

SCOREBOARD

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Preseason baseball

Spring training AMERICAN LEAGUE		
W	L	Pct
Cleveland	6	2 .750
Kansas City	3	2 .600
Texas	3	2 .600
Detroit	4	3 .571
New York	4	3 .571
Boston	3	3 .500
Tampa Bay	3	4 .429
Los Angeles	2	3 .400
Minnesota	3	5 .375
Chicago	3	6 .333
Baltimore	2	5 .286
Toronto	2	5 .286
Seattle	1	4 .200
Oakland	1	6 .143

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	6	1 .857
Pittsburgh	6	1 .857
Arizona	5	1 .833
Florida	5	1 .833
Milwaukee	5	2 .714
New York	5	2 .714
Chicago	4	2 .667
Los Angeles	4	2 .667
San Francisco	4	2 .667
San Diego	3	2 .600
Cincinnati	3	5 .375
Colorado	2	4 .333
Atlanta	2	5 .286
Houston	2	5 .286
St. Louis	2	5 .286
Washington	1	6 .143

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Tuesday's games	
Toronto 6, Cincinnati 3	
Boston 10, Baltimore 6	
Pittsburgh 10, Atlanta 5	
Cleveland 7, Detroit 4	
L.A. Dodgers 3, St. Louis 1	
Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 4	
N.Y. Mets 7, Houston 1	
N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 0	
Florida 22, Washington 10	
Texas 6, Chicago Cubs 5	
San Francisco 12, San Diego 3	
Kansas City 9, Colorado 3	
Milwaukee 15, Seattle 5	
Arizona 12, L.A. Angels 1	
Chicago White Sox 8, Oakland 5	

Today's games	
St. Louis vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Toronto (ss) vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Boston vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Cleveland (ss) vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets vs. Cleveland (ss) at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Baltimore vs. L.A. Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:10 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
San Francisco vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Oakland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Colorado (ss) vs. Arizona (ss) at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
San Diego vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Arizona (ss) vs. Colorado (ss) at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Kansas City (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 7:15 p.m.	
Japan vs. Seattle (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.	
South Korea vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.	

Thursday's games	
Florida (ss) vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Detroit (ss) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Washington (ss) vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Minnesota vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Florida (ss) vs. Washington (ss) at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.	
Boston vs. L.A. Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:10 p.m.	
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Arizona vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Kansas City vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
Milwaukee vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.	
Seattle vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	
San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.	

World Baseball Classic	
United States 2, Mexico 0	
At Scottsdale, Ariz.	
Canada vs. South Africa, (n)	
At San Juan, Puerto Rico	
Puerto Rico 2, Panama 0	
At Kissimmee, Fla.	
Dominican Republic 11, Venezuela 5	
Australia vs. Italy, (n)	

Today's games	
Canada at United States, 4 p.m.	
At Scottsdale, Ariz.	
Mexico vs. South Africa, 9 p.m.	
At San Juan, Puerto Rico	
Cuba vs. Panama, 1 p.m.	
Netherlands at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.	
At Kissimmee, Fla.	
Venezuela vs. Italy, 7 p.m.	

Thursday's games	
Canada vs. Mexico, 8 p.m.	
At San Juan, Puerto Rico	
Cuba vs. Netherlands, 7 p.m.	
At Kissimmee, Fla.	
Dominican Republic vs. Italy, 1 p.m.	
Venezuela vs. Australia, 8 p.m.	

MAIN EVENTS

TV TODAY

NBA

Indiana Pacers at Houston Rockets, 8:30 p.m., WTTV-Channel 4

Men's college basketball

Big East Tournament: Cincinnati vs. Syracuse, noon, ESPN

Big East Tournament: Georgetown vs. Notre Dame, 2 p.m., ESPN

Big East Tournament: Rutgers vs. Seton Hall, 7 p.m., ESPN

NEC Tournament final: Monmouth at Fairleigh Dickinson, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

Big East Tournament: Louisville vs. Pittsburgh, 9 p.m., ESPN

Big Sky Tournament final: teams TBA, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

Pac-10 Tournament: Oregon vs. Washington State, 11:30 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

Women's college basketball

Big 12 Tournament: Oklahoma vs. Iowa State or Texas, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

Big 12 Tournament: Missouri vs. Oklahoma State or Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

Big 12 Tournament: Baylor vs. Kansas or Kansas State, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

Big 12 Tournament: Texas A&M vs. Colorado or Nebraska, 9:30 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

Baseball

World Classic: Cuba vs. Panama, 1 p.m, ESPN2

World Classic: Canada vs. United States, 4 p.m., ESPN2

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.

