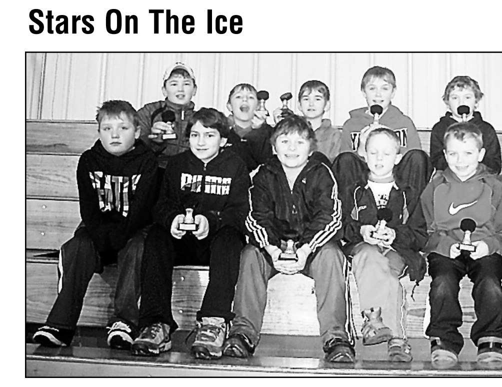
PHOTO OF THE DAY

Stars On The Ice



Here are the winners from the recent Optimist Tri-Star hockey skills competition: (front) Brady Schaeffer (3rd place, 7-9 year-old), Remington Weiland (2nd place, 10-11 year-old), Keith Schenkel (2nd place, 7-9 year-old), Kade Koletzky (1st place, 7-9 year-old), (back) Bryce Jensen (2nd place, 12-13 year-old), Colby Benson (1st place, 10-11 year-old), Drew Wenande, (3rd place, 10-11 year-old) Charlie Stephenson (3rd place, 12-13 year-old) and Patrick Weinandt (1st place, 12-13 year-old).

AREA DIGEST

USD Softball Wins Two

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The University of South Dakota softball team posted two wins at the Rebel Spring Games Wednesday. The Coyotes beat Sacred Heart University, 3-1 and Youngstown State, 4-3 to improve to 4-10 on the season.

In the win over Sacred Heart, freshman Melissa Blackburn picked up her first collegiate win on the mound , firing a four-hitter. She allowed one earned run and struck out three while walking four for the Coyotes, who've won three of their last four games.

USD trailed 1-0 through four innings before rallying in the fifth. Senior Jasey Goedeken led off with a single, and Jessica Lussman followed with a single. A groundout advanced both runners. Following a strikeout, sophomore Alexa Rudeen walked to load the bases. Junior Alaina Novotny reached on an error at shortstop, allowing Goedeken to score the tying run. Junior Mel Johnson delivered with a key two-run, two-out single to put USD up 3-1.

Blackburn made the lead stand. The freshman retired seven straight batters at one point.

Johnson finished 3-for-3 with two RBI, while senior Dani Bahlmann, Goedeken, Lussman and sophomore Lexie Eversley (Yankton) also had hits.

Against Youngstown, USD was led by Novotny, who was 2-for-3 with two RBI, while senior Callie Roan had a hit and an RBI. Rudeen had the other Coyote hit.

USD scored first by manufacturing a run in the opening inning. With one out, Roan singled, and advanced to second on a bunt by Rudeen. Novotny drove home Roan with an RBI single to put USD up 1-0.

Youngstown scored twice in the third to take a 2-1 lead, but USD answered back in the bottom of the frame. Eversley walked, and Jones reached on an error, allowing Eversley to go to third. Roan grounded out to shortstop to score Eversley, tying the game at 3-3.

Rudeen's groundout moved Jones to third, and with two out, Novotny delivered again with a double, scoring Jones and putting USD up 3-2.

The Coyotes added what proved to be a vital insurance run in the sixth. Goedeken walked, and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Bahlmann. Lussman walked, and Eversley reached on an error to load the bases. Jones reached on an error as well, allowing Goedeken to score and putting USD up 4-2.

Youngstown State mounted a rally in the seventh against USD starter Mel Johnson. After climbing within 4-3 on an RBI double by Jordan Ingalls, the Eagles' rally was thwarted by Johnson. Youngstown had runners on second and third with one out by Johnson got back-to-back groundouts to end the game.

Johnson had another solid outing in earning her third win of 2010. She allowed three runs (one earned) in seven innings, striking out four and walking five.

USD is off on Thursday but resumes action on Friday with games against Indiana State (Noon) and Pennsylvania (2 p.m.).

Wakeley Headed To D-2 Nationals

WAYNE, Neb. — Savannah Wakeley is one of three Wayne State women's athletes qualified for the NCAA Division II National Indoor Track and Field Championships, set for March 12 and 13 at Albuquerque, N.M.

