

HORSES

NEW YORK

Hall of Fame jockey Bailey to retire Jan. 28

Jerry Bailey, a two-time Kentucky Derby winner and perhaps the greatest jockey to climb aboard a racehorse, will retire after riding at Gulfstream Park on Jan. 28.



Bailey, who has hinted at retirement for several years, was scheduled to ride in four races on the Sunshine Millions card at Gulfstream and then call it a career after 31 years in the business.

"I'm sure this is not a complete surprise to most people," Bailey said during a conference call. "There are several reasons, but the one that matters the most is I just really feel it's time, time to spend more time with my wife, Suze, and my son, Justin."

"And I also want to walk away in one piece. I thank God for not only the talent he has blessed me with but for also keeping me in relatively good health."

The 48-year-old Bailey is not leaving the game, though. The Hall of Fame jockey was hired by ESPN and ABC Sports as a racing commentator and will be a part of about 20 racing telecasts, including the Belmont Stakes and Breeders' Cup.

GOLF



Pat Perez tees off on the eighth hole during the first round of the Bob Hope Classic golf tournament in La Quinta, Calif., on Wednesday.

PALM DESERT, Calif.

Perez joins elite group with 12-under-par 60

Pat Perez shot a 12-under 60 in the opening round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic on Wednesday.

Perez became only the 20th player in PGA Tour history to shoot 60 or lower. The record is 59, shared by David Duval, Chip Beck and Al Geiberger.

Consistently nestling his fairway shots close to the pin, Perez made 12 birdies and no bogeys on the 6,300-yard Arnold Palmer Course at PGA West for a three-shot lead over Chad Campbell.

Duval shot his 59 on the same layout on closing day of the 1999 Hope, rolling in a 6-foot eagle putt on the final hole to win by one shot. He finished with 11 birdies and the eagle.

Steve Elkington was a stroke behind Campbell. John Huston, Olin Browne and Tom Pernice Jr. were tied for fourth with opening 65s.

Phil Mickelson, the Hope champion in 2002 and 2004, shot a 6-under 66 at La Quinta Country Club in his seasonal debut and was in a group six shots off the pace.

Mickelson had shot the most recent 60 on tour last year at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Defending champion Justin Leonard opened with a 67, as did Mike Weir, the Hope winner in 2003.

HOCKEY

PITTSBURGH

Penguins' Palffy retires for 'personal reasons'

Pittsburgh Penguins right wing Ziggy Palffy retired Wednesday, leaving the team without its second leading scorer and another question mark in a puzzling, disappointing season.



Palffy wasn't at a news conference conducted by general manager Craig Patrick during the team's practice. Patrick wouldn't comment on a Slovak newspaper report that Palffy retired because of a lingering shoulder injury.

"No, I'm not going to talk about our discussion," Patrick said, saying Palffy cited only personal reasons. Palffy told Patrick of his decision Tuesday morning. They agreed not to announce it until Wednesday because Patrick hoped Palffy would reconsider.

Patrick said the Penguins had no concerns about Palffy's health when the team signed him to a three-year, \$13.5 million contract in August.

Palffy had 42 points (11 goals, 31 assists) in 42 games with the Penguins, but all 11 points in his past 11 games were assists.

FC women remain on top of HCAC

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The Franklin College women's basketball team entered Wednesday night's game with a 4-0 record in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The Manchester College Spartans, at 3-1 in the conference, were determined to join the Grizzlies at the top of the HCAC standings.

The Spartans were able to make a game of it for awhile, but the Grizzlies benefited from a couple of timely surges that gave them a 68-52 victory.

Franklin coach Kim Eiler breathed a sigh of relief after the game. A minor injury to starting center Katie Douglas had forced the Grizzlies to play with some unfamiliar combinations.

"With different personnel being out, I was concerned about our chemistry and continuity," Eiler said. "At times I could tell that our chemistry was a little off, but with time it got better."

The Grizzlies got another good performance from their post tandem of seniors Becky Ballard and Leslie Mehrlich.

