

SUNDAY'S NCAA ROUNDUP

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WOMEN

Michigan 65 Indiana 63

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — LeQuisha Whitfield scored all 15 of her points in the second half to lead Michigan past Indiana.

The Wolverines (9-13, 2-7 Big Ten) trailed 34-23 at halftime and the Hoosiers scored the first six points of the second half.

Indiana (13-9, 2-7) still led 53-40 with 9:55 left to play. But Michigan answered with a 16-1 run over the next five minutes that included two 3-pointers by Carly Benson and another trey by Whitfield. Two free throws by Stephany Skrba gave the Wolverines their first lead, 62-61, with 1:46 remaining.

Whitfield, a freshman, added another 3 to put Michigan up 65-61. The Wolverines finished with a season-high 12 3-pointers — six in the game's final eight minutes — on 27 attempts.

MEN

Ball State 69 Ohio 57

MUNCIE — Skip Mills had 20 points and five assists and Anthony Newell scored 19 as Ball State beat Ohio.

Micah Rollin grabbed nine rebounds for the Cardinals (7-13, 4-4 Mid American Conference), who outbounded Ohio 39-25. Peyton Stovall had 12 points, and Chris Ames 10 and Ball State shot 62 percent in the second half.

Jerome Tillman led Ohio (13-7, 4-3) with 19 points and four assists, and Leon Williams scored 14.

The Cardinals trailed by six at the outset, but after going on a 9-2 run to make it 9-8 they led throughout the rest of the game. Ball State led 28-22 at the half.

No. 10 Duke 75

Boston College 61

DURHAM, N.C. — DeMarcus Nelson scored 17 points to lead No. 10 Duke past Boston College.

Josh McRoberts had 16 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks for the Blue Devils (18-3, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won five straight games since an 0-2 league start. Duke has won the past six meetings, including all three since the Eagles joined the ACC.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia

Federer wins Aussie Open in straight sets

Roger Federer held back the tears this time. He didn't hold back much else at the Australian Open.

Federer underlined his 10th Grand Slam singles title by winning 21 straight sets, saving a set point in Sunday's final before finishing off Fernando Gonzalez 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4.

The last man to go through a major without dropping a set was Bjorn Borg at the 1980 French Open. The only other man to win the Australian Open without dropping a set was Ken Rosewall in 1971, although he had to play only five matches.

"Equaling records, doing something that hasn't been done for a long time, it's really nice, no doubt," Federer said. "All I care about in the end is to hopefully hold that trophy. Of course, now that it's over, it's great to think, 'Wow, you know, not having dropped a set.' It's quite amazing."

RACING

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

Montoya leads team to Daytona endurance win

Signing Juan Pablo Montoya is already paying dividends for Chip Ganassi, and the start of the NASCAR season is still three weeks off.

Montoya, co-driving a Lexus Riley Daytona Prototype with veteran road racer Scott Pruett and Mexican phenom Salvador Duran, is in elite company. He and racing great Mario Andretti are the only drivers to have won the Indianapolis 500, an American open-wheel championship, a Formula One race and, the Colombian's latest conquest, a sports car endurance race at Daytona International Speedway.

What's next?

"I'm back here for the Daytona 500 in a couple of weeks," said Montoya, set to begin his first full season in NASCAR's Nextel Cup series. "Hopefully, we can do something about that one, too."

Andretti won that NASCAR race in 1967.

Ganassi was asked if the win in the Rolex 24 bodes well for Montoya's move back to the United States after several successful but unfulfilling years in F1?

"It's a good start, I'll tell you that," said Ganassi, for whom Montoya won the CART title in 1999 and Indy in 2000.

Surgeon: Recovery is 'like a house of cards'

Derby winner Barbaro suffers critical setback

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These have been bad days for Barbaro.

The Kentucky Derby winner suffered another significant setback over the weekend, and his fight for survival may have reached a critical point.

After Barbaro developed a deep abscess in his right hind foot, surgery was performed Saturday to insert two steel pins in a bone, one that was shattered but now healthy, to eliminate all weight bearing on the ailing foot.

The procedure is a risky one, because it transfers more weight to the leg.

If the bone were to break again, chief surgeon Dr. Dean Richardson said: "I think we'll quit."

"When things start to go bad, it's like a house of cards," he said Sunday. "If one thing fails, that puts more stress on another part. And if that fails, then you're stuck with managing two problems. That's why these are difficult cases."

The right rear leg was on the mend until recently. It's the one

Barbaro shattered at the start of the Preakness Stakes eight months ago, and the three broken bones had completely healed.

Now this. The surgery, in which a cast was removed and replaced by an external fixation device, addresses one problem but could create others.

Barbaro likely will have to bear more weight on his front feet because of his two ailing back legs, making him more susceptible to laminitis, a painful and often fatal disease caused by uneven weight distribution. Laminitis already struck Barbaro's left rear foot in July, and 80 percent of the hoof was removed.

"It's something that we are watching closely, and that could also be a thing that could lead to us quitting," Richardson said.

The colt was doing well Sunday, according to Richardson, and "we will continue to treat Barbaro aggressively as long as he remains bright, alert and eating," he said in an update sent out by the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, Pa.

Based on Richardson's advice, owners Roy and Gretchen Jackson have been making the decisions concerning Barbaro. Their major concern from the

start has been to keep Barbaro comfortable.

"No one is interested in putting the horse through any type of misery," Richardson said. "We're going to treat him the best way we can as long as he stays comfortable. And we're going to stick with that no matter if his chances are 1 percent or 90 percent."

"If he gets to the point where we just don't think it's reasonable to go on, we will not go on."

