

SCOREBOARD

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Note

State Meet gymnastics tickets
Tickets for Saturday's IHSAA State Gymnastics meet at Perry Meridian High School can be purchased today until 2 p.m. at the Center Grove High School athletic office. Tickets are \$6. Opening ceremonies begin at 12:30 p.m. Competition starts at 1 p.m.

Preseason baseball

Table with columns for American League, National League, and Thursday's games. Includes team names and win/loss records.

Table with columns for Wednesday's games. Includes team names and win/loss records.

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

MAIN EVENTS

TV TODAY

Men's college basketball

- NCAA Tournament: Davidson vs. Ohio State, noon, WISH-Channel 8
NCAA Tournament: Southern Illinois vs. West Virginia, 2:30 p.m., WISH-Channel 8
NCAA Tournament: George Mason vs. Michigan State, 7 p.m., WISH-Channel 8
NCAA Tournament: Alabama-Birmingham vs. Kentucky, 9:30 p.m., WISH-Channel 8

Tennis

Pacific Life Open, quarterfinals, 2 p.m., ESPN2

Golf

PGA Bay Hill Invitational, second round, 3 p.m., USA

NBA

Sacramento Kings at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest

Auto racing

NASCAR Nextel Cup Golden Corral 500, qualifying, 7 p.m., Speed Channel

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 OAKLAND REGIONAL, First round, Thursday's games, Saturday's games, and Sunday's games. Includes team names and scores.

Men's college basketball

Table with columns for WASHINGTON REGIONAL, First round, Today's games, Saturday's games, Sunday's games, SEMIFINALS, and Today's games. Includes team names and scores.

NBA

Table with columns for EASTERN CONFERENCE, Atlantic Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Pacific Division, and WESTERN CONFERENCE, Southwest Division. Includes team names and records.

Table with columns for OAKLAND REGIONAL, First round, Thursday's games, Saturday's games, Sunday's games, National Invitation Tournament, Opening Round, Today's games, and Thursday's games. Includes team names and scores.

Women's college basketball

Table with columns for National Invitation Tournament, Opening Round, Today's games, Thursday's games, Friday's games, and Saturday's games. Includes team names and scores.

NHL

Table with columns for EASTERN CONFERENCE, Atlantic Division, Today's games, Northwest Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Pacific Division, and WESTERN CONFERENCE, Central Division. Includes team names and records.

Table with columns for Los Angeles, Anaheim, San Jose, Phoenix, and Wednesday's games. Includes team names and records.

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Irish coach cringes to think of losing Duffy

By TOM COYNE THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH BEND

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw hates to lose. That's why she usually plays golf against Megan Duffy only once a year. McGraw likes to invite Duffy to a match early in the spring. By then, McGraw has played enough to have her game going, but it's early enough so that Duffy has not yet had much time on the links.

"I've beaten her 43 to 44 because she hasn't played in eight months and I've been playing every day," McGraw said. "I have to pick my spots and try to get in her head." Duffy knows what McGraw is up to, though. After four years with the coach, Duffy knows how much McGraw hates to lose, even if it is just Irish players hanging out at her house playing board games.

"She wants to be first in everything she does. Hopefully that's good, though. Hopefully it rubs off on us," Duffy said.

It's a trait the women share and one that has given McGraw total confidence in Duffy. She trusts her floor leader enough that McGraw tells her team that if she calls one play and Duffy calls another, they should listen to Duffy.

"I just think it's better for the team to know they have to look at one person on the floor. I have that much respect for her," McGraw said.

Duffy said she has a great relationship with McGraw.

"I feel like I have the green light to suggest things to her," she said. "We talk a lot about basketball and our team and ways we can get better."

The two have endured a somewhat frustrating season for Notre Dame (18-11), with Duffy being the only constant for the Irish, who face Boston College (19-11) Sunday in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Last year Duffy could focus on being the floor leader while depending on Jacqueline Batteast to be the scorer.

"This year she's had to do it all," McGraw said. "She's had to be the leading



AP PHOTO

Notre Dame senior guard Megan Duffy gets ready to pass during the Irish loss to Connecticut on Feb. 19 in South Bend.

scorer. She's had to be the leader. She's had to be the one whose out there all the time." Duffy, who plays more than 38 minutes a game, won the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award given the nation's top female college basketball player under 5-foot-8. She also was a first-team All-Big East selection.

She finished the season in the top 10 in the Big East in scoring (seventh at 15.7 points a game), free-throw percentage (first at 88.8 percent), assists (eighth at 4.1 a game), steals (seventh at 2.03 a game) and assist-to-turnover ratio (ninth at 1.68).

McGraw calls Duffy the smartest point guard she's had in 19 years as coach at Notre Dame.

"She's such a great leader for our team, McGraw said. "She carried us at times during the year. She is the one that motivates them and gets them in the right spots. She does everything she can to help us win. She is the consummate team player."

Wife of former IU coach stored fetuses, police say

The Associated Press

ROME, Ga.

Police believe the remains of two fetuses found in a storage unit were self-abortioned by the wife of a former Indiana women's basketball coach.

That information, released in a police statement Thursday, was the latest in the bizarre case that started last week when authorities in Bay County, Fla., received a tip that Sarah Jo Warner Izard had told friends there that she kept the remains of two fetuses in a storage shed in Rome, Ga.

Izard is the wife of the late coach Jim Izard, who died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound on Feb. 28.

