

OLYMPICS

ST. LOUIS

Kwan gets trip to Turin, Cohen earns title

Michelle Kwan was given one more chance to chase that elusive Olympic gold. Now she has to prove she deserves it.

While Sasha Cohen earned her spot in Turin by winning the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Saturday night, Kwan needed an assist from a selection committee.

By a 20-3 vote, it gave the nine-time U.S. and five-time world champion a medical bye under the condition she proves by Jan. 27 that she's fully recovered from a groin injury and able to compete.

"I'm my worst critic," Kwan said from California, where she watched the championships on television. "If I feel that I can't be ready, I will pull myself off the team. I've said that before and I'm sticking to it. If I don't believe I can be 100 percent and at my best, I don't believe it's good for me to go."

Cohen and Kimmie Meissner were given after their 1-2 finish. But the committee took the better part of an hour to put Kwan ahead of third-place finisher Emily Hughes, who was designated an alternate along with Katy Taylor.

"We looked at basically the



AP PHOTO

Sasha Cohen grimaces as she skates to a gold medal victory in the women's free skate at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in St. Louis on Saturday.

Olympic selection criteria we're dealing with ... and we had a healthy discussion," said Bob Horen, chairman of the International Committee that made the decision.

"... We felt she had a better chance to medal."

But Kwan can't start packing for Turin yet.

If a five-member committee decides Kwan isn't healthy or fit enough to skate, she would be replaced by Hughes, the little sister of 2002 Olympic champion Sarah.

RUNNING

TEMPE, Ariz.

Ethiopian sets world record in half-marathon

Haile Gebrselassie shattered the world half-marathon record by 21 seconds Sunday while running the last half of the Rock 'N' Roll Arizona marathon.

He also broke the 20-kilometer world mark en route. It marked the 19th and 20th times the diminutive Ethiopian has broken world records in his career.

"This one is so fantastic because this is my first one in America," he said. "It's a little special to me. It's really, really wonderful."

His half-marathon time of 58 minutes, 55 seconds on a clear, crisp morning through the streets of Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe broke the mark of 59:16 set by 18-year-old Kenyan Samuel Wanjiru in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on Sept. 11.

His 20-kilometer time, also officially clocked, was 55:48. That broke the world record held by his longtime rival, Paul Tergat of Kenya, of 56:18 set in the Italian half-marathon on April 4, 1998.

Ethiopians dominated the marathon, too, taking the first four spots in the men's competition and going 1-2 in the women's.

FANTASY SPORTS

ST. LOUIS

Fantasy league company says stats should be free

A company that runs sports fantasy leagues is asking a federal court to decide whether major leaguers' batting averages and home run counts are historical facts that can be used freely or property that can be sold.

In a lawsuit that could affect the pastime of an estimated 16 million people, CBC Distribution and Marketing wants the judge to stop Major League Baseball from requiring a license to use the statistics.

The company claims baseball statistics become historical facts as soon as the game is over, so it shouldn't have to pay for the

right to use them.

Working mostly over the Internet, CBC and its hundreds of competitors provide player profiles and process reams of daily data for fans who pretend to be team owners, drafting players for imaginary squads and using statistics to determine a winner at the season's end.

While some leagues are just for fun, others award large cash prizes, and operating them has become a multimillion industry.

CBC, which has run the CDM Fantasy Sports leagues since 1992, sued baseball last year after it took over the rights to the statistics and profiles from the Major League Baseball Players Association and declined to grant the company a new license.

FRANKLIN COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Franklin men clip Ravens

Grizzlies offense boasts season's highest total vs. Anderson

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The Franklin College men's basketball team evened its Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference record at 2-2 with a double-digit win Saturday against visiting Anderson.

The Grizzlies (10-5), who had a disappointing loss earlier in the week to Bluffton, wasted little time in getting off to a good start in the 97-83 victory, their highest point total of the season.

Freshman guards Jace Redman and Justin Mitchell had back-to-back 3-pointers to open the game, and the Grizzlies

steadily stretched their lead to 28-11 with nine minutes remaining in the first half.

Franklin's stingy man-to-man defense created confusion for the Ravens (1-3, HCAC, 6-9 overall) as the Grizzlies forced turnovers and converted steals into easy field goals.

A late first-half rally by Anderson, which narrowed Franklin's lead to 42-35, was keyed by Ravens senior J.D. Clampitt, who had a career-high 41 points in the game on 16-of-21 shooting, including seven 3-pointers.

Franklin jumped out to a 50-39 lead in the second half, but Anderson battled back to close

the gap to two points, 56-54.

After a timeout, Franklin senior center Nick Kane got a key blocked shot then ran the floor for a layup off an assist from Redman.

That energized play by Kane ignited Franklin's offense as the Grizzlies built their lead to double figures again and never looked back.

"We did a good job for the most part in finishing our shots and crashing the glass," Kane said. "When we missed (shots) we got a lot of putbacks.

