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Skins Bow Down to Packers, 38-20

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Rookie Eddie Lacy limps off.

The Redskins and the Packers played on Sunday the 15th. The Packers won 38 to 20. Aaron Rodgers tied the team record for passing yards with 480 and four touchdowns. The leading rusher was James Starks who had 20 carries for 132 yards and one touchdown. James Jones had 11 receptions and 178 yards officially making him the best receiver.

There were two injuries in the game. Eddie Lacy a rookie running back got hurt in a helmet-to-helmet play by the other person who got injured--Brandon Meriweather. Meriweather was injured when he went for a hard hit on James Starks.



Packers' fans get into the game.

The first score was a field goal by Mason Crosby. The first touchdown was by Green Bay when Randell Cobb caught a 35-yard pass by Aaron Rodgers. In the second quarter Jordy Nelson caught a 14-yard pass from Aaron Rodgers, making it 17-0 Packers. Still, in the second quarter, the Packers got another TD when Jermichael Finley caught a 3-yard pass from again Aaron Rodgers.



Rodgers and RG3 after the game.

Now, in the second half, the Packers struck again. Jordy Nelson caught another touchdown from Aaron Rodgers for 15 yards. Finally, the Redskins scored! Pierre Garcon caught a 6-yard pass from Robert Griffin III. The first run touchdown of the game was by James Starks for three yards for the score.

In the fourth quarter there was almost a Redskins' comeback! Jordan Reed caught a 3-yard pass from RG3. The next TD was by the Redskins when Santana Moss had a 9-yard reception for a touchdown. They missed a two point conversion that would have made it 22 to 38. Instead the score stood at 20-38. That was the end of the game. Packers 38, Redskins 20.



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NFL's Young Quarterbacks Kick Off Year

Editor's Note: Fifth grader Eli Kim took a look at the performance of the four young NFL quarterbacks in their season openers this year. 1) Seattle Seahawks QB Russell Wilson played for Wisconsin and was the 75th overall pick in the 2012 NFL draft. 2) Robert Griffin III who played for Baylor, won the Heisman, and was the Redskins number two pick of the 2012 NFL draft. 3) Colin Kaepernick who played for the University of Nevada and was selected by the San Francisco 49ers as the 36th overall pick in the 2011 NFL Draft. 4) Andrew Luck of the Indianapolis Colts played for Stanford and came in second for the Heisman in both 2010 and 2011. He was the number one overall pick of the 2012 NFL draft.

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Did the number one and number two draft pick choices do any better than the 36th and 75th overall picks in their season openers? See for yourself!

Russell Wilson:



In the first quarter Wilson handed the ball off to the running back for a touchdown. Then he made passes to his wide receivers. He passed it to his running back and he scored a touchdown. In the second quarter he had an interception. Then Wilson was getting rushed so he ran for some yards. Then he got rushed again so he passed it for no gain. Then Wilson made a touchdown pass. In the third quarter he made another touchdown pass. I think that he will be really good in the season because he has a very good arm and he is very fast. He has multiple people to pass to. He has Marshawn Lynch, Doug Baldwin, Percy Harvin, Jermaine Kearse, Sidney Rice and Zach Miller. That's why I think that he will do well in this season.

Robert Griffin III:



When Robert Griffin III played the Eagles in the first half, there were seven minutes and 20 seconds on the clock, RG3 got an interception. If you look at that play he rolled his foot over. When he didn't roll his foot over, he did much better. He did not make a play because he had a lot of pressure on him. After that he got sacked two times in the first quarter. In the second quarter he got slammed to the turf. In the second half he got another interception. He made a pass to Pierre Garcon, and then a run with Alfred Morris. In the fourth quarter he made a touchdown pass. Then he made another touchdown by a pass. They lost. I think that RG3 will have a hard time against the Packers because they have a really good defense. I think that he will not do well in the NFL because he gets hurt a lot and he might get injured again. He has to know what the defense is doing when the ball is snapped or else he will get sacked. That's why I don't think he will do well in the NFL.

