

• Bonds

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BALCO scandal, recount in detail the specifics of Bonds' drug regimen, which they write started in 1998 with injections of Winstrol, a powerful steroid also linked to Rafael Palmeiro.

According to the book, Bonds was using two undetectable designer steroids, informally known as the cream and the clear, plus insulin, human growth hormone and other performance enhancers by 2001, when he hit 73 home runs for the Giants to break Mark McGwire's single-season record of 70 set in 1998.

The seven-time NL MVP enters this season with 708 homers, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth and 48 from breaking Hank Aaron's career mark.

"Game of Shadows" is scheduled to be published March 27.

BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative run by Victor Conte, kept track of Bonds' drug use in detail, with folders and calendars that chronicled everything from schedules and quantities to his testosterone levels. Much of that information was obtained by federal agents when they raided the lab in September 2003.

According to reports in The Chronicle, Bonds testified to the grand jury in late 2003 that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by his personal trainer, Greg Anderson, who pleaded guilty in the BALCO case in July to steroid distribution and money laundering. Bonds said he didn't know that what he was using was a steroid, the newspaper reported.

In October, Anderson was sentenced to three months in prison and three months in home confinement. Conte was among three other men who also pleaded guilty to their role in supplying steroids to elite athletes.

According to the book, Bonds used several substances in various forms: by injecting himself with a syringe, taking injections from Anderson, gulping pills, putting liquid drops under his tongue or rubbing cream on his skin.

Bonds became so experienced and well-versed with the regimen that he occasionally overruled Anderson and took control of his own doping schedule, the book says.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig had not reviewed the material and had no comment, spokesman Rich Levin said. Selig was en route from Milwaukee to Phoenix for the World Baseball Classic.

Bonds, who will turn 42 in July, played in only 14 games last season, all in September, following three knee operations. He showed signs of his old self in his brief return, hitting five homers in 42 at-bats.

He caused a stir before spring training this year with contradicting interviews in February. Bonds told USA Today that his knee bothered him so much he would probably retire after the season, with or without the home run record. Then he told MLB.com that his knee brace felt good enough for him to possibly play 10 more seasons.

Bonds has been working out with the Giants in Scottsdale but has not played in a spring training game yet.

He is in the final season of his \$90 million, five-year contract and will be eligible for free agency after the World Series, meaning his time with the Giants could be up even if he doesn't retire. He said he would have a hard time envisioning playing with another team.

The Chronicle reporters, who based the book on a two-year investigation, included an extensive summary on their sources, including court documents, affidavits filed by BALCO investigators, documents written by federal agents, grand jury testimony, audio recordings and interviews with more than 200 people.

Fans mourning popular Puckett

By Dave Campbell
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS

In the middle of a steadily growing memorial to Kirby Puckett, outside the Metrodome and right alongside a street named for the beloved Hall of Famer, one cardboard sign stood out.

"There IS crying in baseball," the message was written in red ink, bannered over a couple of old Puckett baseball cards taped to the corners.

All around the game, people who were close to the roly-poly outfielder who led the Minnesota Twins to two World Series titles, and even those who only watched him on TV, were saddened Tuesday by Puckett's death.

"This morning, when I got up and took a shower and watched the news, tears started coming out," said Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen, one of many contemporaries who spoke about the man whose energy, enthusiasm and exceptional skills captivated baseball fans throughout a 12-year career cut short by glaucoma in 1996.

Puckett died at 45 in a Phoenix hospital Monday afternoon, a day after having a stroke in his home.

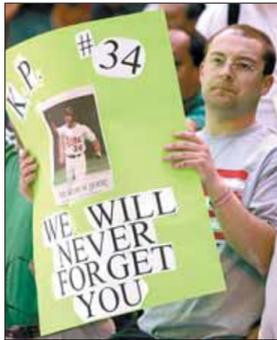
"This is a great loss for baseball," said former Baltimore Orioles great Cal Ripken, who with Puckett was one of the few stars of their generation who never switched teams. "Puck was one of my favorite people to compete against on the field and to be around off the field."

