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BRIAN'S NOTEBOOK

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Brian's Take recaps 20 MSB opinion takes published during the week. These are the key conclusions from MSB's reporting, analysis and game coverage....

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Taveras Drives in Three as Orioles Hold Off Athletics, 5-3

The Orioles are finding ways to win games they probably would have lost earlier in the season. Saturday was a perfect example. Baltimore did not dominate offensively. The Orioles had seven hits, went through several innings without generating much offense and watched a four-run lead shrink to one. The Athletics put runners everywhere against the bullpen. But...

2

Orioles outlast Athletics 4-3 in 10 innings behind Mayo, Encarnacion-Strand...

This was not the prettiest Orioles win of the season, but it might have been one of the more important ones. Baltimore had several chances to let this game slip away. The Orioles blew a 2-0 advantage. Their offense went quiet for most of the night. The Athletics tied the game in the eighth and then pulled within one run during the bottom of the 10th. Baltimore still...

3

Orioles Reinstate Blaze Alexander From Injured List, Option Luis VÆzquez to Triple-A Norfolk...

Blaze Alexander may not be the biggest name on the Orioles roster, but Baltimore absolutely missed him. A .312 average and .807 OPS from a player capable of starting at six different positions is extremely valuable. Alexander had developed into one of the Orioles' most reliable players before the fractured hand interrupted his season. The Orioles have put...

4

Big Al is back again: Albert SuÆrez returns to Orioles organization after briefly electing free agency...

At this point, the Orioles might as well keep a locker for Albert SuÆrez at Camden Yards. The entire situation is almost comical. Baltimore designates Big Al for assignment. He clears waivers. Sometimes he accepts Norfolk. Sometimes he elects free agency. Then a few days later, he is an Oriole again. But underneath the unusual transaction history is something...

AROUND THE STATE

THIS WEEK IN MARYLAND SPORTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Ethan Anderson Homers as Chesapeake Baysox Shut Out Harrisburg Senators

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Orioles outlast Athletics 4-3 in 10 innings behind Mayo, Encarnacion-Strand

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Orioles Reinstate Blaze Alexander From Injured List, Option Luis VÆzquez to Triple-A Norfolk...

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Orioles Survive Cardinals Comeback, Win 8-7 on Encarnacion-Strand s Ninth-Inning Double...

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Chesapeake Baysox Baseball Beat Harrisburg Senators 2-1 as Anderson De Los Santos Hits Seventh-Inning Homer...

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Orioles Begin Critical Nine-Game Road Trip With Three-Game Set Against Cardinals...

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



UPCOMING WEEK

More Maryland sports coverage, schedules and breaking news are ahead.

