

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Oklahoma State University President David Schmidly, left, and assistant coaches Randy Rutherford, center, and James Dickey listen as OSU basketball coach Eddie Sutton addresses a news conference via speakerphone in Stillwater, Okla., on Wednesday. Sutton was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol last week and was charged with the crime Friday.

STILLWATER, Okla.

Oklahoma State coach charged with DUI

Oklahoma State basketball coach Eddie Sutton was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday after tests showed his blood alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit following a car crash last week.

Sutton, who is on a medical leave of absence, also was charged with Payne County prosecutors with speeding and driving left of center. In the accident Feb. 10, Sutton's sports utility vehicle swerved across four lanes of traffic, slammed into the back of another car, then crashed into a tree.

The driver of the other vehicle, Teresa Barnard, sustained minor injuries and was released at the scene.

Following the accident, tests showed Sutton had a blood alcohol content of .22, almost three times the legal limit in Oklahoma, according to an affidavit filed with the misdemeanor charge.

Sutton, 69, admits he has an alcohol problem and apologized at a news conference earlier this week for the accident that has cast a cloud over the future of his 35-year coaching career.

"I have a problem with alcohol," Sutton said. "That said, I make no excuses for what has happened. I recognize it, and I will be seeking treatment for it. I know I have let many people down."

The aggravated DUI charge is punishable by up to one year in county jail and a \$2,500 fine, but Payne County District Attorney Rob Hudson said it's routine to offer probation to first-time offenders.

HORSE RACING

PHILADELPHIA

Owner of Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones dies

Roy Chapman, the owner of Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones, died Friday after a long battle with emphysema. He was 79.



CHAPMAN

Chapman died at his home in the Philadelphia suburb of Doylestown, said his wife, Pat Chapman. He died of complications from the respiratory disease, which he battled for years.

After more than 20 years of breeding and owning horses, Chapman was about to give up on the game until Smarty Jones came along. The colt captured the hearts of racing fans when he nearly won the Triple Crown in 2004, taking the Derby and the Preakness before falling a length short in the Belmont Stakes for the only loss of his career.

"Smarty Jones was some of the best medicine he had," Pat Chapman said.

The image of Roy Chapman, tethered to an oxygen tank because of the disease, became an enduring image of Smarty's run. Shortly after Smarty won the Derby, Chapman gave those around him a scare when he clutched his chest. Nothing was actually wrong.

LOS ANGELES

Two-time Kentucky Derby winning owner dies at 81

Bob Lewis, one of thoroughbred racing's most popular owners who came close to winning Triple Crowns with Silver Charm and Charismatic, died in Newport Beach, Calif., on Friday. He was 81.



LEWIS

Lewis, who had been in declining health for several months, died of heart failure, according to his son.

Lewis and his wife Beverly owned Kentucky Derby winners Silver Charm and Charismatic.

Silver Charm won the Derby and Preakness in 1997, then fell short of winning the Belmont Stakes and sweeping the Triple Crown. Two years later, the Lewises came close with Charismatic, who won the Derby and Preakness but finished third in the Belmont after breaking a bone.

But even after disappointing defeats, the Lewises always came away sounding like winners. Lewis often used words such as "delightful" and "magnificent" when describing his feelings after races.

Lewis was surrounded by his family when he died, said Sherwood Chillingworth, executive vice president of Oak Tree Racing Association, of which Lewis was a board member.

FOOTBALL

LUTZ, Fla.

James Dungy's death a suicide, examiner rules

The death of the 18-year-old son of Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy has been ruled a suicide, a medical examiner said Friday.

James Dungy hanged himself from a bedroom ceiling fan with a leather belt, Dr. Jacqueline Lee of the Hillsborough County Medical Examiner's Office wrote in her final autopsy report.

Authorities had ruled out foul play in December, but toxicology results were pending. Those tests

were negative, except for caffeine and medication paramedics used in attempts to resuscitate the teen, Lee said.

Dungy was found and cut down by his girlfriend on Dec. 22, less than a half-hour after last being seen alive, according to the medical examiner's office. The teen's girlfriend called paramedics, who attempted to resuscitate him. He was pronounced dead at a Tampa, Fla., hospital.

James Dungy had been taking extension classes at the University of South Florida, authorities said.

Tony Dungy coached the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1996 to 2001.

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New book worth leafing through

It doesn't happen often, but now and then a book offers a complete, new perspective for those who adhere to nature's many areas of interest.

So it is with "Native Trees of the Midwest," an offering of Purdue University Press.

For those of us who have believed Charles Deam's "Trees Of Indiana" was the bible of tree books, it is easy to see the import of this beautiful piece of work.

A cursory glance at the double-truck layout for more than 125 species of trees native to Indiana and the Midwest makes obvious the fact that this is a work of value to anyone remotely involved with trees.

"Native Trees of the Midwest" is the work of three Purdue University professors: Sally S. Weeks; her husband, Harmon P. Weeks; and George R. Parker, all of Purdue's School of Natural Resources and Forestry.

