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Illini get the last 'giggle'

Beckman helps Illini win three of final five, earn spot in Heart of Dallas

BY J.J. WILSON
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CHAMPAIGN — Tim Beckman finally got the Illinois football team to its next destination.

After winning three of its last five games and finishing 6-6, his team was invited to face Louisiana Tech (8-4) in the Zaxby's Heart of Dallas bowl at Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas on Friday.

In spite of constantly being doubted, Beckman fulfilled his preseason promise to win more games and make a postseason appearance in his third year as head coach.

"A month ago, you didn't think we had a chance," Beckman said at his press conference on Dec. 7 after Illinois accepted its invitation to Dallas. "It's kind of a giggle now. When people doubt you and you prove them wrong, it's very rewarding."

If Beckman is to make good on his other promise — to make Illinois contend for Big Ten and national championships — one year of disproving doubters can't be enough.

More is necessary, and it starts with Louisiana Tech.

The Bulldogs haunt Beckman from his first year with Illinois in 2012, when they routed the Illini, 52-24, in Champaign.

While far from the same team, Louisiana Tech now features a high-scoring offense from the frontlines to the backfield.

Running back Kenneth Dixon ran for 1,236 yards and 21 touchdowns — fifth most in the nation — during the regular season. He also surpassed 3,000 career rushing yards as a junior.

When the Illini last faced Dixon in 2012, he netted just 41 yards on 11 carries with no touchdowns.

Then again, the Illini defense wasn't ranked sixth worst in the nation and allowing 249.6 rushing yards per game in 2012 as it is now.

"They're going to go fast-paced with that spread offense, but I think the biggest key is stopping the run," linebacker Mason Monheim said. "Dixon, I remember playing him when we were both freshmen. Great back, powerful, and can move."

Newcomer quarterback and redshirt senior Cody Sokol has also brought much success in his first year with the Bulldogs, throwing for 3,189 yards and 29 touchdowns passes — 11th most in the nation.

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TIM BECKMAN



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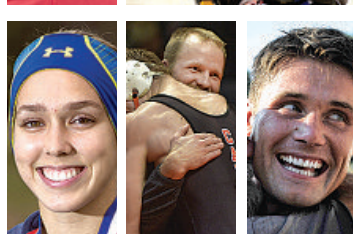
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Celebration of life

Wayne McClain.
Chuck Rolinski.
Bruce Saur.



Fallen Peoria-area sports icons Bruce Saur, Wayne McClain and Chuck Rolinski lead annual list of top stories. **PAGE C2**



2014 JOURNAL STAR TOP 10

- Deaths of icons Wayne McClain, Chuck Rolinski and Bruce Saur
- Notre Dame and Peoria High take football teams to the semifinals
- Jim Thome statue erected outside Progressive Field in Cleveland
- Behind freshman Tommy Kuhl, Morton golf wins state title
- Notre Dame runner Maryjeanne Gilbert runs into record book
- Gruesome injury to opponent halts Peoria Rivermen game
- Washington wrestlers win five state medals, two championships
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- Henry Wiles wins 10th straight race at annual Peoria TTs
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What a difference a month makes

Columbus heads to Peoria with wins in nine of last 10 games

BY DAVE EMINIAN
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — The Columbus Cottonmouths wandered to an 0-7-0 start this season and a sweep at the hands of the Peoria Rivermen in Carver Arena in mid-November.

But these are not those Cottonmouths, setting up camp in Peoria for a post-Christmas two-game set

this weekend.

This Columbus team is the hottest team in the league, with wins in nine of its last 10 games. It had a 10-game win streak — third-longest in league history — retired last week.

They may have left Peoria in mid-November in a mess, but they return Friday night as an SPHL title contender.

"Actually, they didn't play that badly when they were here last time," Rivermen coach Jean-Guy

Trudel said. "We knew that team would get it together, and they are on a roll."

The Rivermen are rolling, too, with a four-game win streak that has pushed them into second place, two points behind Pensacola. Both teams have played 20 games, but Pensacola has already logged 13 home contests while Peoria has been at home only 9 times.

Peoria's home-ice record is a league-best 8-1-0.

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Rivermen vs. Cottonmouths



Carver Arena, Peoria, 7:05 p.m.

- **Season:** Peoria, 2-1-0
- **Coca-Cola Finally Friday:** Two lower bowl premium tickets for \$20.
- **Listen/Watch:** All games streamed live (audio) via Stretch at <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/rivermen/> or through team site at www.rivermen.net. Live Internet telecast on NeuLion via www.rivermen.net.
- **Tickets:** Glass \$20; premium lower bowl \$17; lower bowl end \$12; Pilot House \$10. All seating reserved. Available at Civic Center box office or via www.rivermen.net.

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Unbeatable trio

In just 100 days of 2014, from mid-July to mid-October, three men who made giant impacts on the sports scene in the Peoria area passed from us.

The unique places of Wayne McClain, Chuck Rolinski and Bruce Saur's in our sports history would have assured any one of their deaths, by itself, a spot among the top stories of the year, if not at the top of the list.

To assign one a higher or lower spot would be to imply one was more or less important in some way than the others.

Other notable deaths in 2014 include iconic Limestone coach Leanne Bonifas; the unexpected death of Morton tennis coach Joal Stanfield; and the loss of Woodruff stalwart Tom Stonebock.

We celebrate all those who made their mark on the Peoria sports scene this year, led by the unbeatable trio of McClain, Rolinski and Saur's — our 2014 Journal Star Sports Story of the Year.

WAYNE McCLAIN NATIONAL CHAMPION BASKETBALL COACH 1954-2014

Wayne McClain was born to coach basketball. Head coach. Assistant coach. Associate head coach. In the gym, titles don't matter much except to define who's in charge and specific roles within a staff. Coaching is coaching.

And Wayne McClain coached basketball as well as anybody.

His career as a head coach was relatively short: eight seasons. But, oh, what seasons they were! Three successive state championships, the 1997 USA Today national high school championship and a record of 195-46 put McClain's name on the lips of every basketball fan in Illinois and a good many more beyond our state borders. Those accomplishments thrust him onto a pedestal of Peoria's all-time sports giants.

In his years as a head coach, there was never a question who was in charge. McClain firmly supported parents who disciplined their kids, but he had little tolerance for parents sticking their noses into how he coached. A Peoria policeman found that out one day when he attempted to question McClain's methods and decisions regarding his son. "Do I tell you how to be a cop?" McClain asked the man. Upon receiving "no" for an answer, McClain bluntly invited the man to leave "my gym."

The public saw McClain on the arena sidelines, dressed to the nines. But for 29 years as an assistant coach and eight as head man, his real work clothes were sweats and sneakers, and his office was the practice gym.

Working with the legendary head coach Dick Van Scyoc, McClain and Chuck Westendorf teamed to provide Manual High School with a staff as formidable as any in Illinois high schools and colleges.

By the late 1970s, Van Scyoc's old-school methods and attitudes weren't resonating so well with the kids. McClain, a product of Peoria's South Side and a star on one of Van Scyoc's greatest teams, joined the staff in 1977 and helped translate. McClain was as old-school as Van Scyoc: a strict disciplinarian with a sharp tongue and little tolerance for deviation of any kind. But he also related to a new generation of kids on a level Van Scyoc could not.

Van Scyoc, though still very much in charge, morphed from a renowned curmudgeon into the beloved CEO of Manual basketball. McClain and Westendorf did the grunt work, running practice drills, scrutinizing every movement, bringing everything to a screaming stop to correct the slightest mistake. And Manual became a perennial state power, winning a state championship in Van Scyoc's final season at the helm.

When Van Scyoc retired, McClain took over, and after a splendid seven-season run, accepted a position as an assistant to Bill Self at the University of Illinois. He remained there when Self left for Kansas, then held the young Illini stars together during the transition to new head coach Bruce Weber. Two years later, that group put together a 37-2 record and placed second in the NCAA tournament.

— Kirk Wessler



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BRUCE SAURS THE SAVIOR OF PEORIA PRO HOCKEY 1926-2014

Bruce Saur's and the Peoria Rivermen extended each other's lifespans in the summer of 2013, when the great Peoria sports icon came out of retirement to save the 33-year franchise and front the money needed to put it in the SPHL.

About a year later Saur's died, at age 88, on July 10, having made sure the franchise he owned or co-owned for nearly 20 years would live on as his legacy.

The comeback — for both the man, and the team — almost never happened.

"We were against it, thought he was too old to do it, didn't want him to take the financial risk and all that," Scott Saur's, one of Bruce Saur's' three sons, says. "Bruce's health had been (declining) for a while, he kept talking about guys coming back to play for him who had played many years ago. But he was really worried that having no pro hockey team here would create a huge void."

"We saw how much he wanted to do it. And then something amazing happened: It changed him. He brought hockey back and it brought him back and he was excited and happy and it really perked him up."

"Our family saw that and we were in favor of it and we supported him."

The Rivermen, under co-owners and former Saur's execs Bart Rogers and John Butler, held an elaborate ceremony honoring the elderly owner on Opening Night in October 2013.

"We are so thankful the way Bart handled all that, it was a tremendous, emotional ceremony," Scott Saur's said. "Thank God that happened. Bruce never really understood how much he meant to people, and the impact he had on them. He saw it that night and was just thrilled by it."

On Bruce Saur's' watch, the Rivermen saw nearly 200 players, coaches, radio play-by-play men and execs reach the NHL. The team won championships in the IHL in 1990-91 and in the ECHL in 1999-2000 and set a pro hockey record with an 18-game win streak.

He was gone before Opening Night 2014. The Rivermen put a picture of Saur's in a place of honor on the Carver Arena wall, wore special jerseys that incorporated an epic photo of him drinking from the IHL's Turner Cup, and dedicated a permanent place on the team's uniform to honor him.

In July, thousands attended his visitation, and a north Peoria church was packed with friends, family and dignitaries from around the hockey world for his funeral.

"My father always had a very hardened, tough personality as a person and as a businessman," Scott Saur's said. "But in his final weeks, he was a different person. He became this sweet, gentle man. We'd sit in bed with him and he'd hold our hands, and we'd just talk, and he'd hug us and kiss us."

"I'll remember him that way."

— Dave Eminian

CHUCK ROLINSKI THE FATHER OF TWO-CLASS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 1932-2014

It sounds quaint today: Chuck Rolinski, the "Father of Two-Class Basketball."

Two classes in high school basketball? Only two? Only basketball?

But in 1971 Illinois, this was revolutionary stuff.

Post-World War II, as rural Americans began migrating to better-paying jobs in the cities and their suburbs, the dynamics of high school competition began to change. Small schools consolidated into bigger ones or simply disappeared. The baby boom turned city and suburban schools into resource-rich campuses filled with kids. Surviving smaller schools struggled to keep up.

One by one, state high school associations across the country addressed the perceived problem by splitting competition into classes, defined by school enrollment.

Rolinski, who spent his entire life in the tiny Marshall County town of Toluca and coached its boys basketball program from 1956-1990, became the leader of the movement in Illinois. What Rolinski was looking for wasn't so much a championship as giving the kids a fighting chance to win a regional here and there, to experience the thrill of playing the Peoria Sectional at that madhouse on Main Street, Bradley's Robertson Memorial Field House.

Illinois sports in those days penalized small schools by making them play district tournaments to qualify for regionals, where they immediately would be thrown against big-school powerhouses. Splitting into two classes got rid of the districts and put hundreds of small schools directly into regionals, where they needed only to win two or three games, rather than five, to reach a sectional.

All movements need a leader, and it was Rolinski who galvanized the support necessary in Illinois to make basketball the state's first two-class sport, effective in the 1971-72 season. Rolinski, who retired in 1990 with a career coaching record of 649-252, never reached the state finals. But in 2007 he was named one of the "100 Legends of the IHSA Boys Basketball Tournament."

Blessed with a perpetual smile when he wasn't barking from a sideline, Rolinski in 1971 invited top coaches around the state to Toluca for a meeting. There, the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association was formed, and there the organization's offices would stay, with Rolinski as executive director, until his death in September.

He was forever an ambassador for basketball. Under his direction, the IBCA began its annual all-star games, among the first off-season high school contests of any kind in the nation. And, of course, there is the IBCA Hall of Fame.

The ongoing joke about the IBCA Hall is that there are more people who are enshrined than people who aren't. For Rolinski, though, this hall of fame never was about exclusivity. It was about promoting basketball and honoring all those good people who in some way — as a coach, player, member of the media or just plain "friend of basketball" — made the sport better.

Just as Rolinski spent his life doing.

— Kirk Wessler



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RECORD
6-6
COACH
Tim Beckman
12-24 in 3rd year at Illinois, 33-40 overall
NCAA RANKS
Offense
Rushing 111th, 117.1 ypg
Passing 51st, 2443.2
Total 102nd, 360.3
Scoring 80th, 33.9 ppg
Defense
Rushing 120th, 249.6 ypg
Passing 44th, 214.8
Total 112th, 464.3
Scoring 107th, 33.9 ppg

Noon, Cotton Bowl Stadium
Dallas
ESPN, WZPN-FM (96.5)

SERIES RECORD / LAST MEETING
La. Tech leads 1-0 / La. Tech 52-24, 2012

THE LINE / PREDICTION
La. Tech by 5½ / Illinois 31-24

NOTABLE
Illinois will play in its first bowl game since Ron Zook was fired in 2011. ... Former Illini defensive end Houston Bates transferred to Louisiana Tech after last season and is listed as a starter and captain for the game. ... In 13 starts for the Bulldogs, Bates has notched 28 total tackles, 10.5 for a loss of 55 yards, 5.5 sacks, a fumble recovery, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a team-leading 12 QB hurries. ... LA Tech is 2-4 all-time against all current Big Ten schools. ... Both teams shared Western Kentucky as a common opponent this season, the Bulldogs winning, 59-10, and the Illini winning, 42-34. ... LA Tech enters ranked first in the nation for turnovers gained (40) with 15 fumble recoveries and 25 interceptions.

RECORD
8-4
COACH
Skip Holtz 12-13 in 2nd year at La. Tech, 100-84 overall
NCAA RANKS
Offense
Rushing 80th, 151.2 ypg
Passing 44th, 252.6
Total 61st, 403.8
Scoring 12th, 37.5 ppg
Defense
Rushing 16th, 117.9 ypg
Passing 80th, 237.8
Total 31st, 355.7
Scoring 54th, 25.2 ppg

ILLINI

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Prior to this season, Sokol spent two seasons with Iowa and failed to record any statistics.

Illini senior quarterback Reilly O'Toole brought his fair share of success — and surprise — to his team, too.

After former starter Wes Lunt was injured against Purdue, O'Toole stepped into the role and helped lead Illinois to wins over Minnesota, Penn State and Northwestern.

Though Lunt was healthy for the final three games, O'Toole proved more efficient in the stretch, completing 38-of-59 passes for 349 yards with five touchdowns and one interception.

Shortly after arriving in Dallas, Beckman confirmed O'Toole as the starter against the Bulldogs.

"It's kind of a storybook ending, to have your backs up against the wall," said O'Toole, who spent his previous three years as a backup. "Hopefully, it kind of sets it up for the future, and consistently going to bowl games and getting more than six wins."

O'Toole also has the ben-

efit of wide receiver Mike Dudek, who led the team with 69 catches for 965 yards and six touchdowns and earned true-freshman All-American honors.

The Bulldogs, however, are the best in the nation at gaining turnovers with 15 fumble recoveries and 25 interceptions this season. They also lead with 164 points scored off of turnovers.

"You watch Louisiana Tech play, they create so many turnovers," O'Toole said. "Just get the ball to your playmakers and get balls in space, but mainly just take care of the ball. I think that's what they thrive on."

Defensively, the Illini struggle stacking up after allowing 464.3 total yards and 33.9 points per game in the regular season.

Illinois forced 18 turnovers all season, five of which came in the final game against Northwestern.

Reaching the bowl game helped Beckman keep his job, but winning it would go a long way. Not just for Beckman's job, but for where Illinois could be in the future.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL FRIDAY'S BOWL OUTLOOK

Quick Lane Bowl

Rutgers (7-5, 3-5 Big Ten) vs. North Carolina (6-6, 4-4 ACC)

3:30 p.m., in Detroit (ESPN)

- **Line:** North Carolina by 3.
- **Series Record:** 3-3.
- **Outlook:** Rutgers is trying to reach eight wins for the seventh time in nine seasons — a solid enough debut winning in the Big Ten.

The Tar Heels can secure their seventh straight season with a victory. ... Rutgers WR Leonte Carroo has 53 catches for 1,043 yards and 10 touchdowns on the season. He goes against a Tar Heels defense that has struggled this season, and associate head coach for defense Vic Koenning has now left the program. That leaves assistant Dan Disch in charge of the defense for the bowl.

St. Petersburg Bowl

Central Florida (9-3, 7-1 American) vs. North Carolina State (7-5, 3-5 ACC)

7 p.m., St. Petersburg, Fla. (ESPN)

- **Line:** UCF by 2.
- **Series Record:** Tied 1-1.
- **Outlook:** UCF has chance to finish with at least 10 wins for the fourth time in five seasons. ... The Knights, co-champions of the American Athletic Conference, played in a BC bowl for the first time a year ago, beating Baylor in the Fiesta. ... Wolfpack went 3-9 (0-8 in the ACC) in its first season under coach Dave Doeren in 2013; it won three of past four to become bowl eligible. ... North Carolina State QB Jacoby Brissett threw for 2,344 yards, 22 touchdowns and five interceptions. ... UCF defense ranks in the top five nationally in fewest yards allowed per game and pass efficiency, rushing and scoring defense.

RIVERMEN

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Columbus, meanwhile, comes packing with the hottest goalscorer in the league in Matt Gingera, who has 12 goals in his last 13 outings.

SWITCHING GOALIES: The Peoria Rivermen bid goodbye to one goaltender and welcomed back another on Christmas Eve.

Peoria goaltender Alex Scolia left the SPHL team on Wednesday and headed to Europe. But the Rivermen reached agreement to bring back popular goaltender Eric Levine, who has been on ECHL call-up and will rejoin the Rivermen on Friday.

Friday. ... Newly acquired Peoria winger **Mike Gurtler** will join the team on Friday and make his debut on Saturday. ... Former Rivermen captain **Darren Maloney** will be inducted into the Rivermen Hall of Fame at Saturday's game during the first intermission. ... The Rivermen are offering a holiday ticket special for both weekend games: a pair of lower bowl premium tickets for \$20. ... The Rivermen head into the weekend series at Carver Arena with a league-best attendance of 3,800 per game. That figure is also higher than 11 teams in the ECHL. ... The Rivermen are 10-0-0 when scoring the first goal, while Columbus is 9-0-0 when scoring first. ... Columbus has scored only 8 goals in the first period all season. But the second period? Try 24. ... The SPHL suspended Pensacola forward **Corey Banfield** one game for the and league scoring leader's hit on Fayetteville's **Corey Toy** on Saturday.

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RIVER READINGS: The Rivermen plan to sign winger **Steve Morra** on

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	vs. Columbus 7:05 p.m.	vs. Columbus 7:05 p.m.					
		at Minnesota noon					
		at Seattle 3:25 p.m.					
		at Colorado 8 p.m.		vs. Nashville 7:30 p.m.			at Washington noon
		vs. Dallas 7 p.m.		vs. Colorado 7 p.m.	at Nashville 7 p.m.		
		vs. New Orleans 7 p.m.		at Indiana 6 p.m.	vs. Brooklyn 7 p.m.		vs. Denver 7 p.m.
			men vs. Illinois-Chicago 4 p.m.		women vs. Northern Illinois 7 p.m.	men at Loyola 1 p.m.	
	football vs. La. Tech at Dallas, noon	men vs. Kansas State 8 p.m.	women vs. Purdue 2 p.m.		men at Michigan 2 p.m.		
		women vs. DuPaul 2:05 p.m.		men vs. Quinnipiac 6 p.m.		men vs. Indiana State 3 p.m.	
			women vs. Eureka 4:30 p.m.		WWM, 5:30; men vs. Anderson		
			women host tourney	women host tourney	women host tourney		
		Rivermen (309) 676-1040, Bears (847) 615-2327, Rams (314) 425-8830, Blackhawks (312) 455-7000, Blues (314) 622-2551, Bulls (312) 455-4000, Bradley (309) 677-2625, Illinois (217) 333-3470, ISU (309) 438-8000, WIU (309) 298-1190, ICC (309) 694-5426.					

LOCAL EVENTS

COLLEGES

Football — Heart of Dallas Bowl: Illinois vs. Louisiana Tech, noon.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Metro Basketball (Boys) — Tournaments — Canton, Eureka, Farmington, Illini Bluffs, Metamora at Macomb; IVC, Notre Dame, Peoria Christian at Bloomington-Normal; East Peoria, Tremont at Williamsville; Dunlap at Taylorville; Peoria Heights at Erie.

Metro Basketball (Girls) — Tournaments — Dunlap, East Peoria, Limestone, Manual, Peoria High, Washington at Manual; Brimfield, Morton, Notre Dame, Peoria Christian, Richwoods at Bloomington-Normal; Canton, Farmington, Illini Bluffs at Beardstown; Tremont at River-ton; Pekin at Dixon; Metamora at Edwardsville.

ON TELEVISION

SOCCER

Premier League:
6:40 a.m. West Ham at Chelsea NBCSN
8:55 a.m. Newcastle at Man. United NBCSN
11:25 a.m. Queens Park at Arsenal NBCSN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Heart of Dallas Bowl:
Noon Illinois vs. Louisiana Tech ESPN
Quick Lane Bowl:
3:30 p.m. Rutgers vs. North Carolina ESPN
St. Petersburg Bowl:
7 p.m. N.C. State vs. Central Fla. ESPN

NRO BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. Pacers at Pistons FSN

ON RADIO

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

9 a.m. Canton vs. Illini Bluffs AM-1560
2:30 p.m. Farmington-Camp Point AM-1560
9:30 p.m. Lewistown-W. Hancock AM-1560

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

10:30 a.m. N. Fulton-Illini Central FM-107.9
12 p.m. Canton vs. TBA FM-107.9
4:30 p.m. Farmington-Abingdon FM-107.9
8 p.m. South Fulton vs. TBA FM-107.9

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Noon Illinois vs. La. Tech FM-96.5
7 p.m. N.C. State-Central Fla. FM-96.5

WHO, WHAT & WHERE

BASKETBALL

■ **Bus trip to Illinois men's basketball game**, sponsored by Independent Sports Club, is Jan. 7 for the 8 p.m. game against Maryland at State Farm Center in Champaign. Cost of \$85 includes game ticket, bus transportation, beer, soda, water and half Avanti's Gondola. Bus will leave parking lot of Kohl's in East Peoria at 5 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call Rich Moore at (309) 868-8167 or email Rd.Moore65@yahoo.com

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HOCKEY AHL

Could AHL overtime help the NHL?

DENVER (AP) — This rookie just may be called up from the American Hockey League after catching everyone's attention in an impressive debut.

The new overtime rule that the minor league organization has implemented could be coming soon to an NHL rink near you.

Currently, the NHL uses a 4-on-4 OT model for five minutes. If no one scores, then it goes to a shootout.

But here's how the extra period works on the AHL level: It's seven minutes long — or until someone scores, of course — with the opening three minutes 4-on-4. Then, after the next whistle, it switches to 3-on-3 for the last four, leading to lots of room for creativity and scoring chances. Last year, the AHL had 65 percent of its



OT games decided in a shootout. This season, it's shrunk to 25 percent. Even more, of the 99 overtime games so far, 35 of them have been decided in 3-on-3 action.

"If you put your three best NHL players against each other with all that ice and creativity, man, it would be something to watch," said AHL Worcester coach Roy Sommer. "I know I wouldn't leave."

Colorado and Toronto had a 3-on-3 situation in overtime this NHL season after both teams drew penalties. It was riveting as players raced from end-to-end, unable to play heading to the bench for fear of an odd-man rush going the other way.

"If we did this, there's no way games would go to a shootout," Avalanche forward Matt Duchene said. "I'd love to see overtime 4-on-4 and then 3-on-3, because it would be amazing."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Shockers lose title game

George Washington needed a spark, and Kethan Savage had the answer. With the Colonials, that starts with defense.

Savage, running tirelessly at the top of a 1-3-1 zone, twice swatted away passes and turned them into layups as the Colonials were relentless to the end Thursday night in a 60-54 upset of No. 11 Wichita State in the Diamond Head Classic championship game in Honolulu.

Savage led the Colonials (9-3) with 12 points to go along with three steals, none bigger than the two he made during a late 16-2 run that carried them to their first in-season tournament title since knocking off Michigan State and Maryland in 2004 at the BB&T Classic in Washington.

"I wanted to find a way to give us some momentum," Savage said. "On the defensive end, we needed to make a stop, and we were able to turn those into points."

Yuta Watanabe, the 6-foot-8 freshman from Japan, took over at the top of the zone when Savage got a breather, and he came up big on the offensive side. He hit a 3-pointer with 3:32 left that gave George Washington the lead for good and finished with 10 points and four rebounds.

The Shockers (10-2) were so out of sorts at the end that they were called for a 5-second inbound violation, and Kevin Larsen hit a 3 for a 57-52 lead. Joe McDonald worked the shot clock down and drove the lane for a tough basket to cap the big run.

Wichita State managed only one field over the last 6 minutes. "It's an unusual defense. You don't see it every day," Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall said. "It's kind of a 1-3-1, but they real-



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George Washington forward Kevin Larsen (21) blocks a shot by Wichita State guard Fred VanVleet (23) in the second half of the Diamond Head Classic title game on Thursday in Honolulu. The Colonials beat the No. 11 Shockers 60-54.

ly go all the way to half court. We talked about it in shooteraround today that we wanted to attack the middle. I don't know. We didn't make the right decisions, we didn't make the shots."

Wichita State didn't make much all week and couldn't crack the zone. Fred VanVleet led the Shockers with 11 points, six of them in the first 4 minutes. He was 4-of-15 from the field. Ron Baker, their leading scorer, was held to nine points on 4-of-12 shooting. He made only one 3 in six attempts.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TENNESSEE STATE

Taking on Tennessee State

Illinois State alum is the youngest coach in Division I basketball

NASHVILLE, TENN. (AP) — Dana Ford and his Tennessee State Tigers are learning on the job together.

Ford is the youngest coach in Division I men's basketball after being hired in April at the age of 29, and he has one of the least experienced teams with only one senior from last season and 12 newcomers.

"It's a huge mystery," Ford said. "Being the youngest coach, I'm learning on the job and having the (least) experienced team, they're learning on the job so we're all kind of just learning together."

"Our attitudes have been great, the guys have really gotten better ... I've probably gotten a little bit better as a coach too coming up with different motivation methods and having a better understanding of who I have on my team."

Ford, now 30, had a challenge taking over a program that went 5-25 last season.

Tennessee State was the first historically black college to win a national title, winning three NAIA championships between 1957 and 1959. The school has sent the likes of Robert Covington, Truck Robinson, Anthony Mason and Carlos Rogers to the NBA.

But the Tigers have had more coaches than winning seasons the past two decades.

Athletic director Teresa Phillips took a chance in bringing back Ford as head coach after he was an assistant with the Tigers under John Cooper between 2009 and 2011.

Ford, who played at Illinois State, got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant for Gregg Marshall at Winthrop and then Wichita State. He was an assis-

tant coach at Chipola Junior College in Florida before joining Cooper at Tennessee State. Ford rejoined Marshall at Wichita State for 2011-12 before going to Illinois State for the past two seasons.

"Obviously having some built-in relationships helped me," Ford said. "When I was here the first time, we had a tremendous amount of success."

Knowing his way around certainly helped as Ford went from being introduced April 21 to putting together essentially a brand new team in his first eight weeks.

"You can't just be on there saying, 'I'm a new coach at a new school.' You've got to be a little more impressive than that," Ford said. "I was able to sell what we had done recently. It was still a couple years removed, but it was close enough people could relate. I used that to my advantage and having been here was an added bonus."

Ford made a quick enough impression to be voted one of Nashville's most beautiful people by a local magazine this summer.

Only senior Jay Harris has any real Division I experience. Ford also signed six freshmen, four junior college players and two Division I transfers. Of the newcomers, only Christian Crockett had any Division I experience after playing about a minute in two games at Mount Saint Mary's.



DANA FORD

That has left all of the Tigers figuring out how to play with each other and for their new coach. The Tigers are 2-10 and have lost nine straight heading into Saturday's game at Tennessee, though five of the losses are by single digits. Injuries and fouls forced Ford to finish the last 1:37 of an 84-67 loss at Southern Illinois in November with only four players.

"I tried to warn the official, 'Hey, I have no more eligible players if a guy fouls out,' and he thought I was being a smart aleck," Ford said. "I was just basically telling him I have no more players. So he gave me a warning, and the next possession they called a foul. I said, 'That's it. I don't have any.' The look on his face said it all."

Ford has been so busy since being hired he even forgot to take a house key with him on a November trip to Jersey City, N.J., for a couple games. Luckily, his wife left a spare waiting for him with a neighbor.

"I couldn't ask for anything better," Ford said.

PREPS DAILY

9 Unbreast Journal on-the first honor roll, published Tuesday. Perfect through the first month of the season: 106 points — **Nick Norris** of Illinois Valley Central (10-0); 120 — **Jake Worms** of Illini Bluffs (15-0); 132 — **Tanner Coleman** of Peoria Heights (15-0); 145 — **Riley Beard** of Illinois Valley Central (10-0); 170 — **Naulon Simms** of Tremont (15-0); 182 — **Alex Bleeker** of Pekin (15-0); 195 — **Remington Smith** of Limestone (11-0); 285 — **Hunter Leach** of Illini Bluffs (14-0) and **Dom Tudor** of Notre Dame (14-0).

Pleasant start

Morton's **Gabe Pleasants** pushed his record to 15-1 with a dominating performance at the Joe Bee Memorial Invitational last weekend in Springfield. The Potters senior rolled to a second-period pin and a 15-5 major decision to reach the finals, where he knocked off No. 5 ranked **Collin Groleau** of LaSalle-Peru 7-2.

"Gabe had an excellent weekend," Morton coach **Josh Prichard** said of Pleasants' first title. "He has been working extremely hard this season and is an outstanding leader for our team. It has been great to see his hard work paying off and we look forward to him continuing his success throughout the season."

Pleasant's only loss is to Alton senior **Nick DeLoach**, who is ranked No. 4 in Class 3A.

Perfect Patriot

Coleman earned Outstanding Wrestler honors for the lower weights Saturday at the Panther Holiday Tournament in Erie, after powering to the 132-pound title. Coleman (15-0), ranked No. 4 in Class 1A at p32, had a pair of first-round pins before a 9-1 major decision against Orion's **Mike Dierikx**.

Next honor roll Jan. 6

Due to the holidays, there will be no wrestling honor roll Dec. 30. The next honor roll is scheduled to appear in the Jan. 6 edition.

Check This Out

Macomb-Western Tournament:

Competition begins at 9 a.m. for this boys basketball event, with Canton, Eureka, Farmington, Illini Bluffs and Metamora all scheduled to play.

Manual All Classic: Pool play for this girls basketball event begins at 9:30 a.m., with Dunlap, East Peoria, IVC, Limestone, Manual, Peoria High and Washington slated to play.

State Farm Classic: Competition begins at 10 a.m. for this co-ed basketball event in Bloomington-Normal. Boys teams from IVC, Notre Dame and Peoria Christian are slated to play. Girls from Brimfield, Morton, Notre Dame, Peoria Christian and Richwoods will participate.



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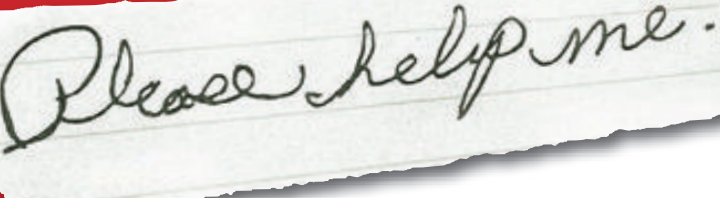
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BASKETBALL

HolidayHoops action

Here's a look at Peoria basketball tournaments involving teams from the Peoria metro area, and what days each tournament is played. Team schedules and updated pairings will be published daily.



TOURNAMENT LOCATION		12/26	12/27	12/29	12/30	12/31
BOYS TOURNAMENTS	Bloomington-Normal					
	Erie					
	Macomb					
	Pekin					
	Pontiac					
GIRLS TOURNAMENTS	Beardstown					
	Bloomington-Normal					
	Dixon					
	Edwardsville					
	Manual					
	Princeville					
	Riverton					

4: LaSalle-Peru vs. Chicago Harlan, 1:30 p.m.
5: Freeport Aquin vs. Rochelle, 3 p.m.
6: Rockford Boylan vs. Dixon, 4:30 p.m.
7: Oregon vs. Sterling Newman, 6 p.m.
8: East Moline United Township vs. Aurora Rosary, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
New Gym
9: Winners 1 & 2, 10 a.m.
10: Winners 3 & 4, 11 a.m.
11: Winners 5 & 6, 1 p.m.
12: Winners 7 & 8, 2:30 p.m.
13: Winners 9 & 10, 4 p.m.
14: Winners 11 & 12, 5:30 p.m.

First Round Consolation
Old Gym
Pool A: Losers 1, 2, 3, 4. **Pool B:** Losers 5 & 6, 7, 8.
Losers 1 & 2, 1:30 p.m.
Losers 3 & 4, 3 p.m.
Losers 5 & 6, 4:30 p.m.
Losers 7 & 8, 6 p.m.

Monday's games
At Normal Community — Gym A
21: Losers 13 & 14, 12:30 p.m.
24: Losers 15 & 16, 2 p.m.
27: Winners 13 & 14, 7:30 p.m.
30: Winners 15 & 16, 9 p.m.

At Normal Community — Gym B
Seventh Consolation: Losers 17 & 18, noon
Fifth Consolation: Losers 20 & 23, 7 p.m.
Seventh: Losers 21 & 24, 8:30 p.m.

At Normal West — Gym A
20: Winners 11 & 12, 12:30 p.m.
23: Winners 9 & 10, 2 p.m.
Fifth: Winners 21 & 24, 7:30 p.m.
Consolation Title: Winners 20 & 23, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's games
At Shirk Center
Third Place: Losers 27 & 30, noon
Title: Winners 27 & 30, 3:30 p.m.

LADY TIGER CLASSIC

At Beardstown
Friday's games
At Middle School
1: West Central vs. Concord Triopia, 9 a.m.
2: Illini Central vs. North Fulton, 10:30 a.m.
3: Winner 1 vs. Pleasant Plains, noon
7: Winner 3 vs. Mendon Unity, 1:30 p.m.
9: Lewistown vs. Beardstown, 3 p.m.
11: Farmington vs. Abingdon/Avon, 4:30 p.m.
13: Winner 9 vs. Mt. Sterling Brown County, 6 p.m.
15: Winner 11 vs. Havana, 7:30 p.m.

At High School
2: Illini Bluffs vs. Griggsville-Perry, 9:30 a.m.
4: Waverly vs. Pittsfield, 11 a.m.
6: Winner 2 vs. Illini West, 12:30 p.m.
8: Winner 4 vs. Canton, 2 p.m.
10: Liberty vs. Jacksonville Routt, 3:30 p.m.
12: Rushville-Industry vs. West Hancock, 5 p.m.
14: Winner 10 vs. Macomb, 6:30 p.m.
16: Winner 12 vs. South Fulton, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games
At Middle School
19: Losers 1 & 12, 10:30 a.m.
17: Losers 2 & 11, noon
21: Losers 5 & 16, 1:30 p.m.
23: Losers 8 & 13, 3 p.m.
25: Losers 7 & 15, 5 p.m.
27: Losers 7 & 14, 6:30 p.m.

