

Big Week For Wolters Continues

BROOKINGS — In addition to earning Summit League and CollegeSportsMadness.com Player of the Week honors after leading South Dakota State to its first-ever win over a ranked opponent, Jackrabbit senior Nate Wolters can add a couple more honors.

The St. Cloud, Minn., native can also add Lute Olson Award Player of the Week honors after leading the Jackrabbits to a 70-65 win over No. 16, and previously undefeated, New Mexico on Saturday at The Pit in Albuquerque, N.M., with 28 points and seven assists.

The three honors all come on the heels of Wolters being named a candidate for the 2013 Bob Cousy Collegiate Point Guard of the Year Award on Dec. 20, while in the midst of a two-day, 18 hour, 1,200 mile bus ride from Nashville, Tenn., to Albuquerque to play the Lobos.

The annual honor, named for Hall of Famer and former Boston Celtic Bob Cousy, recognizes the top point guards in men's college basketball. Over 80 candidates garnered a nomination for the 2013 Bob Cousy Award.

Adding to the list, the South Dakota Sportswriters Association tabbed Wolters as its College Men's Athlete of 2012 and the Jackrabbit Men's Basketball Team as the College Men's Team of 2012 in its year-end awards released on Thursday.

Wolters earned the award after posting 21.2 points, 5.9 assists and 5.1 rebounds per game as a junior in 2011-12 in leading the Jackrabbits to their first-ever NCAA Tournament at the Division I level and tying the school record for wins with 27. He also set the SDSU junior scoring record and earned Associated Press All-American honors.

The Jackrabbit men finished the season with a 27-8 record

and advanced to the Big Dance with three wins at The Summit League Championships in Sioux Falls. The record-breaking season came to an end with a 68-60 loss to No. 9 Baylor in the NCAA Tournament.

SDSU posted a perfect 14-0 mark at home during the season, a streak that now stands at 23 straight games at Frost Arena, the third longest home winning streak in all of Division I basketball, trailing only Syracuse (30) and Kansas (28).

Wolters and the Jackrabbits return to Summit League play on Saturday against North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D., at 7 p.m., and put the home winning streak on the line again on Jan. 10, 2013 against Oakland at 7 p.m.

Three Area Students Named NSAA Believers & Achievers

LINCOLN, Neb. — Three area students were among the six recognized as the Nebraska School Activities Association and U.S. Bank Believers & Achievers, announced by the NSAA on Thursday.

Grace Carhart of Bloomfield, Devin Jacobs of Wynot and Justin Korth of Randolph were recognized by the program, which is a state-wide program designed by U.S. Bank and the NSAA to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders.

Starting in October and continuing through May, 48 Nebraska high school seniors will be named Believers & Achievers. From those 48 finalists, eight will receive \$500 scholarships from U.S. Bank to the college or university of their choice. The 48 students who show a commitment to good citizenship and involvement in school and community projects will be honored in the Believers & Achievers Program.

Also honored for January were Coleman Cogswell, McCool Junction; Justen Gutierrez, Lexington; and Alyssa Hurd, Lourdes Central Catholic.

Elks Hoop Shoot Saturday

The district finals for the Yankton Elks Lodge 994 Hoop Shoot free throw contest will be held Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Summit Activities Center. Qualifiers were determined at the school levels earlier this year.

Doors open at 9 a.m., with competition beginning at 10 a.m. There is no charge for admission.

District winners will advance to the state finals, Jan. 12, 2013, at Pierre.

Hideki Matsui Retires From Baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — Free agent slugger Hideki Matsui has retired from professional baseball, saying he is no longer able to perform at the level that earned him a World Series MVP with the New York Yankees and three Central League MVPs in Japan.

Matsui announced his retirement Thursday at a news conference in New York that was conducted only in Japanese and broadcast live in his home country.

Nicknamed Godzilla, the 38-year-old Matsui batted .282 with 175 homers and 760 RBIs for the Yankees, Los Angeles Angels, Oakland Athletics and Tampa Bay Rays. Before joining the Yankees in 2003, Matsui played 10 seasons for the Yomiuri Giants in Japan.