"I will always remember how Kirby played the game with joy, and how he brought a smile to your face just by saying hello."

A memorial service was in the works. Funeral arrangements had not been finalized Tuesday.

"We'll take our time and go there, pay our respects, and then come on back down to spring training," Twins general manager Terry Ryan said before Minnesota played the New York Yankees in Tampa, Fla.

March is for games that don't matter, mere tuneups for the regular season. But Puckett's teammates and opponents always



AP PHOTO

A fan holds up a sign honoring Kirby Puckett before the World Baseball Classic game between Mexico and the United States at Chase Field in Phoenix on Tuesday.

remarked how he never loafed, even in meaningless exhibitions.

"He was a tremendous ambassador for the team. I think Dave Winfield said the right thing: He was the only player in the history of baseball everybody loved," said Guillen, who used to kiddingly call his son, Oney, "Little Puck" because he was a bit chubby.

Perhaps the most poignant marker of Puckett's impact on people was outside the Metrodome, thousands of miles from those sunny spring training sites, where dozens of fans shuffled around during the noon hour on a dreary, chilly day.

There were bouquets. There were orange Wheaties boxes, commemorating the Twins' championships. There were bobblehead dolls. There were caps. And plenty of personalized messages.

"I've been watching Kirby since I was young," said 25-year-old Tim Jarvis, who brought a flower pot to set on the sidewalk. "He's the kind of guy when your dad says, 'You want to learn how to hit a baseball, that's the guy to watch.'"

An Ohio native who came to St. Paul to attend school, Jarvis recalled Puckett as one of the reasons why he was excited to move, even though his playing days were long gone.

"That's awesome. I get to go watch baseball in the house that Kirby played in," Jarvis said.

Buckeyes lead Big Ten team

The Associated Press

PARK RIDGE, Ill.

Ohio State center Terence Dials was named Big Ten player of the year Tuesday by the league's coaches and the media. His coach, Thad Matta was named the conference's coach of the year.

Dials, who led the ninth-ranked Buckeyes to their first outright Big Ten title in 14 years, was joined on the first team in the coaches' poll by Illinois guard Dee Brown, Wisconsin forward Alando Tucker, Iowa forward Greg Brunner and Illinois center James Augustine.

On the media's first team, Dials was joined by Brown, Brunner,

Tucker and Michigan guard Daniel Horton.

Iowa center Erik Hansen was named defensive player of the year by the coaches. Joining Hansen on the all-defensive team by Illinois' Brian Randle, Michigan State's Shannon Brown, Northwestern's Mohamed Hachad and Ohio State's JeKel Foster.

Indiana's Marco Killingsworth was named to the second team by the media and third team by the coaches. Robert Vaden earned honorable mention in both polls.

Purdue's Matt Kiefer earned honorable mention from the media. The Boilermakers' Chris Lutz was named to the All-Freshman Team by the coaches.

Spring Clean-Up Time

Please have all winter decorations and other items on the ground picked up by March 11. All items remaining after that date will be collected by cemetery personnel.

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Franklin, IN

• Hysteria

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recent history of sending high-ranked teams packing at Hinkle Fieldhouse.

Any wonder all eyes are on this regional?

Little wonder the Cubs are delighted to be part of the show. "It's kind of like we're playing in a big Final Four at Hinkle Fieldhouse," senior Cody Long said. "It's a good feeling, really. It's going to be a lot of fun."

And not just for players. Fans should be in for a treat, too.

Ranked No. 1 in most national high school polls, including USA Today's Super 25, Lawrence North (25-0) is trying to become only the third team in IHSAA history to win three straight state championships.

Pike, rated No. 24 in the nation by HoopsUSA, would love nothing more than to halt the Wildcats' bid. Especially since two of the Red Devils' three losses have come against Lawrence North.

And then there's the Greg Oden factor.

Widely regarded as the nation's top high school player, Oden's presence alone makes the regional a den of intrigue.

Barring something unforeseen, the Lawrence North senior will be the No. 1 pick in the 2007 NBA draft, if he chooses to go that route after his freshman season at Ohio State.

