trusting roles. But believe me, I will still be in town quite a lot. I have a lot of relationships here. I will not be gone forever."

Let's hope not.