Curry out at least 2 weeks with knee sprain

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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry is expected to miss several weeks after an MRI Monday morning revealed a Grade 1 MCL sprain in his right knee.

He will be re-evaluated in two

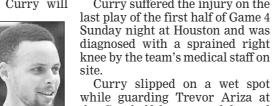
Just before noon, Curry tweeted:

"Thanks 4 all the prayers & messages. Can feel all the positive energy. God is Great! All things considered I'm Gonna be alright!

The injury means Curry will miss the rest of the first-Warriors'

series against the Rockets and perhaps a portion of their second round, most likely against the Los Angeles Clippers.

And there is no guarantee that after two weeks, he will be able to return to action right away.



the first-half buzzer and banged his right knee on the floor. He grabbed the knee and limped off to the locker room.

Curry returned to the court after halftime and moved laterally to test the joint but shook his

turned to the locker room. He was ruled out just after the second half began.

The Warriors look to close out their best-of-seven, first-round series against the Rockets on Wednesday night.

Curry missed Games 2 and 3 with a right ankle injury. He returned to the starting lineup for Game 4 and missed 7 of 9 shots in the first half, shooting just 1 of 7 on 3-pointers while pairing six points with five assists in 18 min-

BY PETE WARNER

ORONO — The Universi-

ty of Maine has again drawn

upon its connections with

Lee Academy and the coun-

try of Serbia to bring in a

player for the men's basket-

Dusan Majstorovic plans to transfer to UMaine for the

Majstorovic is a 6-foot-5

guard who played his fresh-

man season at La Salle Uni-

versity in Philadelphia, where

former UMaine coach John

Majstorovic appeared in 15

games and averaged 5.7 min-

utes per contest for the Ex-

plorers last season. He will sit

out a year under NCAA trans-

fer rules and becomes eligible

wing with good size and great feel," Walsh said in a news

release. "He can score in a lot

of ways, and he's a very driv-

en kid with great passion for

basketball. His approach and

dedication will really help ad-

vance our culture to a cham-

pionship level. Black Bear

fans are going to love watch-

Prior to attending La Salle,

Majstorovic spent a year at

Lee Academy where he was

teammates with current

Black Bears Aaron Calixte

and Ilija Stojiljkovic. While at

Lee, he averaged 14 points and

The native of Novi Sad, Ser-

ing him play.

six rebounds.

"Dusan is a tough, skilled

Walsh said in a news

to start the 2017-2018 season.

Giannini is the head coach.

Bob

BDN STAFF

ball team.

Monday

fall semester.

coach

Black Bears

Curry suffered the injury on the head toward the bench and re- utes before suffering the knee in-

"I thought his movement looked good. His conditioning was better than I expected," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said of Curry after the game. "And then he slips on the wet spot unfortunately, and back to square one.

"When you have a team that is as together as ours is and cares about each other like ours does, you tend to pick up the fight a little bit. Our guys sensed that we need-

Former Lee Academy

to transfer to UMaine

basketball player

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announced that

Garoppolo lone deflategate winner

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Twenty months after the deflated football drama began in New England, we might finally have a winner: Patriots backup quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo.

New England's No. 2 quarterback is the only player on the depth chart behind Tom Brady. But Brady's 112game streak of regular-season starts is in peril after an appeals court restored the NFL's four-game ban of Brady for his role in deflating game-used footballs in the 2015 AFC Championship game in Foxborough and the subsequent alleged cover-

While the courtroom football might not be over, it's fair to wonder what Garoppolo brings the Patriots in the first four games of the 2016 season and what the Patriots might do to fill in with Brady unavailable. For starters, they could lure Brian Hoyer as a backup, considering the free agent has experience in the offense and remains available at this late date.

Garoppolo is not Tom Brady. This we know, and the contract is another display of the disparity between No. 1 and No. 2 in New England.

Brady stands to lose \$235,941.17 for four games if suspended this season, but none of his \$9 million bonus.

Garoppolo will make \$686,718 for the entire season, plus a scheduled workout bonus of \$50,000.

For a little on-field insight, here's what coach Bill Belichick said the day he second round in 2014: "With the situation we have at



CHUCK COOK I USA TODAY

New England Patriots quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo makes a throw last August against the New Orleans Saints at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

felt as an organization that some degree in the future, so we'll see how all that works out but I think you're better off being early than late at that position." He also said, "We know what Tom's age and contract situation is. I don't think you want to have one quarterback on your team. I don't think that's responsible to the entire team or the organization."

The context has changed, of course, but there is truth in those words. And if the suspension sticks this time around, the tests for Garoppolo will be fast and furious.