"It is our intention with this book to introduce the student, layperson and professional to the native trees of Indiana and surrounding states by providing hard-to-find color images and updated nomenclature from previous (published), state-specific field guides."



'Bayou' Bill Scifres

OUTDOORS

This book appears destined for a niche in thousands of libraries, businesses, schools and homes. No person with even a rudimentary interest in trees should be without it.

More than two years in its development, the Weeks/Parker book offers reams of information on identifying each species throughout the year with outstanding support of more than 750 color photographs.

Shot by Sally Weeks in what can be called nothing less than a monumental photographic achievement, the photographs alone are well worth the price of the book (\$49 from the Purdue Press, somewhat less from some online booksellers).

Great features of this book come at you rapid-fire from the time you enter the illustrated glossary of terms. The format

offers facing pages for each species of tree.

Left pages for each species are devoted to text. Right pages offer pictures of leaves, flowers, fruits, buds and bark of the trunk. Text includes common name, scientific name, family and a wealth of data on form and size, habitat, wildlife uses, landscaping values, quick identification features, information on similar species and an outline map of Midwestern states indicating distribution.

Sports show

Big days for fishing clinics at the 52nd annual Indianapolis, Boat, Sport & Travel Show will be Saturdays and Sundays, but there will be plenty of seminars by a great collection of angling pros each day of the 10-day show, which opened Friday.

Pro anglers scheduled to conduct clinics are Spence Petros, walleye; Dan Armitage, kids fishing; O.T. Fears, bass fishing; Rick and Bob Jones (team Jones), crappie; Dave Stewart, bass; Mike Delvisco, electronics for bass; Mike Hulbert, muskie; Chris Walker, muskie; Capt. Mike Orr, salmon, trout; and Bill McDonald, a FLW Tournament Trail pro who still calls Naptown home. Hoosier

Bill is scheduled only for the first weekend of the show.

Incidentally, Feb. 25, the second Saturday of the sports show, will be Kids Day. The first 750 kids through the gates on that day will receive a rod-and-reel combo.

Throughout the show, the Indiana Bass Federation will conduct the National Bassmaster Casting Kids competition, free for children age 7 to 14.

Dan Gapen, the Minnesota fishing tackle manufacturer who became a favorite fishing son of Hoosier anglers in the 1960s and '70s, will be back in the sports show this year after a 15-year absence.

Gapen will be in Tackletown (booths 421 and 422), and he is bringing 550 copies of the Hairy Worm, the lure that wowed anglers in Indiana and elsewhere. The lures are large, but they are great showpieces, and they will be gifts to those who buy other Gapen products at the show.

"Bayou" Bill Scifres' outdoors column appears Saturdays in the Daily Journal. Comments can be sent to P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131.

Alford

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coach until after the Final Four.

That leaves a lot of time for speculation, and Alford is consistently among the first names mentioned, along with Ohio State coach Thad Matta, a former coach at Butler, and even Rick Majerus, a former coach at Utah and Ball State.

"There's a lot of talk that he does have a lot of influential alumni behind him, I think, because his name has come up twice before, when Knight was fired and a little bit last year," said Mike Pegrum of the Inside Indiana fan magazine and peegs.com. "A lot of people have come in contact with the Alford family through the years that are



"I have this comment: My entire focus and energy is helping my team win a Big Ten championship and get ready for the NCAA Tournament. This is my only concern. And you can underline 'entire' and 'only.'"

Steve Alford
Iowa basketball coach on being considered a front-runner for the Indiana University coaching job

also Indiana alums. So there's always going to be some alumni support for Steve."

Pegrum's Web site on Friday listed six names for visitors to vote on their preference for Indiana's next coach. With more than 800 votes cast, Matta was first with 35 percent, followed by Alford at 21 percent. Golden State Warriors and former Stanford coach Mike Montgomery, Tennessee's Bruce

Pearl, Majerus and Marquette's Tom Crean were all far behind.

Back home, Alford's return would be welcomed.

"I'm sure he would be a popular choice," said Mike Bergerum, the athletics director at New Castle High School where Alford played. "That's the only thing you hear on the news. ... (but) I'm not going to speculate on anything. Obviously, he's popular."

BASEBALL

PHOENIX

Police: Belle arrested on stalking charges

Albert Belle tracked his ex-girlfriend with a GPS device and repeatedly threatened her, according to a police probable cause statement filed in support of stalking charges.



BELLE

The 39-year-old former baseball star was arrested in Scottsdale on Thursday and charged with stalking. He made an initial court appearance late Thursday, and a judge set bail at \$108,000, ordered him to be electronically monitored and to stay away from the victim.

Belle declined to comment on the case.

"You didn't write a story about my Hall of Fame induction," Belle said. "You guys never report the good stuff that I do."

Belle collected just 40 of the 390 votes needed to reach the Hall of Fame.

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