Colin Kaepernick:



When he played the Packers he had a really good game. In the first quarter he made a touchdown pass. In the second quarter he didn't see any receivers open, so he ran. Then Clay Matthews made a late hit on Kaepernick. Matthews drew a foul. Then Kaepernick made a pass to Bolden for a touchdown. In the third quarter Kaepernick made a pass to Bolden again. Bolden almost made a touchdown. Then Kaepernick made a pass for a touchdown. The score was 21-14 for the 49ers. Then he got sacked by Clay Matthews for a big loss. In the fourth quarter he almost made a big throw but it was short. Then he made another pass to Bolden for a big gain. They won the game. I think that Kaepernick will have a great season because he has a very good arm and he is very fast. That's why I think he will do well this season. **Cont'd on p. 3**



Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49er's Rivalry

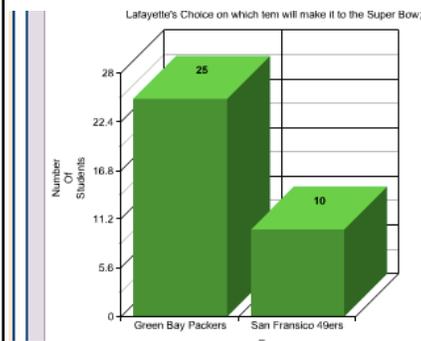
by Katie Kennedy, 4CJ

On Sunday September 8, there was a game that will always be remembered. The Packers and 49ers had always seemed to be fine with each other before, but not any more. In this season opener, a big fight broke out on the field. In the crowds, the knowledge that one of these teams will probably make it to the Super Bowl made some fans boo and others cheer. It just depended on what has happening and who you wanted to win.

All this just added more pressure on the players, making their hits harder and the touchdowns and field goals more exciting. So, in spite of some small fights on the field, it was a really a great game. Now that's what I call good football!

One big fight broke out when the 49ers quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, did not have an open receiver. Instead, he just ran it. Green Bay Packers linebacker Clay Matthews tackled him and was flagged for this late hit. This caused a shoving match between the two teams, and a big fight of words and actions broke out on the field. It was broken up by coaches and others.

But there can only be one winner of each game in the football world, and in this game it was the 49ers, 34-28. So the question still is, which team will make it to the Super Bowl? Well, I asked Lafayette that question, and the graph to the right shows what 35 students predict.



Who'll go to the Super Bowl?

**Ten say San Francisco will go!
Twenty-five say Green Bay, all the way!**

Young QuarterBacks...Cont'd

Andrew Luck:



In the first quarter he made a pass for a 40-yard gain. In the second quarter he couldn't find anyone so he ran for nine yards. Then he made a 3-yard touchdown. Next, he made a pass for 47 yards. Then he handed it off to his running back for a touchdown. In the third quarter he made a pass for a touchdown, but there was a flag on Reggie Wayne. So they made a field goal. In the fourth quarter Luck got picked. He ran for a 14-yard run. Luck passed to Wayne for an 18-yard catch. Then Luck got sacked. They lost the game. The score was 24-20 for the Dolphins. I think that Luck will do well in the NFL because he has a very good arm; he is fast, and he has a lot of people to pass to. He can pass to one of the wide receivers or he can hand the ball off to his running back or he can just run it himself. That's why I think he will do well in the NFL.

College Football: Time To Cheer for Favorites--Like Michigan

by Manley McConkey, 5JB



The college football season has started. I like college football because you have 115 teams to follow versus 32 professional teams. My favorite college team is University of Michigan. In my years at Lafayette I have seen many people wearing Michigan hats and jerseys, so I know there are other fans out there. My dad went to the University of Michigan, and every fall he takes me and my brother to see a football game with my uncle.

Michigan has a 3-0 record with wins against: Central Michigan 59-9, Notre Dame 41-30, and Akron 28-24. Brady Hope, Michigan's head coach, is undefeated at every game played at the Big House (aka Michigan's stadium) in his career. Last year's star quarterback was a senior named Denard Robinson who could not only run the ball like his shoes were on fire, but throw it just as well. He was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2013 NFL draft. Michigan's new quarterback, Devin Gardner, was a backup quarterback and a receiver half of last season. He has worn the #98 jersey since this year's Notre Dame game, honoring former Michigan star Tom Harmon, who is considered one of Michigan's best players.