Always cool under pressure, Matsui hit a grand slam in his first game at Yankee Stadium and had six RBIs in his finale with the Yankees — Game 6 of the 2009 World Series.

One record threatened ...

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson needs 208 yards to break Eric Dickerson's all-time record for rushing in a single NFL regular season. He faces the Green Bay Packers Dec. 30.



Player	Team	Year	Yards	TDs
Eric Dickerson	Rams	'84	2,105	14
Jamal Lewis	Ravens	'03	2,066	14
Barry Sanders	Lions	'97	2,053	11
Terrell Davis	Broncos	'98	2,008	21
Chris Johnson	Titans	'09	2,008	14
Adrian Peterson	Vikings	'12	1,898	11

and one broken ...

Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson passed former 49er Jerry Rice for single-season receiving yards Dec. 22.



Player	Team	Year	Yards	TDs
Calvin Johnson	Lions	'12	1,892	5
Jerry Rice	49ers	'95	1,848	15
Isaac Bruce	Rams	'95	1,781	13
Charley Hennigan	Texans	'61	1,746	12
Marvin Harrison	Colts	'02	1,722	11

NOTE: Statistics as of Dec. 23
Source: NFL, MCT Photo Service Graphic: Robert Dorrell © 2012 MCT

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

YANKTON BOWL
CLASSIC
HIGH TEAM GAME: Coca-Cola 1002
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Coca-Cola 2717
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Pat King 279, Ryan Barta 269, Joe Wuestewald 266, Ryan Wuestewald 268, Dale Mudder 264, Steve Skutt 264
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Joe Wuestewald 732, Ryan Wuestewald 714, Pat King 701, Ryan Barta 700, Tod Bak 690
STANDINGS: Plath Chiropractic 128, Spectacle Shop 127.5, Coca-Cola 104, Eisenbraun & Associates 103, Happy Hourz 96, Smitt Captain & Crew 92.5, Rotten Apples 92, Yankton Motor 88, Barta Electric 86, Thriven Financial 28
SPARETIME
HIGH TEAM GAME: Harding Glass 855
HIGH TEAM SERIES: Huehler Seamless Gutters 2513
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Judy Barta 278 (errorless), Candy Olson 242 (errorless), Mindy Huehler 228, Hilary Barta 227
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Judy Barta 654, Hilary Barta 625, Stacy Barta 624, Mindy Huehler 621
STANDINGS: Glass Cutters 22.6, Huehler Seamless Gutters 21.7, First National SC 19.4, Harding Glass 19.9, First Dakota 13-15, Truxedo 12-16, Lewis & Clark Marina 11-17, Vogt Cleaners 11-17, Marshmellows 8-20
HIGHLIGHTS: Laurie Bruening - errorless 192, Barb Olson 4-10

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Centerville 68, Parker 51
Todd County 71, Bennett County 38
Viborg-Hurley 72, Beresford 40
Holiday Classic
First Round
Colome 69, Jones County 59
Kimball/White Lake 91, Iroquois 40
NSU Classic
Newell 57, Sully Buttes 45
Swift Classic
Canby, Minn. 70, Wilmot 52
Estelline 70, Gayville-Volin 19
Lake Preston 53, Waverly-South Shore 48
Lincoln Hl, Minn. 45, Florence/Henry 31
Oelrichs 62, Deuel 53
Pipsthene, Minn. 43, Gregory 36
POSTPONEMENTS-CANCELLATIONS
Andes Central vs. Menno, p.p.d.
Bon Homme vs. Winner, p.p.d.
Marion vs. Alcester-Hudson, p.p.d. to Dec. 29.

THURSDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 61, Bennett County 51
Lynan 55, Kadoka Area 32
Holiday Classic
First Round
Jones County 45, South Central 38
Kimball/White Lake 54, Colome 41
NSU Classic
Grolton Area 43, Newell 36
POSTPONEMENTS-CANCELLATIONS
Bon Homme vs. Winner, p.p.d.
Marion vs. Alcester-Hudson, p.p.d. to Dec. 29.

