

MAC petitions CFP to count Western Michigan game as win

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The Mid-American Conference filed appeals Tuesday with the NCAA and the College Football Playoff asking that Western Michigan’s controversial last-second, second-chance loss to Michigan be considered a Broncos victory for ranking purposes.

MAC commissioner Jon Steinbrecher claimed in a letter that Big Ten Conference replay officials failed to follow proper protocol by using the clock feed embedded in the replay system rather than the official game-feed monitor to determine that one second should be put back on the clock at the end of regulation Saturday in Ann Arbor. The decision came after a last-ditch Michigan pass fell incomplete. Michigan quarterback Bryce Underwood used that second opportunity to complete a 47-yard touchdown pass for a 13-12 Wolverines home win.

The MAC believes the game feed showed that time ran out before anyone made contact with the ball in the back of the end zone on the first pass attempt. The replay crew, using its monitor, determined that a Western Michigan defender who was out of bounds made contact with one second to play. “This was not a judge-

ment regarding the proper amount of time to place on the clock,” Steinbrecher said in a brief statement on Tuesday. “It was an error in the application of the established replay protocol governing this specific end-of-game timing situation. Had the protocol been properly followed and the program-feed clock been used, no additional time would have been awarded, and Western Michigan would have won the game, 12-7.”

The conference said it has submitted formal appeals to the NCAA’s FBS Oversight Committee and the College Football Playoff, asking that the bodies consider Western Michigan (0-1) the winner of Saturday’s game “for purposes of their respective rankings, evaluations and selection deliberations, and take such other corrective action as may be within their authority.”

NBC’s broadcast of the game appeared to back up the MAC’s assertion. Officiating expert Terry McAulay said on the telecast and social media that no time should have been added.

Early Sunday, the Big Ten defended its call amid the uproar over the decision, saying the replay cameras were in sync with the game-feed cameras.

“Eighty-five minutes prior to the game, all broadcast cameras used

for the replay system, including the cameras on the game clock, are synced using a strobe system to ensure all cameras are aligned,” the conference said in a statement.

The MAC initially accepted the Big Ten’s explanation, but Steinbrecher said Tuesday that further study and investigation showed replay protocol was not properly followed.

“I recognize that the Oversight Committee does not ordinarily alter results recorded on the field,” Steinbrecher said in the appeals letter. “Nevertheless, the circumstances of this game are extraordinary. The final outcome was directly affected by a replay officiating error resulting from the failure to follow an established and specific protocol governing precisely this type of end-of-half timing situation.

“Western Michigan should not be disadvantaged because the prescribed replay protocol was not followed and an unsynchronized clock was used to award a play that, under the applicable procedure, should not have occurred.”

The MAC’s appeals are based in part on Western Michigan’s potential to make the CFP as the Group of 6 representative. The conference’s coaches voted the Broncos their preseason favorite to win the MAC championship.



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Tampa Bay’s Baker Mayfield, who had said he wouldn’t negotiate once training camp started, is now reportedly among the highest-paid quarterbacks in the NFL.

a belief and competitive edge that has had a tremendous impact on our football team,” Buccaneers general manager Jason Licht said in a news release. “He has earned the respect of everyone in our building with the way he prepares, competes and holds himself accountable.

“His toughness and ability to deliver in big moments are a big part of what makes him special, but what really stands out is the leadership he brings every day. Baker is the heartbeat of this team, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have a quarterback and leader like him.”

Mayfield earned back-to-back Pro Bowl nods in 2023 and 2024 while helping Tampa Bay capture consecutive division titles. The team limped to an 8-9 record last season -- losing seven of its last nine games and missing the playoffs.

Mayfield threw for 3,693 yards, 26 touchdowns and 11 interceptions while playing all 17 games despite dealing with multiple injuries. Mayfield also rushed 55 times for a career-high 382 yards and averaged an NFL-best 6.9 yards per carry among quarterbacks with at least 50 attempts.

“Baker is the ultimate competitor, and the guys in our locker room feed

off the energy, confidence and toughness he brings daily,” Bucs head coach Todd Bowles said in the news release. “He prepares the right way, holds himself accountable and is an unquestioned leader for our team. His belief in himself and this team never wavers, and he sets the tone for us every day. That is what you want from the person leading your football team, and we are excited to continue building with him as our quarterback.”

Tampa Bay nominated Mayfield for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year award in 2025. He was voted a team captain for the fourth straight season this year.

In eight NFL seasons, Mayfield has completed 63.5% of his passes for 28,525 yards, 197 touchdowns and 101 interceptions in 123 regular-season games (120 starts) with the Cleveland Browns (2018-21), Carolina Panthers (2022), Los Angeles Rams (2022) and Bucs.

He also has thrown for 1,338 yards, 12 TDs and three interceptions in five career playoff games.

Cleveland made Mayfield the first overall pick of the 2018 NFL Draft out of Oklahoma.

Tampa Bay opens its season on Sunday at the Cincinnati Bengals.

Knicks star Brunson to host ‘SNL’ premiere

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New York Knicks star Jalen Brunson will host the season premiere of “Saturday Night Live” on Sept. 26.

Named MVP of the 2026 NBA Finals in June, Brunson guided the Knicks to their first title in 53 years.

Hosting “SNL” for the first time, the 30-year-old guard will be joined by musical guest Katseye as the NBC sketch-comedy show opens its 52nd season.