At High School
18: Losers 4 & 9, 11 a.m.
20: Losers 3 & 10, 12:30 p.m.
22: Winners 8 & 13, 2 p.m.
24: Winners 7 & 14, 3:30 p.m.
26: Winners 6 & 15, 5:30 p.m.
28: Winners 5 & 16, 7 p.m.

Monday's games
At Middle School
29: Losers 17 & 18, 10:30 a.m.
31: Losers 21 & 23, noon
33: Winners 17 & 18, 1:30 p.m.
35: Winners 21 & 23, 3 p.m.
37: Losers 22 & 28, 5 p.m.
39: Losers 24 & 26, 6:30 p.m.

At High School
30: Losers 19 & 20, 11 a.m.
32: Losers 25 & 27, 12:30 p.m.
34: Winners 19 & 20, 2 p.m.
36: Winners 25 & 27, 3:30 p.m.
38: Winners 22 & 28, 5:30 p.m.
40: Winners 22 & 26, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's games
At Middle School
41: Winners 29 & 30, noon
43: Winners 33 & 34, 1:30 p.m.

At High School
42: Winners 31 & 32, 12:30 p.m.
Consolation: Winners 35 & 36, 2 p.m.
Fifth: Winners 37 & 39, 3:30 p.m.
Third: Losers 38 & 40, 5:30 p.m.
Title: Winners 38 & 40, 7 p.m.

SAGES HOLIDAY HOOPLA

At Monticello
Purple Pool: Argenta-Oreana, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley, Neoga, Monticello. **Gold Pool:** Colfax Ridgeview, Mt. Zion, Stark County, Tuscola.

Friday's games
Monticello vs. Argenta-Oreana, 10 a.m.
Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley vs. Neoga, 11:30 a.m.
Mt. Zion vs. Colfax Ridgeview, 2 p.m.
Tuscola vs. Stark County, 3:30 p.m.
Neoga vs. Monticello, 6 p.m.
Argenta-Oreana vs. Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Colfax Ridgeview vs. Tuscola, 10 a.m.
Mt. Zion vs. Stark County, 11:30 a.m.
Monticello vs. Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley, 2 p.m.
Argenta-Oreana vs. Neoga, 3:30 p.m.
Tuscola vs. Mt. Zion, 6 p.m.
Stark County vs. Colfax Ridgeview, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's games
Seventh: Purple Pool 4th place vs. Gold Pool 4th place, 1 p.m.
Fifth: Purple Pool 3rd place vs. Gold Pool 3rd place, 2:30 p.m.
Third: Purple Pool 2nd place vs. Gold Pool 2nd place, 4 p.m.
Title: Purple Poo 1st place vs. Gold Pool 1st place, 5:30 p.m.

CLIFF WARKINS MEMORIAL

At Erie
Pool A: Knoxville, Rockridge, Wethersfield, Erie, Mercer County, Bureau Valley. **Pool B:** Monmouth-Roseville, Fulton, Ridgewood, Morrison, Galva, Stockton.

Friday's games
At annex gym
Bureau Valley vs. Rockridge, 3 p.m.

Monday's games
At Normal Community — Gym A
21: Losers 13 & 14, 12:30 p.m.
24: Losers 15 & 16, 2 p.m.
27: Winners 13 & 14, 7:30 p.m.
30: Winners 15 & 16, 9 p.m.

At Normal Community — Gym B
Seventh Consolation: Losers 17 & 18, noon
Fifth Consolation: Losers 20 & 23, 7 p.m.
Seventh: Losers 21 & 24, 8:30 p.m.

At Normal West — Gym A
20: Winners 11 & 12, 12:30 p.m.
23: Winners 9 & 10, 2 p.m.
Fifth: Winners 21 & 24, 7:30 p.m.
Consolation Title: Winners 20 & 23, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's games
At Shirk Center
Third Place: Losers 27 & 30, noon
Title: Winners 27 & 30, 3:30 p.m.

LADY TIGER CLASSIC

At Beardstown
Friday's games
At Middle School
1: West Central vs. Concord Triopia, 9 a.m.
2: Illini Central vs. North Fulton, 10:30 a.m.
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7: Winner 3 vs. Mendon Unity, 1:30 p.m.
9: Lewistown vs. Beardstown, 3 p.m.
11: Farmington vs. Abingdon/Avon, 4:30 p.m.
13: Winner 9 vs. Mt. Sterling Brown County, 6 p.m.
15: Winner 11 vs. Havana, 7:30 p.m.

At High School
2: Illini Bluffs vs. Griggsville-Perry, 9:30 a.m.
4: Waverly vs. Pittsfield, 11 a.m.
6: Winner 2 vs. Illini West, 12:30 p.m.
8: Winner 4 vs. Canton, 2 p.m.
10: Liberty vs. Jacksonville Routt, 3:30 p.m.
12: Rushville-Industry vs. West Hancock, 5 p.m.
14: Winner 10 vs. Macomb, 6:30 p.m.
16: Winner 12 vs. South Fulton, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games
At Middle School
19: Losers 1 & 12, 10:30 a.m.
17: Losers 2 & 11, noon
21: Losers 5 & 16, 1:30 p.m.
23: Losers 8 & 13, 3 p.m.
25: Losers 7 & 15, 5 p.m.
27: Losers 7 & 14, 6:30 p.m.

At High School
18: Losers 4 & 9, 11 a.m.
20: Losers 3 & 10, 12:30 p.m.
22: Winners 8 & 13, 2 p.m.
24: Winners 7 & 14, 3:30 p.m.
26: Winners 6 & 15, 5:30 p.m.
28: Winners 5 & 16, 7 p.m.

Monday's games
At Middle School
29: Losers 17 & 18, 10:30 a.m.
31: Losers 21 & 23, noon
33: Winners 17 & 18, 1:30 p.m.
35: Winners 21 & 23, 3 p.m.
37: Losers 22 & 28, 5 p.m.
39: Losers 24 & 26, 6:30 p.m.

At High School
30: Losers 19 & 20, 11 a.m.
32: Losers 25 & 27, 12:30 p.m.
34: Winners 19 & 20, 2 p.m.
36: Winners 25 & 27, 3:30 p.m.
38: Winners 22 & 28, 5:30 p.m.
40: Winners 22 & 26, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's games
At Middle School
41: Winners 29 & 30, noon
43: Winners 33 & 34, 1:30 p.m.

At High School
42: Winners 31 & 32, 12:30 p.m.
Consolation: Winners 35 & 36, 2 p.m.
Fifth: Winners 37 & 39, 3:30 p.m.
Third: Losers 38 & 40, 5:30 p.m.
Title: Winners 38 & 40, 7 p.m.

SAGES HOLIDAY HOOPLA

At Monticello
Purple Pool: Argenta-Oreana, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley, Neoga, Monticello. **Gold Pool:** Colfax Ridgeview, Mt. Zion, Stark County, Tuscola.

Friday's games
Monticello vs. Argenta-Oreana, 10 a.m.
Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley vs. Neoga, 11:30 a.m.
Mt. Zion vs. Colfax Ridgeview, 2 p.m.
Tuscola vs. Stark County, 3:30 p.m.
Neoga vs. Monticello, 6 p.m.
Argenta-Oreana vs. Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Colfax Ridgeview vs. Tuscola, 10 a.m.
Mt. Zion vs. Stark County, 11:30 a.m.
Monticello vs. Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley, 2 p.m.
Argenta-Oreana vs. Neoga, 3:30 p.m.
Tuscola vs. Mt. Zion, 6 p.m.
Stark County vs. Colfax Ridgeview, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's games
Seventh: Purple Pool 4th place vs. Gold Pool 4th place, 1 p.m.
Fifth: Purple Pool 3rd place vs. Gold Pool 3rd place, 2:30 p.m.
Third: Purple Pool 2nd place vs. Gold Pool 2nd place, 4 p.m.
Title: Purple Poo 1st place vs. Gold Pool 1st place, 5:30 p.m.

CLIFF WARKINS MEMORIAL

At Erie
Pool A: Knoxville, Rockridge, Wethersfield, Erie, Mercer County, Bureau Valley vs. Rockridge, 3 p.m.

High school boys

Tournaments

MACOMB TOURNAMENT
At Western Hall
Friday's games
1: Illini Bluffs vs. Canton, 9 a.m.
2: Illini West vs. Abingdon-Avon, 10:30 a.m.
3: Metamora vs. Brown County, 1 p.m.
4: Camp Point vs. Farmington, 2:30 p.m.
5: Monmouth-Roseville vs. Eureka, 4 p.m.
6: Macomb vs. Illini Central, 6:30 p.m.
7: Rockridge vs. Pittsfield, 8 p.m.
8: Lewistown vs. West Hancock, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
9: Losers 1 & 2, 9 a.m.
10: Losers 3 & 4, 10:30 a.m.
11: Losers 5 & 6, 1 p.m.
12: Losers 7 & 8, 2:30 p.m.
13: Winners 1 & 2, 5 p.m.
14: Winners 3 & 4, 6:30 p.m.
15: Winners 5 & 6, 8 p.m.
16: Winners 7 & 8, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's games
At Macomb High
17: Winners 9 & 10, 9 a.m.
18: Winners 11 & 12, 10:30 a.m.

At Western Hall
19: Losers 13 & 14, 9 a.m.
20: Losers 15 & 16, 10:30 a.m.
21: Winners 13 & 14, 1 p.m.
22: Winners 15 & 16, 2:30 p.m.
Consolation: Winners 17 & 18, 5 p.m.
Fifth place: Winners 19 & 20, 6:30 p.m.
Third place: Losers 21 & 22, 8 p.m.
Title: Winners 21 & 22, 9:30 p.m.

STATE FARM CLASSIC (LARGE)
Friday's games
At Normal West
1: Champaign Centennial vs. Illinois Valley Central, 10 a.m.
2: South Holland Thornwood vs. Chatham Glenwood, 11:30 a.m.
3: Rock Island vs. North Chicago, 1 p.m.
4: Mahomet-Seymour vs. Springfield High, 2:30 p.m.
5: Chicago North Lawndale vs. Notre Dame, 4:30 p.m.
6: Edwardsville vs. Normal U-High, 6 p.m.
7: Normal Community vs. Plainfield South, 7:30 p.m.
8: Rockton Hononegah vs. Grayslake Central, 9 p.m.

Saturday's games
At Shirk Center (Wesleyan)
9: Losers 7 & 8, 11 a.m.
10: Losers 9 & 6, 9:30 a.m.
11: Losers 3 & 4, 12:30 p.m.
12: Losers 1 & 2, 2 p.m.
13: Winners 1 & 2, 4:30 p.m.
14: Winners 3 & 4, 6 p.m.
15: Winners 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m.
16: Winners 7 & 8, 9 p.m.

At Normal West
17: Losers 9 & 10, 4 p.m.
18: Losers 11 & 12, 7 p.m.

Monday's games
At Normal West
19: Losers 17 & 18, 9 a.m.
22: Winners 17 & 18, 10:30 a.m.
25: Losers 20 & 23, 4 p.m.
28: Losers 21 & 24, 5:30 p.m.

At U.S. Cellular
20: Winners 11 & 12, 9:30 a.m.
23: Winners 9 & 10, 11 a.m.
Fifth: Winners 13 & 14, 4:30 p.m.
Consolation: Winners 23 & 20, 6 p.m.

At Shirk Center
21: Losers 13 & 14, 9:30 a.m.
24: Losers 15 & 16, 11 a.m.
27: Winners 14 & 13, 4:30 p.m.
30: Winners 16 & 15, 6 p.m.

STATE FARM CLASSIC (SMALL)
Friday's games
At Shirk Center
1: Peoria Christian vs. El Paso-Gridley, 10 a.m.
2: St. Joseph-Ogden vs. Fairbury Prairie Central, 11:30 a.m.
3: Kewanee vs. Cissna Park, 1 p.m.
4: Kandakee vs. Olympia, 2:30 p.m.
5: Kankakee McNamara, 4:30 p.m.
6: Rockford Lutheran vs. Annawan, 6 p.m.
7: Champaign St. Thomas More vs. Downs Tri-Valley, 7:30 p.m.
8: Bloomington Central Catholic vs. Rock Falls, 9 p.m.

Saturday's games
At Normal West
9: Losers 6 & 5, 9:30 a.m.
10: Losers 1 & 2, 11 a.m.
11: Losers 7 & 8, 12:30 p.m.
12: Losers 4 & 3, 2 p.m.
13: Winners 4 & 3, 4:30 p.m.
14: Winners 8 & 7, 6 p.m.
15: Winners 1 & 2, 7:30 p.m.
16: Winners 6 & 5, 9 p.m.

Gym B
17: Losers 9 & 10, 5:30 p.m.
18: Losers 11 & 12, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's games
At Normal West
19: Losers 17 & 18, 1:30 p.m.
22: Winners 17 & 18, 1:30 p.m.
25: Losers 20 & 23, 7 p.m.
28: Losers 21 & 24, 8:30 p.m.

At U.S. Cellular
20: Winners 11 & 12, 10:30 p.m.
23: Winners 9 & 10, 12 p.m.
Fifth: Winners 13 & 14, 7:30 p.m.
Consolation: Winners 23 & 20, 9 p.m.

At Shirk Center
21: Losers 13 & 14, 12:30 p.m.
24: Losers 15 & 16, 2 p.m.
27: Winners 14 & 13, 7:30 p.m.
30: Winners 16 & 15, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's games
At Shirk Center
Third: Losers 27 & 30, 10:30 a.m.
Title: Winners 27 & 30, 8:45 p.m.

AT PRINCETVILLE

Saturday's games
1: Elmwood vs. Lowpoint-Washburn, 2 p.m.
2: Henry vs. North Fulton, 3:30 p.m.
3: Brimfield vs. Galva, 6:30 p.m.
4: Princeville vs. DePue, 8 p.m.

Monday's games
5: Losers 1 & 2, 4 p.m.
6: Losers 3 & 4, 3:30 p.m.
7: Winners 1 & 2, 6:30 p.m.
8: Winners 3 & 4, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's games
9: Losers 5 & 6, 2 p.m.
Consolation: Winners 5 & 6, 3: 30 p.m.
Third place: Losers 7 & 8, 6:30 p.m.
Title: Winners 7 & 8, 8 p.m.

PEKIN INSURANCE TOURNAMENT
At Pekin
Hawkins Gym
Monday's games
1: Limestone vs. Peoria High, 9 a.m.
2: East Moline vs. Plainfield East, 10:30 a.m.
3: Mount Carmel, 12:45 p.m.
4: Morton vs. Evanston, 1:30 p.m.
5: Normal West vs. Arlington Heights Hersey, 3:45 p.m.
6: Pekin vs. Freeport, 6:30 p.m.
7: Springfield vs. Lake Zurich, 8 p.m.
8: Richards Lanphier vs. Washington, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's games
9: Winners 1 & 2, 9 a.m.
10: Winners 3 & 4, 10:30 p.m.
11: Winners 5 & 6, 12:45 p.m.
12: Winners 7 & 8, 2:15 p.m.
13: Losers 9 & 10, 3:45 p.m.
14: Winners 9 & 10, 6:30 p.m.
15: Winners 11 & 12, 8 p.m.
16: Losers 11 & 12, 9:20 p.m.

At Custer/Stoudt Gym
17: Losers 1 & 2, 9 a.m.
18: Losers 3 & 4, 10:30 a.m.
19: Losers 5 & 6, 12:45 p.m.
20: Losers 7 & 8, 2:15 p.m.
21: Losers 17 & 18, 3:45 p.m.

22: Winners 17 & 18, 6:30 p.m.
23: Winners 19 & 20, 8 p.m.
24: Losers 19 & 20, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games
Custer/Stoudt Gym
25: Losers 21 & 24, 11 a.m.
26: Winners 21 & 24, 12:30 p.m.
27: Losers 22 & 23, 2 p.m.

Hawkins Gym
28: Losers 13 & 16, 11 a.m.
Fifth place: Winners 13 & 16, 12: 30 p.m.
Consolation: Winners 22 & 23, 2 p.m.
Third: Losers 14 & 15, 5 p.m.
Title: Winners 14 & 15, 6:30 p.m.

AT PONTIAC
Monday's games
1: St. Charles North vs. Gurnee Warren, 9 a.m.
2: Plainfield North vs. Bloomington, 10:30 a.m.
3: Chicago Heights Bloom vs. Lisle Benet, 1 p.m.
4: Chicago Curie vs. Danville, 2: 30 p.m.
5: Oak Park-River Forest vs. Manual, 4 p.m.
6: Aurora West vs. Lockport, 6 p.m.
7: Simeon vs. Pontiac, 7:30 p.m.
8: Joliet West vs. Niles West, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's games
9: Losers 3 & 4, 8 a.m.
10: Losers 1 & 2, 9:30 a.m.
11: Winners 3 & 4, 11 a.m.
12: Winners 1 & 2, 1 p.m.
13: Losers 5 & 6, 2:20 p.m.
14: Winners 5 & 6, 4 p.m.
15: Losers 7 & 8, 6 p.m.
16: Winners 7 & 8, 7:30 p.m.
17: Winners 10 & 11, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's games
18: Winners 13 & 15, 8 a.m.
19: Losers 12 vs. 11, 9:30 p.m.
20: Losers 14 & 16, 11 a.m.
21: Winners 12 & 11, 1 p.m.
22: Winners 14 & 16, 2:30 p.m.
Consolation: Winners 17 & 18, 4 p.m.
Fifth place: Winners 19 & 20, 6 p.m.
Third place: Losers 21 & 22, 7:30 p.m.
Title: Winners 21 & 22, 9 p.m.

AT WILLIAMSVILLE
Friday's games
1: Tremont vs. Clinton, 9 a.m.
2: Roanoke-Benson vs. South Fulton, 10:30 a.m.
3: PORTA vs. Midwest Central, noon
4: Hillsboro vs. Pleasant Plains, 1:30 p.m.
5: Warrensburg-Latham vs. Decatur Christian, 3 p.m.
6: Springfield Calvary vs. East Peoria, 4:30 p.m.
7: Williamsville vs. Deer Creek-Mackinaw, 6 p.m.
8: Delavan vs. Havana, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
9: Losers 1 & 2, 9 a.m.
10: Losers 3 & 4, 10:30 a.m.
11: Losers 5 & 6, noon
12: Losers 7 & 8, 1:30 p.m.
13: Winners 1 & 2, 3 p.m.
14: Winners 3 & 4, 4:30 p.m.
15: Winners 5 & 6, 6 p.m.
16: Winners 7 & 8, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's games
17: Losers 9 & 10, 9 a.m.
18: Losers 11 & 12, 10:30 a.m.
19: Winners 9 & 10, 12:30 p.m.
20: Winners 11 & 12, 1:30 p.m.
21: Losers 13 & 14, 3 p.m.
22: Losers 15 & 16, 4:30 p.m.
23: Winners 13 & 14, 6:30 p.m.
24: Winners 15 & 16, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's games
Consolation: Winners 19 & 20, 2 p.m.
Fifth: Winners 21 & 22, 3:30 p.m.
Third: Losers 23 & 24, 5:30 p.m.
Title: Winners 23 & 24, 7 p.m.

AT TAYLORVILLE
Friday's games
1: Losers 1 & 2, 11 a.m.
2: Rantoul vs. Galesburg, 1 p.m.
Mt. Zion vs. Dunlap, 6:30 p.m.
Taylorville vs. Rochester, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games
At Shirk Center
Mt. Zion vs. Rantoul, 10 a.m.
Galesburg vs. Rochester, 11:30 a.m.
Taylorville vs. Dunlap, 1 p.m.
Rochester vs. Rantoul, 5 p.m.
Dunlap vs. Galesburg, 6:30 p.m.
Taylorville vs. Mt. Zion, 8 p.m.

Monday's games
Dunlap vs. Rochester, 10 a.m.
Galesburg vs. Mt. Zion, 11:30 p.m.
Taylorville vs. Rantoul, 1 p.m.
Rantoul vs. Dunlap, 5 p.m.
Rochester vs. Mt. Zion, 6:30 p.m.
Taylorville vs. Galesburg, 8 p.m.

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At Erie
Pool A: Erie, Bureau Valley, Lena-Winslow, Orion, Stark County, Stockton. **Pool B:** Knoxville, Mercer County, Morrison, Peoria Heights, Port Byron Riverdale, Wethersfield

Friday's games
Annex gym
Erie vs. Lena-Winslow, 8:3

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings EASTERN CONFERENCE ATLANTIC W L Pct GB Toronto 22 7 .759 — Brooklyn 12 15 .444 9 Boston 10 16 .385 10½ New York 5 25 .167 17½ Philadelphia 4 23 .148 17 SOUTHEAST W L Pct GB Atlanta 21 7 .750 — Washington 19 8 .704 1½ Miami 13 16 .448 8½ Orlando 11 20 .355 11½ Charlotte 10 19 .345 11½ CENTRAL W L Pct GB Chicago 19 9 .679 — Cleveland 17 10 .630 1½ Milwaukee 14 15 .483 5½ Indiana 10 19 .345 9½ Detroit 5 23 .179 14 WESTERN CONFERENCE SOUTHWEST W L Pct GB Memphis 21 7 .750 — Houston 20 7 .741 ½ Dallas 20 10 .667 2 San Antonio 18 11 .621 3½ New Orleans 14 14 .500 7 NORTHWEST W L Pct GB Portland 23 7 .767 — Oklahoma City 13 16 .448 9½ Denver 12 17 .414 10½ Utah 9 20 .310 13½ Minnesota 5 22 .185 16½ PACIFIC W L Pct GB Golden State 23 4 .852 — Phoenix 19 10 .655 5 L.A. Clippers 16 14 .533 8½ Sacramento 12 16 .429 11½ L.A. Lakers 9 19 .321 14½

THURSDAY'S GAMES Washington at New York, 11 a.m. Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 1:30 p.m. Cleveland at Miami, 4 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 7 p.m. Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m. FRIDAY'S GAMES Brooklyn at Boston, Noon Cleveland at Orlando, 6 p.m. Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m. Indiana at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Memphis, 7 p.m. Houston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Portland, 9 p.m. Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m. SATURDAY'S GAMES Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m. Boston at Washington, 6 p.m. Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Memphis at Miami, 6:30 p.m. New Orleans at Chicago, 7 p.m. Indiana at Brooklyn, 7 p.m. Atlanta at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Utah, 8 p.m. New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m. Minnesota at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Bulls 113, Lakers 93 L.A. LAKERS — Johnson 6-18 5-6 19, Davis 5-10 3-6 13, Hill 1-16 4-4 16, Price 3-7 0-0 7, Ellington 5-12 1-1 12, Young 1-6 0-0 3, Boozer 7-11 0-0 14, Lin 2-8 2-6 2, Sacre 1-2 0-0 2, Clarkson 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 36-92 16-21 93. CHICAGO — Dunleavy 2-5 0-0 6, Gasol 9-14 4-6 23, Noah 2-8 0-0 4, Rose 7-14 4-4 20, Butler 7-12 6-6 21, Gibson 3-5 3-7 9, Brooks 6-13 0-0 13, Moore 2-4 0-0 4, Mitchell 4-9 2-2 13, Snell 0-2 0-0 0, Bairstow 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-86 19-25 113. L.A. Lakers 24 23 30 16 — 93 Chicago 27 31 25 30 — 113 3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 5-16 (Johnson 2-6, Young 1-3, Ellington 1-3, Price 1-3, Lin 0-1), Chicago 10-24 (Mirotic 3-7, Dunleavy 2-4, Rose 2-6, Gasol 1-1, Brooks 1-2, Butler 1-2, Snell 0-1). Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 47 (Davis 14), Chicago 64 (Gasol 13). Assists—L.A. Lakers 18 (Price 8), Chicago 27 (Rose, Brooks 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 21, Chicago 12. Technicals—Noah, A—22,865 (20,917).

HOCKEY

NHL

Standings EASTERN CONFERENCE ATLANTIC GP W L OT Pts GF GA Montreal 35 22 11 2 46 95 84 Tampa Bay 36 21 11 4 46 117 96 Detroit 35 18 8 9 45 100 87 Toronto 35 20 12 3 43 118 102 Boston 35 18 14 3 39 91 91 Florida 32 15 9 8 38 73 82 Ottawa 34 14 14 6 34 90 94 Buffalo 35 13 19 3 29 69 115 METRO GP W L OT Pts GF GA Pittsburgh 34 22 7 5 49 108 80 N.Y. Islanders 34 23 11 0 46 105 94 N.Y. Rangers 32 18 10 4 40 97 83 Washington 34 17 11 6 40 99 90 Philadelphia 34 14 14 6 34 97 101 Columbus 33 14 16 3 31 80 107 New Jersey 36 12 17 7 31 78 104 Carolina 34 10 20 4 24 70 93 WESTERN CONFERENCE CENTRAL GP W L OT Pts GF GA Chicago 35 23 10 2 48 107 72 Nashville 33 22 9 2 46 95 70 St. Louis 34 21 10 3 45 100 86 Winnipeg 35 18 10 7 43 88 81 Minnesota 32 13 13 3 35 93 89 Colorado 34 13 13 8 34 90 101 Dallas 33 14 14 5 33 95 113 Pacific GP W L OT Pts GF GA Anaheim 36 23 8 5 51 104 98 San Jose 35 19 11 5 43 99 90 Vancouver 33 20 11 2 42 99 91 Los Angeles 35 17 11 7 41 97 88 Calgary 36 18 15 3 39 104 98 Arizona 34 12 18 4 28 80 112 Edmonton 35 7 21 7 21 75 121

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. WEDNESDAY No games scheduled THURSDAY No games scheduled FRIDAY No games scheduled SATURDAY'S GAMES N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 6 p.m. Detroit at Ottawa, 6 p.m. Carolina at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m. New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m. Boston at Columbus, 6 p.m. Washington at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Nashville, 7 p.m. Anaheim at Arizona, 7 p.m. Chicago at Colorado, 8 p.m. Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m. SUNDAY'S GAMES Toronto at Florida, 4 p.m. Vancouver at Anaheim, 7 p.m. Scoring Leaders THROUGH DEC. 23 GP G A PTS Jakub Voracek, Phi 34 14 32 46 Tyler Seguin, Dal 33 25 17 42 Evgeni Malkin, Pit 34 16 25 41 Claude Giroux, Phi 34 11 30 41 Ryan Getzlaf, Anh 35 12 27 39 Phil Kessel, Tor 35 17 21 38 Vladimir Tarasenko, STL 34 20 17 37 Tyler Johnson, TB 35 13 24 37

SPHL

Standings THROUGH DEC. 23 GP W L OL Pts GF GA Pensacola 21 14 3 4 32 76 49 Peoria 20 13 5 2 28 57 49 Knoxville 21 13 7 1 27 67 63 Louisiana 20 11 7 2 24 68 63 Fayetteville 19 11 8 0 22 51 52 Columbus 19 7 8 4 18 44 52 Mississippi 20 7 11 2 16 47 53 Huntsville 18 3 11 4 10 39 57 FRIDAY'S GAMES Louisiana at Mississippi, 7:05 p.m. Columbus at Peoria, 7:05 p.m. Pensacola at Louisiana, 7:30 p.m. Knoxville at Fayetteville, 7:35 p.m. SATURDAY'S GAMES Fayetteville at Knoxville, 7:05 p.m. Mississippi at Louisiana, 7:05 p.m. Columbus at Peoria, 7:05 p.m. Pensacola at Huntsville, 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings AMERICAN CONFERENCE EAST W L T Pct PF PA y-New England 12 3 0 .800 459 296 Miami 8 7 0 .533 364 336 Buffalo 8 7 0 .533 326 280 N.Y. Jets 3 12 0 .200 246 377 SOUTH W L T Pct PF PA y-Indianapolis 10 5 0 .667 431 359 Houston 8 7 0 .533 349 290 Jacksonville 3 12 0 .200 232 389 Tennessee 2 13 0 .133 244 411 NORTH W L T Pct PF PA x-Cincinnati 10 4 1 .700 348 317 x-Pittsburgh 10 5 0 .667 409 351 Baltimore 9 6 0 .600 389 292 Cleveland 7 8 0 .467 289 317 WEST W L T Pct PF PA y-Denver 11 4 0 .733 435 340 San Diego 9 6 0 .600 341 329 Kansas City 8 7 0 .533 334 274 Oakland 3 12 0 .200 239 405 NATIONAL CONFERENCE EAST W L T Pct PF PA y-Dallas 11 4 0 .733 423 335 Philadelphia 9 6 0 .600 440 374 N.Y. Giants 6 9 0 .400 354 366 Washington 4 11 0 .267 284 394 SOUTH W L T Pct PF PA Carolina 6 8 1 .433 305 371 Atlanta 6 9 0 .400 378 383 New Orleans 6 9 0 .400 378 404 Tampa Bay 2 13 0 .133 257 387 NORTH W L T Pct PF PA x-Detroit 11 4 0 .733 301 252 x-Green Bay 11 4 0 .733 456 328 Minnesota 6 9 0 .400 312 334 Chicago 5 10 0 .333 310 429 WEST W L T Pct PF PA x-Seattle 11 4 0 .733 374 248 x-Arizona 11 4 0 .733 293 279 San Francisco 7 8 0 .467 286 323 x-Cincinnati 6 9 0 .400 318 334

ST. LOUIS PLAYOFF SPOT: y-clinched playoff spot; x-clinched division. SUNDAY'S GAMES Indianapolis at Tennessee, Noon Jacksonville at Houston, Noon San Diego at Kansas City, Noon Chicago at Minnesota, Noon Carolina at Atlanta, Noon Cleveland at Baltimore, Noon Dallas at Washington, Noon N.Y. Jets at Miami, Noon Buffalo at New England, Noon Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, Noon New Orleans at Tampa Bay, Noon Arizona at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m. St. Louis at Seattle, 3:25 p.m. Oakland at Denver, 3:25 p.m. Detroit at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

College

FBS Bowl Wednesday's late game HAWAII BOWL AT HONOLULU Honolulu (9-0) vs. Fresno State 6 Friday's games HEART OF DALLAS BOWL Illinois (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), Noon (ESPN) QUICK LANE BOWL AT DETROIT Rutgers (7-5) vs. North Carolina (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) ST. PETERSBURG (FLA.) BOWL UCF (9-3) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday's games MILITARY BOWL AT ANNAPOLIS, MD. Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), Noon (ESPN) SUN BOWL AT EL PASO, TEXAS Duke (9-3) vs. Arizona State (9-3), 1 p.m. (CBS) INDEPENDENCE BOWL AT SHREVEPORT, LA. Miami (6-6) vs. South Carolina (6-6), 3 p.m. (ESPN2) PINSTRIPE BOWL AT BRONX, N.Y. Boston College (7-5) vs. Penn State (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) HOLIDAY BOWL AT SAN DIEGO Nebraska (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN) Monday's games LIBERTY BOWL AT MEMPHIS, TENN. West Virginia (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN) RUSSELL ATHLETIC BOWL AT ORLANDO, FLA. Clemson (9-3) vs. Oklahoma (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) TEXAS BOWL AT HOUSTON Texas (6-6) vs. Arkansas (6-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Tuesday's games MUSIC CITY BOWL AT NASHVILLE, TENN. Notre Dame (7-5) vs. LSU (8-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN) BELK BOWL AT CHARLOTTE, N.C. Louisville (9-3) vs. Georgia (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN) FOSTERS FARM BOWL AT SANTA CLARA, CALIF. Stanford (7-5) vs. Maryland (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 31 PEACH BOWL AT ATLANTA Mississippi (9-3) vs. TCU (11-1), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN) FIESTA BOWL AT GLENDALE, ARIZ. Boise State (11-2) vs. Arizona (10-3), 3 p.m. (ESPN) ORANGE BOWL AT MIAMI Mississippi State (10-2) vs. Georgia Tech (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN) Hawaii Bowl AT HONOLULU Rice 30, Fresno State 6 Fresno St. 3 3 0 0 - 6 Rice 16 0 7 7 - 30 Rice—FG Hairston 21 Fre—FG Kroening 44 Rice—Taylor 14 pass from Jackson (kick failed) Rice—Hull 69 pass from Jackson (Hairston kick) Fre—FG Kroening 40 Rice—Parks 40 pass from Jackson (Hairston kick) Rice—Dillard 1 run (Hairston kick) A—25,365. First downs 15 16 Rushes-yards 42-192 40-137 Passing 93 326 Comp-Att-Yards 17-38-2 16-26-0 Return Yards 9 8 Punts-Avg. 6-43.5 8-40.5 Fumbles-Lost 1-0 0-0 Penalties-Yards 1-15 12-100 Time of Possession 27:45 32:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING — Fresno St., Burrell 10-20-2-44, Greenlee 7-18-0-49, Rice, Jackson 15-24-0-318, Turner 1-2-0-8. RECEIVING — Fresno St., J.Harper 4-25, Watson 4-14, J.Johnson 2-15, Quezada 2-6, Peck 1-1, Waller 1-0, Rice, Parks 5-107, Taylor 5-61, Hull 3-82, Dillard 2-57, Z.Wright 1-17.

NBA HOLIDAY ROUNDUP



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Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) hangs onto the basket after a dunk during the second half on Thursday in Miami. James was called for a technical foul on the play in his first game against the Heat in South Beach this season.

‘Home’ for holiday in South Beach

James scores 30 points, but Heat beat Cavaliers on Christmas in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James scored 30 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers took the court for warmups, booed the first few times he touched the ball, gave him plenty of cheers but still a mixed welcome when he was introduced as a starter, then cheered when he turned the ball over on one of his first touches. But perhaps the truest measure of how James is remembered came during the first timeout of the game, when the Heat unveiled a tribute video for their former star — a minute-long series of clips commemorating his four NBA Finals runs and two titles in Miami, after which he waved to the crowd and got a lengthy standing ovation.

No, Miami isn't he left. But, no, Miami also hasn't forgotten what James meant to the Heat. "I gave everything and more to this city when I was here," James said before the game, his first time back at the arena since leaving Miami for Cleveland this past summer. "Never disrespected this city or the franchise, or any of my teammates. Everything is professional. I gave it all. That's all I can do."

James took a seat on the scorers' table near midcourt for the last 30 seconds or so of that video, watching it on the giant overhead screen. "I've got a lot of memories here, man," James said.

It was predictably an emotional return for James, who acknowledged feeling butterflies when he walked in and headed toward the visitors' locker room for the first time in nearly five years. He scored 30 points, but his Cavs

lost to the Heat 101-91. "What we and my teammates created here while we were here, it's going to last forever," James said. "You can never take that out of the books."

AROUND THE RIM: Heat guard Dwyane Wade scored 24 of his 31 points in the first half, and Luol Deng finished with 25 points to help beat the Cavaliers. ... Russell Westbrook scored 34 points to lead the Thunder over the Spurs 114-106 in a rematch of last season's Western Conference Finals in San Antonio. OKC was without reigning MVP Kevin Durant, and the Spurs were missing Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard. ... John Wall had 24 points and 11 assists, eluding the Knicks all day until getting knocked to the floor by a flagrant foul that sparked an altercation, and Washington won 102-91 in New York. Quincy Acy knocked Wall down with a forearm shove with 5:31 to play. Wall pushed Acy, who responded with a punch that appeared to hit Wall behind the neck. Carmelo Anthony scored 34 for the Knicks, who have dropped six straight and 16 of 17.