THURSDAY'S NEB. BOYS

Alliance Tournament
First Round
Alliance 55, Mitchell 50
Bridgeport 54, Gordon/Rushville 31
Arapahoe Tournament
First Round
Hitchcock County 67, Pleasanton 28
Axtell Tournament
Blue Hill 58, Eustis-Farnam 33
Spalding/Spalding Academy 68, Axtell 44
Bertrand Tournament
Bertrand 59, Franklin 38
Southern Valley 54, Red Cloud 26
Bishop LeBlond, Mo. Tournament
Falls City 61, St. Joseph Christian, Mo. 36
Burvell Tournament
Elgin Public/Pope John 46, Cedar Valley 30
Cabela's Holiday Shootout
First Round
Douglas, Wyo. 64, Chase County 62, OT
Cedar Bluffs Tournament
First Round
Shelby/Rising City 60, Cedar Bluffs 54, OT
Clearwater/Orchard Holiday Tournament
First Round
CWC 55, Ewing 35
Columbus Lakeview Tournament

Alma 58, Silver Lake 51
Bruning-Davenport/Shickley 77, Shelton 16
Stanton Tournament (Holiday)
West Holt 42, Stanton 32
Stuart Tournament
Ainsworth 49, North Central 26
Stuart 63, Cody/Killgore 27
POSTPONEMENTS-CANCELLATIONS
Shootout on the Elkhorn
First Round
Ponca vs. Wisner-Pilger, p.p.d.
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC.
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
New York 21 8 .724 —
Boston 14 13 .519 6
Brooklyn 14 14 .500 6 1/2
Philadelphia 14 15 .483 7
Toronto 9 20 .310 12
Southeast Division
W L Pct GB
Miami 20 6 .769 —
Atlanta 17 9 .654 3
Orlando 12 16 .429 9
Charlotte 7 21 .250 14
Washington 3 23 .115 17
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Indiana 16 12 .571 —
Chicago 15 12 .556 1/2
Milwaukee 15 12 .556 1/2
Detroit 9 22 .290 8 1/2
Cleveland 7 23 .233 10
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
San Antonio 22 8 .692 —
Memphis 18 8 .692 2
Houston 16 12 .571 5
Dallas 12 16 .429 9
New Orleans 6 22 .214 15
Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Oklahoma City 21 14 .593 —
Denver 16 14 .553 6 1/2
Portland 14 13 .519 7
Utah 15 15 .500 7 1/2
Minnesota 13 13 .500 7 1/2
Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
L.A. Clippers 22 6 .786 —
Golden State 19 10 .655 3 1/2
L.A. Lakers 14 15 .483 8 1/2
Phoenix 11 18 .379 11 1/2
Sacramento 9 19 .321 13
Wednesday's Games
Miami 105, Charlotte 92
New Orleans 97, Orlando 94
Cleveland 87, Washington 84
Chicago at Indiana, p.p.d., weather conditions
Atlanta 126, Detroit 119.2OT
Houston 87, Minnesota 84
Philadelphia 99, Memphis 89
Milwaukee 108, Brooklyn 93
San Antonio 100, Toronto 80
New York 126, L.A. Lakers 114
New York 99, Phoenix 97
Golden State 94, Utah 83
Portland 109, Sacramento 91
Thursday's Games
Dallas at Oklahoma City 7 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Phoenix at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Indiana at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 7 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 9 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S NEB. GIRLS