So little doubt a Lawrence North/Pike showdown will be a real crowd-pleaser, if in fact the night comes down to that.

But it might not. Pike can't give much thought to applying the brakes to Oden and Lawrence North unless it gets past unranked Franklin.

TOUGH CROWD

No boys basketball regional in the state includes as many powerful teams as Saturday's Class 4A Pike Regional at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Here's how the field at each 4A regional stacks up according to Jeff Sagarin's high school ratings:

Pike			Schedule		
Rank	Team	W-L	Rank	W-L	Rank
1.	Lawrence North	25-0	1		
2.	Pike	20-3	4		
4.	Carmel	17-7	6		
53.	Franklin	14-10	52		

Seymour			Schedule		
Rank	Team	W-L	Rank	W-L	Rank
5.	Bloom. South	19-5	13		
8.	Jeffersonville	22-1	39		
67.	Martinsville	14-9	48		
69.	Ev. Harrison	14-9	78		

Marion			Schedule		
Rank	Team	W-L	Rank	W-L	Rank
6.	Muncie Central	17-5	9		
24.	McCutcheon	17-6	31		
25.	FW Snider	16-7	20		
63.	Warsaw	11-11	37		

Michigan City			Schedule		
Rank	Team	W-L	Rank	W-L	Rank
10.	Valparaiso	20-2	77		
15.	Penn	22-2	50		
22.	East Chicago	19-4	49		
102.	LaPorte	12-12	74		

Conversely, the Wildcats can't contemplate another state title until — or rather, unless — they get past Carmel.

Think upsets are improbable? No doubt folks across the state thought the same in 1997, when lightly regarded Franklin plowed its way to the Final Eight during the last of the single-class tournaments.

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from a quiet role player to one of the team's most vocal and main contributors.

"I think this last month, he's done as well as anybody has," Clark said. "That's been one of the reasons of our late season success. ... It starts with the point guard. The point guard sets the pace and sets the tone."

"That doesn't mean he's the No. 1 option, but he's the guy the offense goes through."

Moss' toughness is evident, especially with his desire to improve.

During the summer, he and

Clark talked about his changing role. With only two starters returning, the Cubs needed leadership.

"Coach is harder on me more than anybody at practice," Moss said. "He told me that (he would be). That way, if I do things right, everybody else will be able to follow."

Clark challenged Moss to provide leadership. Since Clark has pushed him, Moss has responded. When teammates slack off in practice, Moss is the first person to bark at them. And if the team has a bad practice, he understands it's his job to bring everybody back together.

Moss also spent the summer developing his strength and his shot. He lifted weights during morning team workouts to increase his strength. The extra

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Ben Gordon
Franklin senior on Saturday's regional game against Pike

At the semistate, unranked Franklin stunned No. 2 New Castle, which was ranked No. 1 in the coaches' poll, 71-65 at Hinkle Fieldhouse. It then lost 61-54 against No. 4 Delta in the final, coming oh-so close to the Final Four.

Franklin's players aren't guaranteeing a similar upset Saturday, but they certainly aren't ruling it out.

They have a seven-game winning streak and a wealth of confidence advancing from a sectional they were given little chance of winning after being three games below .500 in early February.

"Going into playing a big team like Pike, we don't have much pressure on us," Gordon said. "(The Red Devils) have all the pressure on them."

"They're playing some team down south called Franklin or something like that, so we just have to go in and play like we've been playing."

It's worked so far.

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DAVE'S FARM SERVICE RECEIVES SILVER AWARD

Dave and Debbie Brown of Dave's Farm Service, Edinburg, Indiana recently attended the annual Branson Tractor Dealer Summit held in Atlanta, Georgia. He was awarded the prestigious Silver Dealer award for outstanding achievement in sales, his third consecutive year receiving this award for his achievement. Shown presenting the award to Mr. Brown is Sehoon Chang, President of Branson Tractor Co. Dave's Farm Service has been the top dealer in the Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois area for the past three years in a row.

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