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INDIANAPOLIS at TENNESSEE

NOON, WMBD-TV (31): Colts have won last six meetings, including 41-17 on Sept. 28. Indy QB Andrew Luck No. 2 in NFL with 38 TD passes; needs two to become eighth player in history with 40 or more, WR T.Y. Hilton needs 55 yards receiving to join Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne as only Colts with 1,400 in a season. Titans enter with nine-game losing streak. QB Charlie Whitehurst is coming off career-high 287-yard passing game in 21-13 loss to Jaguars. Tennessee LB Derrick Morgan has two sacks last week.



JACKSONVILLE at HOUSTON

NOON: Texans won Dec. 7 matchup 27-13. Jacksonville QB Blake Bortles has passed for 2,791 yards, 29 short of passing Byron Leftwich for franchise record for a rookie. Jaguars DT Sen'Derrick Marks has 6.5 sacks in his last eight games. Houston beat Ravens 25-13 last week, giving QB Case Keenum his first win in nine NFL starts. Texans RB Arian Foster ranks second in NFL with 101.9 yards rushing per game. Houston WR Andre Johnson became 10th player in league history to reach 1,000 catches. Texans DE J.J. Watt needs 2.5 sacks to become first player in NFL history with two seasons with 20 or more.



SAN DIEGO at KANSAS CITY

NOON: Chargers must win to make playoffs. Chiefs must win and hope Ravens and Texans lose. Chiefs won Oct. 19 meeting 23-20 and go for first season sweep of Chargers since 2003. San Diego leads series 55-53-1. Chargers allowed 355 yards rushing last week vs. 49ers and rank 28th against the run for the season. Chiefs rank 10th in rushing. San Diego QB Philip Rivers has 331 TD passes, three shy of his career high set in 2008. Kansas City has not allowed a 300-yard passer this season. The Chiefs rank No. 2 against the pass.



CLEVELAND at BALTIMORE

NOON: Ravens are 12-1 against Browns under coach John Harbaugh, including 23-21 win Sept. 21 on Justin Tucker's 32-yard field goal on the final play. Cleveland enters with a four-game losing streak. Browns have forced 24 turnovers in their last 10 games, the most in the league over that span. Baltimore WR Torrey Smith has 10 TDs in the last 12 games after being blanked in the first three games of the season. Baltimore LB C.J. Mosley leads all rookies with 122 tackles. Ravens need 10 points to break their single-season franchise record of 398.



DALLAS at WASHINGTON

NOON: Cowboys have won three in a row to clinch 18th NFC East title and first since 2009. dskins



BEARS at VIKINGS

Noon Sunday, TCF Bank Stadium, Minneapolis

► **TELEVISION:** WLOY (43)
► **RADIO:** WGLO-FM (95.5), WBBM-AM (780)
► **RECORDS:** Bears 5-10, Vikings 6-9
► **SERIES RECORD:** Vikings lead 54-51-2
► **LAST MEETING:** Bears won 21-13 Nov. 16, 2014
► **AP PRO32 RANKINGS:** Vikings No. 24, Bears No. 27
► **NOTES:** Bears will miss playoffs for seventh time in eight seasons. ... Bears loss puts them all alone in last place in NFC North. ... QB Jay Cutler, benched last week, will start for injured Jimmy Clausen (concussion). Cutler leads NFL with 18 interceptions and 24 turnovers. ... Bears coach Marc Trestman grew up in suburban Minneapolis. ... Vikings have held two-touchdown lead in each of their last two games, but lost both times. Dolphins beat Vikings 37-35 last week. ... Minnesota is 0-5 against NFC North opponents this season. ... Vikings have allowed at least 100 yards rushing 12 times in 2014.

won Oct. 17 meeting 20-17 in OT. Cowboys lead series 64-43-2. Dallas aims to go 8-0 on the road for first time. Cowboys RB DeMarco Murray, with NFL-best 1,745 rushing yards, needs 29 to break Emmitt Smith's single-season franchise record. Redskins have clinched last place in NFC East for sixth time in seven seasons. Washington QB Robert Griffin III has won two of his three starts against Dallas. Redskins WR DeSean Jackson leads league with 20.1 yards per catch.



N.Y. JETS at MIAMI

NOON: Dolphins beat Jets 16-13 on Dec. 1. While Jets had just 49 yards passing as Geno Smith went 7-for-13, they rushed for 277 yards in that game. Dolphins have won three of the last four in the series. Jets rank last in the NFL with a 69.9 passer rating. Miami is coming off a 37-35 victory over Minnesota in which it had franchise-recordd 36 first downs. A victory would give Dolphins their first winning season since 2008. Ryan Tannehill needs 214 yards passing to become first Miami QB with 4,000 in a season since Dan Marino in 1992.



BUFFALO at NEW ENGLAND

NOON: Patriots defeated Bills 37-22 on Oct. 12 and lead

series 67-41-1. New England has 13-game home winning streak against Buffalo. Under Bill Belichick, Patriots are 26-3 vs. Bills. New England leads league with 30.6 points per game. Patriots have outscored their past five opponents 64-12 in second half without allowing TD. Although they missed playoffs for 15th consecutive season, Bills can secure their first nine-win season since 2004. Buffalo leads NFL with 50 sacks and ranks second in takeaways with 30. In the Oct. 12 meeting, Bills TE Scott Chandler had career-high 105 yards receiving.



PHILADELPHIA at N.Y. GIANTS

NOON: Eagles beat Giants 27-0 on Oct. 12 as RB LeSean McCoy rushed for 149 yards and LB Connor Barwin had three sacks and forced fumble. Longtime NFC East rivals will be cleaning out lockers after this one. Eagles have lost three in a row to miss playoffs. Philadelphia WR Jeremy Maclin has career-high 82 catches for 1,269 yards. His 10 TD catches match his career high. In bid to save coach Tom Coughlin's job, Giants have won three in a row after a seven-game losing streak. Giants are coming off 37-27 win over Rams in which Eli Manning passed for 391 yards and three TDs. He had 148.8 rating.



NEW ORLEANS at TAMPA BAY

NOON: New Orleans has won six in a row in this NFC South rivalry. That includes 37-31 OT win on Oct. 5 in which Saints ran 86 offensive plays (to Buccaneers' 54) for 511 yards. Saints RB Mark Ingram is 93 yards shy of his first 1,000-yard season rushing. With a loss, Tampa Bay is likely to land No. 1 overall draft pick for first time since 1987 (when it drafted QB Vinny Testaverde). Bucs QB Josh McCown, who didn't play in first meeting, has (70.5) lowest passer rating (70.5). Tampa Bay owns NFL's No. 31-ranked offense and No. 26 defense.



ARIZONA at SAN FRANCISCO

3:25 P.M.: Cardinals' only victory in last five meetings was 23-14 on Sept. 21. Arizona outscored San Francisco 17-0 in the second half of that meeting. Arizona is coming off 35-6 loss to Seattle, its worst loss under coach Bruce Arians. Rookie QB Logan Thomas gets his shot to lead Cardinals, becoming fourth different QB to start for the team this season. Thomas is fourth-round pick from Virginia Tech. San Francisco enters with four-game losing streak. Jim Harbaugh could be coaching his final game with 49ers. He has one year remaining on five-year, \$25 million contract. In last week's 38-35 loss to Chargers, 49ers rushed for franchise-record 355 yards, the most by an NFL team since 2007 (Vikings 378 vs. Chargers).



ST. LOUIS at SEATTLE

3:25 P.M.: This marks third consecutive season St. Louis travels to Seattle in Week 17. Rams won Oct. 19 meeting 28-26 with help of punt return TD and fourth-down conversion via fake punt late in fourth quarter. St. Louis will finish with losing record for eighth season in a row. Seahawks owns league's No. 1 rushing offense with average of 175.3 yards per game. Only team with a higher rushing average in the last 30 years was 2006 Falcons at 183.7. Seattle is coming off 35-6 win over Arizona in which TE Luke Wilson had career-high 139 yards receiving and two TDs.



OAKLAND at DENVER

3:25 P.M.: Oakland beat Raiders 41-17 on Nov. 9 as Peyton Manning tossed five TD passes. It was Denver's sixth consecutive win in series. Raiders RB Latavius Murray has 333 yards rushing in the last three games. 38-year-old S Charles Woodson tops Raiders with 106 tackles. Since becoming starter at midseason, Denver RB C.J. Anderson averages 136 scrimmage yards. Broncos have NFL-high nine players in Pro Bowl.



DETROIT at GREEN BAY

3:25 P.M., WYZZ-TV (43): Both teams guaranteed playoff spots. Winner claims NFC North and first-round bye. Detroit beat Packers 19-7 Sept. 21 as Lions defense accounted for nine points. Lions have lost 23 in a row in Wisconsin to Packers. Packers are 7-0 at Lambeau Field this season. QB Aaron Rodgers has NFL-best 132.6 rating in home games; WR Jordy Nelson has nine of his 13 TD catches at Lambeau. Detroit WR Calvin Johnson needs two TDs for 75 in his career, joining Barry Sanders (109) as only Lions with at least 75. Green Bay off 20-3 win at Tampa in which it gave up 106 yards.



CAROLINA at ATLANTA

3:25 P.M., WMBD-TV (31): Game will determine NFC South champion. Winner will become first losing team to make playoffs since 2010 Seahawks (7-9). Panthers won at Falcons last year in Week 17 to clinch NFC South as QB Cam Newton passed for 148 yards and ran for 72. Falcons are 5-0 against NFC teams.



CINCINNATI at PITTSBURGH

7:30 P.M., WEEK-TV (25): Both teams are guaranteed playoff spots. Winner claims AFC North. Pittsburgh scored 25 in fourth quarter to win first meeting 42-21. Bengals have won four consecutive road games, tying team record. Steelers had six sacks last week.



Brew Crew Pro Picks of the Week



Indianapolis at Tennessee	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Jacksonville at Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
San Diego at Kansas City	San Diego	Kansas City	Kansas City
Chicago at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
Cleveland at Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
Dallas at Washington	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
N.Y. Jets at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
Buffalo at New England	New England	New England	New England
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants	Philadelphia	N.Y. Giants	N.Y. Giants
New Orleans at Tampa Bay	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
Arizona at San Francisco	San Francisco	Arizona	San Francisco
St. Louis at Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Oakland at Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Detroit at Green Bay	Detroit	Green Bay	Green Bay
Carolina at Atlanta	Carolina	Atlanta	Atlanta
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh

► **Last week:** Matt Martin 10-6, John Hesson 8-8, Dan Hayes 7-9 ► **Season:** Martin 163-76-1, Hesson 162-77-1, Hayes 151-88-1



PRO PICKS

BY BARRY WILNER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mike McCarthy can't wait for Sunday. Can't blame him.

The hope of clinching the NFC North at Lambeau Field certainly is an enticing one. McCarthy's Packers can do so with a victory over the Lions, whose recent history in Green

Bay is, well, dismal. Detroit has not won there since 1991. And the Pack is 7-0 at Lam-

beau this season. Both teams are 11-4 and the winner still could get home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs if Seattle falls to St. Louis. The focus is not on anywhere but the Green Bay tundra for McCarthy and his players.

"I think it's great that Detroit and our records are the same and we're playing for the title," the Packers coach says. "Yeah, I think this is exactly how you'd want it. I know it's how I'd prefer it."

Especially at home. Green Bay (-7½) at **Detroit:** Spread should be higher. PACKERS, 31-20

Cincinnati (+3) at Pittsburgh: Both are headed to playoffs. Steelers get AFC North title. STEELERS, 27-23 **San Diego (+2½) at Kansas City:** Chargers can claim final AFC wild-card slot, just as they did in 2013. CHARGERS, 21-20

St. Louis (+13) at Seattle: Home-field advantage to the Seahawks. NFC Beware! SEAHAWKS, 23-13

Arizona (+5½) at San Francisco: Harbaugh and Niners must envy what Cardinals have done. But Arizona is so banged-up ... 49ERS, 17-13

Oakland (+14) at Denver: There's something rotten in Denver, but not rotten enough to lose this one. BRONCOS, 27-17

Buffalo (+3½) at New England: Pats have nothing to play for, but Belichick won't



BEST BET

▲ **Cleveland (+3½) at Atlanta:** Ravens put themselves in desperate spot with recent losses. RAVENS, 26-10

UPSET SPECIAL

Carolina (+31/2) at Atlanta: Panthers sneak off withsecondstraight division crown. PANTHERS, 20-19

let up. PATRIOTS, 23-16 **Dallas (6½) at Washington:** Redskins won at Dallas this year. But Cowboys don't lose on road. COWBOYS, 33-23

Indianapolis (-7) at Tennessee: Colts need a wake-up call heading into playoffs. Should get it here. COLTS, 30-9

New Orleans (-3½) at Tampa Bay: The two losing NFC South teams without a chance for the playoffs. SAINTS, 27-10

Jacksonville (+10) at Houston: Texans have outside shot at advancing. TEXANS, 23-16

New York Jets (+5½) at Miami: No Rex Redux likely, even if Jets repeat upset of Miami from last December. DOLPHINS, 22-20

Philadelphia (+2½) at New York Giants: Eagles have nothing to gain here, Giants can close with flourish. GIANTS, 26-24

Chicago (+6½) at Minnesota: End of the Cutler-Trestman-Emera era? If so, it ends ignominiously. VIKINGS, 21-16

LAST WEEK: Against spread: 9-6 (117-112-5, season). Straight up: 10-6 (158-81-1). ... **Best Bet:** 6-10 against spread, 10-6 straight up. ... **Upset special:** 8-8 against spread, 6-10 straight up.

Playoff Scenarios

AFC

NEW ENGLAND (vs. Buffalo)

Has already clinched AFC East and home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs

DENVER (vs. Oakland)

Has already clinched playoffs with AFC West title, and clinches first-round bye with: — Win or tie, OR — Cincinnati Loss, OR — Cincinnati tie and Indianapolis win

CINCINNATI (at Pittsburgh)

Has already clinched playoff spot and clinches AFC North with: — Win or tie Clinches first-round bye with: — Win and Denver loss or tie, OR — Tie and Denver loss and Indianapolis loss or tie

PITTSBURGH (vs. Cincinnati)

Has already clinched playoff spot and clinches AFC North with: — Win

INDIANAPOLIS (at Tennessee)

Has already clinched playoff spot with AFC South Division title.

SAN DIEGO (at Kansas City)

Clinches playoff spot with: — Win, OR — Tie and Baltimore loss or tie

BALTIMORE (vs. Cleveland)

Clinches playoff spot with: — Win and San Diego loss or tie, OR — Tie and San Diego loss

KANSAS CITY (vs. San Diego)

Clinches playoff spot with: — Win and Balti-

more loss and Houston loss or tie

HOUSTON (vs. Jacksonville)

Clinches playoff spot with: — Win and Baltimore loss and San Diego loss

NFC

DALLAS (at Washington)

Has already clinched NFC East and clinches home-field advantage throughout NFC playoffs with: — Win and Arizona loss or tie and Detroit/Green Bay tie

Clinches first-round bye with: — Win and Seattle loss or tie and Arizona loss or tie, OR — Win and Detroit/Green Bay tie, OR — Seattle loss and Arizona loss, OR — Tie and Seattle loss and Arizona loss and Dallas loss or tie Clinches first-round bye with: — Win, OR — Tie and Dallas loss or tie, OR — Tie and Seattle loss and Arizona loss

GREEN BAY (vs. Detroit)

Has already clinched playoff spot and clinches NFC North and first-round bye with: — Win

Clinches home-field advantage throughout NFC playoffs with: — Win and Seattle loss or tie and Arizona loss or tie, OR — Tie and Seattle loss and Arizona loss and Dallas loss or tie

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2 PEORIA FOOTBALL SHINES ON PLAYOFFS STAGE

It was a multi-banners fall for high school football in the city of Peoria. Notre Dame (12-1) went undefeated in the regular season for the first time in school history, on the way to its first state semifinal (Class 6A) appearance, and the most single-season wins in school history. Peoria High (11-2) lost only to

Notre Dame in the regular season, won in the playoffs (5A) for the first time since 1995, and won in the state quarters for the first time since 1988 on the way to matching the school record for victories. Richwoods (7-3) suffered its only regular-season losses to Notre Dame and Peoria High and qualified for the playoffs for the 12th

consecutive season. Manual (1-8) ended a three-year, 25-game losing streak. Peoria's four independent teams had a combined 19-5 (.792) in non-conference games against Western Big Six teams. The Peoria teams next season will join the Big 12 for football.

— Lonnie Schwindenhammer

3 PEORIA'S JIM THOME IMMORTALIZED BY MLB'S CLEVELAND INDIANS

Before this summer, there was only one statue on the grounds of Progressive Field, where the Indians play baseball in Cleveland: Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller. Peoria native Jim Thome made it two on Aug. 2, when an 8-foot-tall, bronze sculpture of him getting ready to hammer a pitch was unveiled and dedicated in a garden overlooking center field. Thome also signed a one-day honorary contract that enabled him to officially retire as a Cleveland Indian.

"Mind-boggling," said Thome's father, Chuck. "It really is mind-boggling."

Thome hit 612 home runs in his big league career, to rank seventh on the all-time list. Of those, he hit 337 for the Indians, a club record, and he helped revitalize the long-struggling franchise with two World Series appearances in the 1990s.



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More than 100 family members from Peoria to Cleveland trekked for the emotional ceremonies, and it was impossible for any of them not to dream of another big party in the future.

"Hopefully," said Jim's nephew Brandon, "the next road trip is to Cooperstown."

— Kirk Wessler

4 A 'FROSH' FINISH FOR MORTON BOYS GOLF

And a child shall lead them. Propelled by the momentous effort of 14-year-old Tommy Kuhl, Morton held off final day charges, first by Galesburg then late by Glen Ellyn Glenbard South, to win the boys Class 2A golf championship at Weibring Golf Club in Normal.

"With the addition of two outstanding freshmen this season and with hard work every day, I think we all shared the idea we could win it," said Trevor Tompkins, the lone senior in Morton's top six.



The Potters led by four strokes with a day one score of 312 and finished seven better than Glenbard South with a 615 total after Saturday's final round. Kuhl won the individual title, the first for a freshman in any class since 1998, with an even-par 142 performance which a one stroke performance runner-up Jackson Wetherbee of Galesburg.

"Since winning the team and individual championships, I have been blown away at how proud our community and school is of our accomplishments," Kuhl said. "We were recognized at halftime of a boys basketball game and it seems I can't go anywhere without someone telling the team and I congrats."

Kuhl opened the state finals with an 1-over-par 72 and tied for the lead. He opened the final day with 13 consecutive pars, followed by two birdies. A 3-foot downhill putt on 18 gave the 2013 IESA state champion a final-round 70 and his first IHSA title.

"Tommy's play was unreal," Tompkins said. "The kid loves pressure ... you will see him in the final group on (championship) Saturday for the next three years."

— Bo Ryan



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6 GRUESOME INJURY HALTS PEORIA RIVERMEN GAME

Justin Cseter skated into the corner as an opposing player for the Huntsville Havoc and staggered out of it as an adopted son for the hockey world in an Oct. 25 game against the Peoria Rivermen at Carver Arena.

Cseter suffered a gruesome injury when he was inadvertently gashed on his right thigh by an opponent's skate. Blood poured out. He slumped to the ice. The players fell silent while the arena frantically gestured and shouted for emergency medical personnel.

A hockey stick was broken in half and used to make a tourniquette to stop the bleeding. Cseter was rushed to a downtown Peoria hospital, where the wound was closed with multiple internal stitches and 8 staples on the surface.

The story drew 100,000 views on the www.pjstar.com

within a day. ESPN interviewed the reporter. CBS and FOX sports picked up coverage as the story became national.

Today, Cseter rests on the 30-day IR for Huntsville. The game that night was suspended, and will be resumed in February.

"Really, eight staples is just all in a day's work for a hockey player," Cseter joked in the days after the injury. "I won't forget the feeling on that ice, though. You lay there, not knowing if your artery is cut, not knowing if you're going to make it through. You wonder if it's career-threatening, life-threatening."

"Then you walk away from it, and the feeling is amazing. The support I've gotten from former teammates, fans, people all over the place, it's been amazing."

— Dave Eminian

5 NOTRE DAME RUNNER ASSAULTS RECORD BOOK

Maryjeanne Gilbert was fast in 2014 — record-setting fast.

The Notre Dame junior won the Class 2A state title cross country in 16 minutes, 12 seconds — a minute ahead of the runner-up — to set the class course record.

"Winning this state title is very satisfying," Gilbert said. "This is season has definitely been somewhat of a surprise with all the time I've dropped."

That state-title winning time was a 58-second improvement from her sophomore to junior year. She set five course records and didn't lose a race all season.



On Dec. 13, the two-time Journal Star Female Runner of the Year took all-American honors with a 12th-place finish at the Foot Locker Cross Country National Championships. She advanced by taking third-place at the FLCC Midwest Regionals on Nov. 29.

Track season saw similar success for Gilbert. She won the 2A 3200-meter in 10:34.37 and finished fourth in the 1600 in 5:09.05.

So how will she do in 2015?

"I think I still have a lot more that I can do to improve," Gilbert said in November.

— Adam Duvall



RON JOHNSON/JS

7 WRESTLING METTLE FOR WASHINGTON

The roar just keeps getting louder and better from the Washington Panthers wrestling team.

For the past six years, Washington has grabbed at least one medal at the individual state wrestling tournament. But in 2014, the Panthers took it to another level — getting a Journal Star-area all-time best five medals. That stack of hardware included a pair of state championships, with senior Colin Carr winning the 182-pound title and sophomore Randy Meneweather the 152-pound crown.

Runner-up finishes by sophomore Ethan Reel at 113 and freshman Jacob Warner at 160, along with a third-place from freshman Dack Punke at 106, rounded out the medal fest.

Washington also became the first large-school JS-area team in 23 years to reach the dual-team state finals, losing to annual team state champ Lombard Montini in the quarter-finals.

"On our team we preach that it doesn't matter how good the guy is, it doesn't matter who you're facing, whatever you don't give up, and you don't lay down for them," Washington coach Bryan Medlin said after the state tourney dual. "And I don't think we laid down for them."

Seven-time defending state champ Montini is where Washington hopes to be some day. That day is getting closer, as the Panthers entered the 2014-2015 season ranked No. 25 in the nation by Win magazine and No. 2 in the state, behind Montini.

— Stan Morris

8 METAMORA BASEBALL REGROUPS TO MAKE STATE

Metamora junior and pitching ace Trent Johnson suffered a season-ending elbow injury, and sophomore Alex Lewis was promoted into the varsity rotation.

Lewis got the start in the regional title game (Class 3A) against Washington and threw a no-hitter in a 3-0 victory. Among those on hand to witness the event was his father, Brian, battling skin cancer that had metastasized.

Alex Lewis fired his second consecutive postseason complete game in an 8-4 win over Notre Dame for a sectional title, and Metamora's season extended all the way to victory in the third-place game in its first baseball state finals appearance.

Johnson, signed to play in college at Arizona, underwent Tommy John surgery and is expected to be ready to play next spring. Alex Lewis will be a junior member of the Redbirds pitching corps. Brian Lewis continues his battle against cancer.

— Lonnie Schwindenhammer



9 HENRY WILES EXTENDS NATIONAL TT WIN STREAK

Henry Wiles led every lap on the way to an ongoing 10th straight victory in the Budweiser AMA Grand National TT Championship at PMC Race Park on Aug. 17.

As the "King" stood on the podium celebrating afterward, he clutched his bike plate, on which his family had scrawled on the back: "Henry.

Chris is a Prince, but you are a King."

It was a reference to Wiles' continued chase of the legendary 'Prince of Peoria' Chris Carr, who won the Peoria race 13 times and whose record of eight straight wins at Peoria Motorcycle Club was broken by Wiles.

After he crossed the finish line, Wiles took his

pregnant fiancée for a victory lap ride. The King, with his Queen, carrying their own Prince-in-waiting.

"For me," Wiles said that day, "this race here has always had a fairy-tale ending."

— Dave Eminian



10 GOOD, BAD AND UGLY OF BRADLEY MEN'S BASKETBALL

Despite expectations for continued improvement under coach Geno Ford, Bradley men's basketball took a step backward, suffering through a 12-20 season and a third consecutive loss in the play-in round of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.



The bad news in March was tempered in May with the signing of Josh Cunningham, who had led Morgan Park High School to consecutive Class 3A state championships.

Cunningham became the first nationally top 100 rated recruit to commit to Bradley out of high school since

Voise Winters 32 years ago. The 6-foot-7 forward chose BU over Indiana.

"What put Bradley over the top was the family atmosphere," said Cunningham, who became an immediate starter at power forward for BU, which battled injuries and got off to a rocky start in the 2014-15 season.

— Dave Reynolds



DOWN THE LINE



IN THE NEWS

World Series of Poker starts

The 45th Annual World Series of Poker kicked off seven weeks of play in Las Vegas on Tuesday, promising the tournament champion at least \$10 million and enticing tens of thousands of players with a prize pool estimated at \$200 million.

The 65-event series at the Rio resort begins with a \$500 casino employees' game, a sort of warm-up for organizers, and will culminate July 5 with the start of the No-Limit Hold'em Main Event. That event narrows the playing field to nine people over the course of 10 days before finalists break for several months and reunite in November for the finals.

An estimated 80,000 players will enter the tournament, and organizers expect they'll cross the \$200 million prize giveaway threshold for only the second time in their history. Last year, the World Series of Poker gave out \$197 million in prize money.



Texan wins holiday feature

Rodney Sanders of Happy, Texas, led flag-to-flag Monday night in winning the "Apex Roofing Memorial Day Modified Special" at Peoria Speedway. Sanders survived eight caution periods and a two-hour rain delay to pocket the \$3,000 first prize, making a mid-race line switch to hold off Peoria driver Erik Bruce.

Jim Carmody held off Steve Shannon for the Steel Block Late Model win. Eddie Wolf won the \$1,000 Street Stock feature. Derrick DeFord won the Hornet Division.

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36TH ANNUAL JOURNAL STAR/CEFCU HONOR ROLL MEET

Tuning up, winding down



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Peoria Christian's Josh Kirby, left, and Metamora's Cal Urycki race to the finish Tuesday during the 110-meter high hurdles at the Honor Roll Meet at EastSide Centre in East Peoria. Kirby edged Urycki for first place.

HRM ends girls' season with running, relaxation and redemption

BY DAVE REYNOLDS
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

EAST PEORIA — Coming three days after the girls state finals, the Journal Star/CEFCU Honor Roll Meet at EastSide Centre on Tuesday provided different opportunities for different track and field athletes.

For the Class 2A state champion Washington 4x800 team, it was an occasion to relax and have fun after a pressure-filled state experience.

For Princeton sprinter Zoe Mead, it was one last chance to break the school record in the 400-meter dash.

For Tremont sprinter and long jumper Amelia Glueck, it was the thrill of competing against the best girls in the area regardless of class.



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Lexi Yeley of Pekin gets ready to let the shot put fly during Tuesday's Honor Roll Meet. Yeley took first in the event.

And for Pekin pole vaulter Hannah Swift, it was the opportunity for redemption after a frustrating season.

"I came in very confident after winning indoor state," the junior said. "I wanted to get 13 feet. But my third

MULTIMEDIA:
Honor Roll Meet Video highlights and interviews, plus more images, can be found at pjstar.com.



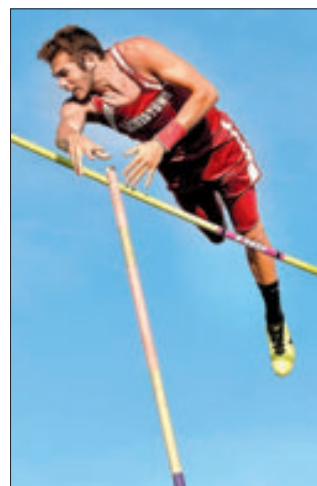
meet out, I injured my wrist. It was definitely disappointing."

Swift had just one practice before sectionals and still was able to qualify for Class 3A state. But after medaling the past two years, she missed the finals.

"Today was just about getting my confidence back," she said. "I knew I had to get back on the runway and attempt it again. I definitely got on."

Swift cleared 10 feet, 9 inches to win Tuesday's

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Matt McCoy of Lewistown clears the pole vault bar at 15 feet during Tuesday's Honor Roll Meet in East Peoria. McCoy won the event.

Illini golf falls one hole short in quarterfinal upset bid

Stanford tops Illinois on final hole of final match to advance in NCAA

FROM JS STAFF AND NEWS SERVICES

HUTCHINSON, KAN. — It came down to the final putt on the final hole of the final match, but No. 8 Illinois fell short of top-seeded Stanford in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championships at Prairie Dunes Country Club on Tuesday. The Illini now have three top-five finishes in the last four years includ-

ing last year's runner-up finish.

Stanford advances to the national semifinals against No. 4 Oklahoma State, a winner over Georgia Tech.

Defending champion No. 2 Alabama beat No. 7 Southern Methodist and No. 3 LSU topped No. 6 UCLA. The SEC rivals will meet in the other semi.

Stanford's win came down to NCAA individual champion Cameron

Wilson's 1-up victory over Illini junior Alex Burge.

On No. 18, Wilson drilled it down the fairway and Burge's tee shot was off to the left, behind a dune. He made a blind iron shot to 15 feet, while Wilson's approach landed 40 feet out.

Wilson then left his birdie putt just 2 feet left, giving Burge one last opportunity to send the match to a playoff.

But Burge's birdie putt stayed just left of the hole, and Wilson rolled in his 2-footer to seal the win.

"When you're in the quarterfinals of the national championship and it comes down to one hole, that's a pretty good match," Illini coach Mike Small said. "We had a lot of good play out there, a lot of tough play all year that was shown again today."

"And we had it set up the way we wanted it, too. ... I saw a few chip-ins, I saw more putts being made and longer putts, and that's what separates you, especially when it comes down to one hole."



Upcoming Tournament Deadlines

June 6: Junior Open #1
June 8: 36-Hole Men's Stroke Play
June 11: Junior Open #2
June 15: Lil' Guys & Gals

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BASEBALL CHIEFS

Kane County extends Chiefs' losing streak

GENEVA — The Peoria Chiefs rapped out 13 hits and protected a lead into the seventh inning Tuesday in a rematch against the Kane County Cougars.

But they lost again to the Western Division leaders.

The Chiefs surrendered a two-out grand slam in the seventh inning and lost 5-4 before 6,523 at Fifth Third Bank Ballpark, sliding to their season-high fifth straight loss.

Peoria's hold on second place — and a playoff spot — was precarious as third-place Clinton loomed one-half game behind and with a doubleheader to play later Tuesday night.

Peoria got three hits each from Vaughn Bryan and Juan Herrera and two each from Carson Kelly and C.J. McElroy to build a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh.

Chiefs reliever Brandon Lee walked David Bote, yielded a single to Shawon Dunston and

then a grand slam to Trey Martin. It was Peoria's third blown save in two nights.

Chiefs briefs

► The Chiefs open a six-game homestand Wednesday against Burlington and Kane County at Dozer Park. Wednesday's game is Won Dollar Wednesday Night. Hot dogs, ice cream sandwiches and sodas are each \$1. If the Chiefs don't win, fans get a free ticket to another Monday-Wednesday game.

► Kane County headed into the three-game series against Peoria last in the Midwest League in home runs. But the Cougars hit four homers in three games against the Chiefs.

► Peoria starter Blake McNight worked 6½ innings, allowed 5 hits, 2 runs, 2 walks and struck out 5.

Wednesday's probables

Peoria, RHP Mike Holback (0-1, 5.00) vs. Burlington, TBD, 6:30 p.m., Dozer Park, Peoria.

Web — www.peoriachiefs.com

QUICK HITS

HORSE RACING

Past Triple Crown winners ready for new champion

Patrice Wolfson is ready to give up her title as the co-owner of the last Triple Crown winner.

She will get the chance if California Chrome is successful in his bid to join Affirmed and 10 other horses atop racing's pinnacle.

No horse since Affirmed in 1978 has swept the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. Since then, 11 have won the first two legs only to fail in the 1½-mile Belmont, the longest and most grueling of the three races that are run over a five-week span. Wolfson and other connections of Triple Crown winners believe this may be the year they get to induct another member into their exclusive club.

"You just like to see a great horse win it and I think he's got the potential to be a great horse, so we'll be cheering for him," Wolfson said Tuesday by phone from New York.

Wolfson, who owned Affirmed with her late husband Louis, will be at Belmont Park on June 7. She'll be joined by others with ties to Triple Crown winners, including 92-year-old Penny Chenery, who owned 1973 champion Secretariat.

"If this horse can win the Triple Crown, I want to be there," Chenery said from her home in Boulder, Colo.

SOCCER

Diskerdud, Johannsson lead U.S. over Azerbaijan, 2-0

SAN FRANCISCO — Second-half substitutes Mix Diskerdud and Aron Johannsson scored to lift a heavy legged United States over Azerbaijan, 2-0, in the first of three World Cup warmups for the Americans.

Captain Clint Dempsey was scratched just before kickoff because of a sore left groin, and the 14th-ranked Americans had trouble defeating down No. 85 Azerbaijan.

Diskerdud, a Norweigen-American wearing the No. 10 jersey that freed up when Landon Donovan was cut from the roster last week, entered in the 71st and scored four minutes later off Brad Davis' free kick.

With the ball high in the box, Diskerdud headed it down to Michael Bradley, whose shot was cleared off the goal line by Elvin Yunuszade. Diskerdud then banged the ball in from 6 yards for his third international goal.

Johannsson, a Icelandic-American, entered in the 62nd and scored in the 81st with an open header from the top of 6-yard box off a corner kick by Davis, who replaced Graham Zusi at the start of the second half.

■ Tony Gustavsson has been hired as a full-time assistant to U.S. women's head coach Jill Ellis.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SEC commissioner: NCAA agent rules are problem

DESTIN, FLA. — SEC Commissioner Mike Slive said the NCAA's rules regarding relationships between athletes and agents don't allow for players to make the best judgments about when to leave school early.

Slive hopes rules regarding agents will be one of the many areas the five major college football conferences will be able to reform when and if the NCAA agrees to change its governance structure to allow those leagues to pass legislation without other conferences' approval.

Saban: Coker no lock to start at QB for Alabama

DESTIN, FLA. — Anyone assuming Florida State transfer Jacob Coker is a lock to win Alabama's starting quarterback job when he joins the Crimson Tide in August has not spoken to coach Nick Saban.

"Everybody is way ahead of me on that one," Saban told reporters. "I've never seen the guy throw the ball since he was in high school."

■ Jamal Marcus, in the mix to start at defensive end for Ohio State, is transferring out of the Buckeyes program.

CYCLING

Quintana takes lead with win on brutal 16th stage

VAL MARTELLO, ITALY — Nairo Quintana moved into the overall lead in the Giro d'Italia after winning a tough 16th stage in difficult rain conditions across the legendary Gavia and Stelvio climbs.

Quintana, who is famed for his climbing skills, finished eight seconds ahead of Ryder Hesjedal. Pierre Rolland was third, 1:13 slower, on the 86-mile route from Ponte di Legno to Val Martello — half of which was uphill.

NOTABLE ...

The Southeastern Conference has selected St. Louis (2018) and Tampa (2022) to host its men's basketball tournament. ... Kansas State granted a release to women's basketball player **Leticia Romero** after the request was originally denied by the school following the firing of coach **Deb Patterson**. ... **Jared Remy**, the son of longtime Boston Red Sox broadcaster **Jerry Remy**, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder for fatally stabbing his girlfriend last year while the couple's 4-year-old daughter screamed and three neighbors tried to stop him.

From The Associated Press

NBA PLAYOFFS

Thunder rolls at home; Western finals tied at 2

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Russell Westbrook had 40 points and 10 assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs 105-92 on Tuesday to tie the Western Conference finals.