Alliance Tournament
First Round
Alliance 41, Mitchell 34
Gordon/Rushville 39, Bridgeport 38
Arapahoe Tournament
First Round
Hitchcock County 59, Pleasanton 35
Axtell Tournament
Axtell 47, Spalding/Spalding Academy 39
Blue Hill 47, Eustis-Farnam 31
Bertrand Tournament
Bertrand 32, Franklin 21
Southern Valley 53, Red Cloud 12
Burvell Tournament
Cedar Valley 49, Elgin Public/Pope John 40
Neligh-Oakdale 59, Burwell 42
Cabela's Holiday Shootout
First Round
Douglas, Wyo. 65, Chase County 21
Hershey 65, Gering 41
Sidney 46, Gothenburg 43
Cedar Bluffs Tournament
First Round
Palmer 31, Humphrey St. Francis 26
Shelby/Rising City 76, Cedar Bluffs 39
Clearwater/Orchard Holiday Tournament
First Round
Ewing 41, CWC 39
Elm Creek Tournament
First Round
Gibbon 43, Elm Creek 21
Loomis 44, Sutherland 42
Grand Island Northwest Tournament
First Round
Douglas 62, Grand Island Northwest 66, Minden 46
Seward 46, Holdrege 27
Great Northeast Nebraska Tournament
First Round
Adams Central 52, Battle Creek 27
Pender 53, Boone Central/Newman Grove 40
Greater Nebraska Tournament
First Round
Kearney 38, Lexington 19
North Platte 39, Columbus 30
Gretna Christmas Tournament
First Round
Gretna 56, Omaha Skutt Catholic 32
Lincoln Valley X 66, Nebraska City 26
Heartland Tournament
First Round
Heartland 44, Central City 38
Milford 64, Doniphan-Trumbull 31
Humboldt/Table Rock-Steinauer Tourn.
First Round
Douglas 29, Humboldt/Table Rock-Steinauer 19
McCool Junction Tournament
Clarkson/Leigh 40, Meridian 26
McCool Junction 42, Osceola 35
Mercy Tournament
Mercy, Md. 49, Omaha Mercy 45
Randolph Tournament (Holiday)
Lindsay Holy Family 82, Winside 10
Randolph 63, Plainview 30
Ravenna Holiday Tournament
Centura 64, Loup City 22
Ravenna 53, Overton 30
Shootout on the Elkhorn
First Round
Pierce 43, Wakefield 31
Winnebago 59, Oakland-Craig 42
Silver Lake Tournament

FOOTBALL

FBS BOWL GAMES

Saturday, Dec. 15
NEW MEXICO: Arizona 49, Nevada 48
FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO: Utah State 41, Toledo 15
Thursday, Dec. 20
POINSETTIA: BYU 23, San Diego State 6
Friday, Dec. 21
BEEF 'O' BRADY'S: UCF 38, Ball State 17

Girls

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team-high nine rebounds. Dickes added three steals in the victory.

Cedar Catholic will play Adams Central in the semifinals today (Friday) at 4 p.m. at Rice Auditorium.

Brianna Schulzkump scored 11 points in the loss for West Point-Beemer (1-6), which plays Battle Creek today at 9:30 a.m. Kyleigh Harringer grabbed eight rebounds.

HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC (6-2).....14 28 38 53
WEST POINT-BEEMER (1-6).....6 16 23 31

Adams Central 52, Battle Creek 27

WAYNE, Neb. — Jacki Fowler scored 16 points as Adams Central routed Battle Creek 52-27 on Thursday in first-round action at the Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout.

Brittiani Wiseman added 12 points for Adams Central (3-5), which led 21-15 at halftime and out-scored Battle Creek 31-12 in the second half.

Katelyn Zila had 11 points in the loss for Battle Creek (3-5).
BATTLE CREEK (1-5).....3 15 23 27
ADAMS CENTRAL (3-5).....7 21 37 52

Verdigre Holiday Tourn.

St. Edward 54, Niobrara-Verdigre 29

VERDIGRE, Neb. — St. Edward outscored Niobrara-Verdigre 30-12 in the second half to pull away to a 54-29 victory over the Cougars in the opening round of the Verdigre Holiday Tournament on Thursday in Verdigre.

Mariah Tharnish posted 18 points and Allison Merrell had 16 points to lead St. Edward. Devon Rasmussen had 12 rebounds and Alex Cumming added nine rebounds in the win.

McKayla Eisenhauer led Niobrara-Verdigre with 14 points.
ST. EDWARD.....16 24 40 54
NIOBRARA-VERDIGRE.....7 17 23 29

Postponements

Marion's game with Alcester-Hudson, which had been scheduled for Thursday, will be played on Saturday, Dec. 29. Start time is 2 p.m., with the boys' game to follow.

Several other games were postponed without a makeup date set, including Winner at Bon Homme and Ponca vs. Wisner-Pilger.

