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First round
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 Texas Tech 73, Kansas State 65
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Women's college basketball

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Semifinals
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 Delaware 55, Northeastern 45
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Thursday's games
 Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 2
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Boston 4
 Tampa Bay 6, Atlanta 3
 Detroit (ss) 3, Toronto 2
 Minnesota 4, Baltimore 2
 Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 1
 Florida (ss) 3, St. Louis 0
 Florida (ss) 5, Washington (ss) 4
 Cleveland 10, Washington (ss) 5
 New York Yankees (ss) 8, Philadelphia 3
 Detroit (ss) 6, New York Yankees (ss) 1
 Oakland 7, Milwaukee 3
 Colorado 6, Chicago Cubs 2
 Arizona 9, San Diego 8
 Chicago White Sox 10, Seattle 3
 L.A. Angels 6, San Francisco 5
 Kansas City 12, Texas (ss) 4
 Japan vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Today's games
 Philadelphia vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Atlanta vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. L.A. Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Oakland (ss) vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Oakland (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Seattle vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 South Korea vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
 Japan vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 9:05 p.m.

World Baseball Classic

At Scottsdale, Ariz.
 South Africa at United States, 3 p.m.
At San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Panama vs. Netherlands, 1 p.m.
 Cuba at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.
At Kissimmee, Fla.
 Dominican Republic vs. Australia, 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 12
At Anaheim, Calif.
 Japan vs. Group B second place, 4 p.m.
 South Korea vs. Group B winner, 11 p.m.
Monday, March 13
At Anaheim, Calif.
 South Korea vs. Group B second place, 10 p.m.
At San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Group C winner vs. Group D second place, 1 p.m.
 Group D winner vs. Group C second place, 8 p.m.

Golf

PGA HONDA CLASSIC
Thursday's top ten
At The Country Club at Mirasol
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
 Purse: \$5.5 million
Yardage: 7,384 Par: 72
First round
 Note: Play suspended due to darkness with three golfers not finishing.
 1. Mathias Gronberg 32-35-67
 2. David Toms 31-36-67
 3. Ryuji Imada 34-33-67
 4. Geoff Ogilvy 32-35-67
 5. Brian Gay 35-33-68
 6. Billy Mayfair 33-35-68
 7. Jeff Gove 34-34-68

MAIN EVENTS

TV TODAY

Men's college basketball
Big Ten Tournament: Penn State vs. Ohio State, noon, ESPN
ACC Tournament: Miami vs. Duke, noon, ESPN2
Big Ten Tournament: Indiana vs. Wisconsin, 2 p.m., ESPN
ACC Tournament: Wake Forest vs. North Carolina State, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Patriot League Tournament: Holy Cross at Bucknell, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2
Big East Tournament: Syracuse vs. Georgetown, 7 p.m., ESPN
ACC Tournament: North Carolina vs. Virginia, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Big East Tournament: Rutgers vs. Pittsburgh or West Virginia, 9 p.m., ESPN
ACC Tournament: Boston College vs. Georgia Tech or Maryland, 9 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Indiana Pacers vs. New Orleans Hornets at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m., Fox Sports Midwest
PGA Honda Classic, second round, 4 p.m., USA

SPECTATOR SPORTS

Today
Gymnastics
Center Grove at Columbus East Regional, 7 p.m.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New Jersey	32	28	53.3	—
Philadelphia	30	30	50.0	2
Boston	26	35	42.6	6½
Toronto	21	40	34.4	11½
New York	17	43	28.3	15
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	40	20	66.7	—
Washington	30	30	50.0	10
Atlanta	20	39	33.9	19½
Orlando	20	40	33.3	20
Charlotte	17	45	27.4	24
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	49	11	81.7	—
Cleveland	36	26	58.1	14
Indiana	30	28	51.7	18
Milwaukee	29	31	48.3	20
Chicago	27	34	44.3	22½

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Rangers	36	17	9	81	199	150
Philadelphia	35	18	0	80	207	204
New Jersey	32	22	8	72	177	173
N.Y. Islanders	28	29	4	60	173	215
Pittsburgh	14	37	12	40	180	257
Northeast Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Ottawa	41	15	5	87	244	149
Buffalo	40	16	5	85	208	173
Montreal	30	23	9	69	182	195
Toronto	28	28	5	61	190	209
Boston	25	28	10	60	178	195
Southeast Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	43	14	5	91	235	190
Tampa Bay	33	26	4	70	194	198
Atlanta	30	27	6	66	210	215
Florida	24	29	9	57	173	192
Washington	22	33	6	50	175	235
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	42	15	5	89	227	158
Nashville	36	19	7	79	191	178
Colorado	25	26	5	52	158	222
Chicago	20	32	9	49	157	212
St. Louis	18	32	10	46	163	218
Northwest Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	35	19	7	77	161	150
Colorado	35	23	6	76	226	200
Vancouver	35	23	5	75	207	192
Edmonton	32	21	9	73	204	198
Minnesota	30	28	6	66	189	170
Pacific Division						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Dallas	41	18	3	85	210	170
Los Angeles	35	24	5	75	215	213
Anaheim	29	20	12	70	179	170
San Jose	28	23	9	65	185	183
Phoenix	29	30	4	62	189	208
Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.						
Thursday's games						
Buffalo 8, Tampa Bay 5						