"I think I did all right. Coming out with a win is most important," Westbrook said in a postgame interview with TNT. "I just try to come out and give maximum effort. My teammates ask that of me and that's what I try to

do on both ends of the floor."

Kevin Durant added 31 points on 11-for-22 shooting. It was his highest-scoring game of the series after the NBA's leading scorer was held to a 22.7-point average in the first three games. Serge Ibaka added nine points and eight rebounds for the Thunder. San Antonio will host Game 5 on Thursday.

JUMPSHOTS: Grizzlies owner **Robert Pera** signed **Dave Joerg** to a contract extension just days after allowing the coach to speak to the Timberwolves about their vacancy. ... The Cavaliers interviewed Bulls assistant coach **Adrian Griffin** for its coaching vacancy, sources said. ... Former Illini **Deron Williams** had surgery on both ankles, and the Nets say their point guard should be ready for the start of training camp. ... The NBA fined Pacers forward **Paul George** \$25,000 for his public criticism of the officiating in the Eastern Conference finals.

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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

► **Lexie Yeley**, Pekin weight thrower (placed fifth in discus at Class 3A state finals, leads Journal Star-area athletes this season with throws of 136-9 in discus, 41-7 in shot put), signed with Eastern Illinois University, where she also will participate in rugby.

VOLLEYBALL

► **Kelsey Young**, 5-foot-9 Illinois Central College sophomore setter, 2012 Eureka High School graduate, signed with Peru State College, an NAIA program in Peru, Neb.

Women's track and field

■ Indiana State sophomore weight thrower **Whitney Walker** (Illini Bluffs) qualified for the NCAA East Preliminary Round in the shot put. Walker enters the meet ranked 33rd with a throw of 50 feet. The East prelims run Thursday through Saturday at Jacksonville, Fla.

Baseball

■ Illinois State sophomore outfielder **Daniel Dwyer** (Brimfield) was named to the all-tournament team at the Missouri Valley Conference Championship tournament. Dwyer hit .357 in four games as the Redbirds (32-22) placed second in the tournament.

Men's basketball

■ **Briett Bisphom** (Morton) was named the team's recipient of the Billy Harrell Best Rebounder Award. Bisping led Siena with 6.5 rebounds per game. He ranked second on the team in scoring at 11.5. Siena won the College Basketball Invitational behind Bisping, who was named the tournament's MVP.

Men's golf

■ Augustana sophomore **Daniel Ferlmann** (Notre Dame) won the team's Most Improved award. His 78.5 stroke average was second on the team and better than his 2013 average by more than four strokes.

COLLEGES BRADLEY

Washington festival to have BU coaches

BY JOURNAL STAR STAFF

WASHINGTON — Bradley coaches are scheduled to take part in a Meet the Braves night from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the 2014 Washington Good Neighbor Days festival.

The coaches and the school's new gargyle mascot Kaboom! will be available for autographs, pictures and discussion during a meet-and-greet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The festival runs Wednesday through Sunday behind the John Bearce auto dealership on Washington Road.

Scheduled to appear are softball coaches Amy Hayes and Benet Higgs; women's basketball coaches Lindsay Schultz, Kristin Wiener, Lindsay Weiss and Skyler Young; men's golf coach Jeff Roche; women's golf coach Mary Swanson; women's tennis coach Matt Tyler; volleyball coaches Jenny Maurer and Matt Huskey; and sports performance coach Cody Roberts.

Good Neighbor Days falls during an NCAA men's basketball recruiting dead period, which prevents the men's basketball staff from attending.

The first 100 children ages 13 and younger can get free Braves bracelets.

One game at a time for Chicago

Blackhawks looking for turnaround against Kings

CHICAGO (AP) — The special teams have been awful. The faceoff circle has been a huge problem. Patrick Kane, Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp have combined for one goal.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks are in big trouble in the Western Conference final, down 3-1 to the rolling Los Angeles Kings.

But Chicago is home for Game 5 on Wednesday night, and has dug out of similar trouble before.

"Just looking to win Game 5," coach Joel Quenneville said after the Blackhawks arrived back in Chicago on Tuesday afternoon. "That's it. Get the momentum back and go from there."

The previous time this series was in Chicago, the Kings seized the momentum with a five-goal third period in a 6-2 victory in Game 2.

It carried right over to a pair of victories in Los Angeles that moved the Kings to the brink of their second Stanley Cup final in three seasons.

Los Angeles has shredded Chicago's penalty-kill unit for five goals in its past 10

Canadiens stave off elimination

MONTREAL (AP) — Rene Bourque scored three goals and the Montreal Canadiens chased goalie Henrik Lundqvist and defeated the New York Rangers 7-4 on Tuesday to stave off elimination in the Eastern Conference final.

The Rangers, who lead the best-of-seven series 3-2, will have another chance to earn a trip to the Stanley Cup final in Game 6 on Thursday in New York.

Alex Galchenyuk, Tomas Plekanec and Max Pacioretty also scored for Montreal, which outshot the Rangers 28-27.

Derek Stepan, playing with a guard on his helmet to protect a broken jaw suffered from a Brandon Prust hit in Game 3, returned to the lineup to score twice for the Rangers. Chris Kreider had



NFL NOTES

Bears hit the field for first time

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It didn't take long for Jared Allen to get comfortable in his new surroundings.

The five-time Pro Bowl defensive end said he felt energized after the Chicago Bears' first off-season workout Tuesday in Lake Forest, Ill.

"Change is good if you allow it to be good," he said.

Allen made a big one when he decided to leave the Minnesota Vikings and sign a four-year deal with Chicago in March. That by far was the biggest addition in an offseason in which the Bears kept busy retooling a defense that ranked among the league's worst. They replaced one accomplished pass rusher with another, releasing Julius Peppers before signing Allen. Now, they're eyeing the postseason after missing it for the sixth time in seven years last season.

"When I looked at the total equation, this was a place where I can be a part of something great," said Allen, who spent the previous six years with the Bears' NFC North rival.

Besides adding Allen, the Bears brought in veteran defensive ends Lamarr Houston and Willie Young, added Ryan Mundy and M.D. Jennings to the mix at safety and went heavy on defense in the draft, starting with cornerback Kyle Fuller in the first round.

He could eventually replace Tillman, who resigned for one season. The Bears also gave cornerback Tim Jennings a four-year deal, and they'll have a different look on defense even though they're sticking with a 4-3 set.

Former first-round pick Shea McClellin is moving from defensive end to linebacker. The Bears intend to use Jennings at nickel when the situation calls for it, with Fuller at left cornerback and Tillman at right cornerback. Jennings was informed of the decision last week. He will continue to play cornerback in non-nickel situations.

"It should be an easy transition," he said.

REDSKINS: Groups who oppose the Washington Redskins name say they are

taking their case directly to the players.

A letter signed by dozens of Native American, civil rights and religious organizations will be sent to every NFL player on Wednesday asking each to add his "powerful voice to the hundreds who are already speaking out."

The letter is spearheaded by the Oneida Indian Nation and the National Congress of American Indians, two groups who have been at the forefront of the campaign to change the team's name.

The letter is being mailed to teams, and it is also being sent to players via Twitter. It notes that the Seattle Seahawks' Richard Sherman expressed concerns about the Redskins name. Owner Dan Snyder has vowed to never change it.

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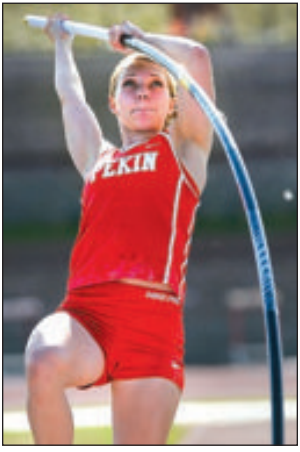
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36TH ANNUAL JOURNAL STAR/CEFCU HONOR ROLL TRACK AND FIELD MEET



RON JOHNSON/JOURNAL STAR

Pekin senior Hannah Swift competes in the pole vault Tuesday at the 36th annual Journal Star/CEFCU Honor Roll Meet at EastSide Centre. Swift won the event, clearing 10 feet, 9 inches.

HRM GIRLS

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meet over Zoe Gossmeyer of Tremont. But Swift then asked the bar to be raised to 11-4 — 1 inch better than the meet record.

She didn't make that height, but was upbeat about what lies ahead.

"I want to vault in college, so I just want to rest it now," she said. "I'll be back next year, hopefully injury-free."

The Washington 4x800 track events with a run of 9 minutes, 50.6 seconds, well off their state-winning pace of 9:23.76 at Charleston on Saturday. That state mark is 10 seconds better than the Honor Roll Meet record.

"We just came in hoping to win it," anchor Ashlee Knott said. "We already have the area record, so if we got the (meet) record, it would just be a bonus."

Princeton's Mead turned in one of the most exciting finishes of the meet, catching and passing Metamora's Alexis Grieves at the tape by .23 of a second.

Just as important to Mead was it established a school record.

"The whole stretch I was trying to close that gap," she said. "And I did. It's a relief to get the record."

Tremont's Glueck repeated the first places she garnered at Charleston by capturing the 100-meter dash in 12.54 and the long jump with a leap of 18-4. The Turks' 4x100 relay team she anchored finished second by .19 of a second to Illini West.

"Everything went pretty smoothly in the 4x100 and I jumped pretty well for myself," she said. "I didn't have a good start in the 100 and it was one of my worst runs."

"But it's such an honor to be able to compete against the best of the area. It's especially great to get out with my teammates one last time."

Another strong finishing kick came via Dunlap anchor Mona Stout in the



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Notre Dame sophomore Vicky Gruszka competes in the long jump Tuesday at the 36th annual Journal Star/CEFCU Honor Roll Meet at EastSide Centre. Gruszka was second in the long jump, but set an HRM record in the triple with her leap of 37 feet, 8½ inches.

4x200 relay.

Taking the baton, she trailed Illini West's Paige Bray.

"I had to find the right moment to take it in," Stout said. "I made my move at the end of the curve and everything fell into place. I was surprised."

Notre Dame sophomore Vicky Grzaska set the lone meet record, leaping 37-8½ in the triple jump. The

leap beat by one-half inch the previous mark set by LaSalle-Peru's Ellen Renk. Still, the jump was 10 inches shy of her winning leap in the state finals on Saturday.

"For my last meet of the season, I didn't do as well as I had hoped," she said. "But I got sick at state, so I'm still getting over that."

Grzaska's Irish teammate Maryjeanne Gilbert ran two early distance events

— finishing second with her team in the 4x800-meter relay and winning the 3200-meter run — before scratching in the 1600.

"She was tired and didn't look real good," ND coach John Cummings said. "The two races in the heat took it out of her. She's also a very obsessive student who works hard and had a lot of homework to do. So I told her to go home."

Lexie Yeley of Pekin was a double winner in the shot put (40-11) and the discus (136-8).

"It was a goal of mine to win both and I did," Yeley said. "My discus throw was better than state (by more than 5 feet) and my shot throw was not a bad throw for me."

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Hall freshman Madi Quinn, left, Illini West junior Aubrie Carlisle and Pekin junior Leah Huss battle for first in the 100-meter hurdles Tuesday at the Journal Star/CEFCU Honor Roll Meet at EastSide Centre. Carlisle won the event in 16.23 seconds, ahead of Quinn (:16.43) and Huss (:16.44)

High school girls

Journal Star/CEFCU Honor Roll Meet

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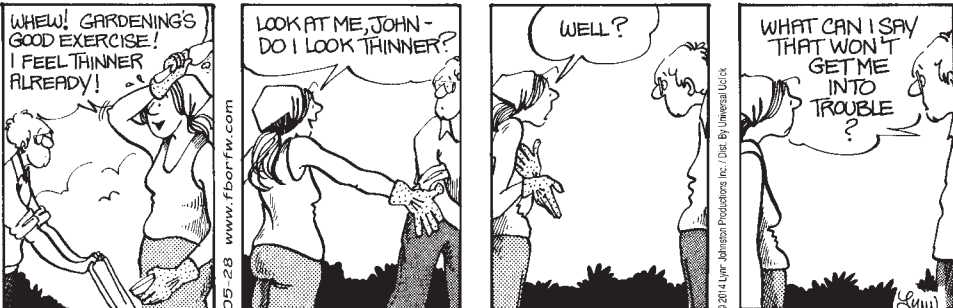
TRACK EVENTS	
4x800-METER	
1 Washington 9:50.60; 2 Notre Dame 9:58.02; 3 Metamora 10:03.76; 4 Monmouth-Roseville 10:12.99; 5 Macomb 10:26.70; 6 Dunlap 10:32.34; 7 Richwoods 11:05.61; 8 Pekin 12:02.23.	
4x100-METER	
1 Illini West :49.88; 2 Tremont :50.07; 3 Dunlap :50.54; 4 Richwoods :50.79; 5 Morton :50.97; 6 Henry co-op :50.99; 7 Metamora :51.00; 8 Bureau Valley :52.20.	
3200-METER RUN	
1 Maryjeanne Gilbert (2) Notre Dame, 11:36.95; 2 Abigail Jockisch (3) Dunlap, 11:47.76; 3 Megan Krolak (2) LaSalle-Peru, 11:54.66; 4 Carly Garnett (1) Illini West, 11:58.43; 5 Erin McKee (4) Henry co-op, 12:01.32; 6 Michaela Wiersema (4) Peoria Christian, 12:01.34; 7 Jill Monier (2) Henry co-op, 12:27.16; 8 Presley Sours (3) Pekin, 13:05.33; Ryan Block (1) Knoxville, DNF.	
100-METER HURDLES	
1 Aubrie Carlisle (3) Illini West, :16.23; 2 Madi Quinn (1) Hall, :16.43; 3 Leah Huss (3) Pekin, :16.44; 4 Abby McGinnis (4) Peoria Christian, :16.51; 5 Madi Day (4) Morton, :16.56; 6 Madison Schwindenhammer (2) Peoria Christian, :16.59; 7 Hailey Widder (3) Washington, :16.63; 8 Meghan Georgieff (2) Dunlap, :17.06.	
100-METER DASH	
1 Amelia Glueck (4) Tremont, :12.54; 2 Paige Bray (4) Illini West, :12.69; 3 Kylie Black (4) Tremont, :12.84; 4 Keeley Musick (4) Macomb, :12.89; 5 Addy Baker (1) Morton, :12.93; 6 Shantis Taylor (3) Richwoods, :13.09; 7 CeCe Ricca (2) Notre Dame, :13.16.	
800-METER RUN	
1 Lesly Rocha (4) LaSalle-Peru, 2:19.45; 2 Quincy McSweeney (2) Eureka, 2:20.68; 3 Mariah Brodie (2) Illini West, 2:23.19; 4 Ashlee Knott (4) Washington, 2:25.70; 5 Hailey Tranchatella (1) Washington, 2:25.89; 6 Isabella Kosier (4) Canton, 2:28.29; 7 Ashlyn Rulis (4) Metamora, 2:29.69; 8 Kaitlin Jenkins (3) East Peoria, 2:32.29; 9 Brianna Drew (2) Macomb, 2:35.80; 10 Madison Johnson (1) Knoxville, 2:36.20; 11 Tashana Nash (4) Richwoods, 2:43.29.	
4x200-METER	
1 Dunlap 1:46.38; 2 Illini West 1:47.06; 3 Bureau Valley 1:48.65; 4 Eureka 1:48.73; 5 Manual 1:50.77; 6 Metamora 1:50.99; 7 Bushnell-Prairie City co-op 1:52.01.	
400-METER DASH	
1 Zoe Mead (4) Princeton, :57.55; 2 Alexis Grieves (2) Metamora, :57.78; 3 Cassie Mundekis (3) Midwest Central, :58.30; 4 Lauren Schultz (4) Richwoods, 1:02.51; 5 Amber Kereta (2) Henry co-op, 1:03.44; 6 Abby Olcott (2) Dunlap, 1:07.93.	
300-METER HURDLES	
1 Hailey Widder (3) Washington, :47.53; 2 Paige Griffith (3) Putnam County, :47.86; 3 Leah Huss (3) Pekin, :47.88; 4 Sarah Robinson (1) LaSalle-Peru, :48.23; 5 Samantha Kieser (3) Stark County, :48.28; 6 Leah Getz (1) Morton, :48.33; 7 Micaela Wiegand (2) Eureka, :48.36; 8 Lauren Sendlebach (4) Henry co-op, :49.17.	
1600-METER RUN	
1 Haley Miller (4) Tremont, 5:17.64; 2 Lesly Rocha (3) LaSalle-Peru, 5:27.55; 3 Karyn Paisley (4) Macomb, 5:30.18; 4 Ronna Pettis (2) Henry co-op, 5:36.06; 5 Karla Mendoza (3) Macomb, 5:36.87; 6 Carly Garnett (1) Illini West, 5:38.09; 7 Megan Krolk (2) LaSalle-Peru, 5:41.20; 8 Anna Kastelic (2) Richwoods, 6:01.15; 9 Presley Sours (3) Pekin, 6:06.95.	
200-METER DASH	
1 Paige Bray (4) Illini West, :25.75; 2 Amanda Kereta (3) Henry co-op, :25.95; 3 CeCe Ricca (2) Notre Dame, :26.07; 4 Shantis Taylor (3) Richwoods, :26.85; 5 Mona Stout (2) Dunlap, :27.02; 6 Rachel Hilton (2) East Peoria, :27.17; 7 Thal Powell (1) Manual, :27.32.	
4x400-METER	
1 Bureau Valley 4:07.83; 2 Eureka 4:08.50; 3 Metamora 4:10.27; 4 Illini West 4:10.99; 5 Notre Dame 4:12.94; 6 Dunlap 4:16.14; LaSalle-Peru DQ.	
FIELD EVENTS	
SHOT PUT	
1 Lexie Yeley (4) Pekin, 40-11; 2 Allison Torrance (2) Macomb, 38-9½; 3 Colbi Schertz (3) Princeton, 37-8½; 4 Paige Putman (4) Knoxville, 37-6; 5 Monica Voudrie (3) Notre Dame, 37-2½; 6 Sydney Lebahn (3) Bureau Valley, 33-6½; 7 Jossie Hough-Johnson (3) Henry co-op, 32-8½; 8 Kharycia Morris (3) Richwoods, 32-5; 9 Megan McElroy (2) Illini West, 31-8½.	
DISCUS	
1 Lexie Yeley (4) Pekin, 136-8; 2 Kylie Davis (1) Eureka, 115-2; 3 Sydney Lebahn (3) Bureau Valley, 110-10; 4 Monica Voudrie (3) Notre Dame, 107-0; 5 Danielle Cope (1) Pekin, 104-2; 6 Kyla Bledsoe (3) ROWVA co-op, 103-0; 7 Lauren Schertz (4) Metamora, 99-1; 8 Megan McElroy (2) Illini West, 98-3; 9 Taylor Clark (3) Princeton, 96-1.	
LONG JUMP	
1 Amelia Glueck (4) Tremont, 18-4½; 2 Vicky Gruszka (2) Notre Dame, 16-9; 3 Sarah Dalton (3) Peoria Christian, 16-8½; 4 Eden Turnow (2) East Peoria, 16-3½; 4 Lindsey Hoffer (3) Bureau Valley, 16-3½; 6 Mackenzie Call (4) Princeville, 16-2; 7 Nikki Danner (4) Eureka, 15-2; 8 Savina Fischer (2) Morton, 15-0½; 9 Michaela Grownold (2) Illini West, 14-7.	
TRIPLE JUMP	
1 Vicky Gruszka (2) Notre Dame, 37-8½; 2 Emma Cluskey (3) Henry co-op, 34-0; 3 Virginia Girsch (2) Notre Dame, 33-6; 4 Allie Sick (4) Richwoods, 33-2½; 5 Damiola Taiwo (4) Dunlap, 32-11½; 6 Alex Schaub (1) Dunlap, 32-10; 7 Keeley Musick (4) Macomb, 32-6½; 8 Brooke Keegan (2) Hall, 32-4.	
HIGH JUMP	
1 Gillian Urycki (2) Metamora, 5-4; 2 Billi Fox (2) Illini Bluffs, 5-2; 2 Olivia Rossman (2) Lowpoint-Washburn co-op, 5-2; 4 Kenzie Adcock (4) Pekin, 5-0; 5 Hailey Carlson (3) ROWVA co-op, 4-10; 5 Eden Turnow (2) East Peoria, 4-10; 5 Natalie Mason (1) Eureka, 4-10; 5 Matti Gardner (3) ROWVA co-op, 4-10.	
POLE VAULT	
1 Hannah Swift (3) Pekin, 10-9; 2 Zoe Gossmeyer (4) Tremont, 10-3; 3 Hodi Wuinn (1) Hall, 9-9; 4 Madissy Horack (3) Illinois Valley Central, 9-3; 5 Amber Campen (3) Farmington, 9-3; 6 Meghan Matthews (1) Eureka, 9-3; Kira LeBron (4) Farmington, NH.	
* — Honor Roll Meet record.	



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Maryjeanne Gilbert of Notre Dame won the 3200-meter run Tuesday at the Journal Star/CEFCU Honor Roll Meet at EastSide Centre.

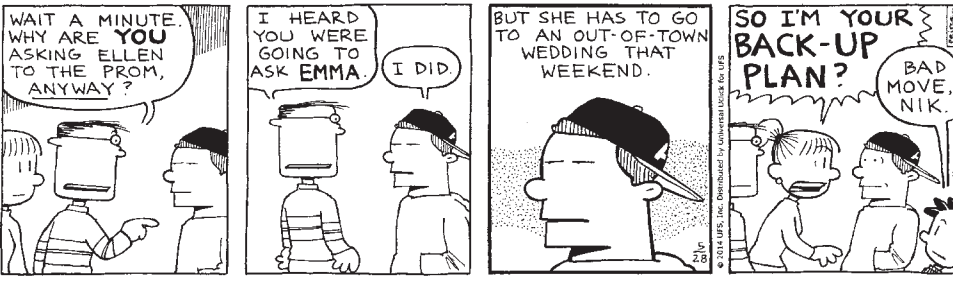
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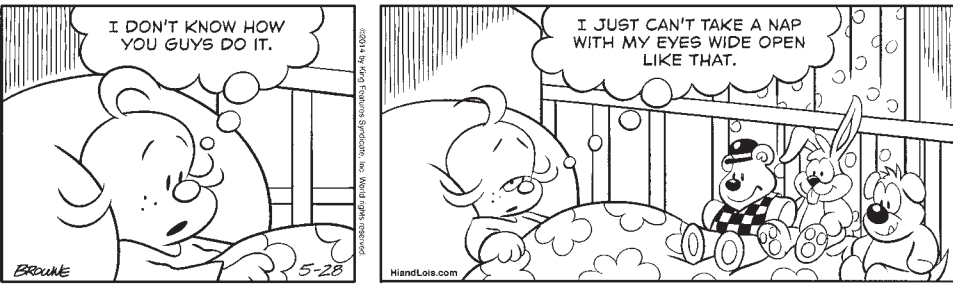
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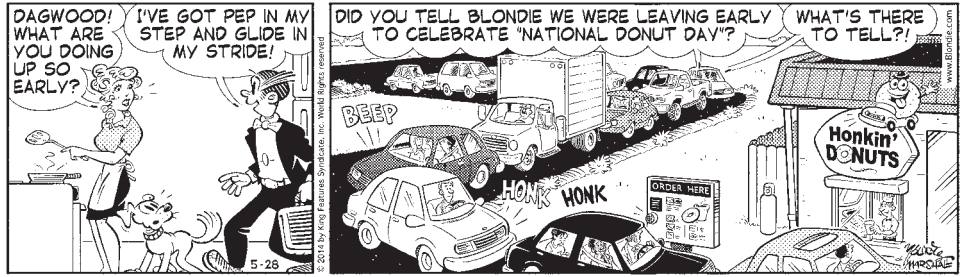
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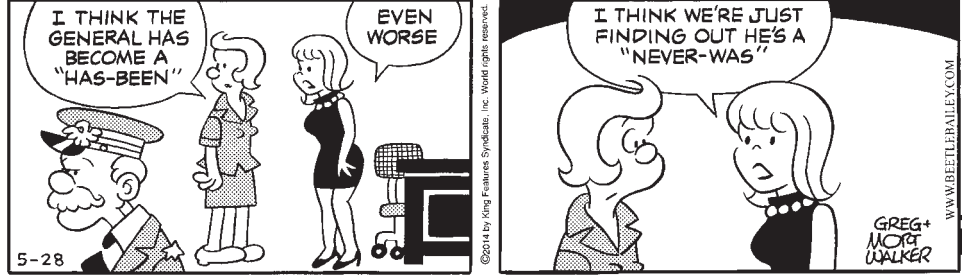
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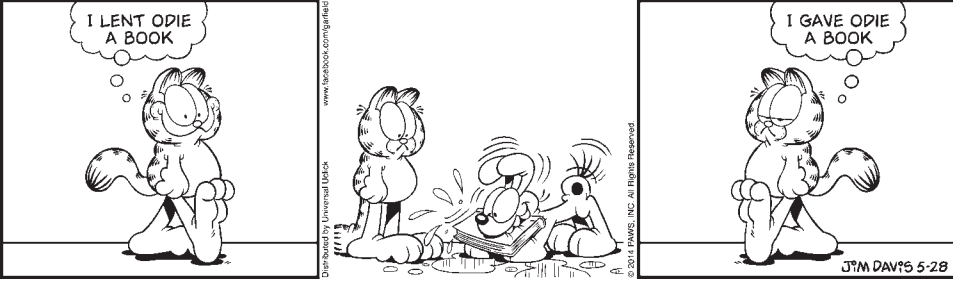
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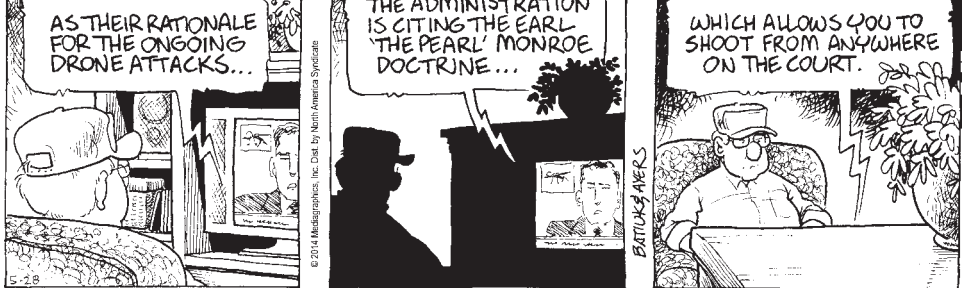
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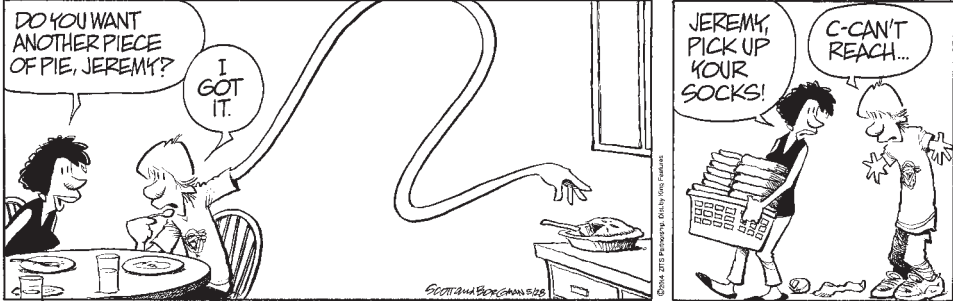
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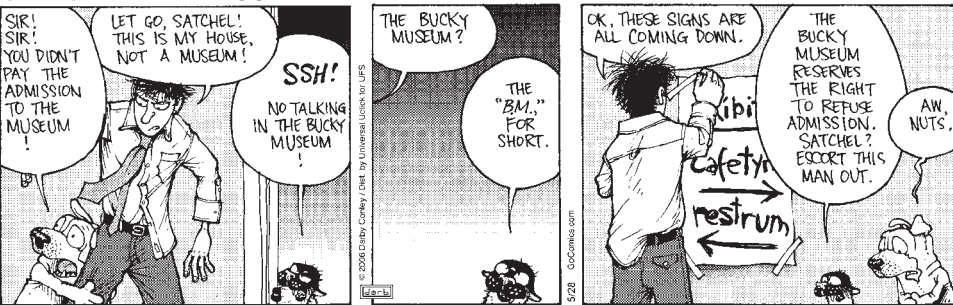
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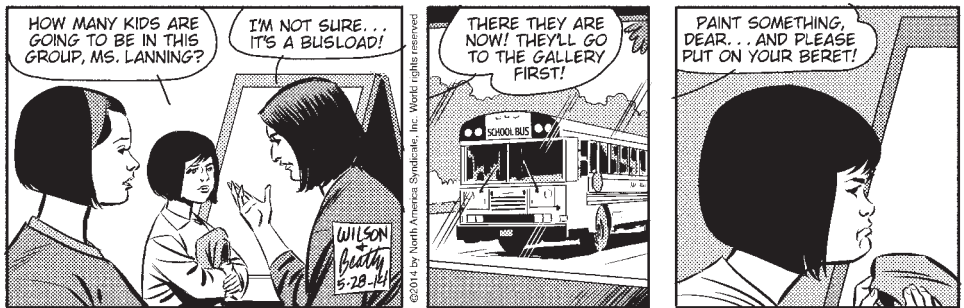
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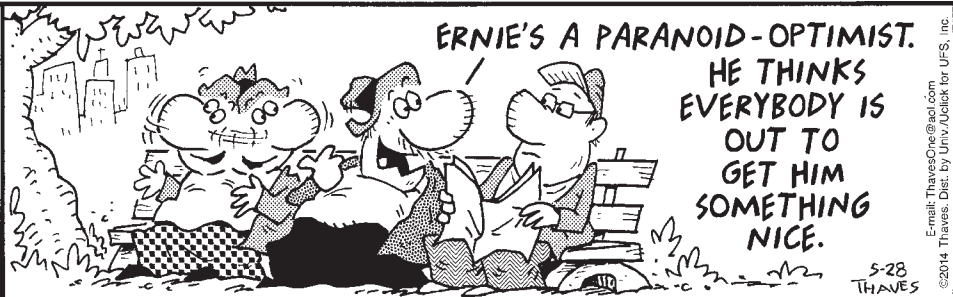
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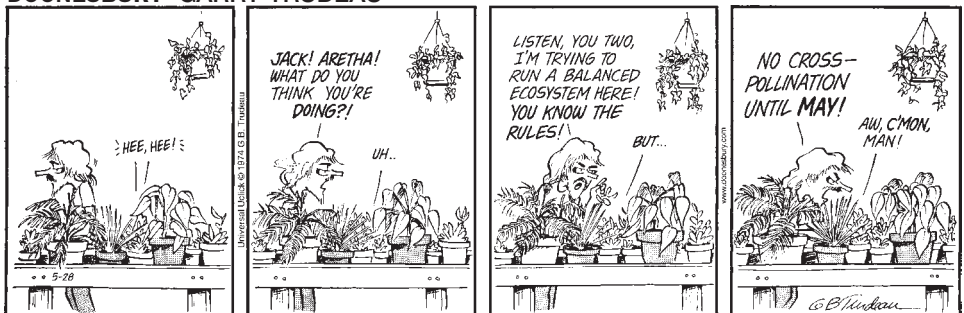
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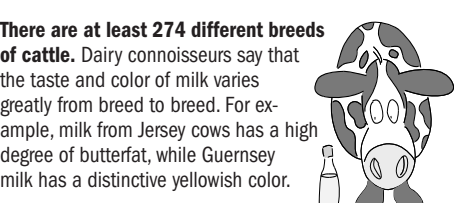
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Lost

Lost FEMALE WHITE CALICO kitten with tan & gray markings. May 20th, Harvard Ave & Bishop (309)682-6573 or 264-7846 Reward.

LOST male cat, on May 18th. SAM 15 year old Siamese. Knollcrest Sub 688-4602 REWARD!

Cemetery Lots /Mausoleums

PARKVIEW CEMETERY, 2 side by side lots, with a double heart shaped granite head stone in Section H. \$2000. 309-706-0241

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Antique Motorcycles
 Wanted: Harley Davidson, Indian or other antique motorcycles and related parts wanted. Any cond., Top prices paid. Will pick up anywhere. 309-645-4623.

COLLECTOR Wants German, Japanese & US Military Daggers, P38's, Lugers, Swords, Bayonettes & Knives. 309-370-2934 or 309-849-0013.

COSTUME JEWELRY wanted. Need cash? Sell me your handed down or unwanted costume jewelry of any kind. Cash paid. (309)263-1256 or Cell (309)678-8994

DRUMS, CYMBALS & accessories. Singles or sets, the older the better. 309-229-1129

Wanted to Buy/Trade

Antique Sewing Machine, 1908 Singer in cabinet, 4 drawers, good condition. \$80 (309)243-9001

CABBAGE PATCH KIDS (15), 20 years old. Very good condition. \$250 (309)678-2254

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Wanted to Buy/Trade

PUSH MOWERS, Lawn Tractors, Chain Saws, Snow Blowers. Older or newer. Will pay and pick up. 309-546-2060

Wanted: Fishing equipment old & new, lures, rods & reels, tackle boxes, (309)282-7006

Buying watches, rings, diamonds, broken or antique & costume jewelry 309-645-1366

WANTED: Buying pre-1973 Boy Scout items. (309)663-4259

Wanted: headboard, hardwood maple, full or queen, 309-686-0806

Antiques /Collectibles /Flea Markets

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NASCAR Collectibles. NASCAR die-cast cars assorted sizes. 70 cars total. Most new in box. Older 90's era cars. Stopped collecting. Asking \$500, negotiable. Call 309-360-7671, leave message. E-mail Beachdw@aol.com.

PEORIA ESTATE SALES BY JOHNNY & JULIE REVALLO www.peoriaestate.com **SATURDAY - May 31, #s @ 7:30** **Sale is 8:00a - 2:00p** **5508 N. Humboldt Dr. - Peoria** **Antiques, bedroom sets, furniture, pictures, lamps, rugs, crystal, glassware & misc.**

1000's of Used Books at very low prices. **Now open at Noon.** Come browse the shelves in the Friends of Library Book Sale Room. Lower Level 2, Peoria Public Library, Main & Monroe. **Hrs. 12-4 pm Mon., Tues., Wed., & Sat. 309-497-2145** **Donate your used books at the North Branch (behind Menards)** **Please be sure your used books are properly boxed**

Appliances

REFRIGERATOR, GE, biscuit color, Side by side, excellent cond.! \$375. 309-685-6366

Viking Cooktop 45 in., 6 burner top of the line Viking Cooktop. Model DEU1 1556BS Installed for elderly woman who could not see the dark burners. Used once. Has been in storage. Originally purchased for \$1900. Asking \$1000/negotiable. Call 309-444-7414

Home Furnishings

DINING ROOM SET, 6 chairs & hutch. Good condition. \$300. 309-693-3381

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, 3 piece, light oak finish. Can be 3 separate pieces. 30 in. W x 74 in. H x 15 in. D \$80. 309-368-8423

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Home Furnishings

LIVING room set, sofa & recliner, burgundy, good condition, \$200 (309)550-0511

RUG, Mohawk, 8 x 11 ft., desert tan, just dry cleaned. \$475/obo. 309-989-2804

Sofa & loveseat, Broyhill, blue floral, excellent condition. \$200. 309-346-6480

Computers & Accessories

COMPUTER, Custom built Feb. 2014 desktop work station includes all equip.: Windows 7 Pro, 64 bit, Office Excel 2010, OfficeJet 8600 printer. Sacrifice at \$450. 309-645-0539

Musical Merchandise

PIANO Baldwin Spinnet with bench, one owner. Very Good. Tuned routinely. \$500. 309-689-1158 leave mess.