Franklin finished with 37 rebounds, including 16 offensive boards that led to 20 second-chance points. The Ravens scored

only eight second-chance points.

Kane led all Grizzlies scorers with 27 points but four other Franklin players finished in double figures. Redman finished with 14 points including three 3-pointers; senior forward Josh Finke had 13; sophomore forward Jon Neill came off the bench to score 13; and Marshall added 12.

"I think this may be the most conscientious team I've ever had," Franklin coach Kerry Prather said. "They know what hurt us the last time. They focus on it and fix it."

The Grizzlies' next game is Wednesday at Heartland Conference foe Manchester College.

Grizzlies women topple Anderson in overtime

Special to the Daily Journal

ANDERSON

Franklin College came through in the clutch to fend off upset-minded Anderson University in a women's basketball overtime thriller at Anderson on Saturday.

The Grizzlies' 73-70 triumph improved Franklin to 4-0 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and 13-2 overall and dropped the host Ravens to 1-3 in the league and 8-7.

Franklin rallied from an 11-point

deficit in the second half with a 15-5 run to close within one point at 47-46 with 11:12 left in regulation.

The Grizzlies wrestled away the lead from Anderson at 52-51 when senior guard Lindsey Roberson hit a 3-point basket with 8:55 to go. Franklin then pushed its lead to six points before Anderson came back to force overtime as Stacie Jennings dropped in two clutch free throws with no time showing.

In the extra five minutes, the Ravens went up early with a 3-pointer by Lauren Vail, but

Grizzlies senior Leslie Mehrlich then took over. Mehrlich scored on a three-point play, then added a pair of foul shots and scored another basket, scoring seven of her total 14 points in the period.

The Ravens led 7-2 in the early going before Franklin grabbed the lead at 10-9. But Anderson, which shot 60 percent in the opening half, took control again, gradually building its advantage to nine points (38-29) at halftime.

Franklin was led by Roberson, who scored 15 of her team-high

17 points after the intermission, and had 11 rebounds. Mehrlich finished with 14 points and seven rebounds, and senior Becky Ballard chipped in 12 points.

Anderson was paced by Jennings, who tallied a game-best 21 points and matched Roberson's 11 rebounds. Chelsie Haines added 14 points, and Vail had 11. The Ravens dominated under the basket, outscoring Franklin 42-22 in the paint. However, the Grizzlies got 26 points from their bench players to Anderson's 12.

Good advice: Loose-playing Irish stop losing streak

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND

In danger of losing its first four Big East games for the first time in 10 years, Notre Dame coach Mike Brey had a simple message for the Irish before their game against Providence: play loose.

"I told them before the game, 'The tone and theme is not we've got to win. I want to see us put numbers up like we've been putting numbers up and be a little better defensively,'" Brey said.

The plan worked. The Irish looked at ease against Providence, shooting 57 percent, making 13 3-pointers and getting enough stops defensively to win comfortably, beating the Friars 92-77 on Saturday.

"When you have offensive guys, you can't have them tight," Brey said. "I like how we are offensively, so we just have to be loose and play and let it flow."

Despite his message of playing loose, though, Brey admitted he was nervous heading into the game against Providence.

"You're concerned that you don't think you have a shot any

more," he said. "I believed our guys felt we do and it's a long road, but you never know that until you get out there."

Notre Dame (10-5, 1-3 Big East) entered the game as the league's third best scoring team, averaging 82 points in Big East games. They scored 82 against Syracuse on Wednesday and lost by six.

"One of the things I tried to talk about since the Syracuse game is, 'I don't want you to change at offensively. I want you to keep attacking offensively. I want you to keep attacking,'" Brey said.

Chris Quinn and Colin Falls followed Brey's advice. Quinn

attacked the Friars' defense, making five 3-pointers and driving inside at key times, scoring 31 points to key the Irish victory. Falls also had five 3-pointers and finished with 24 points.

"Coach Brey got on Chris Quinn and I about being more aggressive and not turning shots down," Falls said.

In Sunday's NCAA action

Creighton 69
Indiana State 53

TERRE HAUTE — Anthony Tolliver scored 15 points to lead four Bluejays in double figures as Creighton beat Indiana State.

The Bluejays (11-4, 5-2 Missouri Valley Conference) dominated from the tip-off and led 40-19 at the half on 17-of-26 shooting. For the game, Creighton outshot the Sycamores 52.8 percent to 33.9 percent from the field and outrebounded the host team 36-27.

Tolliver, who shot 7 of 9 overall, was followed by Johnny Mathies with 14, Nick Porter with 12 and Dane Watts with 10. Trent Wurtz led Indiana State (8-7, 1-6) with 13 points, including 5 of 6 from the line. Gabriel Moore and Tyson Schnitker each had 10.

The Sycamores outscored the Bluejays on turnovers 11-4 and had a 6-5 edge on second-chance points. But Creighton's 28-of-53 shooting outshone Indiana State's 19-of-56 performance and the Bluejays outscored the Sycamores 37-22 in the paint.

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