Wakeley, a freshman from Wausa, Neb., is ranked eighth in the high jump after clearing 5-7 at the Mankato State Open on Jan. 30. She will begin her first national meet Saturday at 1:45 p.m.

Senior Christina King, competing in the 400-meter dash, and junior Casey Buskirk, competing in the weight throw, are also qualified for Wayne State.

Wayne State Rugby To Host Annual Tournament, March 27-28

WAYNE, Neb. — Teams from 17 states and Canada will compete in women's and men's divisions in rugby football March 27-28 in Wayne.

WSC Rugby is a non-varsity club sport affiliated with the college's Student Activities Board. This is one of the largest rugby tournaments in the U.S., serving as a kick-off event for the 2010 spring rugby season for many college and city teams. For the seventh time in nine years, last year's National Champion of USA rugby will be in Wayne to take on all challengers to play the nation's number one ranked team.

Competing teams include Wayne State, South Dakota, South Dakota State, Nebraska, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas State, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, Kansas City, Chadron State, Storm Lake, and other teams from across the U.S. A total of 72 teams are entered between the men's and women's divisions.

Games will be played from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 27, and semifinals and championship games will be played from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Wayne Rugby Park on East 4th Street, or just south of the Pamida discount store on Highway 35 (7th Street).

AREA CALENDAR

Thursday, March 11

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Calumet College of St. Joseph (9 a.m.); MMC vs. Madonna (2 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, MEN'S NAIA Division II Tourn. at Branson, Mo.; Great West Conf. Tourn. at Orem, Utah

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S NAIA Division II Tourn. at Sioux City, Iowa; Great West Conf. Tourn. at Orem, Utah (USD vs. NJIT, 2:30 p.m., KYBB-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln — C2 (Hartington CC vs. Archbishop Bergan, 3:45 p.m., KKYA-FM); D1 (Randolph vs. Overton, 2 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at Huron; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Aberdeen (Dakota Valley vs. Sisseton, 1 p.m.); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Watertown (Freeman vs. Castlewood, 7 p.m., KVHT-FM; Viborg vs. James Valley Christian, 8:45 p.m., KVHT-FM)

SOFTBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs Viterbo at Tucson (6 p.m.); MMC vs. Jamestown at Tucson (8 p.m.)

TENNIS, WOMEN'S USD vs. Radford at Orlando, Fla.

Friday, March 12

BASKETBALL, MEN'S NAIA Division II Tourn. at Branson, Mo.; Great West Conf. Tourn. at Orem, Utah (USD vs. Texas-Pan American, 5 p.m., KYBB)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S NAIA Division II Tourn. at Sioux City, Iowa; Great West Conf. Tourn. at Orem, Utah (if win, USD vs. North Dakota, noon, KYBB-FM)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln (Hartington CC, Randolph)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at Huron; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Aberdeen (Dakota Valley); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Watertown (Freeman, Viborg)

SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Rebel Spring Games at Kissimmee, Fla. (USD vs. Indiana State, noon; USD vs. Penn, 2 p.m.)

TENNIS, WOMEN'S USD vs. Appalachian State at Orlando, Fla. (8 a.m.)

Saturday, March 13

BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC vs. Madonna at Orlando (9:30 a.m.)

BASKETBALL, MEN'S NAIA Division II Tourn. at Branson, Mo.; Great West Conf. Tourn. at Orem, Utah (Championship — Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S NAIA Division II Tourn. at Sioux City, Iowa; Great West Conf. Tourn. at Orem, Utah (Championship — Semifinal winners, 4 p.m.)

BASKETBALL, BOYS' Neb. State Tourn. at Lincoln (Hartington CC, Randolph)

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. State Class AA Tourn. at Huron; S.D. State Class A Tourn. at Aberdeen (Dakota Valley); S.D. State Class B Tourn. at Watertown (Freeman, Viborg)

SOFTBALL, COLLEGE Rebel Spring Games at Kissimmee, Fla. (USD vs. Wagner, 8 a.m.; USD vs. Butler, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, March 14

No activities scheduled

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SCOREBOARD

Area Bowling

CROFTON COMMERCIAL

HIGH TEAM GAME: Wiebelhaus Rec 861

HIGH TEAM SERIES: Wiebelhaus Rec 2528

HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME: Russ Crosley 258, Steve Honeywell 255, Galen Zimmerman 248