Columbus 5, Phoenix 4
 Montreal 3, Boston 0
 Detroit 7, Los Angeles 3
 Colorado at Chicago, (n)
 Dallas at Calgary, (n)
 Nashville at Vancouver, (n)
 Edmonton at San Jose, (n)
Today's games
 Ottawa at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
 Buffalo at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
 Nashville at San Jose, 4 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 Edmonton at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Anaheim at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Reassigned OF Trevor Crowe and OF Ben Francisco to their minor league camp.
 TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Assigned RHP David Percy and C Erik Kratz to their minor league camp.

National League
 CINCINNATI REDS—Released RHP Bubba Nelson and RHP Luke Hudson. Assigned INF Aaron Herr, INF Anderson Mack, INF Devin Walford and RHP Josh Hall to their minor league camp.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Extended the contract of Jim Bowden, vice president and general manager, and Tony Siegle, assistant general manager, through the completion of the 2006 season. Optioned 1B Larry Broadway to New Orleans of the PCL and LHP Michael Hinckley to Potomac of the Carolina League. Assigned RHP Andrew Good, RHP Francis Beltran, LHP Mike Bacsik, LHP Micah Bowie, LHP Jim Crowl, C Erick San Pedro, INF Josh Labandeira, INF Kory Casto, OF Frank Diaz, OF Ruben Mateo and OF Cristian Guerrero to their minor league camp.

BASKETBALL
Continental Basketball Association
GARY STEELHEADS—Announced the league office has approved the contractual buyout of G. Jimmie Hunter.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released DL Willie McGinest. Signed DB Artrell Hawkins.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Traded D Sandis Ozolinis to New York Rangers for 2006 third-round draft pick. Traded a 2006 second-round draft pick to the Washington Capitals for LW Jeff Friesen. Traded D Keith Carney and D Juha Alen to the Vancouver Canucks for D Brett Skinner and a 2006 second-round draft pick.

CALGARY FLAMES—Traded a 2006 fourth-round draft pick to the Phoenix Coyotes for F Jamie Lundmark. Traded C Jason Wiemer to New Jersey for a 2006 fourth-round draft pick.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Acquired F Mark Recchi from Pittsburgh for Miklas Nordgren, F Krys Kolanos and a 2007 second-round draft pick.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Traded D Todd Simpson to the Montreal Canadiens for a 2006 sixth-round draft pick. Recalled F Milan Bartovic from Norfolk of the AHL.

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Acquired F Jim Dowd from Chicago for a 2006 fourth-round draft pick.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled F Mark Horgan from Syracuse of the AHL. Assigned F Cam Seaver to Syracuse.

DALLAS STARS—Acquired D Willie Mitchell and 2007 second-round draft pick from Minnesota for D Martin Skoula and D Shawn Belle.

EDMONTON OILERS—Acquired F Sergei Samsonov from Boston for F Marty Reasoner, F Yan Stastny and a 2006 second-round draft pick.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with C Chris Gratton on a two-year contract extension. Re-signed F Olli Jokinen to a four-year contract.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Traded C Yanick Lehoux to the Phoenix Coyotes for RW Tim Jackman.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled D Kevin Klein from the AHL. Traded F Kris Beech and a 2006 first-round draft pick to the Washington Capitals for D Brendan Witt.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Traded a 2006 third-round draft pick to the New York Islanders for D Brian Lukaciv. Traded D Sean Brown to the Vancouver Canucks for a 2006 fourth-round draft pick.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned D Thomas Pock to Hartford of the AHL.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Traded LW Josh Gaton and two 2006 second-round draft picks to the Phoenix Coyotes for D Denis Gauthier.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Traded D Sean O'Donnell to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks for C Joel Perrault. Traded a 2006 seventh-round draft pick to the Detroit Red Wings for D Jamie Rivers. Traded a 2006 third-round draft pick to the New York Islanders for C Petr Tasek. Claimed C Andy Hilbert off waivers from Chicago. Assigned C Shane Endicott to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Traded RW Niko Dimitrakos to the Philadelphia Flyers for a 2006 third-round draft pick. Activated RW Scott Parker from injured reserve. Recalled G Nolan Schaefer from Cleveland of the AHL.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned LW Norm Miller to Springfield of the AHL.

COLLEGE
 DAVIDSON—Announced the resignation of Tim Kelly, men's and women's swimming and diving coach.

MARYWOOD—Announced that men's and women's lacrosse will be varsity sports starting with the 2007-08 school year.