College baseball

Men's college basketball

Tuesday's scores

EAST	
Catholic 7, Rutgers-Camden 4	
Hofstra 9, Fordham 3	
Rowan 17, Mercy, N.Y. 1	

Thursday's games

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Seattle vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

World Baseball Classic

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At Scottsdale, Ariz.	
Canada vs. South Africa, (n)	
At San Juan, Puerto Rico	
Puerto Rico 2, Panama 0	
At Kissimmee, Fla.	
Dominican Republic 11, Venezuela 5	
Australia vs. Italy, (n)	

Today's games

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Mexico vs. South Africa, 9 p.m.
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Cuba vs. Panama, 1 p.m.
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At Kissimmee, Fla.
Venezuela vs. Italy, 7 p.m.

Thursday's games

Canada vs. Mexico, 8 p.m.
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Cuba vs. Netherlands, 7 p.m.
At Kissimmee, Fla.
Dominican Republic vs. Italy, 1 p.m.
Venezuela vs. Australia, 8 p.m.

Pacers

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now have a two-game winning streak. They hadn't won consecutive games since Jan. 13.

"It's a tough loss," said Pacers forward Peja Stojakovic, who had 20 points and three rebounds. "We just came out really flat.

"I don't know what the problem was." Indiana (30-27) started well defensively, limiting the Knicks to 12 first-quarter points. But the Pacers didn't capitalize at the other end and led by only six at the end of the period.

Their offensive fortunes didn't improve much after that. And it was all downhill defensively after halftime.

Indiana led 54-44 at the half but fell immediately behind at the start of the third. The Knicks converted a Stephen Jackson turnover into a 3-point basket for a 47-45 advantage.

New York never trailed again and led by double figures most of the fourth quarter. The Knicks led by 18 five times in the final five minutes and built their biggest lead of 20 points, at 106-86, with 1:04 to play.

The 107 points marked the first time in 16 games the Pacers have allowed an opponent to top 100.

"It just seemed like we came out tired," said Stephen Jackson, who also had 20 points for the Pacers. "It seems

at times this season we don't bring (effort) every day like we should."

The good news is that the Pacers hit the road again tonight for the first of three straight away from Conoco Fieldhouse. They are in Houston tonight, followed by trips to Oklahoma City/New Orleans and Toronto.

Indiana is only 12-17 on the road this season but was coming off an encouraging five-game swing in which it won three of five, including three of its past four.

"We just have to put this behind us," Jackson said. "This game is history."

For the Pacers, the challenge now is to not lose the momentum picked up after the Ron Artest trade in late January. They have gone 9-6 since the swap for Stojakovic.

"During the 15-game period since the trade, we've competed hard on a consistent basis," Carlisle said. "(Tuesday) was a letdown. We needed to compete at a higher level, and we just didn't do it. "That can't happen."

The loss also spoiled the return of point guard Jamaal Tinsley, who made his first appearance in the past 16 games and only his fifth in the past 31.

Tinsley, who has an injured right elbow, played nine minutes off the bench. He scored six points and had one assist and two rebounds.

"I was just happy to be out there," Tinsley said. "They have been playing good without me. I was just trying to be a spark off the bench, and I want to be a good role player for this team."

In other NBA action

Celtics 116 Wizards 115, OT

WASHINGTON — Paul Pierce made a 22-footer at the buzzer to help the Boston Celtics beat the Washington Wizards in overtime. Pierce scored 31 points, including the Celtics' final seven points in overtime, to secure the win.

Cavaliers 106 Raptors 99

CLEVELAND — Flip Murray scored 24 points in his best game for Cleveland, and a tired-looking LeBron James had 17 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists as the Cavaliers struggled to their third straight win, against the Toronto Raptors. James played 44 minutes, his average of late, but failed to lead the Cavs in scoring for the first time in 24 games.

Hawks 113 Warriors 106

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored a career-high 42 points to lead the Atlanta Hawks past Jason Richardson and the Golden State Warriors. Richardson also scored 42, equaling the best performance of his career, but it wasn't enough to prevent Golden State from its seventh loss in eight games.