PIANO, Baldwin Spinnet with bench & some music. Good condition. Must sell. \$350 obo. 309-682-7952

Sporting Goods

BOW FLEX Power Pro with leg extensions. \$350/obo. 309-840-1991

Golf Clubs, 3 woods with covers, 8 irons, 2 putters, large bag with umbrella. Many new balls. Like new condition. \$175. 309-696-7271 or 309-579-3349

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BLACK DIRT, \$15 a ton plus delivery. Compost white rock, CA6 & Road Millings available. 309-678-1342

FINISH MOWER, Rhino 90 inch, 3 pt. hitch. Never used. \$3000. 309-868-9152

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Firewood/Fuel

FIREWOOD, dry, seasoned, \$65 a face cord. Delivery available. 1 or more face cords delivered same fee. Peoria/Pekin/Morton area. 309-256-0739

Shoptask Model 1720 XMC power feed on XYZ axis, tooling included, \$1500. 309-699-6407

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Shoptask Model 1720 XMC power feed on XYZ axis, tooling included, \$1500. 309-699-6407

Pet & Supply

Dogs/Cats/Etc.

Dachshund Minis, AKC, beautiful pups, shots & healthy, \$350. 309-263-0208

German Shepherd puppies, AKC, ready now. 7 females, 1 male. 1st shots, wormed, vet checked. Excellent temperament, excellent w/children, \$500. 309-252-1080

POO-CHI pup, cream male, shots, wormed, 9 wks. \$300. 309-221-2102

ROTTWEILER PUPS, 1 female \$400, 1 male \$300, Shots, dew-clawed, wormed & tails. 309-231-8485

Shitzu-Chihuahua Pups. Cute little Teddy Bear Pups! Must see! Registered! \$400 309-699-3662

TOY ESKIMO pups, 10 wks, white females, shots, wormed, \$500. 309-221-2102

Vizslas female & male pair, \$1000 for the pair. Must sell. (217)268-4689

Yorkshire Terrier female puppy, 16 wks. reg., teacup size, outstanding, ears standing, home raised, shots & wormed, \$800. 309-339-8141

YORKSHIRE TERRIER puppies, small, reg., shots, wormed, vet standing, \$400 & up. 309-637-6626

Free Pets

Free shorthaired kittens to good homes. Call 309-693-0301

Miscellaneous

CAT SANCTUARY

Legal Notices

Legal Notice

INVITATION FOR BID
Picture Ridge
Curb and
Gutter
Bid #23-14

The City of Peoria will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 2014. Bid information and forms are available from the City Purchasing Office, Room 108, City Hall, Peoria, Illinois (309) 494-8582. The City of Peoria reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM** a sale by **PUBLIC AUCTION** will be held at **200 S. 4th Street, Chillicothe, Illinois** to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, 770 ILCS 95/1 et. seq., against such articles, for storage furnished at 200 S. 4th Street, Chillicothe, Illinois.

Unit # - Tenant Name
329 - Melissa Williams
509 - Courtney Donahue
1016 - Danielle Grochowsky

Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF PEORIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff(s), vs. MICHAEL L. MENSON, Defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on July 7, 2014, at the hour of 8:30 AM, at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Room G-22, Peoria, IL 61602, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Peoria, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:
A PART OF LOT 1 IN A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2, 12 AND PART OF LOTS 1, 11 AND 21 COLLIER'S SUBDIVISION SOUTHEAST QUARTER, NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 88 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, AND RUNNING THENCE EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, ONE HUNDRED FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTH, 236 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, ONE HUNDRED FEET; THENCE NORTH 236 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE 171, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 309 FRANKLIN AVENUE, BARTONVILLE IL 61607
P.I.N. 17-25-176-012, 17-25-176-013, 17-25-176-014 and 17-25-176-023
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
The property is improved by a single family residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1).

Attorney No. 2113
LAW OFFICES OF
IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
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Legal Notice

Peoria Fire Department Foreign Fire Tax Board will be accepting bids for **commercial grade rubberized, hexagonal dumbbells**. Sizes will be 5#-100# pairs, in 5# increments. The bid will be for full sets for 11 fire stations, to include a tiered horizontal rack for each fire station. Sealed bids to be mailed to Peoria Fire Central, c/o Shawn Sollberger, 505 NE Monroe, Peoria, IL 61602. Bids must be postmarked by June 1st. Any questions please contact Shawn Sollberger at 309-219-6002.

Legal Notice

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF PEORIA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF **Ann M. Troxell** Case Number **14MR310**
LEGAL NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of July, 2014, in Courtroom Number 203 at the hour of 10:30 am, I will have my petition heard in the said Court for the change of my name from Ann M. Troxell to that of Ann M. Brix pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated May 8, 2014 at Peoria, Illinois
/s/ Ann M. Troxell
Petitioner
Published in the Peoria Journal Star on 5/14/14, 5/21/14, & 5/28/14.

Legal Notice
To the County Clerk of Peoria County: **CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF AN ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS**
Name and Address of Business:
Light Theory
4408 N. Rockwood Dr. Suite 269
Peoria, IL 61615
County of Illinois
State of Illinois
The following is a true and correct report of the names and address of all persons owning, conducting, or transacting business using the above assumed name:
Print Name and residence address:
Jeffery Noble, #38, 3602 N. Kingston Dr., Peoria, IL 61604
Signatures of all persons who are listed above must be signed before a Notary Public.
/s/ Jeffery Noble
STATE OF ILLINOIS County of Peoria ss.
This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 27th day of May 2014 by Jeffery Noble.
/s/ Daylyn Storey
Notary Public

Legal Notice
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
The County of Peoria is currently accepting proposals for the following goods and services:
DIALYSIS SERVICES PROVIDER
RFP # 75-02-14
Pre bid meeting: **June 11, 2014 @ 10:00 am**
2223 W. Heading Ave., West Peoria IL 61604
Proposals will be received until: **July 8th, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**
At the following location:
Peoria County Courthouse
Purchasing Office
324 Main Street, Room 501
Peoria, IL 61602
All questions must be submitted in writing to:
Purchasing Division
324 Main Street, Room 501
Peoria, IL 61602
Fax: 309-495-4608
Email: bid_info@peoriacounty.org
Bid documents and information may be obtained from the County website at www.peoriacounty.org or by contacting the Purchasing office at bid_info@peoriacounty.org.
Peoria County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to accept the bid that is determined to be in its best interest.

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Legal Notice

To the County Clerk of Peoria County: **CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP OF AN ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS**
Name and Address of Business:
Bill's Home Improvements & Landscaping
425 S. Bellevue Ct. Peoria, IL 61604
State of Illinois
County of Peoria ss.
The following is a true and correct report of the names and address of all persons owning, conducting, or transacting business using the above assumed name:
Print Name and residence address: William P. Cochran, 425 S. Bellevue Ct., Peoria, IL 61604
Signatures of all persons who are listed above must be signed before a Notary Public.
/s/ William P. Cochran
STATE OF ILLINOIS County of Peoria ss.
This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 2nd day of May, 2014 by William P. Cochran.
/s/ Janice M. Whitlow
Notary Public

Legal Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **AUDREY J. SAUDER, DECEASED.**
No. 2013-P-90 CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of **AUDREY J. SAUDER**. Letters of Office were issued April 3, 2013, to the Representative, **LISA A. UTZINGER**, 1715 N. Boyd Ave., Peoria, IL 61604, whose Attorney is **BRADLEY W. SWEARINGEN, MOEHLE, SWEARINGEN & UMHOLTZ, LTD.**, 118 Peoria Street, Washington, Illinois, 61571.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Tazewell County Courthouse, 324 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554, or both, on or before November 28, 2014, and any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk of the Court shall be mailed to the Representative and the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
LISA A. UTZINGER, Executor
BRADLEY W. SWEARINGEN, Attorney
MOEHLE, SWEARINGEN & UMHOLTZ, LTD.
Attorneys for Representative
118 Peoria Street
Washington, IL 61571-2543
Telephone: (309) 444-3145

Legal Notice
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **NICHOLAS L. ADKINS, DECEASED.**
Case No.: 2014-P-202
NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of the above and that Letters Testamentary were issued on May 12, 2014, to **JOHN C. BRADY**, as Representative, whose attorney is **John C. Brady, Vonachen, Lawless, Trager & Slevin**, 456 Fulton Street, Suite 425, Peoria, Illinois 61602.
Claims must be filed on or before November 12, 2014 or six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.
Claims against said estate may be filed on or before said date in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, and copies thereof mailed or delivered to said legal representative and to said attorneys of record.
Dated: May 20, 2014
JOHN C. BRADY, Representative
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Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 19, 2014 at 12:30 AM** a sale by **PUBLIC AUCTION** will be held at **11811 N. Knoxville, Dunlap, Illinois** to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, 770 ILCS 95/1 et. seq., against such articles, for storage furnished at 200 S. 4th Street, Chillicothe, Illinois.

Unit # - Tenant Name
234 Todd Riddle
411 Flora Williams
579556 Kenneth Meyer
666 Ronald Whitby
109146 Amanda Fulton
212 James Fairley
601 Rohntae Jackson

Legal Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS PEORIA COUNTY, IN PROBATE
NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE
ESTATE OF **WILLIAM H. HART, DECEASED.**
No. 14 P 209
Notice is given of the death of **WILLIAM H. HART** on April 26, 2014, and that Letters Testamentary were issued May 13, 2014, to **JEANETTE A. HART**, whose address is 5029 N. Sunnyside Dr., Peoria, IL 61614.
Claims may be filed on or before the 14th day of November, 2014, or six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Claim Date, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or both. Within ten (10) days after a claimant files its claim with the Court, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the representative AND to its attorney of record AND file with the Court proof of mailing or delivery of said copies.
Dated this 13th day of May 2014
Jeanette A. Hart, Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM H. HART, Deceased
One of her Attorneys
Charles Couri WESTERVELT, JOHNSON, NICOLL & KELLER, LLC
411 Hamilton Boulevard, 14th Floor
Peoria, Illinois 61602
Telephone: (309) 671-3550

Legal Notice
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **RICHARD H. PARSONS, DECEASED.**
CASE NO. 14-P-214
NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of **Richard H. Parsons**, on March 26, 2014, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on May 19, 2014, to **Anne Muren** and **Gregory Muren**, Co-Executors, 1246 Rutherford Ridge, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269, whose attorney is **Daniel G. O'Day, Cusack, Gilfillan & O'Day, LLC**, 415 Hamilton Boulevard, Peoria, Illinois 61602.
Claims may be filed on or before the 20th day of November, 2014, or six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Claim Date, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Peoria County, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative, or both. Within ten days after a claimant files its claim with the Court, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the representative AND to its attorney of record AND file with the Court proof of mailing or delivery of said copies.
Dated: May 20, 2014.
Estate of **Richard H. Parsons, Deceased.**
Daniel G. O'Day, Attorney at Law
Cusack, Gilfillan & O'Day, LLC
415 Hamilton Boulevard
Peoria, IL 61602
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **ELDORA M. VOBRUCEK, DECEASED.**
Case No. 14 P 210 CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of the above-named decedent and that Letters of Office were issued May 13, 2014, to **Calvin A. Vobroucek**, as Independent Representative, whose address is 7206 North Charles Way, Peoria, Illinois 61614, and whose attorney is **Nathan R. Miller, of Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC**, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, Illinois 61602. (309)671-9600.
Claims may be filed on or before December 15, 2014, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.
Claims may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Peoria County, Illinois; the representative; or both. Within ten (10) days after a claim is filed with the Court, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the representative and the representative's attorney; and shall file with the Court proof of mailing or delivery.
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Attorneys for Independent Representative

Legal Notice
State of Illinois
In the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Tazewell County
PUBLICATION NOTICE
In the interest of: **Hannah Lane; Alyssa Lane, Minors**
To: **Jonathan M. Lane a/k/a Jonathon M. Lane** and to all whom it may concern
Case No. 12-JA-83
On March 6, 2014, a Petition was filed under the ADOPTION ACT by **ANNA PETERS**, Tazewell County State's Attorney's Office, Pekin, Illinois in the Circuit Court of Tazewell County entitled in the interest of **Hannah Lane and Alyssa Lane, minors**, and that in the County Courthouse, Courtroom 104, in Pekin, Illinois, at 9:00 A.M. standard time on July 3, 2014; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minors, to terminate your parental rights, and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption of the minors. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with the power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or motion to terminate parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you; and an order or judgment.
Dated 05/21/14
Lincoln C. Hobson
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Legal Notice

INVITATION FOR BID
HP Printers
Bid #22-14

The City of Peoria will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 16, 2014. Bid information and forms are available from the City Purchasing Office, Room 108, City Hall, Peoria, Illinois (309) 494-8582. The City of Peoria reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Legal Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **STEVEN L. AMENT, Case No. 14-P-215 Deceased.**
WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION
Notice is given of the death of **STEVEN L. AMENT** of 2527 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61604. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2014 to **Steven Lloyd Ament** as Executor, Independent Representative, whose attorney is **The Rennick Law Firm, P.C.**, P. O. Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483.
Notice is given to all interested parties, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs at law, if any, of the deceased in the above named estate proceeding, that an order was entered by the court on May 19, 2014, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk, Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Room G-22, Peoria, Illinois 61602, or with the representative, on or before the later of 6 months from the first date of publication in this estate, to wit: November 28, 2014, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice of death and the names and addresses of the representative's and their attorney of record and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (IL Rev. Stat. Ch 755 ILCS 5128-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration form from the Clerk of Court at the above address.
Dated this 23th day of May, 2014.
Steven Lloyd Ament, Executor
By: /s/ **Robert H. Rennick, Sr. THE RENNICK LAW FIRM, P.C.**
Robert H. Rennick, Sr. P.O. Box 430 Toulon, Illinois 61483
Telephone: (309) 286-5921
Facsimile: (309) 286-5971

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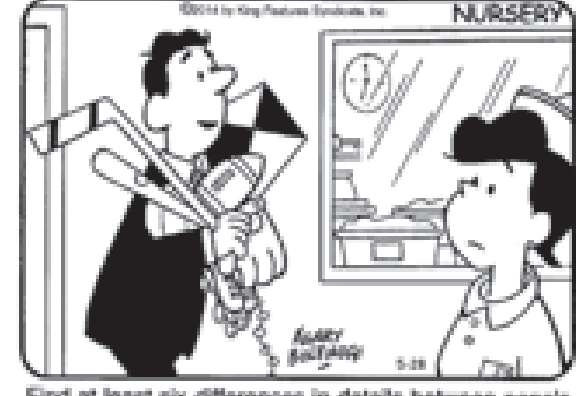
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Morgan Park 52, Chicago Orr 46

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Stevenson 70, Edwardsville 63

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Chicago Morgan Park players celebrate their Class 3A state title game victory over Lincoln on Saturday at Carver Arena in Peoria.

Morgan Park, Whitney Young bring two more state titles to Chicago

BY LONNIE SCHWINDENHAMMER
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA – The stars were out, records were set, controversy swirled, Lincoln and Lisle Benet each ended with their highest finish in the state finals, and Chicago schools Whitney Young and Morgan Park each added to their collection of first-place trophies.

Quite a weekend for the big-school boys.

Whitney Young won its second Class 4A state title in six seasons, holding off Lisle Benet 46-44 in the championship game Saturday night at Carver Arena.

Morgan Park claimed its second straight title in 3A with a 59-49 victory over Lincoln in the afternoon.

Both games were part of a weekend dripping with excitement, drama and intrigue, all the way to the last buckets.

“Our kids had a target on their backs all year,” Young coach Tyrone Slaughter said. “To meet all those expectations and win the state championship is a tremendous accomplishment for our kids.”

Whitney Young was led by high-profile Division I college recruits Jahlihl Okafor (Duke) and Paul White (Georgetown).

Okafor scored 33 in a 75-68 semifinal win over Lincolnshire Stevenson on Friday. Stevenson’s Jalen Brunson, one of the nation’s top uncommitted guards, set an all-time state finals record with 56 points.

Brunson’s alleged obscene hand gesture photographed in the late stages of



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Lisle Benet forward Liam Nelligan dives on top of Chicago Whitney Young forward Paul White while fighting for the ball late in the Class 4A state championship game Saturday at Carver Arena in Peoria. Whitney Young went on to win, 46-44.

the game prompted the IHSA to suspend him for the third-place game Saturday. That decision was later reversed after an appeal to the IHSA board, and Brunson scored 18 to help Stevenson beat Edwardsville in the 4A consolation game.

The IHSA before the game issued a release that read in part: “Without additional supporting evidence, we could not make the determination that the gesture was intended as an unsportsmanlike ac-

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Emotional gesture talk of tourney

PEORIA

Did he? Or did he not? Was Lincolnshire Stevenson guard Jalen Brunson’s raised middle finger — or fingers — an angry reaction to a game official ruling that his 3-point swish after being fouled would not count? Or did those digits simply hang alone in the air by accident, if only for a split-second, as Brunson flung his arms down in disgust?

Only Brunson knows for sure. Nobody else was inside his head in the heat of the Class 4A boys state semifinal game Friday night. Not the mother and father who love him. Not the IHSA officials who on Saturday decided to suspend him for the third-place game before reversing that decision minutes before tipoff. Not the people who believe in Jalen, or those who don’t.

I’m 100 percent certain of only one thing. If Brunson did flip a bird or two, it wasn’t aimed at the Chicago Whitney Young crowd. “They’re his friends,” Rick Brunson said. Rick is Jalen’s father, and he said Jalen balls with the Young kids in the summer, hangs with them, travels with them and is especially tight with Young guard Miles Reynolds.

“We have tremendous respect for the Whitney Young program and team,” Rick said. “We live with these guys. They’re beautiful families and beautiful people. They’re Jalen’s friends. He’s not going to flip off Miles’ mother and father.”

I agree. That’s crazy.

But things happen in competition. The nicest, sweetest people are capable of losing their composure for an instant. And then there are cameras ...

Stevenson trailed by seven points when Brunson, who was on his way to setting a single-game state finals record 56 points, got fouled dribbling with 28

seconds left. Brunson scored 18 points, including a game-winning 3-pointer with 1.2 seconds left, to lead Stevenson to a 75-68 victory over Lincolnshire Stevenson.

Stevenson’s Jalen Brunson, one of the nation’s top uncommitted guards, set an all-time state finals record with 56 points.

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Dayton flies by Syracuse

Flyers pull off another upset with 55-53 victory over third-seeded Orange

BY JOHN KEKIS
OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUFFALO, N.Y. — THE University of Dayton is to be reckoned with.

Dyshawn Pierre scored 14 points and Jordan Sibert, held scoreless in the first half, hit a key 3-pointer with 47.7 seconds left as Flyers stunned Syracuse 55-53 Saturday night to earn a spot in the Sweet 16 for the first time in three decades.

Syracuse was poised to pull out another close victory, but Tyler Ennis missed

two jumpers that would have given the Orange the lead in the final seconds.

“That thing was on line and he went for the win,” Dayton (25-10) coach Archie Miller said. “I thought he was going to go to the basket. When I saw him raise up, I didn’t feel good about it. But Buffalo’s been good to us these last couple of days on the buzzer shots.”

Dayton, the 11th seed in the South Regional, advances to the regional semifinals next week against either Kansas or Stanford.

The third-seeded Orange (28-6), who finished second in their first year in the

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Dayton players celebrate Saturday after a third-round NCAA tournament win over Syracuse in Buffalo, N.Y.

Saturday’s NCAA tournament scores

EAST REGIONAL

Michigan State 80, Harvard 73
Connecticut 77, Villanova 65

SOUTH REGIONAL

Florida 61, Pittsburgh 45
Dayton 55, Syracuse 53

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Michigan 79, Texas 65
Louisville 66, Saint Louis 51

WEST REGIONAL

San Diego St. 63, N.D. State 44
Wisconsin 85, Oregon 77

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Rivermen take ‘L’ at Fayetteville

SPHL playoff series with Columbus starts Wednesday at Peoria

BY JOURNAL STAR STAFF

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Peoria Rivermen had an unfortunate final 4 minutes in an otherwise excellent 148-day journey Saturday as they closed their inaugural

SPHL regular season before 2,947 at Crown Coliseum.

The Rivermen surrendered a game-tying goal with 22.9 seconds left in regulation, then lost with 64 seconds left in sudden-death overtime in a 2-1 decision to the Fayetteville FireAntz that carried no meaning in the standings.

Peoria, locked into third place and with home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs secured before the game, finished

30-18-8 for 68 points and a .607 pointsmaking percentage.

The latter was the best effort for the Peoria franchise since it ripped through the AHL at a .625 clip in its inaugural 2005-06 season.

The No. 3-seeded Rivermen will host sixth-seeded Columbus in a best-of-3 playoff series that starts Wednesday in Peoria.

“I’m proud of these guys, they played hard all season, battled from a slow start to finish third,” Rivermen head coach Jean-Guy Trudel said. “They did a great job.”

“All year long they just said ‘Yes sir’ to what we asked them to do and worked hard at it.”

“Now it’s the fun season. We are going to start looking at videotape of Columbus on our ride home, and begin the process of getting

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The Journal Star will host a live question-and-answer online chat with Bradley athletics director **Michael Cross** at noon Tuesday. The chat will last about an hour. The blog will be hosted at the Press Row blog found on pjstar.com. To participate, follow the instructions on the website. Cross will take questions pertaining to BU athletics. Journal Star Bradley basketball beat writer Dave Reynolds will moderate the chat.

QUICK HITS

SWIMMING

Georgia repeats as NCAA women's champion

MINNEAPOLIS — Georgia scored 528 points and defended its NCAA title at the women's swimming and diving championships on Saturday.

The Bulldogs won their sixth title since 1999. Stanford recorded its best finish since 2010, claiming second with 402.5 points. California, which has three titles since 2009, settled for third with 386 points.

Georgia won as many swimmers (10) qualify for the finals and consolation finals in the individual swim events than Stanford and Cal combined on the final night.

Brittany MacLean broke the NCAA record in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 15:27.84. The previous record was 15:37.06, set by UNC's Stephanie Peacock in 2012.

Indiana sophomore Brooklynn Snodgrass became the second Hoosier ever to win the 200 backstroke (1:50.22) when she edged Cal's defending champion and record holder Elizabeth Pelton (1:50.55) by 0.03 of a second.

Olympic gold medalist Rachel Bootsma failed to qualify for the 200 butterfly in the prelims for Cal. Southern California diver Haley Ishimatsu, who represented the U.S. in the 2008 Olympic Games, defended her NCAA title in the platform dive with a score of 365.15.

GOLF

Scott comes back to the field at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, FLA. — Adam Scott didn't have to look as far down the leaderboard to find players who suddenly are a real threat to win at Bay Hill.

He described them as players who are "hungry to win," and Scott served them up an appetizer in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Staked to a seven-shot lead at the start of the third round, the Masters champion hit enough loose shots and missed just enough par putts to lose more than half his lead and turn his quest to be No. 1 in the world into a bigger battle that he would have preferred.

Scott made a 7-foot par putt on the final hole for a 1-under 71, giving him a three-shot lead over Keegan Bradley going into Sunday. Scott was at 15-under 201.

Lydia Ko leads JTBC Founders Cup

PHOENIX — There were too many players close behind and too many low scores to be had for Lydia Ko to feel at ease at the top of the JTBC Founders Cup leaderboard.

That won't change the 16-year-old New Zealander's approach Sunday at Desert Mountain.

"I'm just going to play my own game," Ko said. "If somebody goes crazy now like shooting 10 under, 9 under or whatever, it's not something I can control."

She shot a 5-under 67 to reach 16-under 200. Jessica Korda and Mirim Lee were a stroke back, and a dozen players were within four shots on a course that gave up a 63 and two 64s in the third round.

"Obviously, there's going to be some nerves," Ko said. "Of course, that's always there."

Andrade shoots 65, grabs share of Champions lead

SAUCIER, MISS. — Billy Andrade had the low round of the day, firing a 7-under 65 to jump into a tie for the lead with Fred Funk after the second round of the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic at Fallen Oak.

The 50-year-old Andrade made nine birdies, including a stretch of six over seven holes midway through the round. The exclamation point came on the final hole, when he drained a 20-foot putt for birdie.

MOTORSPORTS

Larson gets first Nationwide win, holds off Harvick

FONTANA, CALIF. — Kyle Larson won his first Nationwide Series race, holding off Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch in a thrilling finish at Fontana.

The 21-year-old Larson became the first California native to win a Nationwide race at the 2-mile oval, surviving a three-man derby in the final laps that had the fans on their feet.

"Those last 11, 12 laps were the longest laps of my life," Larson said. "I've been so close to winning so many times, but the fashion we did it in was extra special."

NOTABLES ...

Maria Sharapova needed nine match points before she finally closed out a win in the third round of the Sony Open, beating **Lucie Safarova** 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-2.

Top-ranked **Serena Williams** won a marathon, too, defeating 2½ hours to eliminate **Caroline Garcia** 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. ... No. 10-seeded **John Isner** rallied to win an all-American matchup against **Donald Young**, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4. Isner is back in the top 10 this week for the first time in 18 months.

Stanislas Wawrinka bounced back from his first loss of the year by beating **Daniel Gimeno-Traver** 6-0, 3-6, 6-3. No. 7 **Tomas Berdych** joined Wawrinka in the third round by beating **Stephane Robert** 7-6 (5), 6-1. ... A freshman running back on the Navy football team collapsed during spring practice and was airlifted to a hospital.

Will McKamey was taken to the University of Maryland and Shock Trauma Unit, according to a Navy official. He was receiving medical care Saturday night.

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ready for the playoffs on and off the ice."

Nick Prockow snapped an 18-game goalscoring drought to give Peoria a 1-0 lead 3:39 into the final period.

Rivermen rookie goaltender Kevin Carr shutout posted his first pro shutout, but Fayetteville pulled goaltender Peter Skoggard for an extra attacker and tied the game on a rebound in traffic from ex-Peoria center John Clewblown.

John Clewblown won it for Fayetteville at 3:46 when he skated in from the left circle, put a shot off the post, and it appeared to deflect in off Carr's body.

"We felt bad for Carr, but really, the game had little meaning," Trudel said. "Our goal today was to play well and get out of here without anyone getting hurt, and we accomplished that."

RIVER READINGS: The Rivermen claimed Bloomington Thunder tough winger **Kyle Watson** off SPHL waivers

SPHL PLAYOFFS

No. 3 Rivermen vs. No. 6 Cottonmouths

(Best-of-3; x—if necessary)
Game 1, Wednesday: Columbus at Peoria, 7:15 p.m.
Game 2, Friday: Peoria at Columbus, 6:05 p.m.
x-Game 3, Sunday: Columbus at Peoria, 5:15 p.m.

on Saturday. Watson had 13 goals and 164 penalty minutes in 55 games. He'll join Peoria for its playoff run. ... Knoxville and Columbus headed into their finales on Saturday tied for sixth in the standings. The winner would face Peoria in the playoffs. The loser would draw a Louisiana team that can't host any first-round playoff games because of venue conflicts. So both Columbus and Knoxville started backup goaltenders, Columbus using Canadian Olympic women's team goalie **Hannu Szabados** in a 3-2 loss to Shantville. Knoxville started **Cody Rosen** and surrendered 5 goals in the final 22 minutes of a 6-3 loss to Louisiana. ... Rivermen winger **Parker Stanisfield** missed his sixth straight game with arm injury. ... Peoria winger **Steve Morra** (upper body injury) missed his third straight game.

Chicago piles on to Philly's stack of 'L's

76ers' skid hits 24 games with 91-81 loss to Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Henry Sims can see the growth and he's not referring to the stack of losses.

The Philadelphia 76ers' skid continued and so did their march toward the wrong kind of record.

They have lost 24 straight after losing 91-81 to the Chicago Bulls on Saturday. But Sims can at least see some positives.

"We're learning to play better with each other," he said. "We're learning to make better decisions down the stretch. We're growing right now, and that's the main focus right now. The games we have left, we want to keep growing."

They wouldn't mind stopping the losing streak, either, but the Bulls weren't about to let that happen.

Joakim Noah finished with 20 points, Jimmy Butler scored 17, and Chicago handed the 76ers yet another loss to put them within two of the NBA record.



The Sixers moved ahead of the Vancouver Grizzlies (1995-96), Denver Nuggets (1997-98) and Charlotte Bobcats (2011-12) for the second-longest, single-season losing streak.

The Cleveland Cavaliers dropped 26 during the 2010-11 season, and Philadelphia would have to pull off an upset to avoid tying that.

The next two games are at San Antonio and Houston.

The 76ers missed their first 18 3-pointers and were threatening a league record before Byron Mullens made one early in the fourth. They wound up going 1 for 20. The league mark is 15 without a 3-pointer.

D.J. Augustin added 16 points and six assists, and the Bulls came away with the win after losing at Indiana the previous night.

"It's tough," he said. "(The 76ers) come out and they have nothing to lose. Basically, they just come out shooting whenever they feel and some of those shots go in. It's hard for anybody to play against a team that's losing, but they're still a good team at the same time."

Eastern Conference

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	30	.559	—
Brooklyn	36	31	.537	1½
New York	29	40	.420	9½
Boston	23	47	.329	16
Philadelphia	15	55	.214	24
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	47	21	.691	—
Washington	36	33	.522	11½
Charlotte	34	36	.486	14
Atlanta	31	36	.463	15½
Orlando	19	51	.271	29
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	51	19	.729	—
Chicago	39	31	.557	12
Cleveland	26	44	.371	25
Detroit	25	44	.362	25½
Milwaukee	13	56	.188	37½

Western Conference

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	53	16	.768	—
Houston	47	22	.681	6
Dallas	42	28	.600	11½
Memphis	41	28	.594	12
New Orleans	29	40	.420	24
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	51	18	.739	—
Portland	45	25	.643	6½
Minnesota	34	33	.507	16
Denver	31	38	.449	20
Utah	23	47	.329	28½
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	49	21	.700	—
Golden State	44	27	.620	5½
Phoenix	40	29	.580	8½
Sacramento	24	45	.348	24½
L.A. Lakers	22	46	.324	26

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Charlotte 124, Portland 94
Houston 118, Cleveland 111
Chicago 91, Philadelphia 81
Memphis 82, Indiana 71
New Orleans 105, Miami 95
Utah 89, Orlando 88
San Antonio 99, Golden State 103
LA Clippers 112, Detroit 107

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Toronto, Noon
Phoenix at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at LA Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Houston at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Utah, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL BLUES



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The Flyers' Brayden Schenn scores a goal against St. Louis goalie Ryan Miller during the second period Saturday in Philadelphia. The Flyers beat the Blues 4-1.

Blues miss chance to clinch playoffs

Flyers skate past Blues 4-1 for fifth straight win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers have gone from a team fighting for a playoff spot to one of the NHL's most dangerous contenders.

Scott Hartnell and Brayden Schenn both scored in the second period, and the Flyers rallied to beat the Western Conference-leading St. Louis Blues 4-1 on Saturday for their fifth straight win.

Jakub Voracek and Wayne Simmonds added goals in the third period, and Steve Mason scored 32 saves to help Philadelphia improve to 12-2-1 in its last 15 games and maintain its hold on second place in the Metropolitan Division.

"I think we showed the league we can play with everyone and we can beat everybody," Voracek said. "It's going to give us some more confidence."

St. Louis' Jaden Schwartz



opened the scoring 6:23 into the game, finishing a 2-on-1, short-handed opportunity after taking a feed from Kevin Shattenkirk.

Schwartz's wrist shot from close range went under Mason's glove.

The Blues again missed a chance to secure a playoff spot. One point would have made St. Louis the first Western club to qualify for the postseason.

Ryan Miller made only 15 saves and lost for the second time since being acquired by the Blues from Buffalo on Feb. 28. Miller was beaten 4-0 by Chicago on Wednesday in a game in which he was pulled after allowing four goals on 27 shots. He is 7-2-1 with St. Louis.

The Blues went 0-for-7 on the power play.

"Our level of determination in the offensive zone isn't what it's going to need to be to beat great goaltending," St. Louis coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We're going to have to find a way to get to a much higher level of compete in the offensive zone."

Eastern Conference

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	71	49	17	5	103	229	151
Tampa Bay	71	39	24	8	86	211	189
Montreal	72	39	26	7	85	186	183
Toronto	72	36	28	8	80	211	223
Detroit	70	33	24	13	79	186	237
Ottawa	70	28	29	13	69	199	196
Florida	71	26	37	8	60	173	229
Buffalo	70	20	42	8	48	136	206
METRO	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	70	46	19	5	97	222	176
Philadelphia	70	38	25	7	83	203	198
N.Y. Rangers	72	39	29	4	82	190	175
Columbus	70	36	28	6	78	200	192
Washington	71	30	27	11	79	196	201
New Jersey	71	30	28	13	73	172	185
Carolina	71	31	31	9	71	207	210
N.Y. Islanders	70	25	35	9	61	195	239

Western Conference

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	70	47	16	7	101	227	160
Chicago	71	41	15	15	97	240	184
Colorado	71	44	21	6	94	216	194
Minnesota	71	36	24	11	83	176	175
Dallas	70	33	26	11	77	199	202
Winnipeg	72	32	31	9	73	201	211
Nashville	71	30	31	10	70	171	213
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	71	46	18	7	99	219	170
Anaheim	70	45	18	7	97	222	178
Los Angeles	71	40	25	6	86	174	149
Phoenix	71	34	26	11	79	196	201
Vancouver	72	32	30	10	74	172	194
Calgary	71	29	35	7	65	181	210
Edmonton	72	25	38	9	59	178	236

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

x—clinched playoff spot

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT
Detroit 3, Minnesota 2
Dallas 3, Ottawa 1
Los Angeles 4, Florida 0
Montreal 4, Toronto 3
N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 0
Carolina 3, Winnipeg 2
Boston 4, Phoenix 2
Calgary 8, Edmonton 1
Washington at San Jose, n

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Columbus at N.Y. Islanders, Noon
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, Noon
Toronto at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Florida at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Flyers 4, Blues 1

St. Louis	1	0	0	—	1
Philadelphia	0	2	2	—	4
First Period — 1, St. Louis, Schwartz 22 (Shattenkirk, Sobotka), 6:23 (sh). Philadelphia — Jackson, Phil (tripping), 4:30 Backes, St. (cross-checking), 13:59 Giroux, Phi (holding, hooking), 15:02 Oshie, St. (charging), 15:22 Hoback, St. (hooking), 19:53.					
Second Period — 2, Philadelphia, Hartnell 19 (Voracek, Giroux), 57 (pp). 3, Philadelphia, B.Schenn 18 (Simmonds), 13:24. Penalties — Giroux, Phi (cross-checking), 3:47 Hartnell, Phi (tripping), 8:05 Colabacoc, St. (roughing), 18:13 Polak, St. (roughing), 18:13 Hartnell, Phi (roughing), 18:13 Voracek, Phi (roughing), 18:13 Giroux, Phi (hooking), 20:00.					
Third Period — 4, Philadelphia, Voracek 19 (Giroux, Hartnell), 15:41. 5, Philadelphia, Simmonds 24 (Lecavalier, B.Schenn), 17:06 (en). Penalties — Backes, St. (tripping), 2:06 Coburn, Phi (holding stick), 2:06 Ott, St. (tripping), 4:35 Voracek, Phi (clashing hand on puck), 9:53 MacDonald, Phi (delay of game), 19:13.					
SOG — St. 13-9-11 — 33, Phila 8-8-3 — 19.					
Power plays — St. 0 of 6, Phila 1 of 5.					
Goalies — St. Louis, Miller 22-24-4 (18 shots-15 saves). Philadelphia, Mason 30-16-6 (33-32).					
A — 19,942 (19,541). T — 2:36.					

