

NBA playoff foul calls rise as expected

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CHICAGO — NBA referees are calling about 11% more personal fouls per game so far in these playoffs than they did during the regular season, a differential that's on pace to be one of the largest in NBA history.

And in the league's eyes, that's to be expected.

Mindful of criticism from players and coaches that seems like a constant in any postseason, the NBA's senior vice president of referee development and training freely acknowledges that there is a difference between regular-season basketball and playoff basketball — a point that nobody within the league likely would argue.

But refereeing, Monty McCutchen insists, doesn't fundamentally change at playoff time.

"It would be very difficult on our players, on our coaches, most certainly on our referees, if the intensity of a seven-game series that we see in the playoffs exhibited itself over

82 games," McCutchen said at the NBA draft combine. "NBA playoff basketball is one of the great spectacles of all sport in my opinion. You get the combination of the passion and strength of our players and coaching staffs in tight spaces over seven-game series. And I think that that absolutely makes for a different game."

Given the stakes of the postseason, it's only natural for every play to come under more scrutiny and for emotions to run hotter.

— San Antonio star Victor Wembanyama was ejected from a playoff game this week for elbowing Minnesota's Naz Reid, a play that led to Spurs coach Mitch Johnson saying his team's 7-foot-4 star is constantly dealing with some sort of physicality that goes over the line and inevitably will force him to react. "At some level, you have to protect yourself," Johnson said. "Every single play on every single part of the floor, people are trying to impose their physicality on him. I get it. We get it. That's part of the game."

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delivered the clutch hit of the game with a standup go-ahead triple in the late innings. Both she and Cassidy Knight also drew RBI walks, which were complimented by the timely hitting of Addison Blanchard.

McCord, who finished with two RBIs in the contest, noted that the team's chemistry—particularly with the upperclassmen—has been a driving force.

"Probably spending time with the seniors for this being their last time," McCord said of what will make this year special. "I have played with them ever since I was little, it's going to be their last time, and I just love Cadence. I love Addie. I love all of them."

The momentum traveled well on Tuesday night. In a high-scoring affair at McLean County, Knight turned in a career-defining performance, going 3-for-4 and finishing a triple shy of the cycle. Knight's night was highlighted by a towering home run to center field in the third inning that



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Central standout junior outfielder Ava McCord and rising star freshman shortstop Brinley Stephens pose for a photo during a new inning against Murray on Monday night at HCCHS.

tyed the game and shifted the momentum for good.

The Lady Storm tallied 16 hits in the win, with Blanchard, Brinley Stephens, and Cadence Allen all recording multiple hits. Sorrells, showing her versatility, earned the win in relief, tossing over five innings and allowing just one hit.

As the postseason

looms, McCord has her sights set on more than just personal accolades like an All-District nod. She wants to ensure this group of seniors goes out with

a bang.

"Our hope is to... get past regionals and just create a very memorable season with the seniors," McCord said. "We just have to put our foot down with Caldwell first and not let them put their foot down on us first. We just have to hit the ball, and we can't be making errors."

"I would like to get all-district for something, even though they usually do that for seniors. I'd like to get all-district for something I have done in this past year," she added.

The Lady Storm will look to keep the bats hot as they head over to Madisonville-North Hopkins Monday for the second 7th District game against Caldwell County, with first pitch scheduled for 12:30 p.m. at Lady Maroon field.

LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission on May 28th, 2026 at 5:30 PM CT/ 6:30 ET in the Hopkins County Government Center located at 56 N Main Street, Madisonville, Kentucky to consider a text amendment of the Hanson Zoning Ordinance relating to House Bill 160 and manufactured housing. Katie Wyatt, HCJPC, 270-825-4457.

