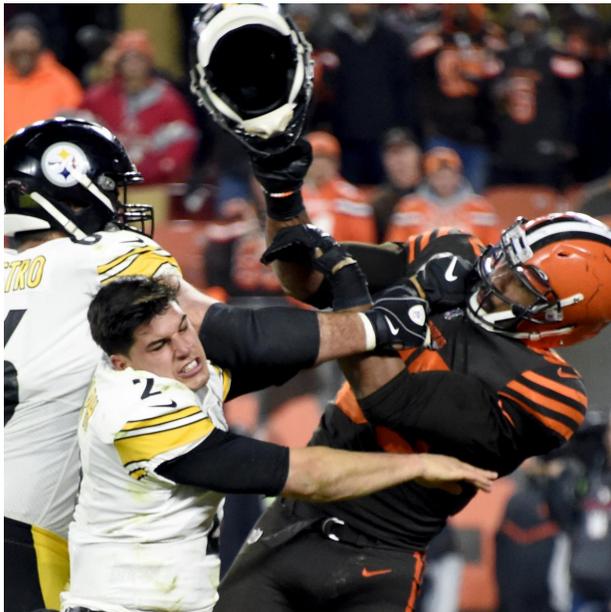


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Robbery In Chicago

Last night's NBA Dunk Contest in Chicago was thrilling, filled with some of the most ridiculous dunks that we have ever seen. Headlining the contest was the controversial dunk-off between Aaron Gordon and Derrick Jones Jr. For Derrick Jones, his powerful slams through this current season gained him a spot in the contest. Aaron Gordon has had a history in the Dunk Contest, most notably in 2016, where he was cheated out of a victory after jumping over a mascot while completing an under-the-legs dunk. Gordon started off very hot, with two max scores of 50 in the first round. Jones also did very well, with a 47 and 50, which got him to the Final Round with Gordon. During the Final Round, both Jones and Gordon scored two 50s, which should have signaled an ending. Either Gordon would have won with four straight max scores, or it would have been a tie like the Final Round was. The big controversy begins here. The judges continued the match into a dunk-off, virtually the same as the Final Round. Jones went first, flying from just inside the free-throw line to slam a one-handed dunk down. He earned a 48 with that dunk, the first score not a 50 since the first round. Aaron Gordon then completed an entertaining dunk, as he jumped over the tallest player win the NBA, 7' 5" Tacko Fall, and though he clipped his head slightly, he basically jumped at the height of 7' 3". Shockingly, Aaron Gordon only scored a 47 on this dunk, which gave Derrick Jones Jr. the trophy. One of the judges on the panel later said that they had just wanted to end the competition in a tie. One of the judges on the board was former Miami Heat star Dwayne Wade, and as Derrick Jones Jr. plays on the Heat, there could be speculation regarding Wade, especially as he was one of the three people to hand Gordon a 9 in the dunk-off. Regardless, it would have been much more manageable if the Dunk Contest had ended after the Final Round like it is supposed to. As Aaron Gordon said in a press conference following the contest, "We're here to do four dunks." He was robbed yet again, even when he had the best dunks.





Myles Garrett Reinstated

This past season, Cleveland Browns defensive end was suspended indefinitely for slamming Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph with a helmet. Just this past week, the NFL came to an agreement that Myles Garrett would be allowed to participate in the upcoming NFL season. Though it may seem that the NFL is doing had already taught Garrett a lesson, the incident was still inexcusable. Garrett now claims that Rudolph instigated the whole situation by calling him by a racial slur. Rudolph responded on Twitter by saying the claims were "1000% False" and the accusations were a "disgusting and reckless attempt to assassinate my character." Myles Garrett may now be trying to justify his side, though it comes 3 months late. As he has only been suspended for 6 total games, and this incident quite possibly could have resulted in a court case, it is curious that the NFL allowed Myles Garrett back into the league so quickly.

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