

BASEBALL

MLB STANDINGS

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	64	44	.593	—
New York	61	48	.560	3½
Boston	56	51	.523	7½
Baltimore	53	56	.486	11½
Toronto	50	59	.459	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	57	51	.528	—
Cleveland	56	54	.509	2
Minnesota	55	55	.500	3
Detroit	51	58	.468	6½
Kansas City	46	64	.418	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	55	54	.505	—
Houston	55	55	.500	½
Seattle	53	56	.486	2
Athletics	45	63	.417	9½
Los Angeles	42	67	.385	13

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 5, Washington 2

Baltimore 10, Detroit 9, 12 innings

Tampa Bay 3, Texas 0

Kansas City 4, Minnesota 0

Cleveland 6, Cincinnati 1

Chicago White Sox 6, N.Y. Yankees 5, 12 innings

Houston 7, L.A. Angels 4

L.A. Dodgers 4, Seattle 2

Boston 4, Athletics 2, 10 innings

Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox 2, N.Y. Yankees 1, 11 innings

Tampa Bay 3, Texas 2

Minnesota 4, Kansas City 3

Boston at Athletics

Seattle at L.A. Dodgers

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Warren 7-5) at Chicago Cubs (Imanaga 7-8), 1:20 p.m.

Philadelphia (TBD) at Baltimore (Young 8-2), 6:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Leahy 7-4) at Toronto (Cease 7-5), 6:07 p.m.

Arizona (Bratt 0-1) at Cleveland (Bibee 4-10), 6:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Fedde 5-6) at Tampa Bay (Martinez 10-2), 6:10 p.m.

Texas (Eovaldi 10-8) at Houston (Brown 2-1), 7:15 p.m.

Kansas City (Wacha 5-7) at Colorado (Sugano 10-4), 7:40 p.m.

Milwaukee (Drohan 5-4) at L.A. Angels (Johnson 2-5), 8:38 p.m.

Detroit (Mize 4-6) at Athletics (Springs 3-10), 8:40 p.m.

Boston (Suarez 4-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Yamamoto 11-6), 9:10 p.m.

Minnesota (Matthews 4-8) at Seattle (Miller 4-5), 9:10 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	63	45	.583	—
Philadelphia	57	52	.523	6½
Miami	55	54	.505	8½
Washington	55	54	.505	8½
New York	46	63	.422	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	67	41	.620	—
Chicago	62	47	.569	5½
Pittsburgh	55	54	.505	12½
St. Louis	54	55	.495	13½
Cincinnati	50	57	.467	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	68	40	.630	—
Arizona	57	52	.523	11½
San Diego	55	53	.509	13
San Francisco	46	62	.426	22
Colorado	42	67	.385	26½

Wednesday's Games

Miami 8, Philadelphia 6

Arizona 3, Pittsburgh 0

N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 2, 1st game

Toronto 5, Washington 2

San Diego 3, Colorado 1

San Francisco 16, Milwaukee 3

Atlanta 1, N.Y. Mets 0, 2nd game

Cleveland 6, Cincinnati 1

St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 2, 10 innings

L.A. Dodgers 4, Seattle 2

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Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

Washington at Atlanta

San Francisco at San Diego

Seattle at L.A. Dodgers

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Pittsburgh (Skenes 9-9) at Cincinnati (Greene 2-2), 5:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (TBD) at Baltimore (Young 8-2), 6:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Leahy 7-4) at Toronto (Cease 7-5), 6:07 p.m.

Arizona (Bratt 0-1) at Cleveland (Bibee 4-10), 6:10 p.m.

Miami (Junk 4-6) at N.Y. Mets (Peralta 5-9), 6:10 p.m.

Washington (Griffin 12-2) at Atlanta (Elder 6-6), 6:15 p.m.

Kansas City (Wacha 5-7) at Colorado (Sugano 10-4), 7:40 p.m.

Milwaukee (Drohan 5-4) at L.A. Angels (Johnson 2-5), 8:38 p.m.

San Francisco (Whisenhunt 2-1) at San Diego (TBD), 8:45 p.m.

Boston (Suarez 4-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Yamamoto 11-6), 9:10 p.m.