Going into the Akron game, Michigan fans thought that Michigan would cream Akron because, really, who's heard of Akron? The game was lopsided with tons of turnovers and complete turnarounds. The final score came down to the last play as Akron had the ball with fourth down and goal at the Michigan 5-yard line with 5 seconds left. Akron threw an incomplete pass and Michigan won! Everyone was on the edge of their seats and holding their breath as it happened. When the game was over, I was terrified that Brady Hope had almost lost his first career home game to Akron.

I predict that Michigan will go undefeated this season if they can pull off wins against Michigan State, Ohio State, Nebraska, and Penn State. Go Blue!



Top 25 NCAA Football Rankings - Weeks 4 & 5

Week 4				Week 5			
RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS	RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	Alabama (59)	2-0	1499	20	Baylor	2-0	355
2	Oregon (1)	3-0	1413	21	Ole Miss	3-0	300
3	Clemson	2-0	1347	22	Notre Dame	2-1	277
4	Ohio State	3-0	1330	23	Arizona State	2-0	229
5	Stanford	2-0	1241	24	Wisconsin	2-1	87
6	LSU	3-0	1134	25	Texas Tech	3-0	60
7	Louisville	3-0	1092	10	Texas A&M	2-1	1001
8	Florida State	2-0	1058	11	Oklahoma State	3-0	848
9	Georgia	1-1	1051	12	South Carolina	2-1	821
				13	UCLA	2-0	757
				14	Oklahoma	3-0	692
				15	Michigan	3-0	672
				16	Miami (FL)	2-0	641
				17	Washington	2-0	496
				18	Northwestern	3-0	487
				19	Florida	1-1	412

There was not much change in the rankings between weeks 4 and 5. 'Bama stayed number 1, but Oregon gained on them by a few votes. Arizona State dropped out of the Top 25.

--Eli Kim, 5JB
& Eli Moore, 5JL



Denard Span's Streak Stops at 29

by Doug Cohen, 5JB

Denard Span is doing really well this season. Whether it's offense or defense, he can get the job done. He is doing especially well in hitting; recently, he had a 29-game hitting streak, the longest hitting streak of this season. That means for 29 consecutive games he got at least one hit in every game. Hopefully, with his help, the Nats will make the playoffs.

[Unfortunately, the Nats were statistically eliminated from the wild card race this past Monday when they lost in St. Louis, 5-4].

Span has to be the best trade that the Nats acquired during the offseason. He holds the record for the longest hitting streak this season. "Span is a line drive machine," said Ray Knight on Nat's Extra. "He always gets perfect singles that are good line drives."

Span's former teammate Michael Cuddyer, an outfielder and first baseman for the Colorado Rockies, has the second longest hitting streak in the MLB this year with 27. [Cuddyer is in the running for the National League batting title. He was leading the Braves Chris Johnson in most categories as we went to press.]

Neither slugger comes close to breaking the Nation League streak record, however. The longest hitting streak in the history of the NL was set by Wee Willie Keeler of Baltimore with 45 games in 1897. Pete Rose, of the Cincinnati Reds, came a close second when he had a 44-game hitting streak in 1976.

Span was one hit more than half way to Yankee slugger Joe DiMaggio's record streak of 56 games in 1941. Sixty-eight years ago Joltin' Joe or the Yankee Clipper as DiMaggio was called, had a MLB streak that no one has been able to touch.



Fans salute Span when his streak ends.

Other Famous Streak-ers



Can you identify these famous streak-ers? If you CAN, write your name and class code on an index card. Write their names in 1, 2, 3 order as they are pictured above and put it in Ms. Echave's mail box before Tuesday morning. WINNERS WILL EACH GET A JOLLY RANCHER AND THEIR NAMES ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY'S MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS!

SXT staffers are NOT eligible to participate.

