

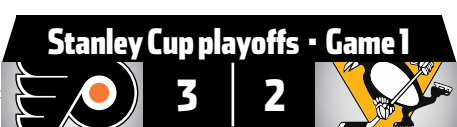


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Fans enter PPG Paints Arena on Saturday for Game 1 of the Penguins-Flyers first-round series in Pittsburgh. (Photos: Chaz Palla | TribLive) **Find game coverage on B1 and at TribLive.com.**

## 'IT'S ELECTRIC'

### 1ST GAME OF PENS VS. FLYERS PLAYOFF MATCHUP DRAWS ROWDY, EXCITED FANS

BY MEGAN SWIFT

Soaked Pittsburgh Penguins fans clamored at the doors of PPG Paints Arena on Saturday, waiting to be let in to the Stanley Cup playoff opening game against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Stormy weather in the evening broke up a sunny and warm afternoon and left Jackson Butler and his friends standing in the rain for almost an hour before the arena doors opened.

"It felt like an eternity," said Butler, 22, of Charleroi.

The Penguins might know how he feels. They took to playoff ice for the first time in four years, led by veteran trio Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang.

Butler was joined by his friends, Nolan Walters and Ashton Chip-lasky. After driving in for the game, they began waiting outside PPG Paints Arena at 5:30 p.m. Doors opened just before 6:30 p.m., and the puck dropped about two hours later. They were some of the first fans in line. Butler said playing against the Flyers is the "perfect way to come back in" to the playoffs.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the



Penguins fans were thrilled to see their team in the playoffs for the first time in four years, and the Pens-Flyers rivalry amped up the excitement.

cross-state rivalry took a negative turn — off the ice. Penguins and Flyers fans continuously booed and yelled at each other while walking around inside the arena.

John Swearhart of Bloomfield witnessed a Penguins fan and Flyers fan yelling at each other in one of the concourses. The altercation started

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## Westmoreland bomb-sniffing dog to work NFL Draft

### County to foot bill as it loans K-9 to Pittsburgh for 4 days

BY RICH CHOLODOFSKY

Westmoreland County will deploy park police and a bomb-detection police dog to assist the city of Pittsburgh during this week's NFL Draft.

County park police Chief Jeff Shearer said one of the department's officers and the county's explosives canine will be stationed in Pittsburgh for four days. The assignment consists of four 12-hour shifts, which will require the county to pay overtime.

While commissioners approved the agreement, they confirmed the county will foot the bill for the personnel loan.

"We want to do our part, but it would be nice for the NFL to reimburse us," said Commissioner Sean Kertes.



Westmoreland County Park Police Officer Bill Meyers conducts a regular sweep of the courthouse courtyard with police dog Rico in 2023 in Greensburg. (Shane Dunlap | Tribune-Review)

Westmoreland is one of 17 law enforcement agencies providing additional security for the three-day event. Local officials are hopeful the draft, which is expected to draw 500,000 visitors, will provide a spillover economic jolt for Westmoreland County tourism.

"This will be good for our region. We will be helped by our hotel rooms being filled and ancillary spin-off activities. It's a fair trade for us," Commissioner Ted Kopas said of the costs associated with donating personnel to the security effort for the draft.

Just how much benefit Westmoreland County will receive from the event has yet to be determined.

Laura Argenbright, senior director of creative strategy for Go Laurel Highlands, the county's tourism bureau, said the local hotels have yet to see a major uptick in reservations in advance of the draft.

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## Iran closes strait over U.S. blockade

*Revolutionary Guard gunboats fire on ships as new supreme leader issues defiant remarks*

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» Pope Leo says it is "not in my interest" to debate President Donald Trump about the war in Iran, but he will continue preaching a message of peace. **A10**

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CAIRO — The standoff over the Strait of Hormuz escalated again Saturday as Iran reversed its reopening of the crucial waterway and fired on ships attempting to pass, in retaliation as the United States pressed ahead with its blockade of Iranian ports.

The strait is closed until the U.S. blockade is lifted, Iran's Revolutionary Guard navy said Saturday night, warning that "no vessel should make any movement from its anchorage in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman, and approaching the Strait of Hormuz will be considered as cooperation with the enemy" and be targeted.

New attacks on the strait, through which about one-fifth of the world's oil normally passes, threatened to deepen the global energy crisis and push the countries into renewed conflict as the war entered its eighth week.

A fragile ceasefire is due to run out by Wednesday. Iran said it had received

new proposals from the United States, and Pakistani mediators were working to arrange another round of direct negotiations.

Iran's joint military command earlier said "control of the Strait of Hormuz has returned to its previous state ... under strict management and control of the armed forces."

Revolutionary Guard gunboats opened fire on a tanker, and an unknown projectile hit a container vessel, damaging some containers, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center said. India's foreign ministry said it summoned Iran's ambassador over the "serious incident" of firing on two India-flagged merchant ships, especially after Iran earlier let several India-bound ships through.

For Iran, the strait's closure — imposed after the U.S. and Israel launched the war Feb. 28 during talks over Tehran's

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Merchant tankers wait at anchor Saturday in the Strait of Hormuz off the coast of Qeshm Island, Iran. (AP)

## Allegheny Valley considers daylong ban on cellphones

*Under policy, students would lose access to devices 'bell to bell'*

BY JAMES ENGEL

Allegheny Valley students are barred from using their cellphones during classes, but the school board plans to discuss a new policy that would ban phone use throughout the school day.

Students would not be allowed to access their phones at lunch, between classes or during study halls.

The board will vote on the first reading of the policy at its meeting Tuesday. Policy changes require two readings, meaning a

### Coming up

**Who:** Allegheny Valley School Board  
**What:** Vote on first reading of proposed cellphone policy  
**Where:** Acmetonia Forum, next to Acmetonia Elementary  
**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday

second and final vote would have to take place.

The proposed policy is in anticipation of state-level legislation that would implement a similar "bell-to-bell" plan, according to school board President Paula Moretti.

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