Rockets 93 Timberwolves 87

MINNEAPOLIS — Yao Ming emerged as an offensive force and topped 20 points for the eighth straight game. He scored 30 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Rockets to a victory against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Atlanta 113, Golden State 106
Cleveland 106, Toronto 99
Houston 93, Minnesota 87
New Jersey at Chicago, (n)
Portland at Dallas, (n)
San Antonio at Charlotte, (n)

Today's games
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Thursday's games
Denver at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's summary
NEW YORK (107)
J.Rose 7-11 5-5 21, M.Rose 2-4 8-10 12, Curry 6-10 3-5 15, Richardson 2-11 0-0 6, Marbury 4-8 0-0 10, Francis 3-6 5-11, James 0-0 0-0 0, Frye 1-4 1-2 3, Butler 3-6 4-4 10, Crawford 4-7 5-5 16, Lee 1-1 1-2 3, Woods 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-69 32-38 107.
INDIANA (92)
Stojakovic 6-15 6-7 20, Foster 1-2 2-2 4, Pollard 2-7 1-2 5, Jackson 7-16 5-5 20, Johnson 3-12 2-10, Harrison 2-4 7-10 11, Jones 0-8 0-2 0, Granger 3-8 0-0 6, Jasikevicius 2-6 0-0 5, Tinsley 2-3 1-2 6, Gill 1-1 2-4 5. Totals 29-82 26-36 92.
New York 12 32 31 32—107
Indiana 14 36 12 40 20—92
3-Point Goals—New York 9-13 (Crawford 3-5, Marbury 2-2, J.Rose 2-2, Richardson 2-4), Indiana 8-26 (Johnson 2-4, Stojakovic 2-5, Gill 1-1, Tinsley 1-1, Jackson 1-5, Jasikevicius 1-5, Foster 0-1, Granger 0-1, Jones 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 54 (Richardson 11), Indiana 51 (Pollard 9), Assists—New York 20 (J.Rose 8), Indiana 17 (Johnson 6). Total Fouls—New York 28, Indiana 27. A.—14,801. (18,345).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
W	L	Ot	Pts	GF GA
N.Y. Rangers	36	17	8	80 197 147
Philadelphia	34	18	10	78 204 202
New Jersey	32	22	8	72 177 173
N.Y. Islanders	28	29	4	60 179 215
Pittsburgh	14	36	12	40 177 251

Northeast Division				
W	L	Ot	Pts	GF GA
Ottawa	41	14	5	87 242 143
Buffalo	39	16	5	83 200 168
Montreal	29	26	9	67 179 195
Toronto	28	28	5	61 190 209
Boston	25	27	10	60 178 192

Southeast Division				
W	L	Ot	Pts	GF GA
Carolina	43	14	4	90 233 187
Tampa Bay	33	25	4	70 189 190
Atlanta	29	27	6	64 207 213
Florida	23	29	9	55 167 190
Washington	21	33	6	48 169 232

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division				
W	L	Ot	Pts	GF GA
Detroit	41	15	5	87 220 155
Nashville	35	19	7	77 188 176
Columbus	24	26	9	67 179 195
Chicago	20	32	9	49 157 212
St. Louis	18	32	9	45 162 216

Northwest Division				
W	L	Ot	Pts	GF GA
Calgary	35	18	7	77 159 147
Vancouver	35	23	5	75 207 192
Colorado	34	23	6	74 224 199
Edmonton	32	21	8	72 201 194
Minnesota	30	28	6	66 189 170

Pacific Division				
W	L	Ot	Pts	GF GA
Dallas	40	18	3	83 206 167
Los Angeles	35	23	5	75 212 206
Anaheim	28	20	12	68 174 166
San Jose	28	23	8	64 181 178
Phoenix	29	29	6	62 185 203

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

Tuesday's games	
Buffalo 3, Boston 1	
Chicago 3, Columbus 1	
N.Y. Islanders 2, New Jersey 1, SO	
Phoenix 5, Detroit 2	
Toronto 5, Montreal 3	
Tampa Bay 5, Pittsburgh 4, SO	
Los Angeles 3, Minnesota 2, OT	
Colorado at St. Louis, (n)	
Dallas at Edmonton, (n)	
Nashville at Calgary, (n)	
San Jose at Anaheim, (n)	
Ottawa at Florida, 7 p.m.	
N.Y. Rangers at Atlanta, 7 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.	
Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	

Transactions

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Released OF Richard Hidalgo.
BOSTON RED SOX—Announced the retirement of C John Flaherty.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned LHP Rusty Tucker to Charlotte of the IL. Assigned LHP Chad Bentz, OF Ben Griener, INF Tim Hummel, C Carlos Lee, C Donny Luicy, LHP Corwin Malone, LHP Stephen Randolph and INF Jorge Velandito to their minor-league camp.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Named Dan Feinstein director of baseball operations.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NEW YORK METS—Assigned RHP Philip Humber, RHP Matt Lindstrom, RHP Rafael Cova, RHP Jeremy Hill, RHP Jason Scoble, C Jesus Flores, C Drew Butera, C Andy Wilson, C Aaron Hathaway and INF Brett Harper to their minor-league camp.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Turner Ward manager for Bradenton of the GCL.

FOOTBALL