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES: Russ Crosley 674, Galen Zimmerman 653, Aaron Kuehler 621

A STANDINGS: DSM Apts. 60.5-39.5, Dean's Cab 59.5-40.5, Coors Light 55-45, Wiebelhaus Rec 47-53

B STANDINGS: Crofton Elevator 50-50, Don's Auto 47.5-52.5, Waste Connection 44.5-55.5, Leader Angus 36-64

HIGHLIGHTS: Russ Crosley - 88 over game avg., 164 over series avg.; Galen Zimmerman 3-10; Dennis Merkel 6-8

Prep Hoops

NEB. STATE BOYS' TOURN.
First Round, Thursday, March 11
CLASS A
At Devaney Sports Center

Grand Island (9-13) vs. Norfolk (20-2), 2 p.m .

Omaha Bryan (18-5) vs. Omaha Creighton Prep (19-4), 3:45 p.m.

Millard South (12-11) vs. Lincoln Southeast (19-3), 7 p.m.

Omaha Central (20-4) vs. Lincoln High (16-5), 8:45 p.m.

CLASS B
At Devaney Sports Center

South Sioux City (16-5) vs. Sidney (15-6), 9 a.m.

Ralston (17-8) vs. Adams Central (20-3), 10:45 a.m.

At Pershing

Crete (7-14) vs. Omaha Skutt (19-6), 7 p.m.

Lincoln Pius X (17-4) vs. Beatrice (17-5), 8:45 p.m.

CLASS C1
At Pershing

Wilber-Clatonia (20-3) vs. Chadron (21-1), 9 a.m.

Minden (18-4) vs. Falls City (23-2), 10:45 a.m.

Hastings SC (22-1) vs. Tekamah-Herman (20-4), 2 p.m.

Norfolk Catholic (22-2) vs. Grand Island CC (21-4), 3:45 p.m.

CLASS C2
At Lincoln Southeast

Dundy County-Stratton (16-7) vs. Axtell (22-1), 2 p.m.

Archbishop Bergan (20-3) vs. Hartington CC (18-4), 3:45 p.m.

Ravenna (22-3) vs. Sutton (14-8), 7 p.m.

Johnson County (22-3) vs. Burwell (22-1), 8:45 p.m.

CLASS D1
At Lincoln Northeast

Sandhills/Thedford (18-6) vs. Freeman (23-2), 9 a.m.

Emerson-Hubbard (20-6) vs. Humphrey (20-3), 10:45 a.m.

Overton (19-3) vs. Randolph (14-7), 2 p.m.

Humphrey SF (16-6) vs. Exeter-Milligan (18-6), 3:45 p.m.

CLASS D2
At Lincoln Southeast

Heartland Lutheran (20-3) vs. Ewing (23-1), 9 a.m.

Giltner (19-4) vs. Hay Springs (23-1), 10:45 a.m.

At Lincoln Northeast

Hampton (21-1) vs. Lynch (12-10), 7 p.m.

Hayes Center (21-2) vs. Sterling (19-5), 8:45 p.m.

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S.D. STATE CLASS AA TOURN.
March 11-13 at Huron Arena
First Round, Thursday

Aberdeen Central (20-2) vs. Sioux Falls O'Gorman (12-8), 1 p.m.

Sioux Falls Lincoln (15-6) vs. Sioux Falls Washington (15-5), 2:45 p.m.

Sioux Falls Roosevelt (18-3) vs. Rapid City Stevens (14-8), 7 p.m.

Huron (17-6) vs. Rapid City Central (16-5), 8:45 p.m.

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S.D. STATE CLASS A TOURN.
March 11-13 at Aberdeen
First Round, Thursday

Sisseton (22-1) vs. Dakota Valley (17-5), 1 p.m.

Stickney-Mount Vernon (20-3) vs. Pine Ridge (18-4), 2:45 p.m.

Elkton-Lake Benton (22-1) vs. Mobridge-Pollock (18-5), 7 p.m.

Clark-Willow Lake (21-2) vs. Tri-Valley (19-4), 8:45 p.m.

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S.D. STATE CLASS B TOURN.
March 11-13 at Watertown
First Round, Thursday

Newell (22-1) vs. Highmore-Harrold (18-5), 1 p.m.