Court appearances delayed for Bieniemy's son

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — Two court appearances scheduled for the 27-year-old son of Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy in connection with the shooting of his mother at their Virginia home have been delayed pending a mental health evaluation.

Elijah Bieniemy was arrested Monday in connection with the late-Sunday shooting. He has been charged with malicious wounding, use of a firearm in commission of a felony and discharge of a firearm inside a dwelling.

Bieniemy remained in the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center on Thursday. He had a court date to hear motions scheduled for later in the day, and a preliminary hearing date had been set for Aug. 31. But both appearances have been continued pending a mental health evaluation, according to records available from the Virginia ju-

diciary system.

The sheriff's office in Loudoun County, Virginia, has said the investigation is ongoing. No motive has been provided.

Eric Bieniemy remained away from the Chiefs on Thursday as they continued with their second full-squad workout of training camp. Pass game coordinator Joe Bleymaier and offensive line coach Andy Heck have assumed most of his responsibilities, while coach Andy Reid continues to have a significant role overseeing the offensive system.

"Eric's a big part of this, and so I love having him here," Reid said, "but right now it's important that he takes care of business, and everybody knows that. So everybody's game is picked up, and they're working hard, and Eric will be back soon enough to jump in there and do his thing. But he's got to take care of that first."

Reid declined to provide a timetable for Bieniemy's return to the team.

Mia Bieniemy, the

coach's 57-year-old wife, has been released from the intensive care unit, where she was being treated for multiple gunshot wounds. Reid said that she was "doing better, and great from where she was."

Eric Bieniemy helped the Chiefs reach three Super Bowls and win two of them, then left to become the offensive coordinator with the Washington Commanders — the reason the Bieniemy family still has a home in Virginia. The staff there was fired after one season, though, and Bieniemy spent a season apiece at UCLA and coaching running backs with the Chicago Bears.

He was hired to replace Matt Nagy as the offensive coordinator in Kansas City earlier this year.

"We stay in touch with him and keep him abreast of everything that's going on," Reid said. "He's got the tape (of camp practices). He can watch with whatever spare time he's got there."

Ex-Razorback Billy Ray Smith Jr. dies

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former San Diego Chargers linebacker and college football hall of famer Billy Ray Smith Jr. has died. He was 64.

Smith's family said in a statement Wednesday that Smith died following a bout with CTE-caused dementia.

"It is with profound sadness that we share the loss of our beloved Billy Ray Smith Jr., who passed away peacefully surrounded by family," the statement said. "Billy Ray faced his long journey with

dementia caused by CTE with unmatched bravery, dignity, and strength. Billy Ray brought so much joy, light, and laughter to the world as a devoted father, husband, son, and loyal friend."

Smith played 10 seasons with the Chargers after being drafted with the No. 5 overall pick of the 1983 NFL draft out of Arkansas. He was named to the Chargers' 50th anniversary team after racking up 15 career interceptions, 14 fumble recoveries and 13 forced fumbles.

Smith became the sports director at the ABC affiliate in

San Diego following his playing career and was co-host of a long-running radio show while covering college and professional football for national TV broadcast.

Smith was a two-time All-American at Arkansas and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000. He starred at Plano Senior High School in Texas.

His father, Billy Ray Smith Sr., also played at Arkansas and in the NFL from 1957-70 with the Los Angeles Rams, Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Colts.

Kentucky beats JHX Hoops in TBT

By Jim Henry
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La Familia, representing alumni from the Kentucky Wildcats, pulled away in the third quarter and defeated JHX Hoops (Kansas alumni) 78-65 Wednesday night in the final game of the alumni bracket in The Basketball Tournament at Memorial Coliseum in Lexington, Ky.

JHX trailed 15-10 after the first quarter and 37-30 at halftime, but the Hoops hit just 1-of-15 shots during the third quarter as Kentucky stretched its lead to 58-37.

The Hoops shot 30 percent (21-of-70) for the game, including 5-of-29 from the arc. Kentucky shot 46 percent (26-of-56, including 8-of-23 from distance).

Billy Prestop topped the Hoops with 15 points and nine rebounds.