BALTIMORE RAVENS

BALTIMORE RAVENS PRESEASON WEEK 3

FINAL

BATTLE OF THE BELTWAYS

BALTIMORE RAVENS 41 VS WASHINGTON COMMANDERS 3

✓ RAVENS FINISH PRESEASON 3-0 | 456 TOTAL YARDS TO 177 | RAVENS ALLOW JUST 13 POINTS IN PRESEASON

FEATURE STORY

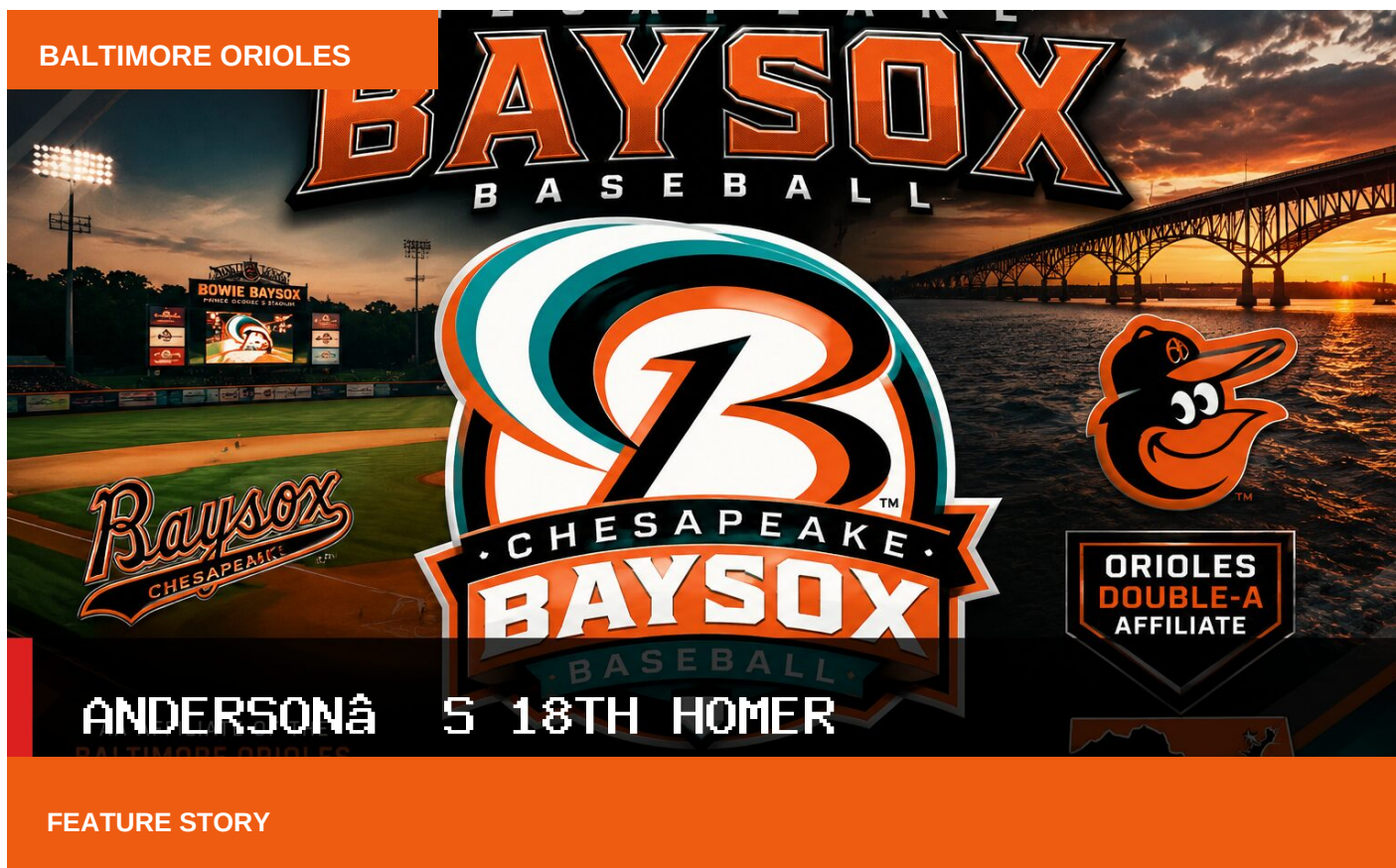