NBA report

Heroes

Trey Burke, Jazz, scored 17 points, including a high-arching 3-pointer with 1.6 seconds remaining, to push Utah past the Magic 89-88. The big shot snapped Utah's six-game skid and extended Orlando's to eight games.

James Harden, Rockets, scored 37 points, including 17 in the third quarter, and Houston beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 118-111.

Al Jefferson, Bobcats, scored 28 points and two others finished with more than 20 as Charlotte routed the Trail Blazers 124-94.

Anthony Davis, Pelicans, had 30 points, 11 rebounds and three steals, and New Orleans beat the Grizzlies, 105-95.

Mike Conley, Heat, scored 21 points, **Zach Randolph** added 18 and 13 boards, and Memphis held Indiana to its lowest output of the season in an 82-71 win.

Bulls 91, 76ers 81

PHILADELPHIA (81) — Thompson 1-5 4-4, 6, Young 10-26 8-9 28, Sims 8-15 2-2 18, Carter-Williams 3-14 1-1 7, Anderson 2-5 3-4 7, Varnado 3-5 0-0 6, Williams 2-9 2-2 6, Johnson-Odom 0-2 0-0 0, Mullens 1-3 0-0 3, Nunnally 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 30-87 20-22 81.

CHICAGO (91) — Dunleavy 2-8 2-2 6, Boozer 3-7 1-2 7, Noah 6-10 8-9 20, Hinrich 3-9 2-3 9, Butler 4-8 10-17, Augustin 5-11 3-5 16, Gibson 8-16 0-0 6, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0, Snell 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-70 24-31 91.

Philadelphia 25 13 21 22 — 81
Chicago 20 21 24 26 — 91

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 1-20 (Mullens 1-1, Sims 0-1, Nunnally 0-1, Johnson-Odom 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Carter-Williams 0-2, Thompson 0-2, Williams 0-3, Young 0-7), Chicago 5-14 (Augustin 3-4, Butler 1-3, Hinrich 1-3, Snell 0-1, Dunleavy 0-3). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Philadelphia 53 (Sims 15), Chicago 52 (Gibson 10). **Assists**—Philadelphia 11 (Carter-Williams 6), Chicago 23 (Augustin, Butler 6). **Total Fouls**—Philadelphia 23, Chicago 20. **A** — 21,799 (20,917).

NHL RESULTS

NHL report

Faceoff

Jonathan Quick broke the Kings record for wins by a goalie, making 24 saves in his fifth shutout of an injury-hampered season as Los Angeles beat the Florida Panthers 4-0.

Trevor Lewis, Mike Richards, Alec Martinez and captain **Dustin Brown** scored for the Kings.

Quick earned his 172nd career victory and surpassed **Rogie Vachon**, one of five players to have his uniform number retired by the club along with **Marcel Dionne, Dave Taylor, Wayne Gretzky** and **Luc Robitaille**. Vachon was in the arena for the record-breaker.

They're hot

The **Boston Bruins** rallied with three third-period goals, the go-ahead score by **Shawn Thornton** with 3:18 to play, to win their 12th in a row, 4-2 over the Phoenix Coyotes. The Bruins are two shy of the franchise mark of 14 straight set in the 1929-30 season. They also have the most points in the NHL with 103.

Heroes

Henrik Lundqvist, Rangers, made 21 saves in posting his team record 50th NHL shutout, and New York improved its playoff chances with a 2-0 victory over the fading New Jersey Devils.

Gustav Nyquist's third-period goal gave the Detroit Red Wings a 3-2 victory over the Minnesota Wild, their fourth in the last five games.

Trevor Daley and Jamie Benn, Stars, scored third-period goals to help Dallas Stars for a 3-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators.

James Neal's power-play goal 1:27 into overtime lifted the Pittsburgh Penguins to a wild 4-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Eric Staal, Jordan Staal and **Riley Nash, Hurricanes**, all scored in just under three minutes in the second period and Carolina held on for a 3-2 win over the Winnipeg Jets.

Tomas Plekanec, Canadiens, scored the go-ahead goal just as a power play expired, and Montreal beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-3.

DAYTON

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Atlantic Coast Conference, struggled all game against the swarming Dayton defense, missing all 10 attempts from beyond the arc, while the Flyers hit seven times from long range.

The third-seeded Orange (28-6), who finished second in their first year in the ACC, struggled all game against the swarming Dayton defense. They missed all 10 attempts from beyond the arc, while the Flyers hit seven times from long range.

It was the first time in 665 games that Syracuse failed to make a 3.

"It's hard to digest any loss," said Ennis, who finished with 19 points on 7-of-21 shooting. "They did a good job defensively, and the looks we did get we didn't capitalize."

After Sibert stepped out of bounds with 14 seconds left and Dayton up by one, Ennis took a jumper from just inside the 3-point line instead of driving the lane as he had all night. The standout freshman finished with 19 points on 7-of-21 shooting, including 0-for-5 on 3-pointers.

Syracuse fouled Pierre and he made one free throw. Ennis rushed down court and missed the potentially winning 3 as the buzzer sounded.

Sibert finished with 10 points; Sanford had eight.

It was another close win for Dayton, which beat in-state rival Ohio State 60-59 Thursday. After that game, the Dayton Daily News mocked Buckeye fans who refer to "The Ohio State University" with the headline: "THE University of Dayton."

"We have a good program

with great tradition," Miller said. "Now, we have the ability to build, and that's what it's all about."

Fair had 14 points on 4-of-14 shooting and 10 rebounds in his final game for the Orange. Jerami Grant had just four points and attempted only three shots before fouling out late. Trevor Cooney had two points and missed all four shots he took from behind the arc.

Dayton, which improved to 11-0 when holding opponents under 60 points, led by as many as seven in the first half and extended its two-point halftime lead to six on the transition strikes the Flyers thrive on. After Cooney missed a 3 from the left corner, Khari Price hit a 3 at the other end after a quick rush to make it 32-26 with 12:54 left.

The game went back-and-forth from that point, with Fair and Ennis hitting

layups to give Syracuse a 40-37 lead with 7:48 left.

The Flyers reeled off seven straight points to regain the lead. Scoochie Smith hit a 3 from the top of the key and a

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Peoria Rivermen



Illinois State University



University of Illinois



Peoria Rivermen

vs. Indiana
7 p.m.

vs. Portland
7 p.m.

men at
Clemson in
NIT
10 a.m.

men vs.
Texas A&M
in CBI
8:05 p.m.

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Peoria Rivermen (309) 676-1040, Chicago Bulls (312) 455-4000, University of Illinois (217) 333-3470, Illinois State University (309) 438-8000.

LOCAL EVENTS

COLLEGES

Baseball — Eureka at MacMurray, 1 p.m.; ICC at Benedictine-Springfield, doubleheader, 2 p.m.

Basketball (men) — NIT second round: Illinois at Clemson, 10 a.m.

Golf (women) — Bradley in Plantation Inn Intercollegiate at Crystal River, Fla.

Softball — Milwaukee School of Engineering at Eureka (high school field), doubleheader, 11 a.m.; Bradley at Evansville, noon.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hockey (Tier III junior) — NA3HL Central Division Championship Series (if necessary game): St. Louis Junior Blues at Peoria Mustangs (Owens Center), 1:15 p.m.

REMEMBER WHEN

50 YEARS AGO

Bradley baseball coach Leo Schrrall is preparing his team for its season-opening six-game road trip, which begins in Texas. Schrrall enters the campaign needing seven victories to become the school's all-time winningest baseball coach. Schrrall is 238-109 in 15 seasons. The late A.J. Robertson leads with 244 wins from 1921 to 1948.

25 YEARS AGO

Richwood swimmer Dan Stoppenhagen is named to the high school All-American team by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. Stoppenhagen, a junior, was state runner-up in the 100 freestyle with a time of 45.11 seconds. The top 30 swimmers by time in each event gain All-American accolades.

10 YEARS AGO

Bradley's softball team sweeps a doubleheader from visiting Western Michigan. The Braves win the opener 1-0 as Laura Harms knocks in a ninth-inning run and Kristy Brod pitches a two-hitter. In Game 2, Brittany Dehler and Kamin Hawkins combine on a four-hitter in a 5-0 victory. Stefanie Cheney and Brittany Mynsberge each have two hits in a game called after five innings because of darkness.

ON TELEVISION

SOCCER

Premier League:

8:25 a.m. Southampton-Tottenham NBCSN

11:25 a.m. Stoke City at Aston Villa NBCSN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN)

NIT second-round games:

10 a.m. Illinois at Clemson ESPN

4 p.m. Southern Miss at Missouri ESPNU

NCAA third-round games:

11:15 a.m. Kansas vs. Stanford WMBD

1:45 p.m. Wichita St. vs. Kentucky WMBD

4:15 p.m. Iowa St. vs. North Carolina WMBD

5:10 p.m. Tennessee vs. Mercer TNT

6:10 p.m. UCLA vs. Stephen F. Austin TBS

6:40 p.m. Creighton vs. Baylor truTV

7:40 p.m. Virginia vs. Memphis TBS

8:40 p.m. Arizona vs. Gonzaga TNT

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

NCAA first-round games:

11:30 a.m. Coverage of four games ESPN2

2 p.m. Coverage of four games ESPN

4:30 p.m. Coverage of four games ESPN

7 p.m. Prairie View at UConn ESPN

7 p.m. Coverage of three games ESPN2

GOLF

11:30 a.m. PGA: Arnold Palmer Invite Golf

1 p.m. PGA: Arnold Palmer Invite WEEK

4 p.m. Champions Tour event Golf

6 p.m. PGA: Founders Cup Golf

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Noon Michigan at Indiana Big Ten

PRO HOCKEY

Noon Blues at Penguins FSM

6:30 p.m. Wild at Red Wings NBCSN

MOTORSPORTS

1:30 p.m. MotoGP World race FS1

2 p.m. Sprint Cup race WYZZ

PRO BASEBALL

3 p.m. Cubs vs. Athletics WGN

3 p.m. White Sox vs. Rockies Comcast

Channel key: WEEK — WEEK 25/NBC; WMBD — WMBD 31/CBS; WYZZ — WYZZ 43/FOX; FS1 — Fox Sports 1; FSM — Fox Sports Midwest; NBCSN — NBC Sports Network

FIVE YEARS AGO

Bradley basketball player Chris Roberts shot in a 75-foot, buzzer-beating shot to give the Braves a 76-75 victory over Oakland in the quarterfinals of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament at Carver Arena. Roberts catches an inbound pass from Theron Wilson with ninth-tenths of a second left, takes a step and then launches his improbable prayer. Oakland coach Greg Kampe files a protest with tournament officials claiming the shot came too late. Bradley (20-14) rallies from a 73-68 deficit with 70 seconds to play. Sam Miscalasco leads the Braves with 20 points.

WHO, WHAT & WHERE

BASKETBALL

Hotshots Spring Break Basketball Day Camp runs March 24-28 at 325 Bellevue Ave. in Bellevue. Open to serious players in grades 5-8. Boys camp runs 9 a.m. to noon; girls camp 1 to 4 p.m. Cost \$225. Sign up deadline today. Limited to 15 per session. For more information or to sign up, call (309) 427-0384.

DARTBALL

Church Dartball League of Greater Peoria's annual Spring Round Robin Tournament is Monday and Tuesday at First English Lutheran Church (corner of Wisconsin and Forrest Hill). Games begin 7 p.m. each night. Public is welcome. Refreshments served. Event provides an opportunity for groups interested in learning more about dartball to observe several games and ask questions. For more information, call Dale Bishop at (309) 243-1903 or Don Manier at (309) 258-1377.

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ILLINI take on Tigers at Clemson

Victory in second round would be big birthday gift for Illinois senior Bertrand

BY JAMAL COLLIER
OF GATEHOUSE MEDIA ILLINOIS

CHAMPAIGN — What would Joseph Bertrand like for his 23rd birthday this Sunday? “A win would be nice,” he told reporters with a grin. “To keep getting further in the tournament and keep playing with my teammates as long as I can.”

Illinois plays at Clemson on Sunday in the second round of the National Invitational Tournament. The winner at the Littlejohn Coliseum will advance to face Belmont in the quarterfinals

ILLINOIS

Get off to a fast start and avoid prolonged scoring droughts.

10 a.m., Littlejohn Coliseum, Clemson, S.C.
TV: ESPN
Radio: WGLO-FM (95.5)

ILLINOIS (20-14) PPG RPG

F Nnanna Ekwu Jr. 6-11 6.9 6.0

F Malcolm Hill Jr. 6-6 4.4 2.5

G Kenrick Nunn Jr. 6-3 6.3 1.7

G Rayvonte Rice Jr. 6-4 15.9 6.1

G Tracy Abrams Jr. 6-2 10.8 3.5

CLEMSON (21-12) PPG RPG

C Landry Nnoko So. 6-10 3.3 6.1

F K.J. McDaniels Jr. 6-6 17.4 7.2

G Damarcus Harrison Jr. 6-4 7.5 2.6

G Jordan Roper So. 5-11 7.2 1.7

G Rod Hall Jr. 6-1 9.7 3.9

TIGERS KEYS

Block and alter Illini shots in the paint, forcing them into long-range jumpers.

NOTEWORTHY: Illinois owns the all-time series 3-1, and won the most recent meeting in the 2009 ACC/Big Ten Challenge. ... The Tigers have won 10 straight home games in the NIT. ... Groce and athletics director Mike Thomas were in attendance at Carver Arena in Peoria to watch Illini recruit and Stevenson high school point guard Jalen Brunson score 56 points in the state semifinals against Whitney Young.

PREDICTION: Illinois 61, Clemson 56

JOSEPH BERTRAND

Tuesday.

The second-seeded Illini overcame a 17-point deficit to beat Boston University in the first round, marking the largest comeback victory under coach John Groce and the largest since a 23-point rally in 2009 against Clemson. Groce thought the Illini lacked energy and focus at the start of Tuesday's NIT opener. The Illini had said all week they would not need any extra motivation for the NIT, especially with how close the team came to mounting a comeback into the NCAA tournament conversation. “The message is you have to be ready to play a 40-min-

ute basketball game in any postseason tournament,” Groce said.

Illinois has now won four consecutive road games dating back to Feb. 19 with a 62-49 victory over Minnesota. It is the longest road winning streak for the Illini since a 14-gamer spanning from the 2003-04 season until the 2004-05 year.

Clemson has been successful this year thanks to its stifling defense and shot-blocking ability. The third-seeded Tigers dominated Georgia State in their first-round matchup 78-66. K.J. McDaniels matched career highs with 30 points and 14 rebounds and added five blocks in that one.

So the Illini and Tigers are similar teams in that

their strength comes from their defense. Clemson finished second in the ACC in points allowed (58.2) while Illinois finished second in the Big Ten in scoring defense (62.5).

“They’re really, really good defensively,” Groce said. “They’re long, they block shots, they guard the ball well, they rotate well, they challenge shots well, they rebound well. ... I think on that end of the court, they’re one of the best teams in the country on the defensive end of the floor.”

Illinois will be looking for some production on offense from someone other than Rayvonte Rice, who won the team to victory against Boston. Rice scored 28 points, just shy of his

career high, and made several key plays down the stretch. Rice, like most of the Illini, thrives on offense when driving to the basket. Getting point guard Tracy Abrams and Kendrick Nunn more involved early will help.

“When you play against teams that block shots as well as Clemson does, you have to be willing passers,” Groce said. “You have to read situations well. You get in the paint you have to decide whether you have an angle, opportunity to score or whether or not you’ve got to pass.”

Louisiana Tech holds off Georgia comeback

ATHENS, GA. (AP) — Alex Hamilton scored 20 points and Louisiana Tech held a 26-point lead in the first half before holding off a late Georgia comeback for a 79-71 victory in the second round of the NIT on Saturday.

Louisiana Tech made seven of its first eight 3-point attempts while taking a 39-13 lead. The key was the Bulldogs' defense, with 10 first-half steals, many forced by full-court pressure.

Georgia (20-14) regained its offensive composure in the second half and cut the lead to 72-66 with 1:08 remaining. Georgia's J.J. Frazier, who had 15 points, made a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 74-71. The comeback ended there.

Louisiana Tech will play the winner of Monday's Georgetown-Florida State game in the quarterfinals.

careers high, and made several key plays down the stretch. Rice, like most of the Illini, thrives on offense when driving to the basket. Getting point guard Tracy Abrams and Kendrick Nunn more involved early will help.

“When you play against teams that block shots as well as Clemson does, you have to be willing passers,” Groce said. “You have to read situations well. You get in the paint you have to decide whether you have an angle, opportunity to score or whether or not you’ve got to pass.”

BASEBALL NOTES

Kershaw, Dodgers win Aussie opener

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Opening day turned out to be a pretty g'day for the Los Angeles Dodgers and ace Clayton Kershaw.

Kershaw flashed his Cy Young form, Scott Van Slyke homered and the NL West champions opened the Major League Baseball season with a 3-1 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Saturday night at Sydney Cricket Ground.

A crowd of about 40,000 watched as MLB played its first regular-season game in Australia.

Kershaw, who signed a seven-year, \$215 million contract in January, allowed one run and five hits in 6 2/3 innings. Van Slyke hit a two-run homer and also doubled.

The first pitch was delayed because of rain for 14 minutes. By then, the long trip Down Under had taken even longer for some Arizona players.

A team bus had a flat tire, and the Diamondbacks said “a handful” of players decided to walk the last half-mile to the stadium instead of waiting for a replacement bus.

Kershaw was impressive while making his fourth consecutive opening-day start. He struck out seven, walked one and was pulled by manager Don Mattingly

after throwing his 102nd pitch.

Quite a turnaround from spring training, when the two-time NL Cy Young winner went 0-3 with a 9.20 ERA in four starts.

“Sometimes you just need the adrenaline of a regular-season game, and I just kind of feel relieved to get this one under my belt,” he said.

“It’s always good to get results, obviously,” he said. “This one counted.”

In his previous opening-

day starts, Kershaw was 2-0 with 19 strikeouts in 19 scoreless innings.

“Kershaw did a good job of keeping us in the middle of the diamond,” Diamondbacks manager Kirk Gibson said. “He threw a good ball game against us. We know they’re always going to be close.”

CARDINALS: Matt Adams hit a homer among his two hits and drove in three runs, leading the St. Louis Cardinals past the Houston Astros, 5-2.

Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw, left, grimaces after fouling off a third strike bunt attempt as Diamondbacks catcher Miguel Montero and umpire Tim Welke, right, watch during the Major League Baseball opener on Saturday at the Sydney Cricket Ground in Sydney. Los Angeles won 3-1.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

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Peoria Skeet and Trap Club Open House runs 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Club is at 1470 Spring Bay Road in East Peoria. Free instruction on skeet and trap. Club provides youth shooting opportunities, trap league and other shooting events. (309) 822-8146.

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At Smithfield Sportsman's Club (Route 95 west, about half-mile west of Smithfield Junction). Shoot starts approximately 8:30 a.m. One competition trap, one practice trap. Memberships available but not necessary. (309) 347-4445.

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Archaeological meeting

April 2 — Illinois Valley Archaeological Society meets 7 p.m. at Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown, (309) 547-3721.

Herpetology meeting

April 3 — Central Illinois Herpetological Society meets 7 p.m. at Forest Park Nature Center, (309) 682-6208.

Handgun clinic

April 5 — Introduction to Defensive Handgun clinic at Chillicothe Sportsman's Club. Cost \$100. usrifelman.org or (847) 920-USRA (8772).

Rocky Mountain Elk Banquet

April 5 — Prairie State chapter of Rocky Mountain Elk

Foundation fundraising banquet at Stony Creek Inn in East Peoria. Doors open 5 p.m. with games, raffles, silent auction. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., live auction 8 p.m. For tickets, call Terry McLaughlin at (309) 678-8105. Info: www.rmef.org/Illinois/PrairieState.aspx

Gun show

April 5-6 — At Chillicothe Sportsman's Club, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. April 5 and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 6.

Birding event

April 9 — Peoria Audubon Society membership meeting 7 p.m. at Forest Park Nature Center, www.peoriaaudubon.org

Orienteering meet

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SWCD fish sales

Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding fish sales. Call Andy at (309) 547-2215, ext 3.

Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding fish sales. Order deadline April 9 (deadline for "specialty" fish April 1). Call

(309) 671-7040, ext. 3 or email Josh.Joseph@il.nacdn.net

Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding fish sales. Grass carp order deadline April 8; all other species deadline April 15. Order forms available online at knoxcountyswcd.tripod.com or call (309) 342-5714, ext. 3.

Bass club openings

Illinois Central Bass Club has openings for new members. Tournaments held weekdays on area bodies of water. Seven tournaments per year beginning in April. Individuals without boat may join and fish as a non-boat-er. (309) 264-2212.

Asian carp program

March 26 — Informational program on Asian carp 7:30 p.m. at LaSalle VFW. One-hour program free and open to public. Brennan Caputo of Illinois DNR will discuss problems Asian carp present and what is being done to control movement and population of the species. Information: Tom Wall at (815) 223-3671.

Pimiteoui Trail Association hike

March 29 — Pimiteoui Trail Association will lead a hike on Constitution Trail in Normal. Meet 9 a.m. at Cracker Barrel rear parking lot in Morton to Bar pool/caravan. (309) 231-2190 or ptahike.org

Walleye event

March 29-30 — Spring Valley Walleye Club hosts Spring Valley Masters Walleye Circuit Tournament on Illinois River. Registration ends Monday. Public is invited to weigh-ins, which begin at 4 p.m. each day at Barto Landing in Spring Valley. This is 2014 season opener on the Masters Walleye Circuit. www.masterswalleyecircuit.com

Archery shoots

March 29-30 — Black Diamond Archery (Canton) 3D shoot, gates open 7 a.m., must be on range by noon. Membership drive event; sign up and shoot free both days (\$25 family yearly membership). (309) 251-5016.

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CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Double Park'd: Mustangs win 3A

Morgan Park defends its Class 3A title with 59-49 win over No. 1 Lincoln

BY JOSH HERMAN
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — For the second year in row, Chicago Morgan Park left Carver Arena with a first-place trophy.

The No. 5-ranked Mustangs (24-6) used a big second-half rally to knock off No. 1 Lincoln 59-49 on Saturday afternoon to win its second consecutive Class 3A state title.

The victory also marked the ninth straight year a team from the Chicago Public League won at least one boys basketball state title.

Trailing by 13 with 1:47 left in the third, Morgan Park turned up the tempo and went on a 26-2 spurt that spanned the third and

fourth quarters to take a 52-41 lead. The Mustangs forced 10 Lincoln turnovers during the run.

"We were down nine points going into the locker room, and as I walked into the locker room I said to myself, 'This ain't me,'" Morgan Park coach Nick Irvin said. "I said, 'I've got to take my jacket off, roll my sleeves up.' I know my guys would take my lead. They came out and left everything out there."

One of the biggest momentum shifts during the run came in the closing seconds of the third quarter. Trailing by eight, Morgan Park used full-court pressure that turned into a pair of steals and layups for senior guard Dellan Whatley. That cut the deficit to four heading into the fourth quarter.

"That was big time," Irvin said. "I've been on (Whatley)

all year to be a leader, and I expected a lot out of him. His time was today. I trusted him and he came through for us."

Morgan Park took its first lead since the first quarter, on a pair of free throws from all-state forward Josh Cunningham with 6:35 remaining in the fourth. Then, the Mustangs decided to take a page out of Lincoln's book.

Following a missed 3-pointer by Lincoln senior Max Cook, Morgan Park used crisp passes to lull the Rail-splitters (34-3) to sleep before Mustangs senior Lamont Walker found a cutting Cunningham for an alley-oop to give them a 45-41 lead.

"It was pretty big," Cunningham said. "We wanted to get something going, and that got us going right there."

Said Irvin: "I like to do

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Gavin Block, right, of Lincoln loses the ball after Josh Cunningham of Chicago Morgan knocked it away during Saturday's Class 3A state championship game at Carver Arena in Peoria.

RON JOHNSON
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CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Other ways to come up big

Big men do battle while guard leads Whitney Young to Class 4A title over Benet

BY JOSH WESSLER
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — Two points and one Miles was the difference Saturday night in the Class 4A boys basketball state championship game.

With the battle of the big men not as big as anticipated, it was the play of 6-foot-3 guard Miles Reynolds that helped Chicago Whitney Young (28-5) to its third state title in a 46-44 victory over Lisle Benet at Carver Arena. It was the Dolphins' first state title since 2009.

Beginning with a layup on the game's opening possession to give Whitney Young the lead for good, the 6-3 senior was the biggest — as in most important — player on the court throughout much of the contest, scoring a game-high 19 points.

"This is crazy," said Reynolds, who went 7-for-13 from the floor and 3-for-5 from beyond the 3-point arc.

"All the hard work over the last four years and the losses to Simeon that last two years, and now to go out on top. This is great."

Though it never trailed in the contest, Young could not put away the Redwings until the game's final 30 seconds.

Trailing by 11 with 3:01 to play, Benet (25-8) rallied to cut its deficit to two points before a pair of free throws by Paul White with :19.5 seconds left sealed it for Young.

"Unbelievable group of kids," Benet coach Gene Heidkamp said. "We felt like we belonged here."

"The first half, we just didn't play well enough, didn't make enough shots. ... Anyone who says that this team was a fluke, I think it was proven tonight that we

deserved to be here."

Expected to be the focal point of the contest, the battle between Young's Jahliil Okafor and Benet's Sean O'Mara was pushed to the background as the two all-staters basically cancelled each other out in the post.

The 6-11 Okafor had eight points and six rebounds, with three of his four baskets coming on dunks. The 6-9 O'Mara countered with 10 points and eight rebounds.

Forced to look elsewhere for offense, the two sides found reliable sources in the form of their guards.

Young's Reynolds gave his team the lead for good on a layup 26 seconds into the game. He scored eight in the first quarter as the Dolphins jumped to an 18-10 lead.

The lead could have been larger if not for the play of Benet's Colin Bonnett, who won a pair of challenges with Okafor in the paint for four hard-earned points.

Trailing 25-15 after a stagnant second quarter, Benet trimmed its deficit in half by the end of the third. The Redwings continued their push into the fourth, when an acrobatic layup by Josh Yesufu cut it to 34-31 with 6:40 to play.

Its lead at its smallest since the first quarter, Young responded by scoring the game's next eight to regain control. An emphatic dunk by Okafor capped the spurt, giving the Dolphins a 42-31 lead with just over three minutes remaining in regulation.

But a trio of 3-pointers helped keep the Redwings alive, with back-to-back treys by Collin Pellettieri cutting the Dolphins lead to 44-40 with :40.4 seconds to play.

Two fruitless trips to the foul line by the Dolphins helped keep Benet's hopes

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Chicago Whitney Young center Jahliil Okafor, center, slams the ball in a 46-44 victory over Lisle Benet in the Class 4A state championship game Saturday at Carver Arena in Peoria.



NICK VLAHOS

Title path shortened by Miles

PEORIA

Physically, Miles Reynolds wasn't the biggest guy on the basketball court for Chicago Whitney Young during the Class 4A title game. He wasn't the biggest in reputation, either.

But once Whitney Young secured a 46-44 victory Saturday night over Lisle Benet, he was big man on the Dolphins' campus away from its West Side home.

Maybe it was because Reynolds wrapped the first-place trophy in his arms and lofted it above his head as scores of Young players and fans danced and swayed merrily on the Carver Arena court. More likely, it was because of what he had done earlier, before the masses descended.

Reynolds didn't steal the trophy. But in a game in which big men had been ballyhooed, the 6-foot-3 guard stole the show.

"This is one of the best feelings I've ever had," Reynolds said amid the post-game din. "It's just crazy."

The same might be said about Reynolds' performance in his final high school game. One in which he matched the title his brother J.R. Reynolds won as a member of Young's 2009 state-championship squad.

The younger Reynolds, a Saint Louis recruit, finished with a team-high 19 points. He scored eight in the first quarter, including two 3-pointers, as Young forged an 18-10 lead.

In the third quarter, with Benet attempting a comeback from a 10-point deficit, Reynolds scored five of his team's seven to keep it afloat. He finished about five points above his season average.

Meanwhile, the aforementioned big boys fought to a standoff.

Aside from brief, shining moments in the second half, 6-11 Whitney Young center Jahliil Okafor (Duke) and 6-9 Benet counterpart Sean O'Mara (Xavier) were nonfactors in scoring. Young's other tower, 6-9 Paul White (Georgetown), finished with only eight points, same as Okafor.

But Benet's focus on containing Okafor and White came at a cost.

"We had to do some

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Chicago Whitney Young forward Paul White shoots against Benet Academy during the Class 4A state championship game.

Georgetown-bound White was important piece in title run

DAVID ALLEN
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — With all eyes on a record-setting performance and the best high school prospect in the country, Paul White quietly rose to the occasion and lifted Chicago Whitney Young into the Class 4A state championship game.

That was nothing new for the 6-foot-9 senior who has played in the immense shadow of 6-11 star teammate Jahliil Okafor.

White, who is a Georgetown recruit, would be a well-known star on just about any other team in the state. But on the state champion Dolphins, he is

tied as the second-leading scorer.

"This is what's important," White said during the championship celebration. "I don't care about who gets the attention. This is why you play the game of basketball."

White had eight points and a team-high seven rebounds in the 46-44 title game victory over Lisle Benet. He sank the clinching free throws with 19.5 seconds left.

"He's amazing, he's always amazing," Okafor said. "I see him all the time, he's been the same the whole year. He plays amazing and just wants to win."

Young coach Tyrone Slaughter called Okafor the best player in the world, but knows he needs more than just him.

"This whole team and this whole roster is the best," Slaughter said. "It takes everybody. It's not just one guy. It's never been."

White and the rest of the Dolphins showed that as they built a 25-15 halftime lead in the championship game, although the only basket by Okafor was a dunk after an offensive rebound. White had two baskets, two assists and four rebounds in the opening quarter.

The supporting cast also includes guard Miles Reynolds, a Saint Louis recruit who had 10 points in the first half of the title game.

White averaged 14.3 points and 8.8 rebounds during the regular season and was his team's leading scorer five

HOOP DU JOUR

1,422

That's the total number of high school boys basketball coaching victories for **Neil Alexander** and **Steve Kimbro**, the co-prides of the Montgomery County village of Fillmore.

Alexander of Lincoln and Kimbro of Nokomis hail from the 325-resident community located southeast of Springfield and southwest of Decatur. This season, both coaches exceeded 700 career victories. Alexander joined the 700 club Jan. 20, with a victory over Taylorville. Kimbro followed his former Nokomis teammate Feb. 20 by beating Morrisonville.

Kimbro, who just finished his 33rd season at his Class 1A alma mater, has 703 victories. Alexander, whose team finished second in 3A, has 719.

Another Fillmore native of note is **Molly McDowell**, who led Nokomis to Class A girls state titles in 1998 and '99 and also played at Southern Illinois University. The 1999 Ms. Basketball of Illinois, who plays professionally in the Netherlands, is Alexander's niece.

East Suburban Catholics rule

This was a banner season for the East Suburban Catholic Conference.

The league of nine boys basketball-playing private schools won six regional titles and two sectionals, according to Lisle Benet coach **Gene Heidkamp**, who is an unofficial ESCC chisgorist. He coached at Heidkamp, another conference member, Chicago St. Patrick.

A Chicago Heights Marian victory over Edwardsville in the Normal Supersectional would have led to an all-ESCC 4A semifinal against Benet. Marian beat Benet 89-84 in regular-season play.

"It's been a great league forever," said Heidkamp, who also coached at just another ESCC school, LaGrange Park Nazareth. "In recent years, it's had no other ESCC outstanding teams."

The most heralded former ESCC program might be Westchester St. Joseph, the big-school state champion in 1999. St. Joseph joined the Chicago Catholic League a few years ago. St. Joseph coach **Gene Pin-gatore** is the state's all-time leader in victories, with more than 900. "Had St. Joe's stayed, the league would be even better," Heidkamp said. "Anytime you lose a program like St. Joe's, it's going to hurt your league. But I think the league still is pretty strong."

Going Downstate more than once

Chicago Morgan Park's schedule is laden with Windy City schools, as might be expected. But Morgan Park coach **Nick Irvin** is far from being a basketball ethnocentrist.

Irvin scheduled a game this season at Normal U-High. He said he called U-High coach **Bob Fitzgerald**, who agreed to a home-and-home series this season and next.

U-High beat Morgan Park 66-65. But as far as Irvin was concerned, the score was irrelevant.

"It helped us," he said. "In the city, with the officiating and everything, it's kind of different. I always wanted to come Downstate and let the kids see how to make the adjustments. Road games show what kind of team you are."

"The kids need to see other parts of the state, too. They just don't need to be in the city. There's good basketball around the state of Illinois."

Irvin learned that when he played for Chicago Carver in the 1990s. Carver's schedule usually included games at Pittsfield and Quincy.

Rockford on the rise

The last few years have been somewhat of a recent high point for Rockford basketball.

The Rockford Boylan teams coached by the legendary **Steve Goers** dominated Forest City hoops for decades and made their marks at the state level, too. His tenure from 1980 to 2011 included 881 victories, 28 regional titles, 17 sectional titles and eight Elite Eight berths.

Boylan still is formidable, but other Rockford schools have made recent statewide marks.

Rockford Auburn finished third in Class 4A two years ago and was a supersectional qualifier this season. Rockford East also is a recent supersectional visitor. And Rockford Lutheran followed a third-place 2A finish in 2012 with fourth place in 3A this season.

Giving Rockford hoops some national note is Auburn graduate **Fred VanVleet**, now a sophomore at Wichita State. He has helped lead the Shockers to a 35-0 record and a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

"We just have a good crop of kids coming through," Rockford Lutheran coach **Tom Guse** said. "Basketball is really popular right now. It's really hard to put a finger on it. You see the things Fred is doing and it motivates your kids to get in the gym."

Pros and cons of shootouts

Thanks in part to all-everything point guard **Jalen Brunson**, Lincolnshire Stevenson has entered elite status — at least as far as scheduling is concerned.

The Patriots defeated Chicago Heights Marian, Chicago Simeon and Lisle Benet this year in neutral-site shootouts. The Benet victory came Feb. 8 at the Batavia Night of Hoops, the same event at which Limestone defeated Class 1A champion Mooseheart.

Stevenson coach **Pat Ambrose** said the notoriety is nice, but shootouts have their disadvantages.

"You don't get a lot of home games. Your sophomore team doesn't get to play someone before (the varsity game)," he said. "But the ability to play a tough team in a not-too-friendly environment is good for you. For us to raise the bar, for us to push further, we have to schedule games like that."

It's also part of Ambrose's desire to establish a perennially powerful program. Stevenson has three state-finals appearances in seven years.

"We're trying to establish a deeper, more permanent understanding of the culture of success, the tradition of success," Ambrose said. "Building that foundation takes time and a lot of effort, and it's tough to maintain. We do the best we can."

Used to be a man-to-man man

Lincoln is famed for its 1-2-2 ball-press zone defense, but its coach wasn't always a devotee.

Man-to-man was **Neil Alexander's** primary defense during his early coaching career — influenced by **Terry Glasgow**, his coach at Monmouth College. Alexander spent the 1976-77 season at Joy Westmer, then moved to Monmouth Yorkwood for two more before he spent 10 seasons at Bushnell-Prairie City.