THE CITADEL—Named Bob Fello assistant head football coach. Isaac Collins defensive coordinator, Dave Cecchini offensive coordinator, Eric Westerfield and Chris Partridge defensive line coaches, Ryan Hearn tight ends coach, Kevin Olecki and James Holcombe offensive line coaches and Ashton Larkins cornerbacks coach.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

PERFECT SEASON

The Center Grove Xtreme fourth-grade girls basketball team recently won the Hoosier Girls Basketball League championship game against Hamilton Heights. The Xtreme finished the season with an 11-0 record. Members of the team are, front row from left, Bobbie Clayton, Jamie Geitner, Molly Shaner and Colleen Gudeman; and back row from left, Sam Bolen, Brea Martlage, Cassie Hendrickson, Erica McGraw and Madi Kolthoff. Not pictured are coach Gary Hendrickson and assistant coaches Jim McGraw and Rob Clayton.

Boilers

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seed and the defending tournament champion. Illinois has reached the final game the past three years, winning in 2003 and 2005 and finishing second in 2004.

"We found a way to win, but we've got to get a lot better in the next 25 hours or so," Izzo said.

Purdue (9-19), which has never won the conference tournament and was seeded 11th, was eliminated in its first tourney game for the fifth straight year and finished 0-14 away from home this season despite 20 points by Gary Ware.

"We had a great effort," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "We've struggled shooting the basketball the past four or five games. It's too bad, because these guys have worked hard to get better."

The Boiler-makers had four projected starters who were out with injuries or suspended most of the season, although they got one of them back with a surprise appearance by 270-pound freshman Nate Minnoy.

"I was going to try to play him a little bit to see how he looked out there," Painter said. "It's just hard in transition for him. ... He gave a great effort. He missed some shots but he was aggressive."

Matt Kiefer, who added 16 points for Purdue, hit two free throws for the Boiler-makers' final lead at 20-19, but a dunk by Paul Davis put the Spartans on top for good with less than 6 minutes left before halftime.

"We were careless with the ball. That led them to getting out on the break," Kiefer said.

Purdue managed only two more baskets in the next 5 minutes, both by Ware, and Michigan State opened a 31-24 lead before Bryant Dillon scored on a rebound tip in the closing seconds of the period.

Minnoy, who had averaged 11 points a game before he tore a ligament in his knee in January, missed all four of his shots in 6 minutes in the first half and all five of his attempts in 7 minutes in the second period.

A basket and free throw by Brown and then a 3-pointer by Brown gave Michigan State its biggest lead at 49-34 before Kiefer and Ware led Purdue's brief comeback. Purdue, which lost 15 of its final 18 games this season, also got 13 points from Dillon.

In other NCAA action

MINNESOTA 59

Michigan 55
 INDIANAPOLIS—Maurice Hargrow scored 15 points, and Zach Puchtel added a career-high 15 rebounds as Minnesota defeated Michigan in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament.

The Golden Gophers snapped a three-game losing streak and dealt a severe blow to Michigan's NCAA Tournament hopes.

The Wolverines (18-10) entered the game ranked 37th in the Ratings Percentage Index, making them a possible at-large team. Michigan has lost seven of its past nine games, a problem since the tournament selection committee traditionally weighs recent history heavily.

Dion Harris led Michigan with 16 points, and Daniel Horton had 14. The Golden Gophers advance to play Iowa in today's quarterfinal.

Syracuse 86

No. 1 Connecticut 84, OT
 NEW YORK—Gerry McNamara hit a 3-pointer with 5.5 seconds left in regulation to tie the game,



AP PHOTO

Syracuse's Gerry McNamara, right, goes to the basket against Connecticut's Rudy Gay during a Big East Tournament quarterfinal game on Thursday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

and the ninth-seeded Orange went on to beat No. 1 Connecticut.

The win should help the Orange (21-11) end any talk about whether they deserve an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

McNamara scored 17 points and handed out 13 assists, one short of the tournament record.

The loss shouldn't affect the No. 1 seed expected to go to Connecticut (27-3), but it ended a 10-game winning streak in the Big East quarterfinals for the Huskies, the regular-season co-champions with Villanova.

Syracuse, the defending champions in the tournament, will play No. 23 Georgetown in tonight's semifinals.

Demetris Nichols also had 17 points for Syracuse, which had five starters in double figures. Denham Brown had 20 points for the Huskies, while Marcus Williams had 17 points and 11 assists.

Penn State 60

Northwestern 42
 INDIANAPOLIS—Gerry Claxton had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Penn State's zone defense stymied cold-shooting Northwestern in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament.

Northwestern (14-15), which lost to Penn State in both regular-season meetings this year, was the Big Ten's lowest scoring and worst 3-point shooting team, yet six of the Wildcats' first eight shots were from long range.

Northwestern tied a tournament record with 31 3-point attempts for the game but missed 12 straight during one stretch of the second half, when Penn State built a 26-point lead.

Mohamed Hachad led Northwestern with 16 points. Travis Parker and Mike Walker added 10 points each for Penn State. Vederan Vukusic, the Big Ten's scoring leader at 19.4 points a game, had 10 points for Northwestern but played much of the second half in foul trouble.

Temple 68

No. 6 George Washington 53
 CINCINNATI—Temple's famously stingy defense got back to what it does best, breaking down opponents and creating havoc in tournament brackets.