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, December 28
BASKETBALL, MEN'S MMC at Johnson and Wales
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Webber International (4 p.m., KYNT-AM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' CREIGHTON Holiday Tourn. (Creighton, Hartington, Wausau); Crofton Holiday Tourn. (Wynot vs. O'Neill St. Mary's, 3:45 p.m.); Crofton vs. Bloomfield, 6:45 p.m.; Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at Wayne (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge); Randolph Holiday Tourn. (Randolph); Verdigré Booster Club Holiday Tourn. (Allen, Niobrara-Verdigre); Wisner-Pilger Holiday Tourn. (Ponca); Avon at Alcester-Hudson; Elk Point-Jefferson at Aberdeen Roncalli; Vermillion at Tea Area; West Central at Dekota Valley
BASKETBALL, GIRLS' CREIGHTON Holiday Tourn. (Creighton, Hartington, Wausau); Crofton Holiday Tourn. (Wynot vs. O'Neill St. Mary's, 2 p.m.); Crofton vs. Bloomfield, 5 p.m.; Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at Wayne (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge); Parkston Classic (Corsica-Stickney vs. Highmore-Harold, 10 a.m.; Madison vs. Beresford, 11:30 a.m.; Ethan vs. Viborg-Hurley, 1 p.m.; Wagner vs. Tri-Valley, 2:30 p.m.; Hanson vs. Centerville, 4 p.m.; Sully Buttes vs. Warner, 5:30 p.m.; Parkston vs. Dell Rapids, 7 p.m.; Clark-Willow Lake vs. St. Thomas (Rapid), 8:30 p.m.); Randolph Holiday Tourn. (Randolph); Swift Classic (Verdigre-Volin vs. Arlington, 3 p.m.); Verdigré Booster Club Holiday Tourn.

(Niobrara-Verdigre); Wisner-Pilger Holiday Tourn. (Ponca); Avon at Alcester-Hudson; Vermillion at Tea Area; West Central at Dekota Valley
HOCKEY, BOYS' BANTAM Mitchell at Yankton (6 p.m.)
WRESTLING, PREP Pierce Inv. (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge)
Saturday, December 29
BASKETBALL, MEN'S USD at Omaha (1 p.m., KVHT-FM); MMC at Aberdeen (6 p.m.)
BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S MMC at Emmanuel College (2 p.m., KYNT-AM)
BASKETBALL, BOYS' CREIGHTON Holiday Tourn. (Creighton, Hartington, Wausau); Crofton Holiday Tourn. (Consolation — 3:45 p.m., Championship — 6:45 p.m.); East-West Classic at Chamberlain (Plate-Geddes vs. Douglas, 8 p.m.); Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at Wayne (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge); Parkston Classic (Corsica-Stickney vs. Wolsey-Wessington, 10 a.m.; Sully Buttes vs. Wessington Springs, 11:30 a.m.; McCook Central-Montrose vs. Miller, 1 p.m.; Viborg-Hurley vs. Ethan, 2:30 p.m.; Wagner vs. Garretson, 4 p.m.; Warner vs. James Valley Christian, 5:30 p.m.; Parkston vs. Sisseton, 7 p.m.; Aberdeen Roncalli vs. Mount Vernon-Plainfield, 8:30 p.m.); Wisner-Pilger Holiday Tourn. (Ponca); Alcester-Hudson at Marion; Gayville-Volin at Scotland

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' CREIGHTON Holiday Tourn. (Creighton, Hartington, Wausau); Crofton Holiday Tourn. (Consolation — 3:45 p.m., Championship — 6:45 p.m.); East-West Classic at Chamberlain (Plate-Geddes vs. Douglas, 8 p.m.); Great Northeast Nebraska Shootout at Wayne (Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge); Parkston Classic (Corsica-Stickney vs. Wolsey-Wessington, 10 a.m.; Sully Buttes vs. Wessington Springs, 11:30 a.m.; McCook Central-Montrose vs. Miller, 1 p.m.; Viborg-Hurley vs. Ethan, 2:30 p.m.; Wagner vs. Garretson, 4 p.m.; Warner vs. James Valley Christian, 5:30 p.m.; Parkston vs. Sisseton, 7 p.m.; Aberdeen Roncalli vs. Mount Vernon-Plainfield, 8:30 p.m.); Wisner-Pilger Holiday Tourn. (Ponca); Alcester-Hudson at Marion; Gayville-Volin at Scotland

