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NFL

Trash talk before a garbage effort for Browns



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Talk was cheap after the Browns' pregame boasts of making Pittsburgh "theirs" on Sunday as they fell to the Steelers in Pittsburgh for the 23rd consecutive year, 27-6. The Browns couldn't stop the run and couldn't punch it into the end zone themselves as they fall to 5-3 and into third place in the AFC North. Deshaun Watson (above, shown on a fumble in the first half) threw for 324 yards with the Browns playing from far behind and their own running game bottled up. Tight end Harold Fannin (below) had 10 catches. The Browns stay on the road next Sunday at New Orleans. *Photos by Joshua Gunter, cleveland.com*



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PITCH-RIGGING TRIAL

Clase set to deliver the pitch of his life

The G's former closer goes on trial today, fighting allegations that he rigged pitches for bettors.

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Emmanuel Clase once dominated the ninth inning. Featuring a 100-mph fastball that moved sharply at the last moment, he became one of baseball's most effective relief pitchers, helping ensure the Guardians usually won when they had a lead entering the game's final inning.

Over parts of five seasons as the Guardians' closer he led the American League in saves three times, helped them reach the postseason twice and became the franchise's all-time leader in saves with 181.

But today, Clase will step into a courtroom in Brooklyn, New York, to fight for his career and freedom. If convicted, Clase could face a lifetime ban from MLB, and prosecutors estimate he would serve between seven and nine years in prison.

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COMMENTARY

From turtles, take note: On Tuesday we vote

A Dr. Seuss tale of a tyrant and the turtles beneath him offers a lesson in power as Americans head to the polls.

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There are certain children's books I never tire of reading to my 6-year-old daughter. Dr. Seuss's "Yertle the Turtle" is one of them, though I suspect the reasons I'm drawn to it have changed considerably since I was a child.

My daughter delights in the absurdity of a turtle who believes himself king of everything he can see. I find myself thinking about the country she will inherit, and the men who mistake the power entrusted to them for power that belongs to them.

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