The turning point came in the 1988-89 season at B-PC. Introduction of the 3-point line and a team not suited to man-to-man style prompted Alexander to consider the ball press.

"We gave it a try, it seemed to work out and we've been with it ever since," he said.

That B-PC team, led by **Fred Serven** and **Rob Louthain**, finished 23-6, Alexander's best record there. The Spartans won the Havana Regional title and lost to Beardstown in the Bushnell Sectional semifinals.

By **NICK VLAHOS** of the Journal Star

CLASS 4A THIRD-PLACE GAME

Roller-coaster day ends with win

Eligibility drama precedes Stevenson's victory in Class 4A third-place game

BY KEVIN CAPIE
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — The pregame drama centered on the eligibility of Lincolnshire Stevenson's Jalen Brunson for the Patriots' 70-63 win over Edwardsville in the Class 4A third-place game on Saturday night.

Brunson, a junior, was suspended Saturday afternoon after a photograph showed Brunson appearing to make an obscene gesture in the final minute of Stevenson's semifinal loss to Chicago Whitney Young on Friday.

However, an appeal to the IHSA's board of directors was heard and they cleared Brunson to play minutes before the scheduled 6:30 p.m. tip.

Following the game, Brunson was discussed about what was discussed in the meeting but did say it was an emotional day.

"Up and down, but right now it's definitely up," Brunson said. "It was re-



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Lincolnshire Stevenson's Jalen Brunson drives for a basket Saturday.

freshing to be able to step on the court one last time with Matt Morrissey."

Morrissey, one of three seniors on Stevenson, said the rest of the team was behind Brunson.

"We're all brothers on this team and he's all of our best friend," Stevenson senior Matt Morrissey said. "This is tough for all of us right now, but we're happy for the

win."

Brunson led Stevenson with 18 points, but Connor Cashaw with 17 and Morrissey with 16 did the heavy lifting to get the Patriots (32-2) a 54-42 lead through three quarters.

Stevenson made 10 3-pointers as Edwardsville (30-4) gave up open looks in trying to contain Brunson, who scored 56 points Friday. Brunson scored nine in the fourth quarter, all from the free-throw line.

"We wanted to try and limit his opportunities. Darius (Crochrell) did a good job with that," Edwardsville coach Mike Waldo said. "We made guys shoot 3s. Give Stevenson credit, they made them. Question the game plan, not the players."

The IHSA released a statement regarding the decision to overturn the initial decision by Executive Director Marty Hickman to suspend Brunson.

"The Board respects Dr. Hickman's initial decision and believe it was the correct decision based on the resources he had at the time," said IHSA board president and Wauconda High School

principal Dan Klett.

"This was a unique situation in terms of how the gesture was brought to our attention via social media. As a Board, we wanted the opportunity to hear from the student-athlete and review additional materials. After doing so, the Board agreed that the gesture could have been inappropriate. However, without additional supporting evidence, we could not make the determination that the gesture was intended as an unsportsmanlike action and chose to overturn the ruling."

Waldo said that had Brunson not played, it likely would have forced changes to his defense. But he did play and Stevenson beat Edwardsville in Carver Arena for the second consecutive year. The Patriots won a semifinal meeting last year.

"I'm very proud of our players for their guts, determination and effort," Stevenson coach Patrick Ambrose said. "As I said yesterday, the sun will rise, and it did, and we will rise with it."

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CLASS 3A THIRD-PLACE GAME

Lutheran junior is crusader in own fight

Ryan Dolan plays at state after getting a cancer diagnosis last month

BY DAVE REYNOLDS
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — To most observers of the Class 3A third-place game Saturday at Carver Arena, Rockford Lutheran junior Ryan Dolan was a tall, skinny kid who played only on offense in the waning, desperate moments of his team's unsuccessful comeback against Chicago Orr.

To the Rockford Lutheran community, Ryan Dolan is a miracle.

Dolan began the season with great promise.

As a 6-foot-8, 185-pound forward, he was a starter and a 3-point sharpshooter. He earned all-tournament recognition in the team's four-game sweep of a tournament in Sycamore.

But on Dec. 2, the Monday after the tournament, Dolan's season — and his life — began to change dramatically.

He broke his right ankle in practice that day, underwent surgery and was told he wouldn't play for two months. Dolan came back on schedule, but in the second game of his return, he fractured his other ankle.

He wore a protective boot for the left ankle for the next three weeks before being jolted by a much more serious medical situation. A lump on Dolan's back was diagnosed as cancer.

Although he had two weeks left to wear the boot, Dolan took it off.

"He told me, 'I don't have to worry about this,'" Lutheran coach Tom Guse said. "I've got cancer. The heck with the ankle. Who cares if it's broken."

For eight long, grueling days while awaiting the scheduled biopsy test, the Belvidere native lived with the frightening prospect that, at the tender age of 17, he was facing a terrible fate.

"There was no set emotion," Dolan said. "It was all over the place, chaotic. My teammates kept me grounded. (Senior guard) Tom Kopelman was literally with me every day. He came up with me for the biopsy surgery. Words cannot describe his character."

Said Kopelman, the team's leading scorer: "Ryan's been my best friend for a year now."

"When I saw what he was going through, I felt it was my role to step in and be a brother to him."

"The most important thing was just being able to be there and talk with him about everything. It was a rough eight days."

During the biopsy, per-

Joseph Kellen, left, of Rockford Lutheran grabs a rebound over Darryl Curry of Chicago Orr during Saturday's Class 3A third-place game at Carver Arena in Peoria.

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Orr paddles to third place

Motivated by last season's finish, Chicago Orr tops Rockford Lutheran

BY JOHNNY CAMPOS
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PEORIA — On the second try, the Chicago Orr boys basketball team ended the season on a high note.

A year after losing 0-2 and finishing fourth in the Class 3A state tournament, the Spartans beat Rockford Lutheran, 55-45, to claim the third-place trophy on Saturday afternoon at Carver Arena.

Senior Louis Adams Jr. led the way for Orr (25-5), finishing with 23 points, seven boards, three assists and three steals.

"Tonight was really important to us," Orr coach Louis Adams said. "Tonight was like a championship night for us."

"We came here last year and didn't even place. We got fourth place. Today we wanted to make sure we got some recognition, and we played fairly well."

Lutheran (30-5) got off to a fast start, grabbing a 17-7 lead after the first period. It closed out the quarter with a 12-2 spurt, getting big treys from Kendall Lawson and Nate Wieting (12 points, 11 boards).

In the second quarter, the Orr defense took over, and the Spartans used a pair of nine-point runs to take a 27-20 lead at intermission.

Lutheran went 1-for-10 from the floor with six turnovers in the second quarter.

"We got off to a good start," Crusaders coach Tom Guse said. "Then, credit them, because they put a lot of pressure on us and we had a few too many turnovers."

"The further you go in this tournament, the defenses that you're facing are longer and faster, more athletic, and it's a bigger stage."

The Orr coach was not surprised when his team rallied to take the lead.

"These guys are capable of doing that," Adams said. "And we've been playing

pretty good basketball all year."

"But sometimes we can play the Lakers, and sometimes we can't play with a grade-school team. But today we didn't want to end on a low note. These guys are seniors, and we had to pick it up tonight. These guys picked it up tonight."

After the break, Orr got its lead up to a dozen at 32-20 with 6:04 left in the third, and again at 44-32 with 5:51 left in the game on a trey by Darryl Curry (11 points).

But Lutheran responded with an 11-point run to make it a one-point game. Wieting completed back-to-back three-point plays and Thomas Kopelman (11 points, eight rebounds) hit a trey to spark the rally.

"We have a bunch of guys with tremendous amount of character and heart that were not going to end their season without continuing to fight all the way to that final buzzer," Guse said. "That's why they were in Peoria to begin with, because of their ferocious intensity to win."

"That's why we got back in the game."

Adams Jr. then scored five straight points to give Orr a 49-43 edge with 1:54 left.

But he credited the Spartans' defense for the win.

"Defense got us this far, so we just had to keep playing D," Adams Jr. said. "It got us down here, but we really didn't play that well on defense yesterday (a 52-46 loss to Morgan Park)."

"We had a lot of fouls and a lot of charges. We knew we had to pick it up on defense and we'd be in the ball game."

Orr went 6-for-8 from the stripe the rest of the way for the win.

Lutheran came into the state tournament with 297 treys, but went just 6-for-26 against the Spartans. "Overall, we shot the ball great all season long," Guse said. "Tonight just wasn't our night."

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SPOTLIGHT CHICAGO PUBLIC LEAGUE

A new meaning to hot dance moves

Chicago maintains state hold

Morgan Park, Young state titles latest in run of success by Chicago Public League

BY LONNIE SCHWINDENHAMMER OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — Chicago Public League schools, for the second consecutive season, took back to the Windy City both championship trophies from the high school boys basketball large-classes state finals.

Morgan Park won its second consecutive state title in Class 3A with a 59-49 victory over Lincoln on Saturday afternoon at Carver Arena. Whitney Young beat Lisle Benet 46-44 for the 4A state title on Saturday night.

Orr finished third in 3A and took home a finals trophy for the second consecutive season.

"It's a great accomplishment, not only for the teams that are here but for our entire city, all our schools and all our children," said Thomas Trotter, executive director of athletics for Chicago Public Schools. "I remember back when only one of our teams got to go down-state."

It wasn't that long ago.

The CPL, the athletics branch of the CPS, joined the Illinois High School Association in 1926.

The first boys basketball state title for the Public League came 31 years later, in '58, when Marshall capped an unbeaten season with a 70-64 win over Rock Falls at Huff Gym in Champaign.

Marshall won again in '60, and Carver claimed the state championship in '63.

As part of the IHSA's split to two classes, in 1972, the CPL and IHSA reach a quasi-membership agreement for postseason competition. All CPL teams would be considered Class AA, and the winner of the CPL-organized City tournament would advance to the IHSA's Elite Eight, in most team sports.

Under that setup, Chicago teams won nine AA boys basketball state titles (King three, and Westinghouse, Simeon, Manley, Morgan Park, Phillips and Hirsch one each) in 31 years.

All that changed in 2002 when Arne Duncan, then CEO of the CPS and now the United States Secretary of Education, proposed to the IHSA that CPL schools be treated like every other member, with classification based on enrollment and postseason assignments beginning at the regional or sectional complex level.

Duncan reorganized and reduced enrollments at many Chicago schools. At the time he said one of his primary interests was putting the smaller-enrollment CPL schools into the Class A postseason for athletics.

"We want to create an equal opportunity for all out student athletes," Duncan said in 2002. "Getting more of our basketball teams to state is about 3 percent of my rationale."

The CPL tournament was changed to an in-season event.

Under the new arrangement, the CPL put two teams in the AA Elite Eight in 2004 (Simeon and Farragut), and brought home two trophies in '06 and '07 (in both seasons Simeon won the AA state title, Marshall finished third).

Everything changed again in 2008 when the IHSA introduced four classes. That year, the CPL didn't have a single team in the 4A (largest class) Final Four: Marshall (3A) and North Lawn-dale (2A), however, both won state titles.

The CPL has collected at least once trophy each year since then.

Young's 4A state championship in '09 was followed by Simeon's title four-peat (2010-13).

Young's title on Saturday night gave the CPL six consecutive state championships in 4A, and with Morgan Park's second straight 3A title and Orr's third-place finish in 3A, six finals trophies over the last two seasons.

Morgan Park earlier this season lost to Whitney Young in a CPL tournament semifinal.

"The City teams, we tend to beat each other up," said Morgan Park coach Nick Irvin, who played at Carver during the two-class era. "Under the old system, our loss in the (CPL) tournament would have ended our season. Now, we're state champions again."

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according to the IHSA website. The website goes on to say, Add A. Tude "stands for self-control, positive support and respect for authority and peers."

Saturday morning, I arrived at Carver Arena looking forward to my first time as a mascot. I found

Matt, and at 12:30 p.m., shortly after the third-place game tipped off, he took me down to the Add A. Tude dressing room. There, I changed into shorts and began to put on the suit. The orange pants are made of

a satin-like material and were probably two sizes too big for me.

The 'A' torso and sunglasses-adorned face of the suit come attached with sleeves. It feels heavier than wearing a winter coat. Add A. Tude's big blue hat covered my head. A see-through mesh part is located in the middle of the hat.

Poor placement of the head resulted in me not being able to see very well. So poorly, in fact, I nearly ran into the wall as I headed to the elevator. I quickly adjusted and was able to see — not well — but better than before.

Journal Star sports editor Kirk Wessler guided me through the March Madness Experience in the Civic Center Exhibit Hall. Kids of all ages cautiously approached me, giving high-fives or fist bumps. I posed for pictures with others.



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IHSA assistant executive director Matt Troha, right, helps Journal Star sports reporter Adam Duvall into the foam head of the organization's Add A. Tude mascot costume Saturday during the Class 3A state finals at Carver Arena in Peoria.

One little girl, however, wasn't a fan of me. She stopped dead in her tracks, took one look and started crying. Hard. So hard, in fact, that Kirk led me away almost immediately.

I even took to the court to try and make a basket. After a half-dozen attempts — and moving into the paint — I made a bucket. I celebrated with an array of well-executed dance moves (maybe not) and moved on to try and further entertain the crowd.

My favorite part of being

in the costume was the dancing. I was able to get down — usually reserved for wedding receptions and in my car — to the music playing throughout the Experience without anyone recognizing me.

Mostly, though, I thoroughly enjoyed seeing people's genuine reactions, especially the kids. The smiles, giggles and shyness wore off when I stuck out my hand to wave or slap a high-five.

The heat of being inside, not to mention the pants

being too big — I had to make a pit stop in the bathroom to pull them up — made the 20 minutes as Add A. Tude seem like a steamy day in summer. I was ready for a cold glass of water and some AC.

I have many, many memories from the state finals, but this is one of the more unique. And definitely the hottest.

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THREE-POINT SHOWDOWN KING OF THE HILL

Leadoff applies pressure

PEORIA — Will Schaufelberger set the standard pretty high in Saturday's King of the Hill Country Financial Three-Point Showdown.

The junior from Greenville hit 13 3-pointers in the event's first competitor and then sat and watched. His patience paid off. Schaufelberger topped co-runners-up Brandon Danowski of Wilmette Loyola and Jonathan Bartha from Flanagan-Cornell. The pair of sophomores made nine each. Park Forest Rich East's Quinton Moore took fourth, with eight 3-pointers.

Schaufelberger, the Class 2A champion, hit all five on the first rack and four on the second one. He then ended his turn by hitting four of his final five.

"I felt really good," he said. "Winning last week gave me more time to practice."

This put a lot of pressure on the next three participants. Moore hit just a combined 3 of 10 on the first two five-ball racks. The senior 3A winner finished his turn by running the final rack.

"Hitting a number like 13 puts a lot of pressure on you for the first rack, so by the middle rack you know where you stand," Moore said.

Barth, the 1A champion, hit 7 of 10 on the final two racks after making only two on the opening rack. Schaufelberger's 13 made 3s were once again in the back of his mind.

"Knowing you have to hit 13 is pretty nerve wracking because that's a big number," Barth said. "On the first rack, if you miss two, you know it's going to be close and can't come back."

Danowski, the 4A champ, hit three on each rack to finish with nine.

— Adam Duvall of the Journal Star

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Who busted your bracket?

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March Madness

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BITS OF MADNESS

Best stuff on Earth takes back seat on the final day

Bits of Madness? How about Barges Full of Madness?

The final day of the 2014 state basketball championships were crazy, and not all in the most delightful ways that the Joy of Hoops usually shower on us.

Looming over the basketball was the case of Lincolnshire Stevenson guard **Jalen Brunson**, who faced possible suspension after a photo of him appeared on pjstar.com Friday night and went viral. The photo depicted Brunson raising a middle finger or two in the direction of the Whitney Young crowd during the Class 4A semifinals.

We commented on it here, based on the photo. But photos are sometimes deceiving. Our sports editor and columnist **Kirk Wessler** notes in his column on Page D1 that whatever Brunson was doing, he wasn't flipping off the Whitney Young fans.

But the IHSA still had to deal with the situation, and on Saturday afternoon, executive director **Marty Hickman** suspended Brunson from the third-place game. The association's Board of Directors then conducted an appeal hearing, and they reversed the suspension shortly before the Saturday night game.

The Board issued a statement about the reinstatement that concluded: "It is the Board's wish to keep the focus on the student-athletes, coaches and communities who have worked so hard to reach the state final tournament. For that reason, there will be no further comment on the issue tonight."

We'll second that notion here. Back to our regularly scheduled Biting.

Triple double, that's trouble

One of the rare statistical feats in basketball is the triple-double. Usually, that's double-digits in points, rebounds and assists — or in a rare case, steals, rather than the rebounds or assists. These are celebrated moments, the type that every player would love to put on his resume.



JALEN BRUNSON

And then Saturday, there was Rockford Lutheran's 6-foot-5 junior forward **Nate Wieting**. He surveyed his stats line in the box, after his team lost to Chicago Orr in the 3A third-place game.

"If they counted turnovers," Wieting joked while waiting for his coach in the postgame press conference, "I would have had a triple-double."

Wieting scored 12 points to go with 11 rebounds and 10 turnovers. Solid night on the first number, really solid on the second, oh-my-god-what-was-that on the third.

And a great sense of humor about the whole thing. Bits applauds.

RIP, Stan Kennedy: A member of 'The Greatest Generation'

Several years ago, while trolling the tournament for good Bits, we met a gentleman named **Stan Kennedy**.

He was a delightful fellow, and passionate about high school basketball. He hailed from Marshall County village of Toluca, home of the erstwhile Toluca Wildcats. Toluca is now part of the consolidation called Fieldcrest, but even while the village lost part of its identity with the closing of its school, the natives never lost their love of hoops. Kennedy was one of those folks who made a yearly pilgrimage to the state tournament, for decades in Champaign and later in Peoria. Didn't matter who played, he just enjoyed watching the kids ball.

While enjoying our discussion, it came up that Kennedy had served in the Army during World War II. He didn't particularly want to discuss it, but he fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Well, we had to write about that, to honor one of what **Tom Brokaw** rightfully called "The Greatest Generation." We all owe a debt of gratitude to those who served — and continue to serve — our country in the armed services.

Well, it came to our attention that Stan died earlier this month. He was 94. We got the news from **Phil Haugens**, a Peoria official who volunteers as a team host on state tournament weekends. We thought it appropriate to share some of what Phil said about Stan, who was an old high school classmate — and Army colleague — of Phil's dad.

In fact, Phil said, while preparing for the Battle of the Bulge, his dad heard Stan's name called out in

the ranks. He turned around, and there was his old high school buddy; no idea they had been placed in the same group heading into the same battle.

More from Phil: "Stan took me to my first state tournament when I was in seventh grade and the games were being played at Huff Gym in Champaign. ... Stan went on to attend IHSA state tournaments ... for around 50-plus years. He even went with me on several occasions to lunch with the team I was hosting between sessions."

"Stan loved Toluca High School and IHSA basketball. Stan was a loving husband, loving father, who gave himself while on earth and will be deeply missed by all who knew him."

We're privileged to have had the chance to meet Stan, enjoying one of his passions. After what he and the others in his generation did, they deserved to enjoy every moment of the rest of their lives.

Here's hoping there's some great high school basketball in heaven for you, Stan.

Get well, Hank; we miss you

Part of the reason the behind-the-scenes media operation at the state finals runs so smoothly is because of **Hank Sundeen**. The Quad Cities-area resident is in charge of distributing programs and box scores and marshaling postgame news conferences.

At least, he is when he's hale and hearty. Unfortunately, that hasn't been the case recently with the former newspaper reporter.

Hank apparently tweaked his back and had to miss the big-school blast. His press-room compadre, **Erich Murphy** of Pontiac, did yeoman-like work in Sundeen's place. But Murphy will be the first to admit it's not the same.

Hope you're feeling better and back on the court soon, Hank. We'll hoist a Jameson in your honor — maybe two.

BITS OF MADNESS wraps up its 18th March and bids you sweet hoop dreams till next year. Bits was brought to you by the usual Bits suspects: **Dave Allen, Kevin Capie, Adam Duvall, Josh Herman, Dave Reynolds, Lonnie Schwindenhammer, Nick Vlahos, Josh Wessler** and **Kirk Wessler**; photographers **Ron Johnson, Kristen Zeis** and **Fred Zwicky**; plus the brick-and-mortar crew at 1 News Plaza: **Joe Bates, Scott Blicharz, Adam Gerik, John Komosa, Andy Latora, Brian Ludwig, Stan Morris** and **Rachael Smith**.

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seconds left. He quickly shot the ball, trying to sell a shooting foul, but the ref wasn't buying. The 3-point-er ruled no good and Brunson spun away to his left, flinging his arms upward. He quickly pumped them back down and bumped them across his chest as he faced the Young crowd.

In real time, nobody noticed Brunson's fingers. But at least three cameras caught them. As Brunson began to drop his arms, his left middle finger remained pointed at the rafters. Available photos were inconclusive as to whether the upraised finger on his left hand was the index or middle. But there it was, frozen for eternity, along with a defiant look on his face.

Accident? Intentional? The single frame is damning. It's going viral on Twitter and the Internet.

Comcast Sports video, played at normal speed, is inconclusive about the gesture, although reporters at court-side speculated as to why Brunson's emotional reaction with his arms didn't merit a technical foul. In super slow motion,

the video looks bad, too.

But neither still photos nor video can get inside a young man's head.

"He's never had a 'T' in his life. In his life!" Rick Brunson said. "I'm not saying he's a great kid who does nothing wrong, but you can't tell me that a guy who's making a 56-point run and who's never been called for a 'T' would risk a technical foul in that situation. It makes no sense."

Rick Brunson played college basketball at Temple for John Chaney, a no-nonsense disciplinarian. He also played nine years in the NBA. He admits to fiery on-court reactions himself, but says he has been adamant with Jalen that it is unacceptable to behave in the way that the photo might suggest.

"I've raised him to be bigger than that," Rick said, and he shared numerous incidents of Jalen walking away from physical and verbal abuse on the court. He also shared an moment when Jalen had a momentary lapse in judgment and snapped at a rival coach, then apologized immediately after the game.

So, is it possible that this apparent gesture was a split-second loss of composure?

"I would go against ev-

everything I believe and have said to say, 'Yes,' " Rick said. "I definitely understand what you're saying. But, no. I just know it's out of character for him to do that."

Reporters who regularly cover Jalen vouch for his character. And the young man was awarded the 2014 Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year, an award that takes into account not just ability but character and academics.

As the photo blew up late Friday night on Twitter, Jalen posted an apology to the Whitney Young fans, calling the gestures "Completely an accident just frustration." On the advice of his father, he deleted it. "It makes you look like you're guilty," Rick said he told his son. "He was apologizing for the image, not the action, because he didn't do anything."

Facing a standing-room-only crowd of reporters in the interview room after the third-place game, Jalen declined to address the situation. He was measured, polite and direct. There was no hint of defiance in his voice or body language. He was poised and gracious — uncommonly so for a high school junior facing such scrutiny.

In the end, this was

about a split-second. The Comcast video was shot at a speed of 29 frames per second. Brunson's fingers were up by themselves for five frames, or .17 seconds. Barely a blink.

Even if one or two fingers were extended in a vulgar expression of disgust, Brunson clearly wasn't trying to show up his opponents or the officials. The thousands of people in Carver Arena could no more catch what he did with the naked eye than they could hear all the players and coaches whose muttered profanities were drowned out by the din of the crowd.

I'm not excusing what might have happened. There is no place for bad sportsmanship in competition. The IHSA has a vested interest in promoting good sportsmanship and dealing appropriately with bad.

But the IHSA also has a responsibility to be reasonable and fair-minded in its judgments, and the decision to lift the suspension and allow Brunson to play in the third-place game was the right thing to do.

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alive, as did a putback by O'Mara that made it 44-42 with 21.2 seconds left.

But with 19.5 seconds to play, White put an end to both Young's free throw woes and Benet's chances by draining two for the game's decisive points.

"(Character) is what this team is defined by, it's what we're made of," Young coach Tyrone Slaughter said.

"We've been through every situation, this is no different and our guys stayed with it tonight."



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Chicago Whitney Young celebrates after defeating Lisle Benet, 46-44, to claim the Class 4A state championship Saturday night.

Class 4A leaders

Scoring

Jalen Brunson, Stevenson 74
Jahlil Okafor, Young 41
Trevor Clay, Edwardsville ... 30
Shawn Roundtree, Edw. 29
Miles Reynolds, Young 29
Armon Fletcher, Edw. 23
Matt Morrissey, Stevenson 20
Paul White, Young 23
Colin Bonnett, Benet 22

Rebounds

Jahlil Okafor, Young 20
Armon Fletcher, Edw. 14
Jalen Brunson, Stevenson . 14
Connor Cashaw, Stevenson 13
Matt Morrissey, Stevenson. 10
Liam Nelligan, Benet 17
Sean O'Mara, Benet 17
Paul White, Young 13
Colin Bonnett, Benet 11
Trevor Clay, Edwardsville 11

said, "and it's even bigger to come."

Very possibly. But in this game, at least, bigger wasn't always better.

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things to take away their two main guys, and you've got to give something up to take something away," Benet coach Gene Heidkamp said.

The takeaway from this? Young wasn't a one-man team. Or even two. The unranked Redwings found that out, despite a valiant effort against the No. 2

Dolphins.

"A team is made up of many parts," winning coach Tyrone Slaughter said. "It's not just one singular part.

They can try to frame it as one vs. another one, but it really isn't. It's Benet vs. Whitney Young.

"It's always good when you have multiple parts that you can go to, and tonight we went to another one — Miles Reynolds — and he came up huge."

Even if Reynolds' college destination didn't.

Earlier Saturday, Saint Louis lost an NCAA tournament game to Louisville, 66-51. Reynolds said he watched the whole thing on television, and it was tough to take.

"Next year, hopefully we can change that," he said.

Count Slaughter among those in Reynolds' corner.

"I think Saint Louis has gotten themselves an outstanding player," he

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times.

He was especially strong Friday night in the semifinal against Lincolnshire Stevenson after Okafor got his fourth foul on a technical foul with 5:55 left and the Dolphins leading by only four points.

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tion and (the board) chose to overturn the (initial) ruling."

Lincoln and Benet each had hopes dashed for a first state championship.

Lincoln, in its first title-game appearance, was un-

White had eight of his 15 points in the fourth quarter and followed the Okafor 'T' with a three-point play and a back-door assist to Erwin Henry, which gave Young a nine-point lead.

"I knew my team needed me at that time," White said. "It was a very critical part of the game. I knew I had to step up."

Said Slaughter: "He's a

big-time player. You don't go to Georgetown without being a big-time player. He makes big plays. He's always there at important times."

White got a critical pep talk in the semifinal from none other than himself.

"I do that all the time. It's something I've always done to help myself stay focused," White said. "I

A team like that you cannot give an advantage."

Lisle Benet, unranked in the 4A final state poll and led by Xavier recruit Sean O'Mara, rallied from 10 points down with 1:15 to play against Young before the two-point loss.

The second-place finishes for Benet and Lincoln are the best in school history.

talked to myself the whole (semifinal) game. At that time, I told myself this is the time I have to step up."

He means step up to win, not step up to the spotlight.

"Nobody cares about the spotlight," Slaughter said. "It's all about winning for all of them. When winning is your No. 1 objective, nobody cares who gets the attention."

The state title for Young was its second in six seasons.

Morgan Park won in 3A for the second consecutive season and claimed its third title overall. Morgan Park also won the Class AA state championship in 1976.

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CLASS 3A/4A STATE FINALS BRACKETS

All games played at Carver Arena



CLASS 3A

ROCKFORD
LUTHERAN 42

LINCOLN 45

CHICAGO
MORGAN PK 52

CHICAGO
ORR 46

LINCOLN 49

CHICAGO
MORGAN PK 59

ROCKFORD
LUTHERAN 45

CHICAGO
ORR 55

CHICAGO
MORGAN PARK
CLASS 3A CHAMP

CHICAGO
ORR
CLASS 3A THIRD

CLASS 4A

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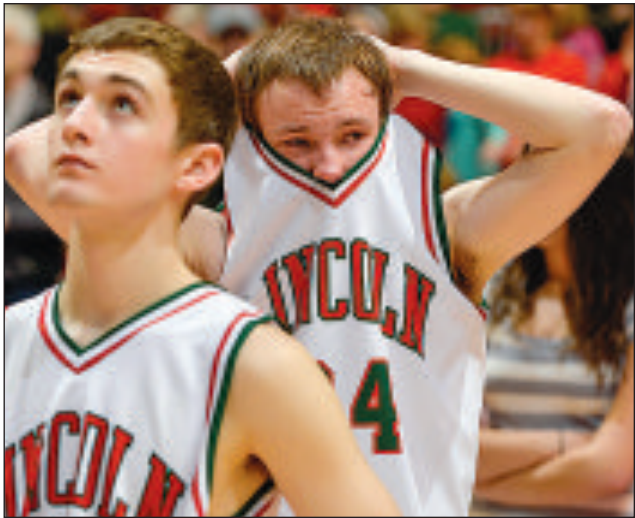
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Bobby Dunovsky, right, of Lincoln reacts after Saturday's Class 3A state championship loss to Chicago Morgan Park.

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things like that. Every time I watch somebody and scout them, I ask my brother, 'Hey, why don't we run the same stuff they run?' I said that if we get up, I'm going to try it."

From there, Lincoln had five consecutive possessions that ended without a shot attempt.

"For about 23 minutes, we controlled the basketball game," Lincoln coach Neil Alexander said. "Morgan Park's a great team that turned up the pressure. We allowed them to score a few baskets right there at the end of third quarter and let them get the momentum."

Cunningham finished with a team-high 13 points, and Walker and sophomore Charlie Moore each scored 12 for Morgan Park. The Mustangs finished the game shooting 51.4 percent

3A state leaders

Scoring

Gavin Block, Lincoln 35
Louis Adams, Orr 35
Thomas Kopelman, RL 28
Josh Cunningham, MP 28
Charlie Moore, MP 24
Nate Wieting, RL 22
Marlon Jones, Orr 21

Rebounds

Nate Wieting, RL 23
Josh Cunningham, MP 16
Sire Carroll, Orr 13
Markus Johnson, MP 12
Issaih Hayes, Orr 12
Lamont Walker, MP 10

(18-for-35) from the field.

Lincoln junior Gavin Block was 3-for-4 from 3-point range and 6-for-8 overall to lead all scorers with 19.

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BOX SCORES SATURDAY'S GAMES

Class 3A third place game
Orr 55, Rockford Lutheran 45

CHICAGO ORR	mp	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	Reb o-tot	pf	a	to	st	tp
Carroll	22	1-6	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	0	2
Jones	12	2-3	0-0	2-4	1-5	4	0	5	0	6
Dortch	32	3-5	1-1	1-1	0-2	2	2	4	8	
Hayes	30	1-4	1-3	2-5	0-9	4	6	3	1	5
Adams	25	10-19	1-4	2-3	1-7	2	3	1	3	23
Curry	19	3-13	1-1	4-4	0-3	1	0	1	0	11
Ousley	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0
Jackson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Bynum	8	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Newman	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	7	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1	0	0	0	0
King	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0
Detson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					0-2					
TOTALS	160	20-44	4-13	11-19	4-32	17	11	14	9	55

ROCKFORD LUTHERAN	mp	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	Reb o-tot	pf	a	to	st	tp
Wieting	31	4-8	1-1	3-4	6-11	5	2	10	0	12
Robinson	23	1-5	0-1	1-2	1-4	4	0	2	0	7
Lawson	32	2-5	1-3	2-2	1-5	0	5	3	0	3
Kopelman	32	4-14	3-12	0-2	0-8	1	1	4	0	11
Kellen	30	4-10	1-6	3-6	0-2	3	1	4	0	12
Anderson	9	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	0
Koehler	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
McGirk	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Dolan	3	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Rhein	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Buchanan	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Milani	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					1-2					
TOTALS	160	15-46	6-26	9-16	9-32	16	8	19	5	45

Chicago Orr (25-5) 7 20 11 17 — 55
Rockford Lutheran (30-5) 17 3 11 14 — 45

Blocks — Chicago Orr 3 (Carroll, Adams 2); Rockford Lutheran 1 (Wieting). Officials — Bill DePue, John Messaglia, Rich Parsons. Attendance — N/A.

Class 3A title game
Morgan Park 59, Lincoln 49

CHICAGO MORGAN PARK	mp	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	Reb o-tot	pf	a	to	st	tp
Whately	1	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	1	4
Moore	30	3-8	3-7	3-6	0-2	2	1	4	0	12
Randall	18	2-4	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	3	2	8
Burton	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	1	2	1	0
Johnson	18	0-2	0-1	5-6	0-4	3	4	3	1	5
Harris	14	2-3	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1	1
Hardy	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
Cummingham	17	4-6	0-0	5-6	4-8	3	1	1	1	13
Chatman	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	1	0	1	0	0
Walker	31	5-10	1-4	1-5	1-6	4	2	2	5	12
Taylor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Alsup	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					1-4					
TOTALS	160	18-35	7-16	16-25	10-21	18	11	16	12	59

LINCOLN	mp	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	Reb o-tot	pf	a	to	st	tp
Cook	29	2-6	1-5	0-2	1-2	5	4	4	0	5
Olden	31	2-7	2-5	0-0	2-4	4	4	0	0	6
Horchem	18	3-9	2-7	0-0	3-4	1	1	0	0	8
Perry	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Cook	1	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	0	3
Ebelherr	15	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	1	2	0	0
Block	31	6-8	3-4	4-8	1-1	5	3	6	4	19
Dunovsky	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Krusz	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Bowlby	22	4-6	0-2	0-0	1-3	4	1	2	2	8
Conrady	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-5	0	1	0	0	0
TEAM					0-1					
TOTALS	160	18-42	9-26	14-24	10-21	22	14	24	6	49

Chicago Morgan Park (24-6) 10 11 14 24 — 59
Lincoln (34-3) 19 11 9 10 — 49

Blocks — Morgan Park 0; Lincoln 1 (Cook). Officials — Tracey Carothers, Bob Horvath, Mike Luzzi. Attendance — N/A.

