

# Lions to sign Isiah Pacheco

By SCHUYLER DIXON

Detroit has reached an agreement to add running back Isiah Pacheco as a replacement for David Montgomery after the Lions traded Jahmyr Gibbs' backup before free agency started, a person with knowledge of the deal said Tuesday.

Pacheco spent his first four seasons in the running back rotation with the Kansas City Chiefs, who agreed to a \$45 million, three-year deal with Super Bowl MVP Kenneth Walker III in the opening hours of free agency.

The Green Bay Packers are doing some shuffling at cornerback by adding Benjamin St-Juste while informing Nate Hobbs of a plan to release him a year after signing him to the \$48 million, four-year con-

tract, according to two people with knowledge of the decisions. St-Juste is getting a \$10.5 million, two-year deal.

All the people are speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because transactions can't be become official until Wednesday, the first day of the NFL's new league year.

Pacheco rushed for 2,537 yards and 14 touchdowns over four seasons with the Chiefs, helping them win two Super Bowls.

Montgomery, who no longer wanted to play behind Gibbs, was sent to the Houston Texans for offensive lineman Juice Scruggs along with fourth- and seventh-round draft picks.

The Chiefs also agreed to a \$24.5 million, three-year deal with former Baltimore safety Alohi

Gilman and an \$11 million, two-year contract with receiver Tyquan Thornton, who emerged as perhaps their best deep threat during a 6-11 season that ended a 10-year playoff streak.

Gilman fills a big need in Kansas City's depleted defensive backfield. Safety Bryan Cook is headed to Cincinnati, the Chiefs traded cornerback Trent McDuffie to the Rams and fellow cornerbacks Jaylen Watson and Joshua Williams are signing elsewhere.

St-Juste was on the field for about 35% of the Chargers' defensive plays last season and also was a key special teams contributor during his lone year in Los Angeles. The 28-year-old has two interceptions over five seasons, the first four in Washington for the 2021 third-round draft pick.

Hobbs injured his knee in training camp last year and was benched midseason after leaving the Las Vegas Raiders to join the Packers. The 26-year-old made five starts in 11 appearances and had a career-low two pass breakups.

The Packers will designate Hobbs a post-June 1 cut, which will save about \$8 million on the salary cap. Hobbs missed the wild-card loss to Chicago and said after the season he tore a medial collateral ligament Dec. 27 against Baltimore.

Pittsburgh agreed with running back Rico Dowdle on a \$12.25 million, two-year deal in what will be a reunion with new Steelers coach Mike McCarthy. They were together in Dallas, where Dowdle became the first undrafted Cowboys running back to



Running back Isiah Pacheco is joining the Detroit Lions after spending four seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs. (AP PHOTO/DAVID BECKER, FILE)

rush for 1,000 yards in McCarthy's final season in 2024.

Dowdle signed with Carolina last year and followed a 206-yard outing against Miami with 183 yards rushing and a 36-yard touchdown catch against the Cowboys. Dowdle finished the season with 1,076 yards.

The Steelers are wait-

ing on what would be a much more significant reunion for McCarthy.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers hasn't said whether he plans to return for a 22nd season, and second in Pittsburgh. The 42-year-old was with McCarthy for 12-plus seasons in Green Bay, and they won a Super Bowl during the 2010 season.

## Chiefs sign Super Bowl MVP Kenneth Walker

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Chiefs and Super Bowl MVP Kenneth Walker have agreed to a three-year deal worth up to \$45 million to bring the former Seattle running back to Kansas City, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Monday.

The deal includes \$28.7 million guaranteed and \$43.05 million in base value, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because contracts cannot become official until the new league year begins Wednesday.

Walker fills perhaps the biggest need for the Chiefs as they try to bounce back from a disastrous 6-11 season. Kareem Hunt and Isiah Pacheco, their top two

running backs, are both free agents, leaving only second-year pro Brashard Smith under contract.

The deal came as the Chiefs were nearing an agreement to bring back four-time All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce for his 14th season, a person familiar with those negotiations told AP. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because that contract was not yet final.