LEGAL NOTICE

City of Madisonville hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ4 Malt Beverage Drink License no Later than July 30, 2026. The licensed premises will be located at 839 Midtown Blvd, Madisonville, KY 42431. Owner of Record: City of Madisonville, Kentucky, 67 N. Main St, Madisonville, KY 42431; Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street, 2NE33, Frankfort, KY 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HOPKINS CIRCUIT COURT
MADISONVILLE,
KENTUCKY 42431
CIVIL ACTION NO.
25-CI-00373

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
vs. NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY

TYLER GILLILAND and TAINA GILLILAND DEFENDANTS
By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Hopkins Circuit Court the undersigned will, on **Monday, May 18, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** on the steps of the Hopkins County Judicial Center, 120 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, proceed to expose to PUBLIC SALE, the real estate located at **35 Timmons Lane, Madisonville, PVA Parcel No. MAP-104-44C**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 819, page 68**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property. Terms: The real estate shall be sold for cash or on credit of thirty (30) days. If on credit, the purchaser must pay a down payment of 10% of the purchase price at the time of the sale and post bond with approved surety for the balance of the purchase price, bearing interest at the rate specified in the judgment from the date of said bond, with a lien reserved upon said property until payment is made in full. The buyer shall be responsible for the current year's property taxes.

J. Keith Cartwright
Master Commissioner
Hopkins Circuit Court

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HOPKINS CIRCUIT COURT
MADISONVILLE,
KENTUCKY 42431
CIVIL ACTION NO.
25-CI-00939

INDEPENDENCE BANK OF KENTUCKY PLAINTIFF
vs. NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY

ZZZS ANESTHESIA, LLC
TINA S. WOODCOCK
THOMAS WOODCOCK
UNKNOWN LESSEES/TENANTS/OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Hopkins Circuit Court the undersigned will, on **Monday, May 18, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** on the steps of the Hopkins County Judicial Center, 120 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, proceed to expose to PUBLIC SALE, the following:
a. Real estate located at **115 Ravenwood Drive, Hanson, PVA Parcel No. MAP-77-3-33**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 734, page 746**, and **Deed Book 824, page 21**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.
b. Real estate located at **108-110 Pin Oak Lane, Madisonville, PVA Parcel No. M-40-1-4C-2**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 824, page 18**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.
c. Real estate located at **840 Otter Lake Loop, Hanson, PVA Parcel No. MAP-76-30G-2-9**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 784, page 704**, and **Deed Book 790, page 313**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.
d. Real estate located at **842 Otter Lake Loop, Hanson, PVA Parcel No. MAP-76-30G-2-8**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 790, page 315**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.
e. Real estate located at **844 Otter Lake Loop, Hanson, PVA Parcel No. MAP-76-30G-2-7**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 784, page 704**, and **Deed Book 790, page 317**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.
f. Real estate located at **846 Otter Lake Loop, Hanson, PVA Parcel No. MAP-76-30G-2 and MAP-76-30G-2-6**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 784, page 704**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.

Terms: The real estate shall be sold for cash or on credit of thirty (30) days. If on credit, the purchaser must pay a down payment of 10% of the purchase price at the time of the sale and post bond with approved surety for the balance of the purchase price, bearing interest at the rate specified in the judgment from the date of said bond, with a lien reserved upon said property until payment is made in full. The buyer shall be responsible for the current year's property taxes.

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LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission on May 28th, 2026 at 5:30 PM CT/ 6:30 ET in the Hopkins County Government Center located at 56 N Main Street, Madisonville, Kentucky to consider a text amendment of the Dawson Springs Zoning Ordinance relating to allow bait stores as a conditional use in Central Business District (C-3). Katie Wyatt, HCJPC, 270-825-4457.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HOPKINS CIRCUIT COURT
MADISONVILLE,
KENTUCKY 42431
CIVIL ACTION NO.
25-CI-00519

FLAGSTAR BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF
vs. NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY

JAMES ROSS HILL, ET AL. DEFENDANTS
By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Hopkins Circuit Court the undersigned will, on **Monday, May 18, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** on the steps of the Hopkins County Judicial Center, 120 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, proceed to expose to PUBLIC SALE, the real estate located at **465 Ravenwood Drive, Hanson, PVA Parcel No. MAP-77-3-41**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 770, page 452**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property. Terms: The real estate shall be sold for cash or on credit of thirty (30) days. If on credit, the purchaser must pay a down payment of 10% of the purchase price at the time of the sale and post bond with approved surety for the balance of the purchase price, bearing interest at the rate specified in the judgment from the date of said bond, with a lien reserved upon said property until payment is made in full. The buyer shall be responsible for the current year's property taxes.