Class 4A third place game
Stevenson 70, Edwardsville 63

EDWARDSVILLE					Reb					
mp	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	o-tot	pf	a	to	st	tp	
Crochrell	31	3-5	1-2	0-0	0-3	4	0	4	0	7
Fletcher	27	7-13	0-3	1-1	3-6	4	2	3	2	15
Clay	32	1-5	2-8	1-1	1-8	2	2	3	2	21
Brown	31	1-2	0-0	2-2	1-6	4	0	0	0	0
Roundtree	32	5-13	0-5	6-7	1-2	2	4	5	2	16
Smith	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Davis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Harris	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Spiller	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	0	0	0
Epensesa	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0
Kaltmayer	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					1-1					
TOTALS	160	25-48	3-18	10-11	8-27	20	8	14	6	63
LINCOLNSHIRE STEVENSON					Reb					
mp	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	o-tot	pf	a	to	st	tp	
Nichols	26	2-3	2-3	0-0	2-4	1	1	1	0	6
Cashaw	27	5-13	1-4	6-8	5-6	1	3	1	2	17
Johnson	30	3-10	2-6	2-2	0-5	4	1	1	5	10
Brunson	32	4-11	1-1	9-12	3-7	3	3	4	2	18
Morrisey	32	4-10	4-7	4-5	3-4	2	2	1	1	16
Green	4	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0	2
Panitch	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosenbaum	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Smith	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0
Hwang	0+	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Newman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Dillon	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEAN	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
TEAM					3-5					
TOTALS	160	19-51	10-21	22-29	17-32	13	11	10	10	70
Edwardsville (30-4)					18	15	9	21	—	63

MOTORSPORTS NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Back at track where season stalled at wall

Hamlin and Logano return to Fontana after fateful wreck

FONTANA, CALIF. (AP) — The last time Denny Hamlin drove on California's venerable 2-mile oval, he had to be airlifted from the track. The wreck was on his mind the first time he drove into that fateful third turn again this weekend. "The next time I came around, it was an afterthought," Hamlin said. "And I haven't thought about it since." That last-lap crash with bitter rival Joey Logano cost both men a chance to win at Fontana last March, and Kyle Busch slipped



between them for NASCAR's most spectacular finish of last season. "It was a bad weekend for us, for sure, and obviously affected the rest of our season and beyond," said Hamlin, who broke a vertebra when he smashed into a wall. Hamlin and Logano are among several cars to watch as NASCAR's new season gets into gear Sunday in the Auto Club 400. "My engineer always asks me to send three tracks where I would most like to win, and maybe they will spend a little bit more extra effort on that particular race track," said Hamlin, who starts 13th. "For me, California is No. 1 because we

never made it to the finish last year. We had a great shot to win it, but we never made it. It would feel like we do have to get some redemption, and it would make a great story." Although the former teammates' grudge has clearly cooled, everybody can't help watching to see if Hamlin and Logano get next to each other on the track. Thanks to the points standings, Hamlin (seventh) and Logano (sixth) are even next to each other in the Fontana garage. "For us, it really doesn't matter too much," Hamlin said. "I spoke the same amount of words to Joey as I did to my teammate Matt (Kenseth), and he's on the other side of me."

The Fontana asphalt hasn't been altered much in 17 years, and that benign neglect has turned this 2-mile oval into one of the NASCAR circuit's favorite tracks for racers. "You could poll, and probably 42 out of 43 drivers would say, 'Please do not change an old, broken-up racetrack,'" Hamlin said. Fontana added 1,000 feet of SAFER barriers after last year's wreck, but the drivers don't want changes to the pavement. It's wide enough for aggressive passing and unpredictable enough for crazy finishes, and the worn-out grooves reward the best drivers. "It puts it more in the drivers' hands, and I think that's good," Carl Edwards said.

COLLEGE WRESTLING DIVISION I NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Penn St. earns fourth mat title

Nittany Lions edge Gophers for 4-peat; Illinois' Delgado repeats as 125 champ

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Everything went right for Penn State on Saturday night. Ed Ruth and David Taylor, two of the school's best all-time wrestlers, went out as individual champions, and the Nittany Lions won their fourth consecutive NCAA team title. Penn State held off Minnesota 109.5-104. "We are grateful for the opportunity," Penn State coach Cael Anderson said. "Our kids did a fantastic job today. We knew we had our hands full with Minnesota. They were killing it."

Oklahoma State placed third with 96.5 points, Iowa was fourth with 78.5 and Edinboro (Pa.) fifth with 62. Ruth won his third national title, beating No. 1 seed Jimmy Sheptock of Maryland 7-2 in the 184-pound final. Sheptock, the No. 1 seed, entered with a 32-0 record. Taylor, a four-time finalist, closed the night by defeating Oklahoma State's Tyler Caldwell 6-0 in the 165 final to finish with his second national title and a 34-0 record. Illinois junior 125-pounder Jesse Delgado defended his 2013 title with a 3-2 victory over Nahshon Garrett of Cornell. Delgado (34-2) was able to finish one of the scrambles he initiated for the ke points. Minnesota entered the evening session with a 104-101.5 lead over Penn State and both schools having two finalists. Penn State's both won and Minnesota's lost. Minnesota's Tony Nelson, the top seed at 125 and a two-time reigning champ, faced North Carolina State's Nick Gwiazdowski in the final. Gwiazdowski notched two takedowns in the third period, one in the final minute, for a 4-2 victory. "We're a basketball school," Gwiazdowski said. "But now, we've got a national champ in the lining."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

DePaul, OU combine for 204

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
DURHAM, N.C. — Megan Rogowski scored 24 points and hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 40.5 seconds left to help DePaul beat Oklahoma 104-100 on Saturday in the first round of the Lincoln Regional. Chanise Jenkins added 21 points and Brittany Hrynko had 19 for the seventh-seeded Blue Demons (28-6). They blew a 19-point lead with under 16 minutes left, then rallied for a wild win. They will play second-seeded Duke (28-6) on Monday. Aaryn Ellenberg had 36 points and seven 3s for the 10th-seeded Sooners (18-15), who set a tournament record for most points by a losing team in a regulation game. The 204 combined points also made it the highest scoring regulation game in the history of the NCAA women's tournament.

Duke 87, Winthrop 45
DURHAM, N.C. — Tricia Liston scored 20 points and Duke routed Winthrop. Freshman Oderah Chidom added 17 points for the second-seeded Blue Devils (28-6). Big South player of the year Dequasha McClanahan had 22 points to lead Winthrop in its brief first NCAA tournament appearance.

Nebraska 75, Fresno State 55
LOS ANGELES — Jordan Hooper had 23 points and 11 rebounds for fourth-seeded Nebraska. Emily Cady added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Cornhuskers (26-6), the Big Ten tournament champions who have won 13 of 14 games.

Notre Dame 93, Robert Morris 42
TOLEDO, OHIO — Michaela Mabrey scored 11 of her 16 points in the first half, and top-seeded Notre Dame breezed to a victory in its NCAA tournament opener. Jewell Loyd and Natalie Achonwa added 15 points each for the 33-0 Fighting Irish, who are trying for their fourth straight Final Four appearance.

Arizona State 69, Vanderbilt 61
TOLEDO, OHIO — Katie Hempen scored 16 points, and ninth-seeded Arizona State handed No. 8 Vanderbilt a rare first-round loss in the NCAA tournament.

The Sun Devils (23-9) shot 62 percent to win this matchup between two teams who



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Cornell's Nahshon Garrett, left, and defending champ Jesse Delgado of Illinois get tangled up in a funk situation during the 125-pound finals at the NCAA Division I wrestling championships Saturday in Oklahoma City. Delgado won his second straight NCAA title.

Oklahoma State's Alex Dieringer beat Minnesota's Dylan Ness in the 157 final, clinching the title for the Nittany Lions before Taylor's match. Oklahoma State's Chris Perry opened the evening session with a 4-0 win over Oklahoma's Andrew Howe in the 174-pound weight class to defend his title. At 197, Missouri's J'Den Cox, a true freshman, beat No. 1 seed Nick Heflin of Ohio State 2-1. Ohio State's Logan Stieber won his third national title by defeating Virginia Tech's Devin Carter 10-1 in the 141 final. At 149, Northwestern's Jake Tisitsis defeated Oklahoma State's Joshua Kindig 3-1. Iowa's Tony Ramos defeated Wisconsin's Tyler Graff 3-1 in OT. After winning, he sprinted into the stands to celebrate with the fans. Ramos' brother had black baseball caps with "NCAA Champ" stitched in yellow onto the front ready for family, friends and coaches.

struggled coming into this tournament.

Kentucky 106, Wright State 60
LEXINGTON, KY. — Jennifer O'Neill scored 21 points, Samarie Walker added 12 with 14 rebounds and third-seeded Kentucky (25-8) crushed No. 14 Wright State. Ivory James had 16 points to lead Wright State (26-9).

Oklahoma St. 61, Florida Gulf Coast 60 (OT)
WEST LAFAYETTE, IND. — Tiffany Bias' driving layup with 41 seconds remaining in overtime lifted the Cowgirls (24-8)

Tennessee 70, Northwestern State 46
KNOXVILLE, TENN. (AP) — Isabelle Harrison scored 12 points and sparked a game-changing 12-0 run as No. 1 seed Tennessee (28-5) withstood an ailing head coach and a lethargic first-half performance.

Baylor 87, Western Kentucky 74
WACO, TEXAS — Nina Davis had 32 points and 10 rebounds and Odyssey Sims scored 31 points as the hosts rolled. The Lady Bears (30-4) advanced to play California.

St. John's 71, Southern California 68
KNOXVILLE, TENN. — Briana Brown sank a 3-pointer with four-tenths of a second left to give No. 8 seed St. John's a first-round win. USC guard Brianna Barrett's desperation shot at the buzzer bounced off the backboard and front rim.

ELSEWHERE: Syracuse guard Brittney Sykes had 13 points and 12 rebounds before injuring her right knee midway through the second half as the sixth-seeded Orange scored its first NCAA tournament win 59-53 over Chattanooga. Syracuse (23-9) hit 24 of 31 free throws to seal the victory that also snapped Chattanooga's 25-game winning streak. ... Whitney Bays scored 20 points and Courtney Moses added 12 as Purdue (22-8) routed Akron 84-55. Moses tied the school's career record for 3s. She made two, giving her 238. The win also gave coach Sharon Versyp her 300th career win. ... Natasha Howard had her school-record 15th double-double of the season with 10 points and 13 rebounds, and 10th-seeded Florida State (21-11) defeated cold-shooting Iowa State 55-44. ... Brittany Boyd scored 22 points, including the game-winning jumper with 14 seconds left, and California (22-9) survived 64-63 against feisty Fordham. ... Chiney Ogwumike scored 23 points to become the Pac-12's career scoring leader, and Stanford used a couple big runs to pull away from 15th-seeded South Dakota and win 81-62. ... Lexi Eaton scored 25 points, Jennifer Hamson finished one block shy of a triple-double and 12th-seeded BYU upset No. 5 North Carolina State 72-57.

COLLEGES BASEBALL

BU baseball, softball combine to go 3-0

BY JOURNAL STAR STAFF

TERRE HAUTE, IND. — Led by sophomore pitcher Cameron Roegner, Bradley's baseball team beat Illinois State 3-1 Saturday in the finale of a three-game Missouri Valley Conference series.

The Braves (14-5, 1-2) ended a losing streak to ISU (15-6, 2-1) that had reached seven after the Redbirds swept two games Friday. Roegner (4-0) struck out six in his 6⅓ innings of shutout work. Freshman Matt Dennis worked the final 2⅓ innings and picked up his third save.

BU jumped to a quick lead in the first on Max Murphy's single to score Isaac Smith, who became the 10th batter of the series hit by a pitch. Murphy later scored on a dropped pop up to make it 2-0. Murphy (3-for-4) and Greg Partyka (3-for-3) combined six of Bradley's eight hits. East Peoria's Joe Kelch (2-for-4) was the only ISU player with multiple hits.

ISU's Jeremy Rhoades struck out a career-high 11 in eight innings. **Bradley softball**

EVANSVILLE, IND. — Madeline Lynch-Crumrine went 4-for-4 with six RBIs and pitched a two-hitter to lead Bradley to a 10-1 victory over Evansville. The Braves completed a sweep with a



BRADLEY

ICC baseball

EAST PEORIA — Three Illinois Central College pitchers combined to allow one earned run as the Cougars swept a doubleheader from Joel Tech, 9-0 and 8-2.

Joel Tech tossed a two-hitter and struck out seven in six innings. Steven Mitts went a hitless seventh. Meyer went 3-for-3 with three RBIs for ICC (7-8).

ELSEWHERE: The Bradley women's track and field team got titles from Kristen Busch in the 1500 meters and Emily Cougar in the 3000 in the six-team Delvo Classic at Edwardsville. ... The Bradley women's golf team slipped three spots to 11th after the second round of the three-round Plantation Inn Intercollegiate at Crystal River, Fla. BU's Danielle Lemek is tied for 20th in the 14-team event.

JUNIOR HOCKEY PEORIA MUSTANGS

Junior Blues nip Mustangs to force deciding game

BY JOURNAL STAR STAFF

ST. LOUIS — The NA3HL Central Division Championship Series will come down to a third and deciding game.

The St. Louis Junior Blues edged the Peoria Mustangs 4-3 on Saturday night at Affton Ice Ring to even the best-of-3 series.

Game 3 between the rivals will be at 1:15 p.m. Sunday at Owens Center in Peoria.

GRADE SCHOOLS STATE VOLLEYBALL

Three area teams to play for state championships

BY JOURNAL STAR STAFF

The eighth-grade volleyball teams of Pekin Edison, Chillicothe and Peoria Limestone Walters will play for state titles in their respective classes Tuesday.

All three teams won two matches Saturday in the IESA eighth-grade state tournaments. Pekin Edison (23-0) defeated Rochester 25-21, 25-20 in the Class 4A quarterfinals, then beat Bourbonnais UGC 25-11, 25-17 in the semifinals.

Maddy Cash had eight service points and Molly Flannigan seven for Edison in the first win. In the second victory, Megan Kelch had nine service points, including two aces.

In 3A, Chillicothe (23-2) topped Monticello 25-19, 25-21 and Beecher 25-20, 25-16.

Chillicothe had 13 aces in the first win, four each by Casy Grove and Shaylee Fritzinger and three from Madi Johnson. Against Beecher, Grove served for 11 points and Abby Camp had nine service points and three aces, all in set two.

In 1A, Limestone Walters posted wins over Lowpoint-Washburn 25-14, 25-19 and Royal Prairieview Ogden 20-25, 25-15, 25-11. L-W bowed out at 20-2.

Quinn Robinson had 21 service points in the two wins. Taylor Thomas and Hannah Majors each had 10 in the second win.

In 2A, Lewistown Central (21-3) went 1-1 and will play for third place on Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

NASCAR-Sprint Cup

Auto Club 400
AT FONTANA, CALIF.

AFTER FRIDAY QUALIFYING; RACE LINEUP FOR SUNDAY

Race at Auto Club Speedway; Lap length: 2 miles; Car number in parentheses.
1. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 187.315 mph.
2. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 187.105.
3. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 186.935.
4. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 186.901.
5. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 186.461.
6. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 186.384.
7. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 186.273.
8. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 186.013.
9. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 185.878.
10. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 185.792.
11. (42) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 185.773.
12. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 185.725.
13. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 185.323.
14. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 185.314.
15. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 185.29.
16. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 185.209.
17. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 185.166.
18. (47) A.J. Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 184.715.
19. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 184.521.
20. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 183.96.
21. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 183.955.
22. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 183.861.
23. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 183.491.
24. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 185.095.
25. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 184.525.
26. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 184.322.
27. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 184.299.
28. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 183.983.
29. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 183.922.
30. (27) Matt Crafton, Chevrolet, 183.641.
31. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 183.58.
32. (30) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 182.918.
33. (35) David Reutimann, Ford, 182.219.
34. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 181.525.
35. (32) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 181.507.
36. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 181.365.
37. (33) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
38. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
39. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, Owner Points.
40. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, Owner Points.
41. (34) David Ragan, Ford, Owner Points.
42. (66) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, Owner Points.
43. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, Owner Points.

NASCAR-Nationwide

TreatMyClot.com 300
AT FONTANA, CALIF.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Race at Auto Club Speedway; Lap length: 2 miles; Start position in parentheses.
1. (8) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 150 laps, 123.2 rating, 0 points.
2. (6) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 150, 121.5, 0.
3. (39) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 150, 123.2, 0.
4. (4) Joey Logano, Ford, 150, 142.6, 0.
5. (1) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 150, 104.8, 39.
6. (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 150, 103.2, 39.
7. (2) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 150, 109.8, 0.
8. (3) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 150, 98.1, 36.
9. (13) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 150, 94.6, 35.
10. (11) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 150, 88.9, 34.
11. (7) Dylan Kwasniowski, Chevrolet, 150, 84.9, 33.
12. (19) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 150, 97, 33.
13. (16) David Ragan, Ford, 150, 84.6, 0.
14. (19) Chris Buescher, Ford, 150, 77.2, 30.
15. (11) Brenden Gaughan, Chevrolet, 150, 83.5, 29.
16. (12) James Buescher, Toyota, 150, 81.6, 28.
17. (15) Ryan Reed, Ford, 149, 69.2, 27.
18. (18) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 149, 74, 26.
19. (14) J.J. Yeley, Dodge, 149, 72.7, 0.
20. (27) Dakota Armstrong, Ford, 148, 60.4, 24.
21. (26) Mike Wallace, Dodge, 148, 56.7, 23.
22. (17) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 148, 65.2, 0.
23. (25) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 147, 56.1, 21.
24. (21) David Starr, Toyota, 147, 60.2, 20.
25. (33) Eric McClure, Toyota, 146, 47.9, 19.
26. (30) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 145, 43.5, 18.
27. (35) Daryl Harr, Chevrolet, 145, 42.9, 17.
28. (36) Derrin Cope, Chevrolet, 143, 37.5, 16.
29. (37) Carlos Contreras, Chevrolet, 140, 34.7, 15.
30. (28) Kevin Randle, Dodge, 140, 50.2, 14.
31. (31) Tanner Berryhill, Dodge, 131, 44.7, 13.
32. (38) Jason White, Toyota, 128, 35.8, 12.
33. (24) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 126, 36.3, 10.
34. (34) Jamie Dick, Chevrolet, 126, 33.4, 10.
35. (23) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 148, 65.2, 0.
36. (20) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 107, 41.6, 8.
37. (22) Matt DiBenedetto, Chevrolet, vibration, 8, 34.7, 7.
38. (40) Carl Long, Toyota, electrical, 7, 33, 6.
39. (32) Blake Koch, Toyota, vibration, 6, 31.3, 5.
40. (29) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 4, 29.7, 4.

RACE STATISTICS
Average Speed: 143 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 5 minutes, 3 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.342 seconds.
Cautions: 18 for 15 laps.
Lead Changes: 18 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Harvick 1-5; J.Logano 6-41; K.Busch 42-60; J.Logano 61-72; K.Busch 73-76; J.Logano 77; K.Busch 78; B.Scott 79-80; J.Logano 81-112; K.Larson 113; C.Elliott 114-115; J.Logano 116-127; K.Larson 128; J.Logano 129-131; K.Harvick 132-134; K.Larson 135-144; K.Busch 145; K.Larson 146-150.

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On this date

March 23
1939 — Long Island University finishes the season undefeated after a 44-33 victory over Loyola of Chicago in the NIT championship.
1948 — Alex Groza and Ralph Beard combine to lead Peoria to lead Kentucky to a 58-42 win over Baylor in the NCAA basketball championship.
1956 — Bill Russell led San Francisco to an 83-71 victory over Iowa in the NCAA basketball championship.
1957 — North Carolina defeat Wilt Chamberlain and Kansas in triple-overtime to win the NCAA men's championship. The Tar Heels win 54-53 to finish the season with a perfect 32-0 record.
1968 — Lew Alcindor scores 34 points to lead UCLA to a 78-55 win over North Carolina in the NCAA basketball championship.
1974 — N.C. State ends UCLA's streak of seven national championships with an 80-77 victory in double overtime of the NCAA tournament semifinals. David Thompson leads the Wolfpack with 28 points and 10 rebounds, while teammate Tom Burleson scores 20 and pulls down 14 rebounds.
1993 — Winnipeg's Teemu Selanne sets an NHL rookie points record in a 5-4 loss to the Toronto Maple Leafs. Selanne scores two goals and an assist to give him 111 points, surpassing the 109 that Peter Stastny got with the Quebec Nordiques in 1980-81.
1994 — Wayne Gretzky scores his 802nd goal, passing Gordie Howe as the greatest goal-scorer in NHL history. The Los Angeles Kings center scores in the second period for his 62nd NHL record.
1996 — Michelle Kwan caps a near-perfect season by winning the women's title in the World Figure Skating Championships for the United States' first singles sweep since 1986.
1997 — Laura Davies becomes the first LPGA player to win the same tournament on consecutive holes of a playoff with Kelly Robbins in the Standard Register Ping.
2002 — Brendan Shanahan of the Red Wings scores his 500th career goal, breaking a scoresless tie at 7:48 of the third period. Detroit beat Colorado 2-0.
2002 — Iowa State's Cael Sanderson becomes the first undefeated four-time NCAA wrestling champion at the NCAA Championships. Sanderson beats Leigha's Jon Trengie, 12-4, to win at 199 pounds and finish his career with a perfect 157-0 record.
2003 — Tiger Woods closes with a 4-under 68 to win the Bay Hill invitational four straight times. Woods becomes the first player since Gene Sarazen in the Miami Open (1926-30) to win the same event four straight times.
2005 — Indiana's Reggie Miller becomes the 13th NBA player to score 25,000 career points during the Pacers' 100-93 win over San Antonio.
2007 — Kobe Bryant becomes the second player in NBA history to score at least 50 points in four straight games when he scores 50 in the Lakers' 111-105 win at New Orleans. Only Wilt Chamberlain has more, scoring at least 50 points in seven consecutive games during the 1961-62 season.
2013 — Wichita State knocks out top-seeded Gonzaga out of the NCAA tournament with a 76-70 victory. The Shockers hit a season-high 14 3-pointers, including five straight shots from behind the arc down the stretch.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

College men

NCAA Tournament

THIRD ROUND
Saturday's results
EAST REGIONAL
AT BUFFALO, N.Y.
UConn 77, Villanova 65
AT SPOKANE, WASH.
Michigan State 80, Harvard 73
Sunday's games
AT RALEIGH, N.C.
Virginia (29-6) vs. Memphis (24-9), 7:40 p.m.
AT SAN ANTONIO
Louisville State (27-7) vs. North Carolina (24-9), 4:15 p.m.
SOUTH REGIONAL
Saturday's results
AT BUFFALO, N.Y.
Dayton 55, Syracuse 53
AT ORLANDO, FLA.
Florida 61, Pittsburgh 45
Sunday's games
AT ST. LOUIS
Kansas (25-9) vs. Stanford (22-12), 11:15 a.m.
AT SAN DIEGO
UCLA (27-8) vs. Stephen F. Austin (32-2), 6:10 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Saturday's results
AT ORLANDO, FLA.
Louisville 66, Saint Louis 51
AT MILWAUKEE
Michigan 79, Texas 65
Sunday's games
AT RALEIGH, N.C.
Mercer (27-8) vs. Tennessee (23-12), 5:10 p.m.
AT ST. LOUIS
Wichita State (35-0) vs. Kentucky (25-10), 1:45 p.m.
WEST REGIONAL
Saturday's results
AT MILWAUKEE
Wisconsin 85, Oregon 77
AT SPOKANE, WASH.
San Diego State 63, North Dakota State 44
Sunday's games
AT SAN ANTONIO
Canton (27-7) vs. Baylor (25-11), 8:40 p.m.
AT SAN DIEGO
Arizona (31-4) vs. Gonzaga (29-6), 8:40 p.m.

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS
March 27-29
Saturday's results
Michigan St. 80, Harvard 73
HWYLAND (27-5) — Mousher 22-12, Austin 0-0, Dotson 3, Young 10-5-6-29, Loyd 1-7 0-0,2, Chambers 2-7 5-6 10, Saunders 16-14 10-10 22, Curry 4-7 1-2 12, Travis 2-3 4-5 8, Cummins 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-53 23-30 73.
MICHIGAN ST. (28-8) — Payne 4-10 3-4 12, Appleby 0-2 2-2 2, Harris 5-11 6-6 18, Dawson 12-15 2-2 26, Valentine 2-7 1-2 6, Ellis II 1-3 0-0 2, Costello 0-0 3-6 3, Trice 2-6 0-5, Kaminski 2-3 0-0 6, Schilling 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-57 12-27 80.
Halftime — Michigan St. 45-33.

NCAA Division II national tournament
AT DANVILLE
Saturday's results
7th place — South Suburban 70, St. Johns Community College 61
5th place — Wayne County 70, Cincinnati State 69
3rd place — Central 94, Wake Technical 87
Title — Phoenix 71, Essex Community 67
THIRD ROUND
March 26-28
NCAA Division II Tournament
AT STEVENS POINT, WIS.
Friday's results
SEMIFINALS
FDU-Florham 42, Tufts 39
Whitman 85, Wis.-Whitewater 70
Saturday's results
THIRD PLACE
Wis.-Whitewater 72, Tufts 54
CHAMPIONSHIP
FDU-Florham 80, Whitman 72

High school boys
Class 3A postseason
STATE FINALS
AT PEORIA (CARVER ARENA)
Saturday's results
THIRD PLACE GAME
Chicago Orr 55, Rockford Lutheran 45
TITLE GAME
Chicago Morgan Park 59, Lincoln 49
Friday's results
SEMIFINALS
Lincoln 45, Rockford Lutheran 42
Chicago, Morgan Park 52, Chicago Orr 46

Class 4A postseason
STATE FINALS
AT PEORIA (CARVER ARENA)
Saturday's results
THIRD PLACE GAME
Chicago Orr 55, Rockford Lutheran 45
TITLE GAME
Chicago Morgan Park 59, Lincoln 49
Friday's results
SEMIFINALS
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Chicago, Morgan Park 52, Chicago Orr 46

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STATE FINALS
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BASKETBALL

SECOND ROUND
Saturday's result
Louisiana Tech 79, Georgia 71
Sunday's games
Illinois (20-14) at Clemson (21-12), 10 a.m.
Saint Mary's (Calif.) (23-11) at Minnesota (21-13), 2 p.m.
Southern Miss (28-6) at Missouri (23-11), 4 p.m.
Monday's games
Georgetown (18-14) at Florida State (20-13), 6 p.m.
LSU (20-13) at SMU (24-9), 8 p.m.
Arkansas (22-11) at California (20-13), 10 p.m.
CBI
QUARTERFINALS
Monday's games
Penn State (16-17) at Siena (16-17), 6 p.m.
Radford (22-12) at Old Dominion (17-17), 6 p.m.
Texas A&M (18-15) at Illinois State (17-15), 7:05 p.m.
Princeton (21-8) at Fresno State (18-16), 9 p.m.

CIT
SECOND ROUND
Saturday's results
VMI 106, IPFW 95
Ohio 56, Wright State 54
Yale 71, Holy Cross 66
Columbia 69, Eastern Michigan 56
San Diego 77, Sam Houston State 72
Pacific 89, Texas A&M C.C. 60
Monday's games
Nebraska-Omaha (17-14) at Murray State (19-11), 7 p.m.

NCAA Division II national tournament
AT SALEM (VA) CIVIC CENTER
SEMIFINALS
Friday's results
Wisconsin-Whitewater 71, Illinois Wesleyan 63
Williams 98, Amherst 69
CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday's result
Wisconsin-Whitewater 75, Williams College 73

Jr. college men

NCAA Division II national tournament
AT DANVILLE
Saturday's results
7th place — South Suburban 70, St. Johns Community College 61
5th place — Wayne County 70, Cincinnati State 69
3rd place — Central 94, Wake Technical 87
Title — Phoenix 71, Essex Community 67
THIRD ROUND
March 26-28
NCAA Division II Tournament
AT STEVENS POINT, WIS.
Friday's results
SEMIFINALS
FDU-Florham 42, Tufts 39
Whitman 85, Wis.-Whitewater 70
Saturday's results
THIRD PLACE
Wis.-Whitewater 72, Tufts 54
CHAMPIONSHIP
FDU-Florham 80, Whitman 72

College women

NCAA Tournament
FIRST ROUND
LINCOLN REGIONAL
Saturday's results
AT DURHAM, N.C.
Duke 87, Winthrop 85
DePaul 104, Oklahoma 100
AT LOS ANGELES
Nebraska 74, Fresno State 55
BYU 72, N.C. State 57
Sunday's games
AT STORRS, CONN.
Georgia (20-11) vs. Saint Joseph's (22-9), 4:30 p.m.
UNCONN (34-0) vs. Prairie View (14-17), 7 p.m.
AT COLLEGE STATION
Gonzaga (29-4) vs. James Madison (28-5), 4:30 a.m.
Texas A&M (24-8) vs. North Dakota (22-9), 7 p.m.
STANFORD REGIONAL
Saturday's results
AT AMES, IOWA
Florida State 55, Iowa State 44
Stanford 81, South Dakota 62
Sunday's games
AT SEATTLE
South Carolina (27-4) vs. Cal State Northridge (18-14), 4:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee (29-4) vs. Oregon State (23-12), 7 p.m.
AT CHAPEL HILL, N.C.
Michigan State (22-9) vs. Hampton (28-4), 11:30 a.m.
North Carolina (24-9) vs. UT-Martin (24-7), 2 p.m.
AT UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.
Penn State (22-7) vs. Wichita State (26-6), 11:30 p.m.
Dayton (23-7) vs. Florida (19-12), 2 p.m.

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL
Saturday's results
AT TOLEDO, OHIO
Arizona State 69, Rodman 61
Notre Dame 93, Robert Morris 42
AT WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.
Oklahoma State 61, Florida Gulf Coast 60 (OT)
Purdue 84, Akron 55
Halftime — Michigan 43-30.

Michigan 79, Texas 65
TEXAS (24-11) — Holmes 4-9 1-2 9, Ridley 2-5 2-2 2, Felix 8-22 6-22, Holland 2-2 0-0, Taylor 3-10 0-8, Yancy 0-1 0-0 0, Lambert 2-3 2-2 6, Walker 4-10 4-4 14, Ibeh 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-62 15-16 65.
MICHIGAN (27-8) — Robinson III 15-10 2-2 14, Morgan 4-7 7-8 15, Walton Jr. 3-7 0-8, Stauekas 4-12 5-6 17, LeVert 15-12 1-3 14, Albrecht 1-2 2-2 5, Horford 0-0 0-0 0, Irvin 2-4 0-2 6. Totals 24-54 17-21 79.
Halftime — Michigan 43-30.

Louisville 66, Saint Louis 51
SAINT LOUIS (21-14) — Jett 6-11 3-9 15, McCall Jr. 2-4 0-4, Evans 7-12 2-3 16, Barrett 0-4 0-0 0, Lee 4-8 2-2 10, Glaze 0-0 0-0, McBroome 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0, Newkirk 3-6 0-1 8. Totals 19-51 34-45.
LOUISVILLE (31-5) — Smith 3-10 5-6 11, Jones 3-8 3-4 11, Hancock 6-15 5-16 21, Harrell 4-9 2-6 10, Van Treese 1-2 0-0 2, Rorier 1-1 0-0 2, Mathiang 1-1 1-2 3, Henderson 0-0 0-0 0, Blackshear 3-3 0-0 2, Totals 22-49 16-20 66.
Halftime — Louisville 25-16.

Florida 61, Pittsburgh 45
PITTSBURGH (26-10) — Robinson 0-5 1-2 1, Young 2-4 0-0 4, Wright 3-7 0-0 2, Patterson 3-11 1-2 8, Zanna 5-10 0-0 0, Artis 3-8 1-1 7, Randall 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0, Newkirk 3-6 0-1 8. Totals 19-51 34-45.
FLORIDA (34-2) — Young 3-11 1-2 17, Welbelin 9-15 0-1 21, Yegute 4-5 0-0 8, Frizlier 1-3 10-2 10, Prather 3-6 2-8, Hill 1-3 1-2 3, Finney-Smith 2-8 0-4, C. Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 25-86 9-61.
Halftime — Florida 27-22.

UConn 77, Villanova 65
UCONN (28-8) — Daniels 4-12 0-1 11, Giffey 1-3 2-2 4, Nolan 0-0 0-0 0, Boatright 3-10 5-11, Napier 9-13 3-4 25, Samuel 2-5 7-8 11, Falcsey 0-0 0-0 0, Kromah 3-6 4-4 12, Tackford 0-1 1-2 3, Watts 0-0 0-0 0, Brimah 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 23-52 22-87.
VILLANOVA (29-5) — Pinkston 4-10 3-6 11, Ochefu 1-3 2-2 4, Hilliard 1-3 4-5 13, Arcidiacono 4-10 7-9 18, Bell 4-10 2-2 14, Jenkins 1-2 0-0 3, Hart 0-0 0-0 0, Chennault 0-2 0-0 0, Ennis 1-3 0-2 2. Totals 18-51 28-65.
Halftime — UConn 25-24.

UCLA 76, Tulsa 59
TULSA (21-13) — Smith 4-9 1-2 9, Wright 7-10 3-4 18, Pette 3-8 0-0 8, Hunter 3-6 4-4 11, Harrison 0-5 0-0 0, Woodard 0-0 0-0 0, Ray 2-5 2-2 6, Kemmer 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 0-0 0-0, Repchowski 1-1 0-0 0, Wood 0-0 0-0 0, Repchowski 1-1 0-0 0, Swannegan 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 21-57 10-14 59.
UCLA (27-8) — D. Wear 1-5 0-0 2, T. Wear 5-5 0-0 4, Adams 7-12 5-5 21, Powell 5-12 4-5 15, Anderson 3-11 1-1 8, Kazemi 0-0 0-0 0, K. Alfred 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 2-0 2-0 0, LaVine 1-5 0-0 2, R. Ward 2-6 2-2 7, Allen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-53 13-11 76.
Halftime — UCLA 35-30.

High school boys
Saturday's results
AT THE CLUBS AT WINNETKA
Teams: Metamora, River City Trier, Edwardsville, Moline, Springfield

AT LEXINGTON, KY.
Kentucky 106, Wright State 53
Syracuse 59, Chattanooga 60
AT WACO, TEXAS
California 64, Fordham 63
Baylor 87, Western Kentucky 74
LOUISVILLE REGIONAL
Saturday's results
AT KNOXVILLE, TENN.
Tennessee 77, Northwestern State 46
St. John's 70, Southern Cal 68
Sunday's games
AT COLLEGE PARK, MD.
Maryland (24-6) vs. Army (25-7), 11:30 a.m.
Texas (21-11) vs. Penn (22-6), 2 p.m.
AT IOWA CITY
Louisville (30-4) vs. Idaho (25-8), 4:30 p.m.
Iowa (26-8) vs. Marist (27-6), 7 p.m.
AT BATON ROUGE, LA.
LSU (19-12) vs. Georgia Tech (20-11), 11:30 a.m.
West Virginia (29-4) vs. Albany (N.Y.) (27-6), 2 p.m.

WNIT
FIRST ROUND
Friday's results
Michigan 86, Stony Brook 48
Duquesne 62, Mount St. Mary's 52
St. Bonaventure 81, Charlotte 62
South Florida 56, North Carolina A&T 50
Saint Mary's (Calif.) 75, Cal State Bakersfield 68
UTEP 74, Arkansas State 64
Washington 67, Hawaii 50
SECOND ROUND
Saturday's results
Indiana 72, Marquette 69
Colorado 79, Southern Utah 68
Sunday's games
Georgia Washington (22-10) at Villanova (23-8), Noon
Stetson (27-7) at South Florida (20-12), 1 p.m.
Creighton (20-13) at South Dakota State (23-9), 2 p.m.
IUPUI (23-9) at Northwestern (16-15), 2 p.m.
Princeton (21-8) at Seton Hall (19-13), 4 p.m.
SMU (18-13) at Minnesota (21-12), 5 p.m.
Monday's games
Duquesne (20-12) at Michigan (19-13), 6 p.m.
Harvard (22-7) at Rutgers (23-9), 6 p.m.
Old Dominion (18-15) at Auburn (18-14), 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure (24-10) at Bowling Green (28-4), 6 p.m.
Southern Miss (27-6) at Mississippi State (20-13), 7 p.m.
San Diego (23-8) at Montana (23-10), 8 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Calif.) (23-9) at UTEP (25-7), 8 p.m.
Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15), 9 p.m.

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March 26-28
NCAA Division II Tournament
AT STEVENS POINT, WIS.
Friday's results
SEMIFINALS
FDU-Florham 42, Tufts 39
Whitman 85, Wis.-Whitewater 70
Saturday's results
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Wis.-Whitewater 72, Tufts 54
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FDU-Florham 80, Whitman 72

High school boys
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STATE FINALS
AT PEORIA (CARVER ARENA)
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