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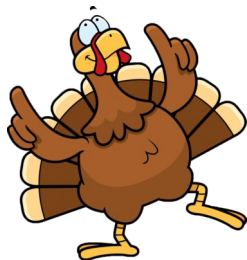


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### Happy Thanksgiving!



### SPORTS STUFF



## My Top 10 Favorite NBA Players

### The Tusker Tribune Commentary: The Class Switch



**By Noah Cohen  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

It has been about a week since some kid's classes switched unexpectedly and they were moved to new classes marking period 2.

The Board of Education thought that there were too many kids in the accelerated math class. There were around 30 kids in Mrs. Lee's class and 30 in Mrs. Cartelli's periods five and seven, so they picked about five to eight kids from each of those classes and put them into Ms. Kealy Miller's period 2 class.



I was one of the kids put into Ms. Kealy Miller's class from Mrs. Cartelli's period five class. This class switch annoyed me because we were finally getting our class together and the routine was getting set when they switched my math class.

I also was taken out of period two science with Mrs. Manko and was put into period five science with Mrs. Manko. I got upset about that because I had an amazing table in period 2 with some friends of mine and I was really enjoying period two.

I feel there was no reason for our classes to be switched.



**By Michael Abrams  
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My favorite thing to do when I'm bored is to make top 10 lists. Here is my favorite.

### Favorite NBA Players

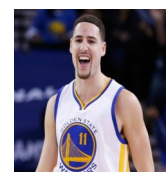
#### 10. **Kyrie Irving.**

This superstar Cav is a Ball Handling Master. He averages 21.9 points per game (ppg), 5.5 assists per game (apg), and 3.5 rebounds per game (rpg). He is a former champion on



the Cleveland Cavaliers alongside LeBron James and Kevin Love. He once scored a 42-point, 11 assist, and 10 three pointer triple-double game against the New York Knicks!

#### 9. **Klay Thomson.**



The 2nd Splash Brother on the Golden State Warriors is a shooting phenom. He once hit 60

point in 29 minutes against the Indiana Pacers in 2015. He averages 25.8 PPG, 5.4 APG, and 7.9 RPG.

#### 8. **Kawhi Leonard**

Kawhi is a superstar averaging 25.4 PPG, 9.2 APG, and 10.4 RPG. He is a 2-time champion with the San Antonio Spurs along with Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, and Manu Ginobili.



#### 7. **Chris Paul**

An excellent passer and shooter Chris Paul has made a name for himself by creating possibilities for him and his teammates to score. He averages 22.8 PPG, 7.9 APG, 4.5 RPG. He helped the Houston Rockets to the Western Conference Finals with James Harden before getting injured.



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## Where Will 'Mean' Machado Go?



**By Connor Griggs  
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There has been a lot of speculation around the Dodgers' nasty shortstop, Manny Machado, and where he will sign coming into the 2019-2020 season.



Machado is an all-star shortstop who is known for his feisty attitude on the field and his fiery and special game. For example, he once got into a brawl and punched KC Royals player Yordano Ventura.

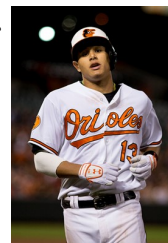


Machado is an all-star but is passed on by most teams because of his attitude and lack of hustle.

Manny Machado's career numbers include 175 home runs, a .282 batting average, 513 RBIs, 1,050 career hits.

Machado bats righty and throws righty. He currently plays 3<sup>rd</sup> base and shortstop positions.

Machado was drafted 3<sup>rd</sup> overall by the Baltimore Orioles in 2010. He was traded to the Dodgers in the middle of the 2018 season. He is now a free agent and he's looking for a big contract. I think he will go to the Yankees. What about you?



## The Greatest Singer of All



**By Deanna DeCamp  
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Have you ever heard of Shawn Mendes? You haven't lived until you have heard his music. A few songs you may know of his include "Stitches", "Treat You Better", "Mercy", and "In My Blood". He has claimed many awards, been #1 on the music charts, and has toured many places.



Shawn Mendes was born on August 8, 1998 in Pickering, Ontario. Shawn did his schooling at Pine Ridge Secondary School in his hometown. He is currently 20 years old. His immediate family members include Karen Mendes, (his mother) Manuel Mendes, (his father) and Aaliyah Mendes (his little sister).

As of 2018, Shawn Mendes' net worth is \$12 million. He has written many songs that all come from the heart. Take his song "In My Blood" for example. This is about Shawn's anxiety. It has always been a struggle for him in many ways, but music helped him

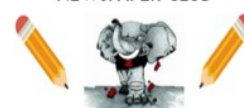


express that. That is what this song is all about. Shawn has toured many continents around the world. This includes North America, South America, Europe, Australia, and even Asia. He is not just popular in one continent but in five! Going to his concerts are an experience you will never forget. I have been to two of his concerts and you should believe me, no concert in my life will ever be more entertaining the Shawn Mendes concerts. He usually tours every other year. I went to his concerts in 2015, 2017 and I am going to one in the summer of 2019.