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Master Commissioner
Hopkins Circuit Court

LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission on May 28th, 2026 at 5:30 PM CT/ 6:30 ET in the Hopkins County Government Center located at 56 N Main Street, Madisonville, Kentucky to consider a text amendment of the Mortons Gap Zoning Ordinance relating to House Bill 160 and manufactured housing. Katie Wyatt, HCJPC, 270-825-4457.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
HOPKINS CIRCUIT COURT
MADISONVILLE,
KENTUCKY 42431
CIVIL ACTION NO.
25-CI-00243

NEWREZ LLC dba SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING PLAINTIFF
vs. NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY

BRANDON THOMAS RUSSELL, ET AL. DEFENDANTS
By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Hopkins Circuit Court the undersigned will, on **Monday, May 18, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** on the steps of the Hopkins County Judicial Center, 120 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, proceed to expose to PUBLIC SALE, the real estate located at **622 Echo Lane, Madisonville, PVA Parcel No. M-22-5-27**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 818, page 324**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property. Terms: The real estate shall be sold for cash or on credit of thirty (30) days. If on credit, the purchaser must pay a down payment of 10% of the purchase price at the time of the sale and post bond with approved surety for the balance of the purchase price, bearing interest at the rate specified in the judgment from the date of said bond, with a lien reserved upon said property until payment is made in full. The buyer shall be responsible for the current year's property taxes.

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LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission on May 28th, 2026 at 5:30 PM CT/ 6:30 ET in the Hopkins County Government Center located at 56 N Main Street, Madisonville, Kentucky to consider a text amendment of the Earlington Zoning Ordinance relating to House Bill 160 and manufactured housing. Katie Wyatt, HCJPC, 270-825-4457.

LEGAL NOTICE

Chaille Tower Consultants, LLC (TAG Towers, LLC) proposes to construct a 199' monopole cell tower at 22 Maple Lane, Madisonville, KY (Parcel ID# M-24-4-28). A public hearing will be held May 28th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. CT/ 6:30 ET at Hopkins County Government Center, 56 N. Main Street, Madisonville, KY 42431. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission at (270)825-4457 or at 67 N. Main Street, Madisonville, KY 42431.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission will hold two public hearings beginning at 5:30 pm CST/6:30 ET on May 28, 2026 in the Hopkins County Government Center, 56 North Main, Madisonville, KY to consider the following:
1) rezoning request for 960 Brown Badgett Loop, Madisonville, KY from High Density Residential to Neighborhood Commercial 2) Text Amendment to the City of Madisonville Zoning Ordinance Relating to Qualified Manufactured Homes Mandy Todd, Zoning Administrator, City of Madisonville 270-824-2108

LEGAL NOTICE

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 11
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 FOR THE CITY OF MORTONS GAP, KENTUCKY.

	General Fund	M/A Fund	LGEAF	Other Funds	Total
REVENUE					
Taxes	162,500				162,500
Licenses and Permits	25,800				25,800
Charges for Services			725,000		725,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	4,500	300		15,000	19,800
Miscellaneous	500			10,800	11,300
KIA Water Grants				260,000	260,000
ARPA				100,280	100,280
Other Unappropriated Funds	34,000	26,750		277,050	337,800
TOTAL REVENUE	227,300	27,050		1,388,130	1,642,480
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	293,006				293,006
Intergovernmental Expense		15,000		1,550	16,550
Fire Department				19,570	19,570
Water Department				308,775	308,775
Sewer Department				849,553	849,553
Reserve for Contingencies	10,500	12,000	1,800	100,650	124,950
Other Expenses	11,028				11,028
Grants & Loans				19,048	19,048
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	314,534	27,000	1,800	1,299,146	1,642,480

DATE OF FIRST PUBLIC READING May 4th, 2026
PUBLICLY READ AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
ADOPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2026

ATTESTED:

/s/ Kara Erickson
Kara Erickson, City Clerk

/s/ Chris Phelps
Chris Phelps, Mayor

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