Summit (20-3) vs. Wall (20-3), 2:45 p.m.

Castlewood (21-2) vs. Freeman (19-4), 7 p.m.

James Valley Christian (21-1) vs. Viborg (19-3), 8:45 p.m.

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LEWIS & CLARK CONFERENCE
BOYS' BASKETBALL
East Division

Dylan Welchel, Newcastle; Alex Berg, Bancroft-Rosalie; Ryley Mohl, Bancroft-Rosalie; Connor Brummond, Bancroft-Rosalie; Deangelo Springer, Walthill; Cody Stewart, Allen; Tyler Mohr, Newcastle; Nathan Janke, Winside

HONORABLE MENTION: Kyle Mohr, Newcastle; Colton Jacobs, Newcastle; Craig Kneifl, Newcastle; C.J. Free, Walthill; Cameron Fremont, Walthill; Seth Mangels, Winside; Michael Lage, Winside; Tanner Wolslager, Winside; A.J. Williams, Allen, Keith Jorgensen, Allen; Jacob Woodward, Allen

Central Division

Aaron LaPointe, Winnebago; Jared Curry, Ponca; A.J. Borman, Emerson-Hubbard; Scott Servine, Emerson-Hubbard; Kenny Blackhawk, Winnebago; Austin Gutzmann, Emerson-Hubbard; Jeremy Payer, Winnebago; Andrew Watchorn, Ponca

HONORABLE MENTION: Adam Skow, Homer; Kody Snyder, Homer; Joey Murphy, Homer, Ben Gehring, Ponca; Matt Dohma, Ponca; Derick Lux, Emerson-Hubbard; Tyler Bodlak, Wakefield; Chris Matias, Wakefield; Trey Blackhawk, Winnebago

West Division

Wayne Bruegman, Bloomfield; Bryce Johnson, Osmond; Jared Gillilan, Wausa; Michael Wieseler, Wynot; Neal Kramer, Hartington; Nick Nipp, Bloomfield; Craig Gutz, Osmond; Clinton Wemhoff, Coleridge

HONORABLE MENTION: Ryan Boeckman, Wynot; Marcus Claussen, Wausa; Gene Kumm, Osmond; Riley Noecker, Hartington; Brett Hopkins, Bloomfield; Devin Wieseler, Wynot; Chris Schmit, Osmond

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
East Division

Taylor Pollard, Newcastle; Kelci Kneifl, Newcastle; Kalene Anderson, Bancroft-Rosalie; Jessica Tietz, Bancroft-Rosalie; Erin Beutler, Bancroft-Rosalie; Kelsey Beaudette, Bancroft-Rosalie; Shannon Sullivan, Allen; Audrey Roberts, Winside; Danna Miller, Walthill

HONORABLE MENTION: Ashlee Hingst, Allen; Rachel Hoesing, Newcastle; Megan Liecey, Winside; Charity Harlan, Walthill; Taylor Ostrand, Bancroft-Rosalie; Katie Saul, Winside

Central Division

Cara Olerich, Homer; Keri Lutz, Wakefield; Hannah Hohenstein, Ponca; Caitlin Casey, Emerson-Hubbard; Kelli Tighe, Homer; Alexa Heeney, Emerson-Hubbard; Jenna Henderson, Wakefield; Brandi Brown, Winnebago

HONORABLE MENTION: Kayla Brewer, Homer; Breanna Nogelmeier, Homer; Jasmine Overfelt, Homer; Amber Stark, Ponca, Cari Hughes, Ponca; Libby Henschke, Wakefield; Marisa Blanke, Emerson-Hubbard; Brittni Bormann, Emerson-Hubbard; Lola Kearnes, Winnebago

West Division

Sarah Schulte, Wynot; Shelby Wieseler, Wynot; Kim Huwaldt, Osmond; Morgan Arduser, Coleridge; Ashley Schmidt, Wynot; Peyton Swanson, Wausa; Mary Lingenfelter, Bloomfield; Laura Claussen, Wausa; Ali Lammers, Hartington; Laurel Krohn, Osmond