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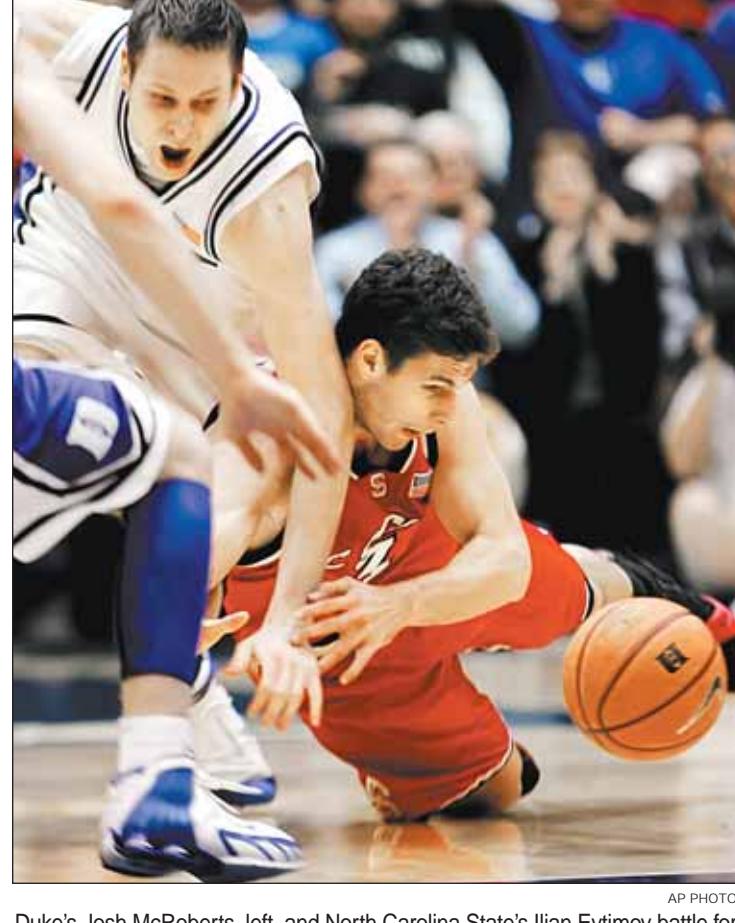
Ballard scored the first two baskets of the game, and Franklin held on to a 6-6 tie after five minutes of play.

Mehrlich came off the bench to ignite the Grizzlies' initial surge, and freshman Allison Lewis also came off the bench to hit a 3-pointer that put Franklin into a lead it never relinquished. The teams went into intermission with the Grizzlies holding a 34-26 lead.

Lewis' contributions were not lost on Eiler.

"Allison came in and did a good job for us," Eiler said. "There are so many players on this team that can come in and play well."

In the second half, Mehrlich came off the bench to start another scoring surge that left the Grizzlies with a 50-39 lead. Later in



Duke's Josh McRoberts, left, and North Carolina State's Ilan Evtimov battle for the ball during Wednesday's Atlantic Coast Conference game in Durham, N.C.

• Davis

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higher than ever. But to succeed, local coaches say Davis needs to keep following what he believes is right.

Greenwood Community High School boys basketball coach Bruce Hensley has never been in a situation like Davis is in. But he said Davis should stick with his coaching philosophy no matter what.

"You can't change your philosophy because someone is putting that much pressure on you," said Hensley, who has coached the Woodmen for 17 years. "I think it comes down to doing what you think is best."

Hensley suggests that Davis rely on his assistant coaches like usual and get their feedback.

"You have to be careful that you're not trying to do too much yourself," he said. "We all want to succeed, and we all want to do our best. That drives you."

Franklin College men's basketball coach Kerry Prather acknowledges that coaching under that kind of pressure is an unhealthy trend in Division I basketball.

The combination of winning and stress can cause coaches to make bad decisions, Prather said.

"Even good people, when put under enough pressure, will make horrible decisions when it's a matter of professional survival," said Prather, who's in his 23rd year as the Grizzlies' coach. "When under that much stress and with that much money involved, it's ripe for all kinds of bad things to happen."

Prather hasn't had that problem coaching in Division III. And he can't imagine how a coach would handle that type of pressure.

"In a way, it's sad," Prather said. "When you look at the number of programs where coaches

GOOD ENOUGH?

A look at Mike Davis' coaching record while at IU:

- Is 107-70 in five-plus seasons with the Hoosiers.
- Led Indiana to the NCAA title game in 2002, where it lost to Maryland.
- Hoosiers have not appeared in the NCAA Tournament since losing to Pittsburgh in the second round of the 2003 tourney.

have stayed for a long time and been successful and produced the kind of programs where you would be proud to send a son, across the whole lot of those programs.

"Good people have lost their jobs because they haven't won enough games, or people of suspect character have kept their jobs because they've won a whole lot of games."

Fans, though, have grown increasingly frustrated with IU's mediocre records under Davis.

But some, like Wyatt Sprague, say Davis hasn't had a fair chance. Sprague, 23, says players need to understand that Davis coaches differently.