"Sarah Jo Izard told the third party that she had been pregnant two times, one time in 2001 and one time in 2002," Rome police said in the statement. "Both of these times she had allegedly self-abortioned these pregnancies and she had saved the remains of the fetuses."

Authorities are trying to determine if any laws were broken. No charges have been filed, and police are unwilling to speculate on what laws, if any, may have been violated for storing the fetuses.

The Izards lived in Rome for two years when Jim Izard coached the Berry College women's basketball team. He resigned in January 2005 and moved to Florida, where he committed suicide last month.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation

crime lab in Atlanta is performing DNA analysis and other tests on the fetuses, which is expected to last at least another two weeks. Once the lab's final reports are completed, police will consult with the Floyd County District Attorney's office to determine whether any criminal charges will be brought against Sarah Izard.

The investigation started last week when Rome police were informed by the Bay County sheriff's office that Sarah Izard had told friends that she stored the remains in a green plastic container inside a storage unit leased to the late Jim Izard. On March 9, police searched the storage unit and found the container, removing two smaller containers from inside it, each holding a human fetus in some sort of liquid, Floyd County Coroner Barry Henderson said.

Henderson said that the state crime lab's initial finding was that one fetus was a male and another was too disintegrated to determine gender.

Bay County Sheriff's spokeswoman Ruth Sasser said her office has interviewed Sarah Izard about the fetuses, but Sasser has refused to comment on what was said.

There are no listed telephone numbers for Sarah Izard or any variations of her name or her husband's name in the Rosemary Beach, Fla., area, which is their last known address and where Jim Izard died.

"We know where she's at and will be progressing in the investigation," Sasser said about Sarah Izard.

Michigan tops Texas-El Paso, will host Irish next week

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Chris Hunter scored a season-high 20 points and Dion Harris added 18 to lead Michigan to its sixth straight postseason win, an 82-67 victory against Texas-El Paso in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament on Thursday.

Jason Williams had 25 points and Miguel Ayala added 10 for the Miners (21-10), who have not won consecutive postseason games since their 1992 run to the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

Michigan (19-10), the 2004 NIT champion, broke a three-game losing streak and will host Notre Dame in a second-round game Monday. The Wolverines defeated the Fighting Irish 71-67 at South Bend on Dec. 3.

The Miners wore 1966-style jerseys to honor the school's only NCAA champion, but none of that magic came with the uniforms. UTEP turned over the ball 19 times and never made a serious run at the Wolverines after falling behind early.

UTEP trimmed the lead to eight points with 12 minutes to play in the second half,

but Michigan answered with a 12-0 run to put the game away. Hunter scored the last eight points of the streak.

In Thursday's other NIT action

Saint Joseph's 71 Rutgers 62

PHILADELPHIA — Abdulai Jalloh scored his 23 points in the first half to lead Saint Joseph's to a win against Rutgers in the opening round of the NIT.

Creighton 71 Akron 60

OMAHA, Neb. — Anthony Tolliver scored 18 points and Nick Porter had 15 to help Creighton beat Akron in the first round of the NIT.

Pierce Hibma, who finished with 14 points, made four 3-pointers in the first half as Creighton quickly built a double-digit lead it held most of the game.

Hofstra 73 Nebraska 62

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Loren Stokes scored 23 points as Hofstra earned its first postseason victory in 33 years at the Division I level with a win against Nebraska in the opening round of the NIT.

Classic

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game-ending double play.

Mexico took a 1-0 lead off Clemens in the third on a leadoff double by Mario Valenzuela and a two-out single by Jorge Cantu.

But it wasn't that simple.

A television replay showed Valenzuela's fly ball hit the right-field foul pole at least 10 feet off the ground and bounced back onto the field. However, first-base umpire Bob Davidson didn't see it that way, and Valenzuela wound up at second.

It was Davidson, umpiring behind the plate, who ruled that Japan's Tsuyoshi Nishioka left third base early in the eighth inning Sunday to negate a sacrifice fly that would have

snapped a 3-3 tie in a game Team USA eventually won 4-3.

The Americans tied it in the fourth off Francisco Campos when Jones doubled, took third on a fly ball and scored on Wells' sacrifice fly, barely beating right fielder Valenzuela's throw to the plate.

Mexico took a 2-1 lead in the fifth and chased Clemens, who left after allowing a single to Valenzuela, a sacrifice, and a single by Alfredo Amezaga to put runners at first and third. Cantu followed with an RBI grounder off Scot Shields.

The Americans blew an opportunity against Edgar Gonzalez in the top of the fifth, when Jeff Francoeur opened with a double and Michael Barrett was hit by a pitch. Francoeur strayed off second when Michael Young squared to bunt and was caught in a rundown. Gonzalez then retired Young and Derek Jeter on ground balls to end the inning.

Thanks to exceptional work by relievers Ricardo Rincon and Oscar Villareal, Team USA wouldn't have another baserunner until the ninth.

The game was played before an announced crowd of 38,284 at Angel Stadium. Among those attending was Commissioner Bud Selig, a proponent of the Classic.

"The intensity has been just remarkable," Selig said. "In the end, the beneficiary of all this will be baseball all over the world. I mean, who knows, long after I'm gone, this event will be big. But more importantly than this event will be big is what it's going to do for baseball, including American baseball.

"This morning, you read that people are mad that ESPN hasn't shown enough games. Well if you had told somebody that two or three weeks ago, they would have all laughed. Now people are mad they can't get the games."