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THERE'S NEW HOPE WITH DALLAS BASKETBALL AS THE DALLAS WINGS CHOSE NONE OTHER THAN PAIGE "BUCKETS" BUECKERS WITH THEIR FIRST PICK IN LAST NIGHT'S W-N-B-A DRAFT. BUECKERS IS ONLY THE SIXTH PLAYER TO GO NUMBER ONE IN THE DRAFT AND WIN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE SAME YEAR, AND IT'S FOR A REASON. DURING HER TIME WITH THE UCONN HUSKIES LAST SEASON, SHE WAS THE ONLY DIVISION ONE PLAYER WITH 30 POINTS PER GAME SCORED OR ASSISTED ON. SHE ALSO HAD A 50 PERCENT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE AND A 40 PERCENT THREE POINT PERCENTAGE, STATS THAT EVEN TOPPED CAITLYN CLARK'S. BUECKERS JOINS FOUR-TIME ALL STAR ARIKE OGUNBOWALE AND NEW WINGS NALYSSA SMITH AND TYASHA HARRIS FOR WHAT MAY BE THE WINGS' BEST SEASON YET.

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AND THE DALLAS MAVERICKS MAY HAVE FALLEN TO THE 11TH SEED, BUT THERE COULD BE A SLIVER OF HOPE FOR THEM IN THE PLAYOFFS. ANTHONY DAVIS IS FINALLY BACK, AND HE MADE HIS MAVS DEBUT LAST NIGHT AGAINST THE BROOKLYN NETS. HE HELPED LEAD DALLAS TO A 120-101 WIN WITH 12 POINTS, 6 REBOUNDS AND 3 ASSISTS, PLUS A STEAL AND A BLOCK. WHILE IT WAS GREAT TO SEE DAVIS PLAY AFTER WHAT FELT LIKE MONTHS, NAJI MARSHALL HAD AN INCREDIBLE 22 POINTS, 4 REBOUNDS AND 2 ASSISTS OFF THE BENCH. DALLAS STILL HAS TIME TO CLINCH THE PLAY-IN TOURNAMENT WITH 10 GAMES LEFT, AND THEIR NEXT IS TONIGHT IN NEW YORK AGAINST FORMER MAVERICK JALEN BRUNSON AND THE KNICKS.

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AND FINALLY, THE DALLAS STARS TOOK ON THE DETROIT RED WINGS LAST NIGHT IN A TOUGH MATCHUP. DETROIT SCORED FIRST, BUT THE STARS' LIA BICHSEL RESPONDED WITH A POKE GOAL TO TIE THINGS AT ONE. THE RED WINGS GOT ANOTHER GOAL BEFORE THE PERIOD ENDED, BUT EVGENII DADONOV AND COLIN BLACKWELL GOT DALLAS AHEAD 3 TO 2. THE THIRD PERIOD LOOKED PROMISING WITH US ON TOP, BUT DETROIT SCORED NOT ONE, NOT TWO, BUT THREE GOALS FOR A TOUGH 6 TO 4 DALLAS LOSS. THIS LOSS PUT STARS COACH PETE DEBOER ON A SIX-GAME LOSS STREAK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER, BUT WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO END THE REGULAR SEASON ON A WIN TOMORROW NIGHT AGAINST THE NASHVILLE PREDATORS AT 7PM. THAT'S ALL I'VE GOT, BACK TO YOU GUYS AT THE DESK!