Walker, a second-round pick in the 2022 draft, ran for 3,555 yards and 29 touchdowns over four seasons with the Seahawks. He had 1,027 yards and five scores last season, and he was even better in the playoffs, running for 116 yards and three TDs against the 49ers, another touchdown against the Rams, and 135 yards in a 29-13 win

over the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

He is the fourth Super Bowl MVP to change teams the following season: Larry Brown went from the Cowboys to the Raiders, Desmond Howard from the Packers to the Raiders, and Dexter Jackson from the Buccaneers to the Cardinals.

The Chiefs have long survived at running back behind a patchwork of late-round draft picks and bargain free agents. But they were desperate to improve the position after ranking 25th in the NFL in rushing last season with just 106.6 yards per game.

Hunt finished with 661 yards rushing and Pacheco with 462 yards. The Chiefs' third-leading rusher was quarterback Patrick Mahomes with 422 yards and five touchdowns, and he missed

the final three games of the season with a torn knee ligament.

The Chiefs had been linked to Notre Dame running back Jeremiah Love in the upcoming NFL draft, but his strong scouting combine may have pushed him so far up draft boards that he will be unavailable when Kansas City is due to pick at No. 9 overall.

The Chiefs also have the No. 29 pick in the first round as part of their deal to send cornerback Trent McDuffie to the Rams. And by signing Walker in free agency, they have more flexibility in the draft to address some of their other pressing needs, including a weak pass rush, the interior of their defensive line, their offensive line depth and wide receiver.

## Big 12's glass floor gets mixed reviews

By DAVE SKRETTA

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas doesn't play its Big 12 Tournament quarterfinal until Thursday, and under normal circumstances, the Jayhawks would've skipped entirely the opportunity to spend 30 minutes three days ahead of time practicing inside the familiar T-Mobile Center.

But when coach Bill Self crossed paths with Brandon Schneider, whose women's team had just played on the new, high-tech glass floor installed at the downtown Kansas City arena, he was convinced that those 30 minutes might be worthwhile.

"The floor was fine," Self said afterward, "but it did seem a little different from a traction standpoint than the majority of courts are."

That's been the general assessment of the floor: Much like ice, it's a little bit slick but pretty cool.

"It's really cool. It's really cool-looking," BYU women's player Brinley Cannon said, "but it definitely is a little bit of a different

feel."

The Big 12 announced last month that it would be playing its men's and women's tournaments on the surface, which is produced by ASB GlassFloor and has been used at the NBA All-Star Game and in Europe but never during an official competition in the U.S.

Rather than traditional wood, the floor has an aluminum and steel spring-action design that is supposed to mimic the flexibility of hardwood. The LED panels, which allow the league to display everything from data-driven graphics to advertising, have ceramic coating and little dots etched into the glass that are supposed to create grip that is consistent with traditional surfaces.

The ball seems to bounce like usual, though with a different "thudding" sound. There are a whole lot more squeaks from sneakers than usual. But the biggest difference has been the traction: Numerous players have slipped when they might not otherwise.

"I will say it was a little slippery in some areas," Kansas wom-



Utah guard Terrence Brown shoots under pressure from Cincinnati forward Baba Miller during their game Tuesday afternoon in the Big 12 Conference tournament in Kansas City, Mo. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL)

en's player Elle Evans admitted.

There are a whole lot of other differences that come with such an unusual court.

When players hit the ground, rather than traditional brooms, workers wearing black jumpsuits that say "Windex Glass Care Team" on the back scurry onto the floor with specialized mops to clean up. Sometimes, they spray a cleaning solution before wiping it away.

Just how you might clean your windows at home.

Team logos are prominently displayed during introductions. During timeouts, the 3-point line, half-court line and lane lines morph into flashing red lasers. When someone dunks, the entire interior of the 3-point arc lights up as if it's shattered glass.

"There was one of the media timeouts where the graphic on the court started to move," BYU women's coach Lee Cummond said, only half-jokingly, "and it kind of freaked me out a little bit, right?"

## LEGALS

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Sabrina Ekis, Jane Doe, John Doe, and Midland Credit Management, Inc., et al.,

Defendants

Case No. CRP-2026-CV-000024

Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved

Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

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You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas by Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc., praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

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and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before April 7, 2026 in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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