HONORABLE MENTION: Nicolette Kuchta, Wynot; Heather Koch, Wynot; Karley Jackson; Shelby Olsen, Coleridge; Brooke Hopkins, Bloomfield; Amy Nuesch, Osmond; Sheila Wiebelhaus, Hartington

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BIG SIOUX CONFERENCE
GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MVP: Chrissy Strassburg, Elk Point-Jefferson

FIRST TEAM: Shelby Bierema, Dell Rapids; Tara Otto, Tri-Valley; Chrissy Strassburg, Elk Point-Jefferson; Jaicee Ulmer, Canton; Alyssa Wall, Dakota Valley

SECOND TEAM: Kylie Gaughenbaugh, Canton; Abbie Huber, Dakota Valley; Alison Klostergaard, Beresford; Hayley McCarron, Sioux Falls Christian; Taryn Twite, Beresford

THIRD TEAM: Tory McCreary, Elk Point-Jefferson; Lindsey Montileaux, Tea Area; Taylor Neff, Dakota Valley; Taylor Swier, Tri-Valley; Heather Zeisler, Tri-Valley

HONORABLE MENTION: Alyssa Broin, Dell Rapids; Jessica Finch, Beresford; Laura Hurley, S.F. Christian; Vanessa Johanneson, Tea Area; Alyson Johnsen, Beresford; Shelby Larsen, Elk Point-Jefferson; Stephanie Miller, Canton; Krista Schneiders, Dell Rapids

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: Tri-Valley 6-1, Beresford 4-3, Canton 4-3, Dakota Valley 4-2, Dell Rapids 4-2, S.F. Christian 1-6, Tea Area 0-7

SCORING: C Strassburg, EPJ, 131, 18.7 per game; J Ulmer, Can, 118, 16.9 per game; A Wall, DV, 82, 13.7 per game; T Otto, TV, 95, 13.6 per game; T Twite, Ber, 92, 13.1 per game

REBOUNDING: A Wall, DV, 68, 11.3 per game; V Johanneson, Tea, 58, 8.3 per game; C Strassburg, EPJ, 58, 8 per game; K Gaughenbaugh, Can, 54, 7.7 per game; S Bierema, DR, 43, 7.2 per game

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE: K Klostergaard, Ber, 24-39, 62 percent; A Broin, DR, 17-30, 57 percent; M Finch, Ber, 16-34, 47 percent; C Wettstein, Ber, 13-28, 46 percent; A Wall, DV, 27-60, 45 percent; W Dunn, DV, 18-40, 45 percent

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE: A Wall, DV, 28-34, 82 percent; A Huber, DV, 14-17, 82 percent; T Twite, Ber, 23-29, 79 percent; A Cross, TV, 13-17, 76 percent; A Broin, DR, 6-8, 75 percent

THREE-POINT PERCENTAGE: S Leber, DR, 9-18, 50 percent; K Schneiders, DR, 6-12, 50 percent; A Johnsen, Ber, 4-8, 50 percent; H McCarron, SFC, 7-14, 50 percent; S Bierema, DR, 9-20, 45 percent

ASSISTS: J Ulmer, Can, 31, 4.4 per game; C Wettstein, Ber, 29, 4.1 per game; M Perryman, DV, 24, 4 per game; T Otto, TV, 26, 3.7 per game; A Johnsen, Ber, 25, 3.6 per game

STEALS: T Otto, TV, 36, 5.1 per game; J Ulmer, Can, 30, 4.2 per game; C Strassburg, EPJ, 27, 3.9 per game; K Klostergaard, Ber, 22, 3.1 per game; P Bunkers, DR, 17, 2.8 per game

Men's Hoops

GREAT WEST CONFERENCE
March 10-13 at Orem, Utah
First Round, Wednesday

Texas-Pan American 56, Utah Valley 53

Houston Baptist 80, Chicago State 77

New Jersey Tech 70, North Dakota 57

Semifinals, Friday

South Dakota vs. Texas-Pan American, 5 p.m.

Houston Baptist vs. New Jersey Tech, 7:30 p.m.