"(Davis) has got a different style than coach Knight, and players aren't used to it," said Sprague, a Greenwood resident. "He's not as verbal as coach Knight. He's more finesse."

Some Hoosier fans remain optimistic.

Greg Patterson is an avid Indiana basketball fan. He likes how Davis has built the program for the future with many younger players. But he admits that coaching can be a fragile profession.

"The coaching industry is a fickle industry," said Patterson, a Franklin resident. "It's inconsistent, with the winning and losing ratio. Look at Rick Carlisle."

There's no continuity with what happens. (But) Indiana is a state where if you're winning, they're going to keep you."

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the half, Ballard replaced Mehrlich and scored three baskets.

"Becky and Leslie are like a 1-2 punch," Eiler said. "Becky starts out the game and beats on the other team for awhile. Then, Leslie comes in and beats on them for awhile. Then they do it again in the second half. It's hard for other teams to stop."

Manchester's deliberate style, coupled with lineup changes, contributed to Franklin's sometimes patchy play.

"They were very deliberate, and they made very few turnovers," Eiler said. "That stretches our defense a little bit. We obviously would rather play a little more up-tempo. They did a nice job of slowing us down and keeping us from getting out on offense."

Mehrlich led the Grizzlies in scoring with 17 points, while Ballard contributed 10 points.

Senior guard Lindsey Roberson scored 13 points and garnered a team-high 13 rebounds. Sophomore forward Kelly Snider contributed with eight points, four rebounds and two assists. Junior point guard Brittany Beehler distributed 10 assists.

The verdict also ended a three-game road losing skid.

Meanwhile, the Spartans

dropped to 1-4 in the league and 4-11 overall.

Franklin broke out to a 13-point lead at 21-8 in the first 4:30 of the contest before Manchester trimmed six points off the early deficit.

The Grizzlies then pushed their advantage to 14 with 8:08 remaining in the opening period.

Franklin, which shot 61 percent in the first half, held a 40-32 lead at intermission.

The Grizzlies sported a balanced scoring attack, with Kane leading the way with a game-high 17 points.

Senior Josh Finke had 14 points, and Marshall and sophomore Brandon Ray added 13 points each.

Eric Berger scored 14 points, and David Mattingly and Cornelius Bambo chipped in 11 apiece for the Spartans.

WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

suddenly, the Blue Devils had a six-point lead. They never were challenged again.

No. 2 Florida 113 Savannah State 62

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Joakim Noah had 21 points on 10-for-10 shooting,

reserve Walter Hodge added 18 points, and No. 2 Florida remained unbeaten with a win against lowly Savannah State.

The Gators extended the best start and longest winning streak in school history and finished undefeated in non-conference play for the first time in coach Billy Donovan's 10 seasons.

J.J. Redick had 28 points, and Sheldon Williams added 21. But it was Dockery's plays down the stretch that helped Duke reach 17-0 (5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) for only the second time. The other was during a run to the NCAA title in 1992.

The Wolfpack (14-3, 3-2) was never too far away in a game that featured 16 lead changes and nine ties, the final one at 65 following a free throw from N.C. State's Gavin Grant. On the other end, Dockery swished a 3 as Tony Bethel slammed him into.

When his free throw clanged off the rim, Dockery chased down the rebound and found Melchionni alone at the top of the key. His jumper also found the mark, and

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scored in beating Indiana State 15-6 during the overtime period.

Nick Grant led Drake (11-8, 4-4 MVC) with 15 points, and Al Stewart and

Jonathan Cox both scored 13 as Cox also grabbed 12 rebounds. Chris Bryant added 11 points and Ajay Calvin had 10 as the Bulldogs beat Indiana State for the second time in a week.

Buffalo 75 Ball State 64

AMHERST, N.Y. — Yassin Idibhi had 23 points and 12 rebounds, and Calvin Cage added 21 points to lift Buffalo past slumping Ball State.

Roderick Middleton scored 12 points for the Bulls (13-3, 3-2 Mid-American Conference), who won their 13th straight at home dating back to last year.

Skip Mills led Ball State (4-9, 0-5) with 20 points, including 14 in the second half. Maurice Acker had 15 points and 10 assists. The Cardinals lost their seventh straight.

Miami (Ohio) 58 Toledo 49

OXFORD, Ohio — Nathan Peavy scored 19 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds to lead Miami (Ohio) past Toledo.

The score was tied at 25 at halftime. But Peavy pulled Miami (9-5, 6-0 Mid-American Conference) to a 36-27 lead, scoring six points during an 11-2 run in the first 5:02 of the second half.

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