

Gonzaga basketball team jet stopped to avoid LAX collision

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LOS ANGELES — The Federal Aviation Administration has launched an investigation after a private jet carrying the Gonzaga University men’s basketball team nearly crossed a runway as another flight was taking off Friday at Los Angeles International Airport.

The plane operated by Key Lime Air was ordered by air traffic controllers to stop as a Delta aircraft took off. No one was injured.

“Air traffic controllers directed Key Lime Air Flight 563 to hold short of crossing a runway at Los Angeles International Airport because a second aircraft

was taking off from the runway at the time,” the FAA said in a statement. “When the Embraer E135 jet proceeded to cross the hold bars, air traffic controllers told the pilots to stop. The jet never crossed the runway edge line.”

A plane-spotting livestream shows the incident and captured audio of an air traffic controller telling the Key Lime Air flight to “Stop, stop, stop.” The flight immediately stopped and then proceeded after a few moments.

Gonzaga was in Los Angeles for its game against UCLA on Saturday. The Bulldogs lost to the Bruins 65-62 in the first college basketball game played at Intuit Dome,

the new home of the NBA’s Los Angeles Clippers.

“We understand that the incident at LAX is under investigation and we will review this information as it becomes available,” the university said in an email Monday afternoon. “Our team members aboard the aircraft were unaware of the situation as it occurred and we are grateful that the incident ended safely for all.”

Key Lime Air did not immediately respond to The Associated Press’ request for comment on Monday. Los Angeles World Airports referred a media inquiry to the FAA, and a Delta spokesperson said there were no problems for its aircraft.

“Delta flight 471 operated as normal, and we are not aware of any communication from the FAA regarding this flight. We are cooperating with aviation officials on their investigation,” the airline said in an email.

No. 19 Gonzaga won its West Coast Conference opener Monday night, beating Pepperdine 89-82 in Malibu.

Khalif Battle, a sixth-year guard who scored a team-high 21 points, declined to answer when asked about what happened during Friday’s flight. A media relations official with the Gonzaga athletic department referred reporters to the previous statement from the school.

“I can’t answer any questions about that,” Battle said.

Braden Huff, a third-year forward, said he was looking forward to getting back to Spokane, Washington. Gonzaga hosts Portland on Thursday.

“I mean, we’re happy with the win, 1-1 on the road trip. Would like to be 2-0, so just to be able to get back to Spokane, get another game in on Thursday, it feels good to get another opportunity,” said Huff, who had 19 points.

Bulldogs coach Mark Few said the important thing was the team found a way to win Monday night.

“I told ‘em after the game, that was mission accomplished,” he said.

Resting or playing: Philadelphia Eagles face tough decision on Barkley

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Saquon Barkley’s pursuit of Eric Dickerson’s 40-year-old rushing record could get grounded by his coach.

Nick Sirianni’s decision is more difficult than it seems.

Barkley needs 101 yards rushing against his former team on Sunday to set the NFL’s single-season record. But the Philadelphia Eagles (13-3) are locked into the No. 2 seed in the NFC so the outcome of their game won’t affect the standings.



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Philadelphia Eagles running back Saquon Barkley (26) runs the ball Dec. 29 against the Dallas Cowboys during the second half of an NFL football game in Philadelphia.

locked into the No. 7 seed. But he played wide receiver Smith long enough for him to break the team’s rookie receiving record.

Barkley became the ninth player in NFL history to reach 2,000 yards rushing early in the fourth quarter of a 41-7 victory over Dallas. Sirianni immediately pulled him out with several minutes remaining and Barkley finished the game at 2,005 yards. Dickerson had 2,105 for the Los Angeles Rams in 1984.

When Barkley ran for 176 yards against the Giants in his former home stadium in October, Sirianni asked him if he wanted to stay in the game to chase his career high. He needed 14 more yards at that point. Barkley declined, telling his coach to let the other running backs get their carries.

Barkley eventually surpassed his personal mark when he ran for 255 yards against the Rams on Nov. 14.

As for Dickerson’s record, Barkley isn’t lobbying to play.

“The way I look at it, if it’s in God’s plan, then it is,” Barkley said. “I’m not overly trying to go get it. I’m not scared of it. I would love to, but at the end of the day, also, we’ve got bigger things that we’re focusing on. ... Rest, I’m fine with that, too, because I didn’t come here and sign here just to rush for 2,000 or break a record. I want to do something special, meaning special with the team.”

With Barkley on board publicly, that takes pressure off Sirianni.

Still, he’s debating what’s best for the team.

Bill Belichick and Jim Harbaugh presented arguments for playing

the starters.

“We’re gonna be playing to win at all times. That never changes,” Harbaugh said Monday night on SiriusXM’s “Let’s Go!” “And I like what Derwin James said, he’s our captain. ... he said: ‘Eleven wins sounds better than 10.’ We’re attacking it with an enthusiasm unknown to mankind. You know, the thing that doesn’t resonate right now is ‘play the backups.’ What are we gonna do, dress 25 guys for the game?”

Harbaugh has guided the Los Angeles Chargers (10-6) to an AFC wild-card berth in his first season with the team after leading Michigan to a national championship last year. The Chargers can’t finish lower than the No. 6 seed and have a chance to move up to the fifth spot with a win and a loss by the Steelers.

Belichick, the six-time Super Bowl champion head coach, often faced a late-season decision on whether to rest starters during his time with the New England Patriots.

“That’s what some people, I think, have a hard time with is, ‘Well, don’t play your starters.’ I mean, you can only have seven inactive guys. Who are they?” Belichick said. “And it’s tough to go to your team and say: ‘Well, we’re not gonna play you guys over here, but the rest of you get out there. We don’t really care about you. If you get hurt, that doesn’t matter, but these six or seven guys we’re going to protect.’ You can’t say that to the team. That doesn’t resonate well at all, nor should it. So I always had a hard time with that one.

“Now, if a guy was fighting an injury and

everybody understood that the guy was fighting an injury, OK, that’s one thing. But to just say: ‘Well, you guys are important, but you other guys aren’t, we don’t care what happens to you. Get out there and play.’ That’s not a message I could ever send to the team. Even though there were people in the organization that wanted me to send that, I just couldn’t do it.”

Hurts could be a factor in Sirianni’s decision to play or rest Barkley and the starters. Hurts has missed the past seven quarters after sustaining a concussion against Washington.

He could be rusty going into the playoffs after a nearly three-week layoff. So, Sirianni could choose to play Hurts a few series, one quarter or however long enough to get him back on track.

If so, the starting offense would play. But playing Hurts may be too risky for a team with Super Bowl aspirations.

Ultimately, the same goes for Barkley.

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“He’s all over our walls,” Dillingham said. “He’s a big piece of the history of this program, and he’s a big piece of the present of the program.”

While Kush was notorious for his barbaric coaching methods, which helped lead to his downfall, Dillingham chooses to focus on his positive impact.

“The toughness that he instilled in his football teams,” Dillingham said. “Those guys are better people because of how Frank Kush coached and

how challenging it was to play for him and how much his guys loved him.”

Dillingham is hoping to make the same impact on his players.

“I would hope in 10, 15, 20 years from now, our guys have a very similar feeling about myself and my staff, that we impacted the guys far beyond the game of football,” he said.

For now, the Sun Devils are focused on their biggest surprise yet.

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“We want the whole thing,” Guillory said. “We want to go all the way to the mountain-top. We didn’t come this far just to come this far.”

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