Garoppolo's first NFL start would be Week 1 at Aridrafted Garoppolo in the zona on Sept. 11 in a primetime game against one of the league's most aggressive de-

quarterback, I think that we fenses. It so happens the Patriots traded their top pass we needed to address that to rusher, Chandler Jones, to the Cardinals last month. Garoppolo's next three starts would all be at home, but against Miami, then another primetime game, Sept 22 vs. the Houston Texans and reigning Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt before facing The Ryan Bros. aggressive 3-4 defense

on Oct. 2 Snippets of the NFL-DraftScout.com evaluation of Garoppolo coming out of Eastern Illinois University likened him to another EIU quarterback — Tony Romo.

"The comparison goes beyond coming from the same college program. Both lack elite physical skills, but are productive due to their timing, smarts and quick re-

lease to get the ball out," senior analyst Dane Brugler

He was also praised for a 'live arm, above-average timing and excellent passing vision.'

As for timing, the fourgame audition would be ideal for Garoppolo because the 24-year-old can be a free agent after the 2017 season. If not as Brady's replacement, the live action works as a resume-builder entering free agency. Recall on a similarly brief call with the Broncos (six starts), new Houston quarterback Brock Osweiler was handed \$72 million over four years from the Texans.

In 2015, Garoppolo got into five games and completed one pass in four attempts for six yards.

Brady's options for appeal-

ing the decision of the ap-

peals court are limited. With

the likelihood of the suspen-

sion being enacted in Sep-

tember, Pats fans are eager-

khardt predicted at worst a

3-1 start for New England

with Jimmy Garoppolo or

another quarterback direct-

ing the offense for the first

month of the season. Re-

gardless, most fans want to

over," said Jackson, who en-

visions a 2-2 start without

Brady. "Just take the four

games [suspension]. They'll

still make the playoffs,

they'll get to showcase

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"I'm ready for it to be

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er," Spekhardt added.

ly looking forward.

move on.

It appears as though

bia, played for the Under-16 Serbian Super League Team, earning MVP honors while averaging 21.0 points. Majstorovic also played for the U-16 Serbian National Team.

Vann chooses VCU

Issac Vann, who recently announced his departure from UMaine after only one season, has chosen a new

The 6-7 forward will transfer from UMaine to Virginia Commonwealth University, which is a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference. The move was revealed recently after he visited the school in Richmond.

Vann, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, averaged a teambest 16.4 points along with 5.8 rebounds and 1.6 steals last season for the Black Bears. His 15.8 points per game in conference contests ranked sixth in the league.

Vann shot 46 percent from the field, including a teamhigh 41 percent from the 3-point line, and converted 78 percent of his free throws while averaging 28.3 minutes per game. Vann played in 17 of 30 games for 8-22 UMaine, missing several as the result of an ankle injury.

VCU went 25-11 last season, was the A-10 runner-up and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament, where it lost to Oklahoma. Coach Will Wade's team will lose six seniors after the 2016-2017 season and Vann becomes eligible in the fall of 2017.

3 UMaine student-athletes honored

UMaine women's basketball student-athletes Mikaela Gustafsson and Liz Wood and track and field performer Annabelle Wilson have been recognized as 2016 UMaine Outstanding Graduating Seniors in their respective colleges.

Gustafsson, of Sodertalje, Sweden, was named the Outstanding Graduating International Student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She is majoring in sociology, with a concentration in crime, law and deviance. She also has a minor in psychology, child development and family relations.

She plans to pursue a professional basketball career and a master's degree in international development, ultimately doing work related to immigration and welfare poli-

Wilson of Geelong, Victoria, Australia, has been named the Outstanding Graduating International Student in the College of Education and Human Development.

The elementary education major, with concentrations in English and human development, is a member of UMaine's women's cross country, and track and field teams. She captained both this year.

She plans to start her elementary school teaching career in Maine.

Wood, of Catlett, Virginia, has been named the Outstanding Graduating Student in the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture.

Wood has served as president of the UMaine Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the America East Conference representative on the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, She plans to pursue a professional basketball career, followed by medical school.

Patriots

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Ultimately, it didn't have to prove it. Nor was that the issue considered by the appeals court.

Instead the appellate judges appear to be reaffirming that Goodell acted within the parameters of the NFL's con-



tractual agreement with the

NFL Players Association. This was always about the CBA [Collective Bargaining Agreement] and not science or evidence," said longtime Bangor radio personality George Hale of Orrington. "Goodell said he based on the application of had power under the agreement and the court agreed."