Gretchen Jackson spent time with Barbaro on Sunday, and said her colt is "still bright-eyed and still eating."

"It's not over 'til it's over," she said. "I'd say he's comfortable and being treated very well. As long as he's comfortable."

After months of upbeat progress reports, Barbaro has endured several setbacks the past three weeks.

On Jan. 9, Barbaro had a cast placed on his left rear leg to help realign a bone.

The next day, Richardson removed damaged tissue from the colt's left rear hoof, and Barbaro was placed in a sling to help him keep weight off his feet.

On Jan. 13, another section of his left rear hoof was removed, and a cast was placed back on his right hind leg for additional support.

Woods

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with a 3-wood from 276 yards to set up a 25-foot eagle putt on the ninth hole. He buried the hopes of his final challenger with a 9-iron to 2½ feet on the 17th hole for birdie.

His final act was figuring out how to get his ball out of a small hole in front of the 18th green, hitting it with the edge of his sand wedge to 3 feet for a par and a two-shot victory.

It gave him a 6-under 66, the best score all week on the demanding South Course, site of the U.S. Open next year.

Nelson's record often has been thought to be untouchable, which now describes the world's No. 1 player.

"As far as how special seven is, you're in elite company," Woods said. "There's only one person ahead of you. He's one of the greatest legends in the history of the game. To be in company like with Mr. Nelson ... it's pretty special."

This is the second time Woods has made a run at Nelson, who died in September.

Woods won six straight in 2000, a streak that Phil Mickelson stopped at Torrey Pines.

But against a cast of challengers short on experience or victories, Woods met little resistance in winning at Torrey Pines for the fifth time in 10 tries.

The only question is the veracity of the streak — Woods failed to win once in Europe and twice in Asia during his run — and when he will resume his chase of Nelson's mark.

Woods believes his winning streak ended when he lost in the first round of the HSBC World Match Play Championship last September, a European tour event. The PGA Tour record book only reflects its own tournaments.

All that matters to Woods is his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record 18 professional majors.

Woods has won two majors during his PGA Tour streak, taking him to 12 for his career.

"My whole goal is to get ready for Augusta and make sure my game is peaking toward that," he said.

Asked if he would rather have a record winning streak or another Masters victory, Woods didn't hesitate.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOE SABA

The Center Grove wrestling team celebrates its win Saturday in the Mooresville Sectional. The Trojans advance to the regional next week at Avon.

Trojans

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The Trojans had nine wrestlers place in the top three in their weight classes.

"We had a really good, solid day," Hoover said. "All guys scored points for us. It was every guy's championship, and we needed everyone."

Now Zubia wants his team to win a regional title, something Center Grove has only done once, back in 1995.

"From the very first day, we set goals," Zubia said. "We have been working hard every day, drilling from the first day. We want to go as far as we can."

Hoover knows he has a good team, but before the Bloomington North tourney, he didn't have a good feel for how his team would do this year.

"Before the Bloomington North tourney, people kept asking me how we would do, and I didn't know," Hoover said. "I said, 'We could go 5-0, 0-5, 4-1. I didn't know. I told them I'd tell them after the tourney.'"

With a sweep of that tournament, he became convinced his team had a shot at Franklin in the sectional this year. And now that Center Grove has its first sectional title since a six-year run ended in 1995, the year before Franklin started its streak, Hoover wants to build on it.

"I'd like to start one of my own," he said. "I respect Franklin. This is my first sectional championship. It's very special. We want to start our own run and take this program to a higher level."

But Franklin coach Bob

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Center Grove wrestling coach

Hasseman said his team will be back.

"We've been so close this year," he said. "If you don't beat me this year, that's your only chance because we have youth, and we will get better in the future."

"We haven't worked hard enough to win sectional. But I know what it takes and with more hard work, we will do better in regionals."

With only two seniors and four freshmen in his lineup, Hasseman has a young team. He was surprised his team got second with Mid-State Conference champion Mooresville in the sectional.

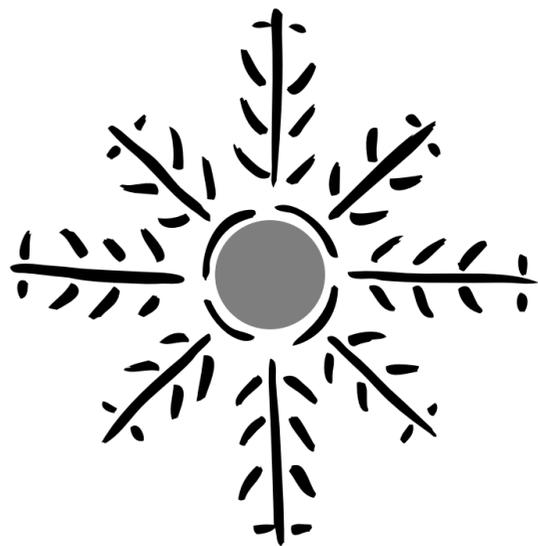
"We wrestled great (on Saturday)," he said. "We weren't so good at the end of the Mid-State Conference schedule. I'm very happy with second."

The Grizzly Cubs had two sectional winners. Junior Jae VanHorn won at 125 pounds, and junior Cord Dorsey won at 140.

Whiteland had three individual champions: senior Matthew Fields at 119, senior Anthony Meister at 130 and senior Travis Thomas at 215.

At 189 pounds, Greenwood sophomore D.J. Waters defeated Franklin junior Brad Fox, last year's sectional winner at 189, with a 2-1 decision.

Martinsville senior Dustin Beliles beat undefeated Indian Creek senior Evan Lattimore at heavyweight by an 8-3 decision to earn his second consecutive sectional title at heavyweight.



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