Cap City LL Starts New AAA League

by Zackary Wall, 5JB



Hey, all of you people that like baseball, are you looking for a team? Then take a close look at Cap City Little League's new league the AAA. This league is for boys and girls ages 10-12. The new league joins Cap City's other two leagues--the minors and the majors. This new AAA is an expansion league between those two leagues. The AAA is for people that are not quite ready for the majors, but who are playing at a higher level than the minors. According to Cap City's website, This [the AAA league] will make the minors more balanced and competitive, while at the same time letting kids develop at an appropriate pace rather than moving too quickly to the majors."

AAA tryouts are over for this year, but this league will be around for those players who need it next year.

DC Dynasty Season Takes Off

by Ethan Mishra & Noah Weitzner, 5JB

DC Dynasty is a DC travel baseball league on which many Lafayette 5th graders play. Dynasty plays in many places close and far from DC. Dynasty plays in a Virginia league, which means that all Dynasty teams play against other DC and Virginian teams. Dynasty has lots of different age groups. To make DC Dynasty you have to tryout. You are tested on hitting, pitching and fielding. You must be a strong player to make Dynasty. If for some reason you don't make Dynasty, you may be placed on the "Select Team." The select team is for the players who the coaches think have potential to be on the travel team but are not quite ready. The select team has a similar schedule as the actual Dynasty team. They sometimes play in Virginia, but play lower-skilled travel teams.

Each weekend, Dynasty teams have a double header. Double headers are two games in a day, either back-to-back games or sometimes with a twenty-minute break between the games. Their first game was at 8 a.m. in Alexandria, Va. The players had to be there an hour before the game, which meant that they woke up at 5 a.m. to get there on time. Now that's really early in the morning!

This past weekend, we went to a game to talk to the coach and some players about their team. The coach for the 10U red team, Bobby Appleby, said that his team has a lot of guys who are willing to do their best and who have a natural ability to play baseball. "Through the season we are progressing and getting better," he said.

We interviewed a player from the team and asked what he thought about his team. He said, "My teammates are kind and love to play baseball. They cheer for everyone, even if the player strikes out or makes an error."

Dynasty is a league that is for people that love baseball, but one requirement is to be a good sport. Dynasty is for people who are committed to be at every game and practice, if not don't tryout. Dynasty is competitive, but fun too! DC Dynasty takes hard work and commitment to join. Dynasty is a serious league and you have to be good to join. You can learn more about Dynasty at <http://www.dcdynastybaseball.org/>.

Nationals Chase-But Don't Catch-the Playoffs

Editor's Note: When Weston, Nico and Ethan wrote this article, the Nats were still at home winning games. They were statistically eliminated on Monday when they lost in St. Louis.

by Weston Duncan, 5G, Nico Engvall 5C, & Ethan Lasser, 5G



The Reds:

The Reds season has been phenomenal with an 84 and 69 record. But the Nats have been chasing their tail. The Nats are only four games behind.

The Pirates:

If the Nationals do amazing in the next new games they could possibly play the Pirates. The Pirates biggest threat is Andrew McCutchen, His batting average is .325, and he's fearless on the bases with 27 steals. Another threat is Pedro Alvarez with 33 home runs.

The Braves:

The Braves are the best in their division. The Nationals are right behind them in second place. A few of their key players are Dan Uggla, Brian McCain, B.J Upton, and, his younger brother, Justin Upton. The Braves are a really good hitting team. Their team has a lot of slugging percentage. And they have a really high batting average.

The Nationals:

The Nationals are second place in the National league East with 79 wins and 70 losses. They are 12th in the whole league. Denard Span, the center fielder, is on a 29 game hit streak. He has the best hitting streak since 2011.

Do you think the Nationals will make the playoffs this year? We don't. If the Nationals happen to squeeze by the Reds, they will have to play one of the MLB's best teams, the Pirates. Even if the Nationals beat the Pirates in the wild card game, they will still have to play the best team in the National League, the Atlanta Braves. If they make it, they will also play them in the first round of the playoffs.

Cabrera Chases Davis

by Zach McLish, 5G and RJ Resch, 5JL

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera, professional baseball's



Cabrera's stats from 2012: his batting average was .330, 44 HR and 139 RBIs.