Brunson averaged 32.6 points, 4.6 assists and 4.2 rebounds in the Finals against the San Antonio Spurs, including 45 points in the clinching 94-90 win in Game 5 on June 13.

The three-time All-Star guard has averaged 19.2 points, 5.3 assists and 3.2 boards in 561 career reg-



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Knicks guard Jalen Brunson celebrates while holding the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy during the team's ticker-tape parade and celebration on Broadway in downtown Manhattan in June.

ular-season games (411 starts) with the Dallas Mavericks (2018-22) and Knicks (2022-present).

Brunson joins an elite list of professional athletes

to host the show, including basketball stars Bill Russell and Charles Barkley and fellow New York sports hero and Yankees great Derek Jeter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the City of Lebanon for the Water Interconnection Enhancements Project 1 in Marion County, Kentucky. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

- This project will consist of:
- Installing a .75MG water storage tank along East Main Street behind Marion County High School and the Area Technology Center (37.5781706, -85.2286089). There will also be approximately 100 linear feet of 16-inch PVC pipe connecting the tank to the existing line. The tank and line will be located on previously disturbed ground from construction in the area.
 - Installing a 1000 gallons per minute booster pump station along KY55 on the Marion and Washington County line (37.6304311, -85.2567017). There will also be approximately 100 linear feet of 8-inch PVC pipe connected to the booster station to the existing line. The location is currently used for farming.

Project information is available for review at Lebanon Water Works Companies' office located at 120 S Proctor Knott Ave, Lebanon KY 40033. Their phone number is (270)692 - 2491. If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project, please provide any comments by email to **ATRO-REO@eda.gov**.

Comments received by 5:00 pm eastern on October 14, 2026 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NH PA decisional document will be available upon request from ATRO-REO@eda.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government will submit its Community Development Block Grant Grantee Performance Report, HOME Investment Partnerships Program Report, Emergency Solutions Report, and the Consolidated Plan Performance Report for the year ending June 30, 2026 to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on September 28, 2026. A copy of the draft report will be available on the government's web page at <https://www.lexingtonky.gov/consolidated-plan>. The draft report is also posted on the public library's website for review.

Any questions or comments should be submitted to the Division of Grants & Special Programs, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Sixth Floor, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 by September 26, 2026.

LFUCG operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If information is needed in languages other than English or if you are a person with a disability that would necessitate assistance in receiving a copy of the draft, please contact the Division of Grants & Special Programs at (859) 258-3070 (TTY (859) 425-2563).

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Pinson, at the Division of Grants & Special Programs at (859) 258-3070 (TTY (859) 425-2563).

LINDA GORTON MAYOR
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MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

In order to comply with the orders of the Fayette Circuit Court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action on **SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**, at the hour of 12:00 noon in the ROBERT F. STEPHENS COURTHOUSES, FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT BUILDING, 120 NORTH LIMESTONE, Lexington, Kentucky. A baillif will direct you to the appropriate room. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the (unless otherwise indicated) following terms and conditions. (A) At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. **In the event the successful bidder does not pay cash, the bidder will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon.** Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid, and shall have the force and effect of a judgment. (B) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current fiscal tax year (i.e. the amount that will be due thru June 30, 2027) and all subsequent years. All other delinquent taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and **filed of record** by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale. (C) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Fayette County Court Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendant(s). **"Master Commissioner Sales are "Buyer Beware" Sales. The Property is sold "As Is" "Where Is." The condition of the property, the merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of any type or nature, is not warranted by the Court, by the Master Commissioner, or by the Plaintiff. If you bid on property, you should have done your due diligence before you bid, not after!" FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE SALES AND OTHER UPCOMING SALES, AS WELL AS PAST SALES CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.FAYCOM.INFO. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO REFER TO THAT WEB SITE FOR ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS.**

- 1- 172 HEDGEWOOD COURT**, 25-CI-03549, Principal to be raised \$3,842.18. Parcel No. 13810900
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**JAMES H. FRAZIER, III
MASTER COMMISSIONER**

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Citadel Self Storage - Lexington located at 133 N. Locust Hill Dr., Lexington, KY, 40509 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored by tenants for default on their rental agreement. The sale will occur as an Online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 9/14/2026 at 10:00 AM. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
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Beverage Notice

Legal Notice.

Cedarhurst of Hamburg Management, LLC, d/b/a Cedarhurst of Hamburg hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ3 Retail Drink License and Special Sunday Retail Drink License no later than September 25, 2026. The licensed premises will be located at 1825 Little Herb Way, Lexington, KY 40509. The sole owner and president is Cedarhurst Living Holdings, LLC, 300 Hunter Avenue, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63124. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.
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Legal Notice.

Cedarhurst of Beaumont Management LLC, d/b/a Cedarhurst of Beaumont hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ3 Retail Drink License and Special Sunday Retail Drink License no later than September 25, 2026. The licensed premises will be located at 1165 Monarch St., Lexington, KY 40513. The sole owner and president of the proposed licensee is Cedarhurst Living Holdings, LLC, 300 Hunter Avenue, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63124. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.
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Jiom LLC. Snehal Patel, 1200 Winchester Road. Lexington KY 40505 Herby declares to apply for a NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package license, a Quota Retail Package License, and sampling license no later than September 10, 2026, the business to be licensed will be located at 1200 Winchester Road, Lexington KY 40505 doing business as Liquor Lot. The Owner, Snehal Patel of 781 Calista Flat Lexington KY 40511. Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.
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