If you don't know who Shawn Mendes is, I hope I gave you a little bit of background knowledge about his life. You can listen to his music on Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube and different music sites online. Shawn Mendes is the greatest singer of our century. Well at least he is in my opinion and many others' opinions around the world.

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Have you ever wondered what happened today-ten years ago? Twenty years ago? Thirty? In *This Week in History*, I will tell you about the events that happened that particular week that could have impacted our everyday lives, or are just really interesting to learn about.



### November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1784

The 12<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Zachary Taylor, was born on this date in Orange County, Virginia. Taylor was known for his heroics in the Mexican American War, which was fought between the years 1846-1848. He died while in office from the stomach flu at the age of Sixty-six.

### November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1783

After the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, the last of the British troops left New York City, concluding their seven year occupation there. They headed home for England after finally accepting that they had been defeated by their own colonies.



### November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1821

On this date, Panama, a small Spanish colony, declared itself independent from it's European power and joined the new nation, Gran Columbia.

### November 30<sup>st</sup>, 1995

Bill Clinton, the 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States, became the *first* American President to travel to Northern Ireland.



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## What's Going On Around The NBA?

By Benjamin Cutler  
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This first month of the 2018-2019 NBA season has been spectacular! Here are some of the reasons why.

As most of you know, LeBron James is now on the Los Angeles Lakers. What you may not know is he recently passed Wilt Chamberlain on the All-Time Scoring List to get to 5<sup>th</sup> on that list! Also, a trade that was going to happen someday, everybody thought, was Jimmy Butler getting traded, and that's what happened. He went to the Philadelphia 76ers with Justin Patton from the Minnesota Timberwolves. From the 76ers to the Timberwolves was Robert Covington, Dario Saric, Jerryd Bayless, and a 2022 second round pick.

There have also been some stunning injuries that have happened so far. One of them was Monday, November 12, when the Brooklyn Nets faced the Minnesota Timberwolves. The Timberwolves were on a fast break, and Josh Okogie went for a layup. Caris Levert tried to block it.



They both fell, Caris Levert on Okogie. Levert's ankle then twisted, and dislocated. The injury was a dislocated ankle, but thankfully not as bad as it looked. They're saying he'll be back before the end of the season!

Also, Russell Westbrook and the Oklahoma City Thunder were up against the New Orleans Pelicans. Westbrook jumped up for a rebound and landed on Anthony Davis' foot. He got a sprained ankle after that.

The standings have been very surprising as of the first month! The Golden State Warriors, leading the western conference, Portland Trail Blazers then Denver Nuggets behind them. In the east, the Toronto Raptors have been off to an amazing start in

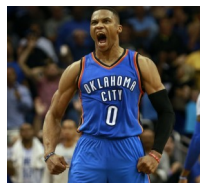
the 1<sup>st</sup> seed, the Milwaukee Bucks, surprisingly, behind them, and the Indiana Pacers behind them. My favorite team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, are at the bottom of the league with over 11 losses.

That's all I have to share with you! I hope you enjoyed and I'm excited to find out some more awesome things around the NBA!

### Players From Page 1

#### 6. Russel Westbrook

This thunderous player is known for his powerful drives to the hoop and averaging a triple-double (31.6 PPG, 10.4 APG, and 12.5 RPG)! In the 2016-2017 season, he recorded 42 triple-doubles!



#### 3. Paul George

PG-13 is a spectacular Small Forward for Oklahoma City averaging 24.8 PPG, 8.5 APG, and 7.9 RPG. He wore number 24 with the Pacers in memory of Kobe Bryant, his favorite NBA player.



#### 5. Stephen Curry

The other Splash Brother on the Warriors, Curry is an amazing three-point shooter with a 74% three! He averages 23.1 PPG, 7.2 APG, 6.2 RPG, and 1.8 steals per game (SPG).



#### 2. LeBron James

LBJ is without a doubt one of the best players ever. He is a 4-time NBA champion and averages 28.8 PPG, 7.8 APG, and 6.9 RPG.

#### 4. James Harden

Teammate of Chris Paul, Harden averages 27.8 PPG, 7.3 APG, and 5.3 RPG. The Beard is a Shooting Guard on the Houston Rockets. He made it to the NBA finals with the Oklahoma City Thunder in the 2012-2013.

#### 1. Kevin Durant

Although controversial at times, KD is the best Small Forward in the NBA. He averages 27.8 PPG, 8.7 APG, and 7.5 RPG!

I hope you enjoyed it!