"Unfortunate," is how Aaron Jackson, co-host of "The Drive" on 92.9 The Ticket in Brewer, referred to the decision.

"If the NFLPA agreed to said system, which they did, then they have to be held to it whether or not it's actually a system that works. I think that's probably up for debate," Jackson added. Even though most Patri-

ots fans are not well-versed in the law, they have come to understand through deflategate that maintaining one's allegiance to a team can sometimes mean dealing with the team's shortcomings.

"The proceedings had nothing to do with Brady's guilt or innocence. It was all

powers granted to the commissioner in the CBA," said Pat Spekhardt of Bangor. "While they may be absurdly out-of-whack with traditional systems of arbitration, the court ruled they don't violate labor laws [nor did Goodell misuse them Based on that, there's no argument.'

Brady's alleged actions aside, fans not only of the Patriots but of the NFL in general have come to realize that it might be time for change in regard to how much power the commissioner has in determining rules violations and imposing punishment.

'There's a reason a movement has started trying to reign in these specific powers. Until that happens, he is judge, jury and execution-

might be a good thing.' Softball

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Bangor took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a walk to Emily Gilmore, her stolen bases, Payne's RBI single, a fielder's choice, a stolen base and Jenna Bishop's RBI base hit.

The Witches responded with five in the bottom of the first to take a lead they would never relinquish.

Anna Chute doubled to left-center field off Bragg, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Meg Davis' grounder to third. Sellars walked and Libby Hewes lined a single off the glove of second baseman Gilmore.

Lord hit a slow roller between the plate and the pitcher's circle, and a wild throw to first allowed two

runs to score. A walk and an out later, a wild pitch produced the fourth run, and Rebecca Gideon's bunt single produced the final run.

Bangor got a run in the third when Gilmore walked and eventually scored on Megan Conners' sacrifice fly to center. The Rams got another in

Gilmore walked for the third time, stole second, and raced to third on a ground-

However, the University of Maine-bound Gilmore iammed her ankle on her slide into third and had to leave the game as she gin-

gerly walked off the field. Pinch-runner Grace Perron scored on Conners' groundout.

Senior Davis, who missed last season with a knee injury, picked up the win with $5^{1/3}$ innings of four-hit. four-run softball. She struck

out three and walked five. Chapman allowed one hit

and one unearned run over the final 13/3 innings

They were backed by a strong defensive performance as the Witches made just one error.

"It was a

very good win. It was our best defensive game of the year," Estes said. "I think we made six errors in our last game."

'Brewer played tough today. They were scrappy,' said Bangor coach Don Stanhope. "When they got up to the plate, they kept it simple and hit the ball hard. They played better than we did.

Bangor's Bishop was the game's only repeat hitter with two singles.

Speirs

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Speirs said he was disappointed with his last two rounds, but the fact he made the cut is something he can build on.

"I was frustrated with how I played on the weekend. I didn't have a very good game plan. I know better. I deserved what I got. At the same time, making the cut for the first time is a step in the right direc-

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choke to stop Lemke 24 sec-

onds into the first round of

their bout at NEF 13 on May

No date has been set for a

Powell-Lemke title fight, but

NEF's next scheduled re-

turn to Lewiston is on June

Caleb Hall of Dixfield and

tion," he said Monday.

"It's obviously a process. There are still things I need to realize, like if I'm not comfortable on a hole, l don't need to push it," said Speirs. "Golf can beat you down, but you've got to take

the positives from it. "It was nice to finally play on the weekend. I've got to learn from it and keep playing better so I can put myself in position to finish in the top 25, the top 10 or to eventually win a tournament,"

He is currently 165th on day.

the money list with earnings of \$1,495. The top 25 finishers on the money list earn their PGA Tour cards.

Speirs qualified for the Web.com Tour on his fifth attempt last fall.

The former Texas Christian and University of Mississippi golfer will try to make it two cuts in a row this weekend at the United Leasing and Finance Championships at the Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, Indiana. The fourday tourney begins Thurs-

land won the NEF amateur

featherweight title vacated

D'arce choke to force an end

to the fight and improve his

record to 7-3. Nelson fell to

Brandon Berry of West

the Kronk Gym in Detroit, Michigan,



fought to a six-round maiority draw in the lone boxing match of night. the Berry won the bout on one judge's

scorecards, but the other two judges had

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by Lacey with a secondround submission of Erik Nelson of Central Maine Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in Au-Hall, a former state championship wrestler from Dirigo High School, used a

the 140-pound bout tied. Berry is now 11-1-1 while the Choi Institute of Port- Forks and James Lester of Lester is 10-9-1.