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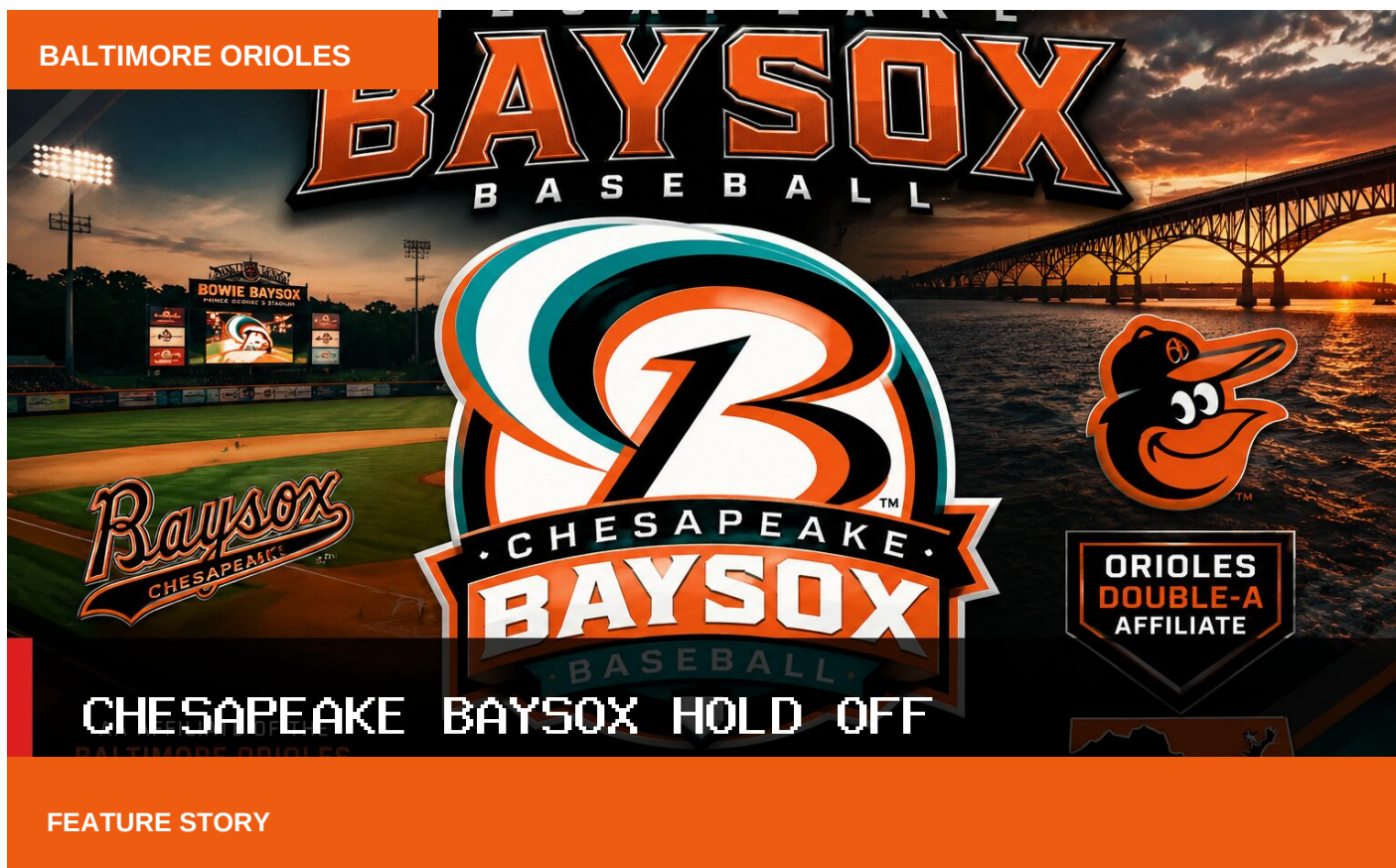
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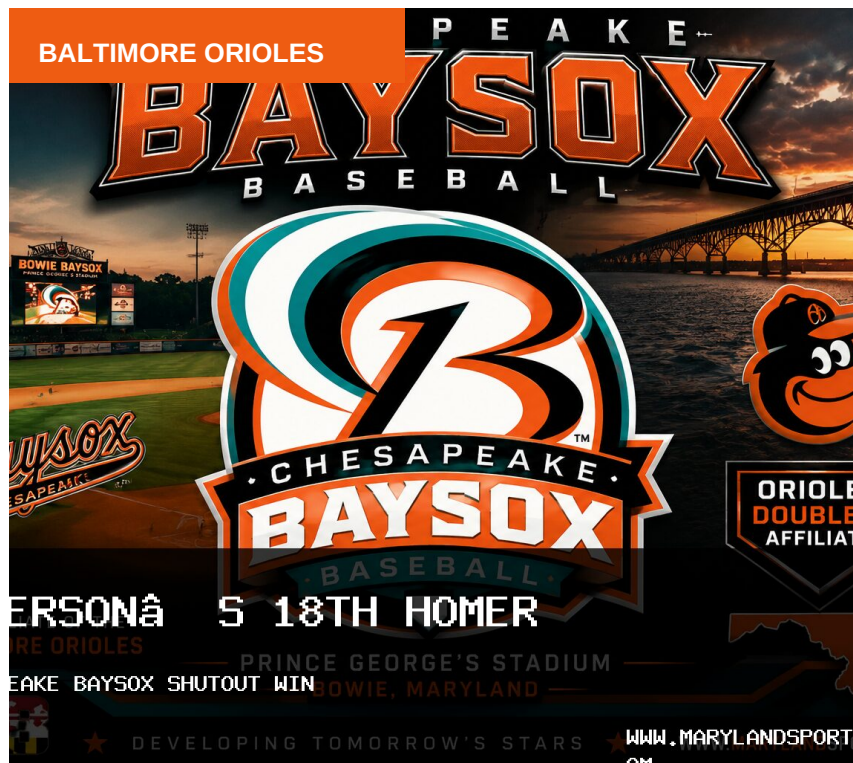
Chesapeake Baysox Clinch Third 2026 Road Series After 9-8 Win Over Harrisburg Senators