Guards Frank Mason and Zeke Mayo scored 13 and 12 points, respectively,

ly, for the Hoops. Mason, who hit the game-ending 3-pointer against Wichita State in the previous round, was 4-of-16 from the field and 1-of-6 on 3-pointers while Mayo was 4-of-14 overall and 2-of-8 from the arc.

Archie Goodwin and Willie Cauley-Stein, two former first-round picks in the NBA Draft, led Kentucky. Goodwin fired in 28 points, hitting 9-of-17 field goals and half of his 10 3-point shots. Cauley-Stein made all five of his shots for 10 points.

Kentucky will be at home Sunday for the \$2 million winner-take-all championship game against the winner between Davis Steel and The Mecca, who are the finalists in the non-alumni bracket.

JHX Hoops went 3-2 in the tournament, defeating Purple Reign (Kansas State alumni) 2-1 in a best-of-3 series and Wichita State before falling at Kentucky.

GORILLAS

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for next year. What we needed for the women's side was some more depth. We need girls to understand that every point matters at the national championship.

"The men's side, again, losing by five points, our guys had a little bit of a gut check. We have to figure out not to compete tight. We competed a little scared and worried, and we made mistakes. You just can't do that at a national championship. No matter how many times you've been there, you have to learn how to get it done."

Rutledge said the Gorillas have added some talented recruits.

"We went out and got some guys to put on a little pressure," he said. "Understand that nobody gets a free ride, and you're going to have to earn your spot. It was a big point of emphasis in recruiting on the men's side, getting depth in much needed areas."

Looking ahead to the upcoming indoor and outdoor seasons, "I feel

really good about our men's team," Rutledge said. "We have a lot of guys returning. We only lost Jack Haukap on the men's side, so all the points are coming back. And we've added much needed depth.

"The women, we lost two big hitters. Any time you lose a national champion in Blakelee Winn, who is a multi national champion and our Swiss Army knife who we could plug in and play and was a phenomenal leader and captain. And you lose Belle Peters, who is a national champion as well (in the pole vault). Those two captains are hard to replace not only point-wise but also in leadership.

"We have a great group coming in. We have close to 70 women and about 98 men. And when we have only 36 entries for the conference meet, we have a lot of guys who are going to have to figure it out quickly. With our coaching staff, with Coach (Brian) Mantooth, Coach (Ben) Barrows, Coach (Jason) Crow, Coach (Jesse) Miller, we're in a real good spot."

ROYALS

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Cameron threw 97 pitches, allowing just one hit and two walks while striking out seven batters and stretching his individual streak to 16 consecutive scoreless innings. Jeffers hit a clean single to right-center field to start the seventh and end the bid for Kansas City's first no-hitter since Bret Saberhagen in 1991.

Jac Caglianone hit a two-run home run off Twins starter Bailey Ober in the third inning, and the Royals added an unearned run in the fifth.

Ober went six innings with four hits and two walks allowed.

Twins closer Yoendrys Gómez pitched

a scoreless ninth for the victory. Minnesota (55-55) improved to 10-2-1 in 13 series since June 12.

Clemens' slam kept the Twins from being shut out for the second straight game. Former Twins right-hander Randy Dobnak pitched seven scoreless innings for the Royals in a 4-0 victory Wednesday night.

Kansas City (46-64) had won eight of 13 games coming out of the All-Star break. This was the first series the Royals have lost since the All-Star break.

It also was the second time in the series that the Royals were one out from a victory. Lewis hit a two-run triple in the ninth inning for a 3-2 victory on Tuesday night.

LEGALS

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Lincoln Township
Crawford County

will meet on August 17, 2026 at 1pm at Arcadia Community Center for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Crawford County Clerk Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	696	0.128	2,000	0.196	2,000	117	0.014
Cemetery	25,400	2.577	26,750	2.330	27,108	19,496	2.346
Totals	26,096	2.705	28,750	2.526	29,108	19,613	2.360
Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	26,096		28,750		29,108		
Total Tax Levied	19,703		19,614		XXXXXXXXXXXX		
Total Assessed Valuation	7,284,051		7,764,607		8,308,945		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					7,737,402		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
Jan 1	2024		2025		2026		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.							
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by K.S.A. 79-2958							
Teresa Faucett							
Treasurer							