Championship, Saturday

Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY'S MAJOR SCORES
Big 12 Conference
First Round

Nebraska 75, Missouri 60
Oklahoma St. 81, Oklahoma 67
Texas 82, Iowa St. 75
Texas Tech 82, Colorado 67

Big East Conference
Second Round

Cincinnati 69, Louisville 66
Georgetown 69, South Florida 49
Marquette 57, St. John's 55
Notre Dame 68, Seton Hall 56

Big Sky Conference
Championship

Montana 66, Weber St. 65

Big West Conference
First Round

Cal St.-Fullerton 84, CS Northridge 76

Conference USA
First Round

Houston 93, East Carolina 80
Southern Miss. 57, Tulane 47
Tulsa 73, Rice 62
UCF 69, SMU 53

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals

Delaware St. 57, Bethune-Cookman 55
Morgan St. 84, N. Carolina A&T 57

First Round

Md.-Eastern Shore 64, Coppin St. 58

Mountain West Conference
First Round

Air Force 59, Wyoming 40

Northeast Conference
Championship

Robert Morris 52, Quinnipiac 50

Southland Conference
First Round

SE Louisiana 79, Texas St. 78, OT
Sam Houston St. 62, Nicholls St. 57
Stephen F.Austin 77, Texas-Arlington 54
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 78, UTSA 66

Southwestern Athletic Conference
First Round

Ark.-Pine Bluff 69, MVSU 66
Grambling St. 65, Jackson St. 57

Women's Hoops

GREAT WEST CONFERENCE
March 10-13 at Orem, Utah
First Round, Thursday

South Dakota vs. New Jersey Tech, 2:30 p.m.

Texas-Pan American vs. Houston Baptist, 5 p.m.

Chicago State vs. Utah Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Semifinals, Friday

North Dakota vs. USD-NJIT winner, noon

UTPA-HBU winner vs. CSU-UVU winner, 2:30 p.m.

Championship, Saturday

Semifinal winners, 4 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY'S MAJOR SCORES
Big West Conference
First Round

Cal St.-Fullerton 89, UC Irvine 76
UC Santa Barbara 82, Pacific 54

Conference USA
Semifinals

Tulane 73, East Carolina 64
UAB 70, Houston 65

Horizon League
Quarterfinals

Butler 70, Wright St. 57
Cleveland St. 78, Ill.-Chicago 72
Detroit 75, Loyola of Chicago 62
Wis.-Green Bay 72, Wis.-Milwaukee 48

Mid-American Conference
Quarterfinals

Akron 72, E. Michigan 46
Bowling Green 91, Miami (Ohio) 58
Kent St. 68, Cent. Michigan 55
Toledo 67, Ball St. 56

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals

Hampton 65, Md.-Eastern Shore 41
S. Carolina St. 61, N. Carolina A&T 60

Mountain West Conference
Second Round

San Diego St. 60, Wyoming 51
Utah 51, New Mexico 45, OT

Southwestern Athletic Conference
First Round

Alabama St. 50, Prairie View 48
Southern U. 64, Ark.-Pine Bluff 60

Western Athletic Conference
First Round

Fresno St. 83, Hawaii 55
Idaho 75, New Mexico St. 63
Nevada 64, Boise St. 59

The NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	66	40	22	4	84	211	189
New Jersey	65	39	23	3	81	175	157
Philadelphia	65	35	26	4	74	198	175
N.Y. Rangers	67	29	29	9	67	173	185
N.Y. Islanders	66	26	32	8	60	171	209

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	65	36	20	9	81	179	164
Ottawa	67	37	25	5	79	185	190
Montreal	68	33	29	6	72	183	188
Boston	65	29	24	12	70	160	168
Toronto	66	21	33	12	54	172	223

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	67	45	13	9	99	264	189
Atlanta	65	28	27	10	66	195	211
Tampa Bay	65	27	27	11	65	175	201
Florida	65	27	28	10	64	171	188
Carolina	66	27	31	8	62	185	204

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	66	44	17	5	93	220	163
Nashville	66	36	25	5	77	184	188
Detroit	66	31	23	12	74	177	182
St. Louis	65	30	26	9	69	177	182
Columbus	67	26	30	11	63	175	217

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	66	41	23	2	84	217	170
Colorado	66	37	23	6	80	196	176
Calgary	66	33	24	9	75	170	167
Minnesota	65	31	28	6	68	180	188
Edmonton	66	21	39	6	48	163	225