The Chesapeake Baysox used four early home runs to build an 8-1 lead before holding off the Harrisburg Senators 9-8 at FNB Field and clinching their third road series of 2026.

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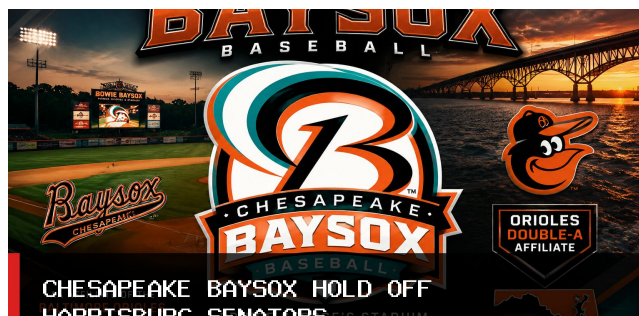
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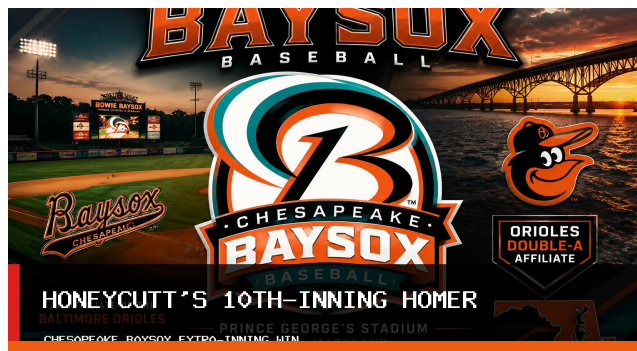
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By Brian Hradsky The Baltimore Orioles needed extra innings Friday night, but Coby Mayo and Christian Encarnacion-Strand delivered when Baltimore needed them most. Mayo.....

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Chesapeake Baysox Beat Harrisburg Senators 9-7 Behind Vance Honeycutt's First Double-A Home...

Vance Honeycutt went 4-for-6 with four extra-base hits and four RBIs, including his first Double-A homer, as the Chesapeake Baysox defeated the Harrisburg Senators.....

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Orioles Reinstate Blaze Alexander From Injured List, Option Luis Vazquez to Triple-A Norfolk...

The Baltimore Orioles got an important piece of their lineup back Friday, reinstating infielder/outfielder Blaze...

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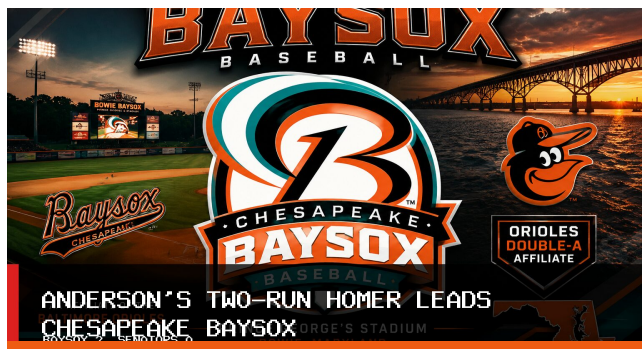


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Albert Suarez and the Baltimore Orioles apparently cannot stay away from each other. Only three days after electing free...