Saturday, Dec. 22
NEW ORLEANS: Louisiana-Lafayette 43, East Carolina 34
LAS VEGAS: Boise State 28, Washington 20
Monday, Dec. 24
HAWAII: SMU 43, Fresno State 10
Wednesday, Dec. 26
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA: Central Michigan 24, Western Kentucky 21
Thursday, Dec. 27
MILITARY: San Jose State 29, Bowling Green 20
BECK'S Cincinnati 48, Duke 34
HOLIDAY: Baylor (7-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 8:45 p.m., (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 28
INDEPENDENCE: Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
RUSSELL ATHLETIC: Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
MEINKE CAR CARE: Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 29
ARMED FORCES: Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)
FIGHT HUNGER: Arizona State (7-5) vs. New Mexico (6-6), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)
PINSTRIPE: Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)
ALAMO: Texas (8-4) vs. Oregon State (9-3), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)
BUFFALO WILD WINGS: Michigan State (8-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 31
MUSIC CITY: Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
SUN: Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
LIBERTY: Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
CHICK-FILA: LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Jan. 1
HEART OF DALLAS: Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
GATOR: Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
CAPITAL ONE: Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-4), noon (ABC)
SUGAR BEES: South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-6), noon (ESPN)
ROSE: Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
ORANGE: Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Jan. 2
SUGAR BEES: South Carolina (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Jan. 3
FIESTA: Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Jan. 4
COTTON: Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)
Saturday, Jan. 5
BEVA COMPASS: Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), noon (ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 6
GODADDY.COM: Kent State (11-2)

vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 7
BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT MIAMI: Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
W L T Pct PF PA
y-New England 11 4 0 .733 529 331
Miami 7 8 0 .467 288 289
N.Y. Jets 6 9 0 .400 272 347
Buffalo 5 10 0 .333 316 426
South
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Houston 12 3 0 .800 440 303
x-Indianapolis 10 5 0 .667 329 371
Tennessee 10 5 0 .333 292 451
Jacksonville 2 13 0 .133 235 406
North
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Baltimore 10 5 0 .667 381 321
x-Cincinnati 9 6 0 .600 368 303
Pittsburgh 7 8 0 .467 312 304
Cleveland 5 10 0 .333 292 344
West
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Denver 12 3 0 .800 443 286
San Diego 8 7 0 .533 328 329
Oakland 4 11 0 .267 269 419
Philadelphia 2 13 0 .133 208 387
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
W L T Pct PF PA
Washington 9 6 0 .600 408 370
Dallas 8 7 0 .533 328 329
N.Y. Giants 8 7 0 .533 387 337
Philadelphia 4 11 0 .267 273 402
South
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Atlanta 13 2 0 .867 402 277
New Orleans 7 8 0 .467 423 410
Tampa Bay 6 9 0 .400 367 377
Carolina 6 9 0 .400 313 325
North
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Green Bay 11 4 0 .733 399 299
Minnesota 9 6 0 .600 342 314
Chicago 9 6 0 .600 349 253
Detroit 4 11 0 .267 348 411
West
W L T Pct PF PA
x-San Fran. 10 4 1 .700 370 260
x-Seattle 10 5 0 .667 392 232
St. Louis 7 7 1 .500 286 328
Arizona 5 10 0 .333 237 330
x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

Arizona at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.
Miami at New England, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 7:20 p.m.
TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with RHP John Maine on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Designated RHP Chad Beck for assignment.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Named Bobby Brown manager.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BROOKLYN NETS — Fired coach Avery Johnson.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed WR Laquan Williams on injured reserve.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed G Amari Simila on injured reserve.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed TE Steve Slaton to the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed DB Curtis Holcomb to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed DB Walter McFadden and WR Bert Reed to the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed TE Cooper Helfert to the practice squad.
ST. LOUIS RAMS — Signed DE Mason Brodine to the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — Signed S Nick Saenz to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F Austin Smith from Idaho (ECHL) to Texas (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned F Andrej Nestrasil, F Brent Radeke and D Max Nicastro from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo