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Preseason baseball

Table with columns for Spring training AMERICAN LEAGUE and NATIONAL LEAGUE, listing teams and their records.

MAIN EVENTS

TV TODAY

NBA

Denver Nuggets at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest
Los Angeles Clippers at Phoenix Suns, 9 p.m., ESPN

Men's college basketball

NIT Tournament, first round: Vanderbilt at Notre Dame, 7 p.m., ESPN; Wake Forest at Minnesota, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Preseason baseball

New York Yankees at Houston Astros, 1 p.m., ESPN

College softball

Michigan at UCLA, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Tennis

Pacific Life Open, early rounds, 2 and 11 p.m., ESPN2

Soccer

Chelsea vs. Tottenham Hotspur, 1p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

SPECTATOR SPORTS

TODAY

No events scheduled.

Call us with results

Results can be called in to the Daily Journal sports department from 6 to 10 weeknights and Sunday evenings at 736-2715. Results also can be faxed to 736-2766.

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams and their records.

Table with columns for Central Division and Northwest Division, listing teams and their records.

Table with columns for Pacific Division, listing teams and their records.

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Monday's games: Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1, St. Louis 3, Columbus 2, OT, Dallas 4, Vancouver 2, Calgary 4, Colorado 3, San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3

Tuesday's games: Buffalo 6, Washington 1, Carolina 5, N.Y. Rangers 3, Ottawa 4, Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Islanders 6, New Jersey 1, Boston at Toronto, (n), Edmonton at Minnesota, (n), Vancouver at Nashville, (n), Phoenix at Los Angeles, (n)

Today's games: Philadelphia at Florida, 7 p.m., Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m., Columbus at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's games: Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m., Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m., N.Y. Islanders at Atlanta, 7 p.m., Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m., Carolina at Montreal, 7:30 p.m., Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m., Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m., Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m., St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m., Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games: Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1, St. Louis 3, Columbus 2, OT, Dallas 4, Vancouver 2, Calgary 4, Colorado 3, San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3

Transactions: BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with Terry Francona, manager, on a two-year contract extension through 2008.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned RHP Charlie Haeger, INF Pedro Lopez, INF Casey Rogowski and C Chris Stewart were optioned to Charlotte of the IL. Assigned RHP Lance Broadway and LHP Ray Litta to their minor-league camp.

Texas Rangers—Assigned LHP Jesse Carlson to their minor league camp. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned RHP Ryan Houston to Syracuse of the IL and RHP Vince Perkins to New Hampshire of the EL.

National League CHICAGO CUBS—Optioned RHP Carlos Marmol and INF Scott Moore to West Tenn of the SL. Reassigned RHP Brian Boehring, LHP Carmen Pignaliello, INF Brandon Sing, OF Buck Coats and OF Adam Greenberg to their minor-league camps.

Colorado Rockies—Sent RHP Manuel Corpus, LHP Justin Hampson, C Chris Iannetta, INF Jayson Nix, OF Jeff Salazar, RHP Mike Esposito, LHP Zack Parker, INF Troy Tulowitzki, RHP Ubaldo Jimenez, RHP Jim Miller, RHP Juan Montiel, RHP Sandy Jimenez, RHP Ramon Ramirez, RHP Eduardo Sierra and RHP Judd Songster to their minor league camp.

Philadelphia Phillies—Optioned OF Michael Bourn and LHP Daniel Haigwood to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre of the IL and RHP Scott Mathieson, RHP Zack Seppia to Reading of the EL. Assigned C John Vanden Berg, C Jason Jaramillo, LHP Gio Gonzalez, LHP Matt White, RHP Aaron Myette, RHP Jeremy Cummings to their minor league camp.

Washington Nationals—Named Joe Mauer vice president of corporate alliances. Optioned 3B-OF Tony Blanco to Potomac of the Carolina League. Assigned OF Mike Vento and OF Alex Escobar to their minor league camp.

Football National Football League CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed S Shaun Williams. DALLAS COWBOYS—Released WR Keyshawn Johnson. DENVER BRONCOS—Named Rick Smith as assistant general manager.

Detroit Lions—Re-signed DE Kalimba Edwards to a five-year contract and KR Eddie Drummond. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed OT Mike Williams. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Agreed to terms with G Will Shields on a four-year contract.

New Orleans Saints—Agreed to terms with QB Drew Brees on a six-year contract. NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed CB Sam Madison, CB R.W. McQuarters, CB Jason Bell, and S Quentin Harris. Re-signed PR-KR Chad Morton, T Bob Whitfield and QB Tim Hasselbeck.

Philadelphia Eagles—Signed TE Matt Schobel to a five-year contract. Released WR Terrell Owens. ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed CB Fakhr Brown to a five-year contract.

Tennessee Titans—Signed WR David Givens. Agreed to terms with C Kevin Mawae. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed LB Khary Campbell.

Hockey National Hockey League LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated RW Pavol Demitra from injured reserve. SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned G Nolan Schaeffer to Cleveland of the AHL.

Washington Capitals—Signed RW Shean Warner to a two-year contract. Recalled F Jakub Klejga from Hershey of the AHL. Assigned F Kris Beech and F Boyd Gordon to Hershey.

American Hockey League CLEVELAND BARONS—Sent G Jamie Holden to Fresno of the ECHL. HARTFORD WOLF PACK—Announced G Chris Holt has been assigned to Charlotte of the ECHL.

Lacrosse National Lacrosse League ARIZONA STINGERS—Traded F Jason Crosbie to Buffalo for a 2007 fourth-round draft pick and F Lindsay Plunkett.

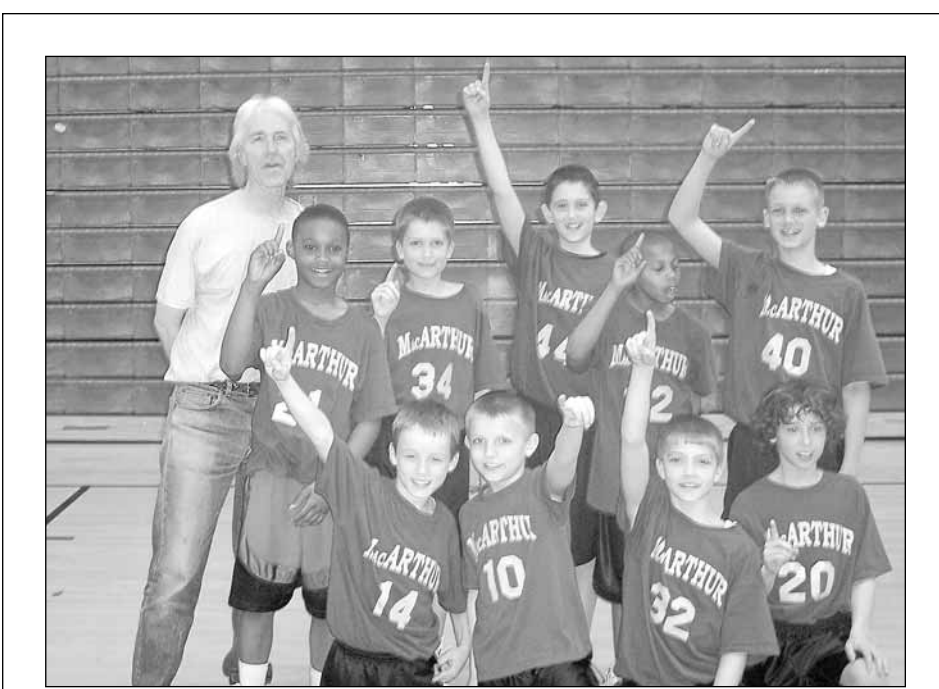
Calgary Roughnecks—Traded MF Andrew Biers to Minnesota for a 2006 second- and third-round draft pick.

Colorado Mammoth—Acquired F Andrew Burkholder from Rochester for a 2006 third-round draft pick.

Minnesota Swarm—Acquired a 2008 first-round draft pick and a 2006 second-round draft pick from Toronto Rock for D Darryl Gibson and a 2007 second-round draft pick. Signed F Dean Hill. Re-signed D Shawn Summerfield. Released F Darcy Berthiaume and F Tony Henderson.

College ARIZONA WESTERN—Named Jason Smith volleyball coach. DUKE—Named Larry Kerr assistant football coach and special teams coordinator.

Colorado—Named Bobby Bernal-Wood wide receivers coach and Mike Ringler tight ends coach. OHIO—Announced the resignation of Lynn Bria, women's basketball coach.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

The Douglas MacArthur boys basketball team recently won the Perry Township fifth-grade basketball tournament at Southport Middle School. The team won the title by beating Glens Valley 26-25 and finished the season with a 12-1 record.



FIFTH-GRADE CHAMPIONS

The Douglas MacArthur fifth-grade Generals recently defeated top-seeded Mary Bryan 26-25 in overtime to capture the Perry Township girls basketball championship. This was the school's sixth visit to the title game in the league's six-year history.

Bulldogs rebound, win in NIT opening round

The Associated Press

MIAMI (18-11) led by eight points in the first half and by seven in the final period before Butler started its comeback. A rebound basket by Avery Sheets and consecutive 3-pointers by Brandon Crone and A.J. Graves gave the Bulldogs their first lead since the opening seconds.

The Bulldogs (20-12) will play a first-round game Friday at Florida State (19-9). Miami (18-11) led by eight points in the first half and by seven in the final period before Butler started its comeback.

There were five lead changes after that, and a jump hook by Tim Pollitz put the RedHawks ahead 52-51 with 26 seconds remaining. After a Butler timeout, the Bulldogs worked the ball to Sheets, who drove to the basket and missed. Polk, the Horizon League player of the year, got the ball back and rolled it over the rim for the winning score.

Graves led Butler with 19 points, Bruce Horan added 12, all on 3-pointers, and Polk finished with nine points. Pollitz led Miami with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Butler's only lead in the first half came on the game's first basket, a 3-pointer by Graves. Unable to get the ball inside against Miami's bigger defenders, the Bulldogs relied mainly on their outside shooting but went almost 5 minutes before their second basket. Pollitz, meanwhile, had three baskets during a 13-2 run that appeared to put the RedHawks in control.

Horan started Butler's first comeback with consecutive 3-pointers, then late in the period Graves stole the ball, hit a 3-pointer and

scored again to tie it for the first time at 20. Miami overcame a flurry of turnovers and took the lead again on a 3-pointer by Doug Penno, and Pollitz hit a running 3-pointer from just across the halfcourt line at the buzzer to give the RedHawks a 27-22 lead at the break.

In other college basketball action

Akron 80 Temple 73, OT

PHILADELPHIA — John Chaney missed the final game of his Hall of Fame career, skipping Temple's overtime loss to Akron in the opening round of the NIT because of his wife's health issues.

Chaney retired Monday after 24 seasons at Temple, ending a career that reached 741 wins but never the Final Four. Assistant Dan Leibovitz took his place. It was a quite a win for the Zips, playing in their first postseason tournament since 1988-89 and winning their first career postseason game in the Division I era (1980-81).

Rutgers 76 Penn St. 71

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Quincy Douby scored 32 points and hit eight 3-pointers, several from NBA range, and Rutgers turned back a furious second-half rally to defeat Penn State in the opening round of the NIT.

The Scarlet Knights (19-13) built a big lead early in the second half off the long-range shooting of Douby and Marquis Webb. Rutgers will play a second-round game Thursday at St. Joseph's. Douby was 8 of 14 from 3-point range.

Monmouth 71 Hampton 49

DAYTON, Ohio — Chris Kenny set an NCAA Tournament opening-round record with six 3-pointers, and 7-foot-2 center John Bunch entertained the crowd with his bulk and his blocks during a victory against Hampton.

Monmouth (19-14) moves on to Philadelphia to play No. 1 seed Villanova on Friday.

Men's college basketball

NCAA Tournament Opening round At UD Arena Dayton, Ohio Tuesday's score Monmouth, N.J. 71, Hampton 49

WASHINGTON REGIONAL First round Thursday's games At Greensboro Coliseum Greensboro, N.C. Wichita State (24-9) vs. Seton Hall (18-11), 12:20 p.m.

Tennessee (21-7) vs. Winthrop (23-7), 2:40 p.m. At Cox Arena San Diego Illinois (25-6) vs. Air Force (24-6), 7:25 p.m.

Washington (24-6) vs. Utah State (23-8), 9:45 p.m. Friday's games At UD Arena Dayton, Ohio Michigan State (22-11) vs. George Mason (23-7), 7:10 p.m.

North Carolina (22-7) vs. Murray State (24-6), 9:30 p.m. At The Wachovia Center Philadelphia Connecticut (27-3) vs. Albany, N.Y. (21-10), 7:25 p.m.

Kentucky (21-7) vs. UAB (24-6), 9:45 p.m. ATLANTA REGIONAL First round Thursday's games At Greensboro Coliseum Greensboro, N.C. George Washington (26-2) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (25-7), 7:10 p.m.

Duke (30-3) vs. Southern University (19-12), 9:30 p.m. MIAMI (OHIO) (18-11) Peavy 1-3 5-6 7, T.Pollitz 8-11 0-0 17, VanderSluis 1-1 0-0 2, Hausfeld 1-3 0-0 3,

At Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena Jacksonville, Fla. LSU (23-8) vs. Iowa (23-7), 7:10 p.m.

Syracuse (23-11) vs. Texas A&M (21-8), 9:40 p.m. Friday's games At American Airlines Center Dallas California (20-10) vs. N.C. State (21-9), 7:20 p.m.

Texas (27-6) vs. Pennsylvania (20-8), 9:40 p.m. At The Palace of Auburn Hills Auburn Hills, Mich. Iowa (25-8) vs. Northwestern State (25-7), 12:25 p.m.

West Virginia (20-10) vs. Southern Illinois (22-10), 2:45 p.m. MINNEAPOLIS REGIONAL First round Thursday's games At Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena Jacksonville, Fla. Oklahoma (20-8) vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (21-8), 12:25 p.m.

Florida (27-6) vs. South Alabama (24-6), 2:45 p.m. At The Jon M. Huntsman Center Salt Lake City Boston College (26-7) vs. Pacific (24-7), 12:40 p.m.

Nevada (27-5) vs. Montana (23-6), 3 p.m. Friday's games At UD Arena Dayton, Ohio Ohio State (25-5) vs. Davidson (20-10), 12:15 p.m.

Georgetown (21-9) vs. Northern Iowa (23-9), 2:35 p.m. At The Wachovia Center Philadelphia Arizona (19-12) vs. Wisconsin (19-11), 12:30 p.m.

Villanova (25-4) vs. Monmouth, N.J. (19-14), 2:50 p.m. OAKLAND REGIONAL First round Thursday's games At The Jon M. Huntsman Center Salt Lake City Gonzaga (27-3) vs. Xavier (21-10), 7:20 p.m.

Indiana (18-11) vs. San Diego State (24-8), 9:40 p.m. At Cox Arena San Diego Marquette (20-10) vs. Alabama (17-12), 2:40 p.m.

UCLA (27-6) vs. Belmont (20-10), 4:55 p.m. Friday's games At American Airlines Center Dallas Arkansas (22-9) vs. Bucknell (26-4), 12:30 p.m.

Memphis (30-3) vs. Oral Roberts (21-11), 2:50 p.m. At The Palace of Auburn Hills Auburn Hills, Mich. Pittsburgh (24-7) vs. Kent State (25-8), 7:10 p.m.

Kansas (25-7) vs. Bradley (20-10), 9:30 p.m. National Invitation Tournament Opening round Tuesday's scores Manhattan 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 77

Butler 53, Miami (Ohio) 52 Akron 80, Temple 73, OT Charlotte 77, Georgia Southern 61 Rutgers (18-13) at Penn State (15-14), (n) Delaware State (20-13) at Northern Arizona (21-10), (n)

Lipscomb (21-10) at UTEP (20-9), (n) Virginia (15-14) at Stanford (15-13), (n) First round Today's games Western Kentucky (23-7) at South Carolina (18-15), 7 p.m.

Vanderbilt (17-12) at Notre Dame (15-13), 7 p.m. Louisiana Tech (20-12) at Clemson (18-12), 7 p.m.

Wake Forest (17-16) at Minnesota (15-14), 7 p.m. BYU (20-8) at Houston (20-9), 8:30 p.m.

Oklahoma State (17-15) at Miami (16-15), 9 p.m. Old Dominion (21-9) at Colorado (20-9), 9 p.m.

Nebraska (19-13) at Hofstra (24-6), 7 p.m. Rutgers-Penn State winner at Saint Joseph's (18-13), 7 p.m.

Lipscomb-UTEP winner at Michigan (18-10), 7 p.m. Akron (23-9) at Creighton (19-9), 8 p.m.

Butler (20-12) at Florida State (19-9), 7 p.m. Delaware State-Northern Arizona winner at Louisville (18-12), 7 p.m.

Virginia-Stanford winner at Missouri State (20-9), 8 p.m. Charlotte (19-12) at Cincinnati (19-12), 8 p.m.

Saturday's game Manhattan (19-10) at Maryland (19-12), 11 a.m. Thursday's summary Butler 53, Miami (Ohio) 52

Hatcher 3-8 2-2 9, Penno 1-5 0-0 3, Troyer 0-0 0-0 0, Bramos 1-2 0-0 2, St. Clair 3-7 2-3 9, Totals 19-40 9-11 52. Butler (20-12) Polk 4-11 1-2 9, Crone 2-4 0-0 5, Horan 4-11 0-0 12, Graves 6-13 3-4 19, Sheets 2-11 2-2 6, Belick 0-0 0-0 0, Ligon 1-2 0-0 2, Streicher 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 19-52 6-30 53.

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resign when the seasons end. The Aztecs would like to win for others, too: fans who've never experienced an NCAA victory.

Davis said he and fellow seniors John Sharper and Mohamed Camara are "dedicated to making sure that San Diego State is remembered as a powerhouse. And we have the biggest opportunity of our lifetime to do it."