



## TALKING POINTS



### Gymnasts have success at state

Kelsey Miller Bermudez came back from the California State Gymnastic Championships with a state title, winning her division's all-around gold medal with a score of 37.10. Kelsey's medal was just one of more than 40 won by Genesis Gymnastics gymnasts at the state championships.

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### No. 20 UCLA beats Michigan, 86-77

Monique Billings scored a career-high 20 points with 11 rebounds and No. 20 UCLA won a rematch from last season's WNIT semifinal. Billings was 6 of 11 from the field and made 8 of 10 free throws. Nirra Fields scored 22 points on 10-of-21 shooting for UCLA (5-2). Jordin Canada had eight rebounds with seven assists and 12 points. Page C3



### Henry leads AP All-America team

Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry of Alabama and finalists Deshaun Watson of Clemson and Christian McCaffrey of Stanford highlight The Associated Press All-America team. The team released Sunday features Henry and Leonard Fournette of LSU as first-team running backs. Watson is the quarterback on the first team. Page C4



### U.S. scores 2-0 win over China

Crystal Dunn and Christen Press both scored and the Women's World Cup-winning U.S. national team beat China 2-0 in an exhibition Sunday at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. The United States was coming off a 6-0 victory over Trinidad and Tobago on Thursday, part of the team's victory tour following the World Cup. Page C4

## VALLEY PRESS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

# 'They're special'

## Pair of Scorpions are Valley Press' POY

SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER  
ELIZABETH SHELTON

SENIOR OUTSIDE HITTER  
DEVYN CROSS



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## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL



### SHARP SHOOTER

USC forward Bennie Boatwright (25), seen in this Dec. 7 game vs. Idaho, scored 17 points on Sunday to lead the Trojans to a 68-56 victory over Yale.

Associated Press

# Boatwright, USC beat Yale

By KYLE GLASER  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern California knew it would have its work cut out for it Sunday with second-leading scorer and top passer Julian Jacobs out with tendonitis in his left Achilles.

Instead of relying on one player to pick up the slack, the Trojans got contributions from all over the court.

Bennie Boatwright scored 17 points, Katin Reinhardt and Jordan McLaughlin each scored 14, and USC cruised past Yale 68-56 for its third straight win.

Despite missing Jacobs, the Pac-12 leader in assists and assist-to-turnover ratio, the Trojans (8-2) took their first lead five minutes into the game and never trailed the rest of the way.

“Coach asked everyone to pick it up today and we did that,” McLaughlin said. “We came out and played loose and everyone was able to produce and contribute to this win.”

Trojans coach Andy Enfield said he didn't have a target date for Jacobs' return and described his status as “day-to-day.”

USC showed it can survive without him. McLaughlin reached double

figures in scoring for the first time in five games and added seven rebounds and four assists. Reinhardt scored all 14 of his points in the second half and Darion Clark had seven points, nine rebounds and two blocks in only 14 minutes.

USC outrebounded Yale 34-28, forced 16 turnovers and blocked six shots.

“Winning as a team is something we try to preach” Clark said. “One guy goes down, we all got to step up. We've got a lot of good players, a lot of guys capable.”

Makai Mason scored 18 points and Justin Sears had 14 for the Bulldogs (5-5). Yale shot 5 of 19 from 3-point range and scored its fewest points of the season.

The Bulldogs have lost five of seven after starting the year 3-0. “It wasn't our best effort today,” Yale coach James Jones said. “We've had a problem with turnovers and they came back today and hurt us. We didn't rebound well, we didn't shoot well, it wasn't good.”

Boatwright led the way in the first half and Reinhardt the second for USC.

Boatwright scored 11 points in the first 10 minutes to help USC

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## MIXED MARTIAL ARTS | UFC

# McGregor wants 2nd belt

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Gab is just one of Conor McGregor's many gifts.

The Irish star possesses a punching power that has made him an undisputed world champion in just seven UFC fights. McGregor also has an uncanny ability to predict not only the outcome of a fight, but the manner in which he'll accomplish his next feat of pugilistic prowess.

McGregor called his shot well before his featherweight title bout with Jose Aldo at UFC 194, vowing he wouldn't need a full round to stop a champion who hadn't lost in 10 years. And then he delivered that shot to the side of Aldo's head to end the fight in just 13 seconds — a little quicker than even he expected.

“Mystic Mac strikes again,” McGregor said. For as much as McGregor talks, he was sure to get some predictions right. Yet when asked to foresee his own future after he ended Aldo's 18-fight winning streak, McGregor wasn't quite ready.

“I'll give it some time,” McGregor said Saturday night. “It's Christmas. In the fight game, you travel around, making weight or doing something, and Christmas was taken from me many times. This Christmas was not taken from me, so I get to go home. I've put in a hell of a lot of work. It's been a crazy, crazy year.”



Associated Press

**QUICK CHAMP** — Conor McGregor reacts after defeating Jose Aldo during a featherweight championship mixed martial arts bout at UFC 194, Saturday in Las Vegas.

Indeed, McGregor reigns atop the featherweight division and the sport after a remarkable 2015. He won three fights, made untold millions and raised his fame near the

heights reached by Ronda Rousey, who will be featured alongside him on the cover of EA Sports' new UFC video game.

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## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

# Warriors begin regular season

By GENARO C. ARMAS  
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MILWAUKEE — Every victory raised the stakes for the Golden State Warriors.

Now that their record winning streak is over, the defending NBA champions can return to a bit of normalcy.

“I just told the guys that now we can have a regular season,” forward Draymond Green said in recounting his talk to teammates in the locker room after the loss Saturday night to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Golden State's NBA-record start ended after 24 games with the 108-95 loss to Milwaukee. The Warriors had a 28-game regular-season winning streak going back to last spring, five short of the NBA record 33-game run by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1971-72.

Attention on the Warriors and their likable cast of characters, led by MVP sharpshooter Stephen Curry, grew as the victories piled

up. On the road, fans and media filled arenas wondering if this was the night they would witness the end of the run.

That arrived on the final stop of a seven-game road trip Saturday, less than 24 hours after Golden State needed two overtimes to beat the Celtics in Boston. They were outplayed by the Bucks.

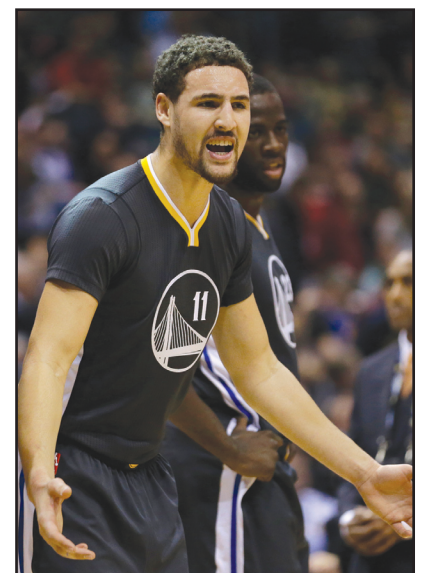
“We looked like we ran out of gas a little bit,” Warriors interim coach Luke Walton said.

His team, which normally makes 13 3s a game, was 6 of 26 from behind the arc.

Most Warriors said they didn't feel any added pressure during the run. But it did seem as though Golden State was playing in the NBA Finals every time it hit the floor.

“It has been kind of a playoff feel just with the streak and all the media and attention around,”

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Associated Press

**C'MON** — The Warriors' Klay Thompson yells to an official during the second half against the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday. The Warriors lost the game.