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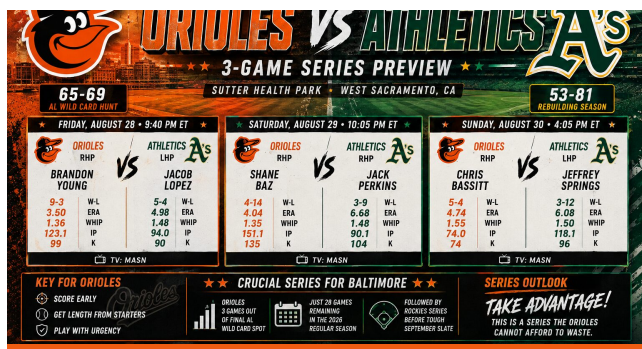
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Trey Mancini is coming home: Orioles fan favorite will retire as a Baltimore Oriole...

Trey Mancini's baseball career will end where it belongs in Baltimore. The Baltimore Orioles announced Friday that Mancini will sign...

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Orioles head west for crucial three-game series against injury-riddled Athletics...

The Baltimore Orioles enter the final weekend of August with very little margin for error. Baltimore opens a three-game series against the Athletics on.....

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Orioles rally late but fall short in 7-5 loss to Cardinals

ST. LOUIS The Baltimore Orioles made another late push Thursday afternoon, but an early five-run deficit proved too much to overcome in a...

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Orioles Survive Cardinals Comeback, Win 8-7 on Encarnacion-Strand s Ninth-Inni...

The Baltimore Orioles watched a seven-run advantage disappear Wednesday night, but Christian Encarnacion-Strand made sure the collapse did not turn into a loss. Encarnacion-Strand.....

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BALTIMORE RAVENS



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JOE FAGNANO
MAKES THE ROSTER

NAMED RAVENS' THIRD QUARTERBACK

PRESEASON FINALE vs COMMANDERS

- 19/27, 162 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT
- Poise in the pocket
- Protected the football
- Led multiple scoring drives
- Helped Ravens finish 3-0 in preseason

RAVENS ROSTER MOVES

NOTABLE CUTS

- WR Chris Moore
- WR Octavian Smith Jr.
- ILB Jamon Johnson
- CB Lardarius Webb Jr.
- DL Aaron Graves
- RB Jonathan Ward
- RB Dontae McMillan
- QB Austin Reed
- ...and several others

TRADE

- OT Diego Pounds to Chiefs for 2028 6th round pick
- DL C.J. Okoye to Giants for 2028 7th round pick

2026 PRESEASON STATS

COMP/ATT	COMP %	YARDS	TD	INT	PASSER RATING
56/75	74.7%	509	3	1	100.0

vs. PHI: 9/12, 68 YDS, TD, 0 INT | vs. MIN: 15/20, 172 YDS, TD, 1 INT | vs. WSH: 19/27, 162 YDS, TD, 0 INT

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Joe Fagnano Wins Ravens Third Quarterback Job as Baltimore Finalizes...

The Baltimore Ravens had one of the NFL's deepest rosters entering training camp, which guaranteed that...



Ravens Trade Rookie Offensive Tackle Diego Pounds to Chiefs for Conditional Draft Pick...

The Baltimore Ravens have turned a strong preseason from undrafted rookie offensive tackle Diego Pounds into future draft capital. Baltimore...



Ravens Trade Defensive Lineman C.J. Okoye to Giants for 2028 Draft Pick

The Baltimore Ravens have turned one of their difficult roster decisions into future draft capital. Baltimore...

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Battle of the Beltways, Battle of MSB: Ravens and Commanders Close Preseason in Baltimore...

By Brian Hradsky It is the Battle of the Beltways. For Maryland Sports Blog, it is also something of a Battle...

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WASHINGTON CAPITALS AND HERSHEY BEARS



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South Carolina Stingrays 2026-27 Schedule Changes for Men s Hockey...