2012 Triple Crown winner, is chasing Chris Davis of the Baltimore Orioles for home runs. The Triple Crown is baseball's big prize for an individual slugger, and no one has ever gotten it two years in a row. Still, Cabrera has a slim shot.

He is leading in two of the three categories, batting average and RBIs, but he is trailing Baltimore's Chris Davis in the third category--home runs. Davis had 52 home runs while Cabrera had 44 when we went to press on Sept. 25! Davis led him by eight, Cabrera is not likely to catch up. He had a good chance when September began, but he has had to sit out some games due to a groin injury. If he does catch Davis, he can become the first player in MLB history to win the Triple Crown two years in a row.

POLL

Question:

Who should
win the AL
MVP?

Miguel Cabrera

Chris Davis

Mike Trout

Someone Else

Write in your answer. Then
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CHRIS DAVIS: HOME RUN CHASE

by Eli Moore, 5JL



The Orioles' Chris Davis is having a year like no other.

Chris Davis is on target for the most single season home runs, trying to pass Barry Bonds. Davis has had a career that is definitely not like the season that he is having right now.

In his previous seasons he has done horribly, but in his 2013 season alone, he has more home runs than he has had in all of his seasons. In 2010, he had one home run and batted .192. In his next two seasons, he didn't do much better with five total home runs. Now he leads the league in home runs and is second in batting average and RBI's. This

year he is the only thing stopping Miguel Cabrera from his second triple crown. Davis is setting all kinds of records like being the first O's player to have over 40 home runs and forty doubles in a season. Chris Davis was in the home run derby and the all-star game this past July. He came close to advancing to the second round in the home run derby, but failed because he didn't do as well as Bryce Harper of the Nats or Oakland's Yoenis Cespedes. But, in the all-star game he was able to lead the A.L. to a win.

Chris Davis broke the Orioles' franchise record when he hit his 51st on Sept. 17. However, he'll fall short of breaking Barry Bonds record of 73 homers set in 2001.



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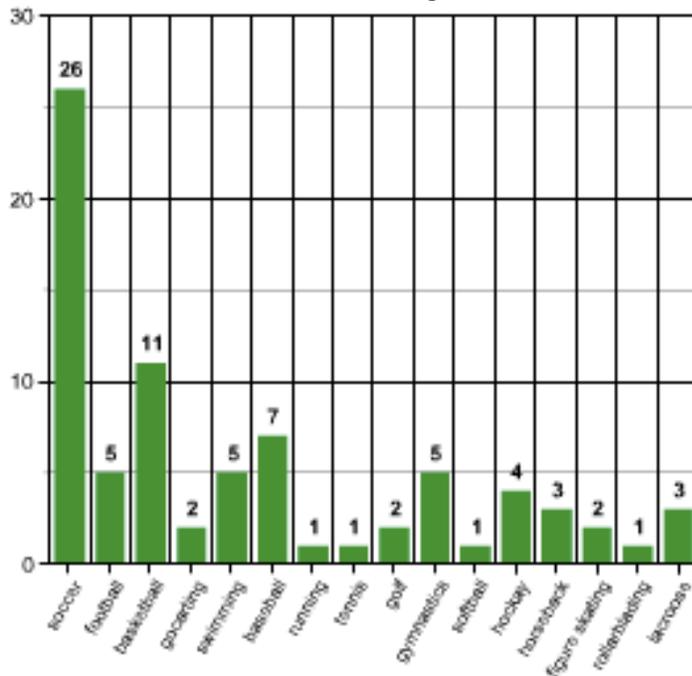
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Lafayette's Favorite Sports

by Justine Hollar & Katie Kennedy, 4CJ

We asked 2nd - 4th graders what their favorite sport was. They had lots of different favorites. We ranked sports in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, based on how many people voted for them. And we can tell you that Lafayette likes a lot of different sports! Choices Lafayette students picked include soccer, football, basketball, go-karting, swimming, baseball, running/track, tennis, golf, gymnastics, softball, hockey, horseback riding, figure skating, roller blading, and lacrosse. The first place winner was Soccer, 2nd was Basketball, and 3rd was Baseball.

This is what they said:



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