The South Carolina Stingrays announced 2026-27 schedule changes for men s hockey, including a moved Orlando game, Jacksonville date revisions a...



Hershey Bears Sign Forward Kyle Jackson to One-Year AHL Contract

The Hershey Bears continued adding depth to their forward group Wednesday, signing forward Kyle Jackson to a one-year American Hockey...



Capitals Add Veteran Goaltender Cal Petersen on Professional Tryout for Training Camp...

The Washington Capitals are adding another experienced goaltender to the mix ahead of training camp. Washington announced Tuesday that veteran...

MARYLAND COLLEGE SPORTS



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Mount St. Mary's Men's Soccer Falls 2-0 at Duquesne

Mount St. Mary's men's soccer suffered its first loss of the 2026 season Thursday, falling 2-0 to Duquesne at Arthur J. Rooney Field in Pittsburgh...



Frostburg State University Women's Soccer Opens 2026 Season With 4-0 Win Over Lake Erie...

Frostburg State University Women's Soccer opened the 2026 season with a 4-0 shutout win over Lake Erie behind goals from...



Johns Hopkins Reagan O'Brien Named to 2025-26 CSC Academic All-District Women's Lacrosse Team...

College Sports Communicators announced the 2025-26 Academic All-District Women's At-Large teams, including Reagan O'Brien of Johns Hopkins University on the.....

MARYLAND COLLEGE SPORTS



Stevenson University Women's Field Hockey Places Shae Bennett, Gracy Catalano and Jordan Vradenburgh...

Shae Bennett, Gracy Catalano and Jordan Vradenburgh of Stevenson University Women's Field Hockey were highlighted on the 2026 NFHCA Collegiate Watch List.

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University of Maryland Eastern Shore Women's Volleyball Loses to Florida A&M in Three Sets...

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Women's Volleyball lost to Florida A&M, 3-0, on August 29, 2026, in Huntsville, Alabama, to close the Alabama A&M.....

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Coppin State Volleyball Battles Virginia Tech Before Falling in Four Sets...

By Maryland Sports Blog Staff Coppin State volleyball showed it could compete with an ACC opponent Saturday afternoon, but Virginia Tech eventually used its.....

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Morgan State Rallies Past North Carolina A&T, 17-7, to Open 2026 Season...

By Maryland Sports Blog Morgan State opened the 2026 football season with a statement Saturday night, rallying from a halftime deficit and shutting...

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Salisbury University 2026 Men's Soccer Team Emphasizes Daily Improvement Under Zack MacDougall

The 2026 Salisbury University men's soccer team returns its top three goal scorers and nine of its top 10 leaders in minutes after reaching...

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University of Maryland Eastern Shore Women's Volleyball Splits Opening Day at Alabama A&M...

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore women's volleyball team split its opening-day matches at the Alabama A&M Tournament, losing to the host before sweeping.....

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Bowie State University Women's Volleyball Opens 2026 at Four-Match Fairmont State Classic...

Bowie State University's women's volleyball team will open the 2026 season with four matches at the Fairmont State Classic on Aug. 28-29 in Fairmont,...

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MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



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MPSSAA Announces 2026 Fall Sports Start Dates as Girls Flag Football Deb...

MPSSAA announced the 2026 fall sports start dates and confirmed that girls flag football will debut as a sanctioned sport after sponsorship exceeded th...



Jen Hahn Becomes Athletic Director of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School Athletic Program...

Jen Hahn became the athletic director of the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School athletic program after initially joining the Baltimore...



Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association Opens High School Football Officiating Crew...

The MPSSAA, Baltimore Ravens and NFHS are accepting Maryland nominations for the High School Football Officiating Crew of the Month...

WASHINGTON NATIONALS



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House, Kent Power Nationals Past Marlins in 9-2 Rout

The Washington Nationals defeated the Miami Marlins, 9-2, Friday night at Nationals Park behind a dominant outing from rookie.....



Nationals pound Marlins 9-2 as Jackson Kent earns first major league win...

By Brian Hradsky The Washington Nationals finally broke through against the Miami Marlins on Friday night, riding a huge third...

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