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	65	42	14	9	93	212	160
Los Angeles	66	39	22	5	83	202	178
Phoenix	66	39	22	5	83	176	164
Dallas	66	29	25	12	70	187	211
Anaheim	66	30	28	8	68	185	206

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

Tuesday's Games

Florida 3, Minnesota 2, SO
Toronto 4, Boston 3, OT
Nashville 2, Atlanta 1
Calgary 4, Detroit 2
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 3
Vancouver 6, Colorado 4
Ottawa 4, Edmonton 1
Columbus 5, Anaheim 2

Wednesday's Games

Buffalo 5, Dallas 3
New Jersey 6, N.Y. Rangers 3
Washington 4, Carolina 3, OT
Chicago 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
Vancouver at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Florida at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

The NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	40	23	.635	—
Toronto	32	30	.516	7 1/2
Philadelphia	23	41	.359	17 1/2
New York	22	42	.344	18 1/2
New Jersey	7	57	.109	33 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	45	20	.692	—
Atlanta	40	23	.635	4
Charlotte	32	31	.508	12
Miami	33	32	.508	12
Washington	21	40	.344	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	50	15	.769	—
Milwaukee	34	29	.540	15
Chicago	31	32	.492	18
Detroit	22	42	.344	27 1/2
Indiana	21	43	.328	28 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	45	21	.682	—
San Antonio	37	25	.597	6
Memphis	34	31	.523	10 1/2
Houston	32	31	.508	11 1/2
New Orleans	32	33	.492	12 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	43	21	.672	—
Utah	42	22	.656	1
Oklahoma City	39	24	.619	3 1/2
Portland	38	28	.576	6
Minnesota	14	51	.215	29 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	47	18	.723	—
Phoenix	40	25	.615	7
L.A. Clippers	25	40	.385	22
Sacramento	21	43	.328	25 1/2
Golden State	17	46	.270	29

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte 83, Miami 78
Indiana 107, Philadelphia 96
Houston 96, Washington 88
Orlando 113, L.A. Clippers 87
Utah 132, Chicago 108
Milwaukee 86, Boston 84
Portland 88, Sacramento 81
L.A. Lakers 109, Toronto 107

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte 102, Philadelphia 87
Memphis 111, Boston 91
Utah 115, Detroit 104
Miami 108, L.A. Clippers 97
Denver 110, Minnesota 102
Oklahoma City 98, New Orleans 83
Dallas 96, New Jersey 87
San Antonio 97, New York 87
Toronto at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Auto Racing

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Feb. 6 — x-Budweiser Shootout (Kevin Harvick)

Feb. 11 — x-Gatorade Duel 1 (Jimmie Johnson)

Feb. 11 — x-Gatorade Duel 2 (Kasey Kahne)

Feb. 14 — Daytona 500 (Jamie McMurray)

Feb. 21 — Auto Club 500 (Jimmie Johnson)

Feb. 28 — Shelby American, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)

March 7 — Kobalt Tools 500 (Kurt Busch)

March 21 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.

March 28 — Goody's Fast Pain Relief 500, Ridgeway, Va.

April 10 — Subway Fresh Fit 600, Avondale, Ariz.

April 18 — Samsung Mobile 500, Fort Worth, Texas

April 25 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.

x-non-points race

2010 Driver Standings

1. Kevin Harvick, 644
2. Matt Kenseth, 618
3. Greg Biffle, 585
4. Jimmie Johnson, 570
5. Clint Bowyer, 558
6. Jeff Burton, 538
7. Mark Martin, 521
8. Tony Stewart, 510
9. Paul Menard, 505
10. Kurt Busch, 502
11. Jeff Gordon, 482

(tie) Scott Speed, 482

13. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 475
14. Joey Logano, 471
15. Kyle Busch, 468
16. Brian Vickers, 466
17. Kasey Kahne, 447
18. David Reutimann, 440
19. Jamie McMurray, 439
20. Carl Edwards, 435

Transactions

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Voided the New York Mets claim of LHP Jay Marshall, who has been returned to Oakland. Suspended N.Y. Mets minor league P Melvin Colon, Cleveland minor league OF Steven Lebron, N.Y. Yankees minor league C Josue Rodriguez and N.Y. Yankees minor league P Israel Tolentino 50 games after testing positive for substances in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

MLBPA—Named Tony Clark director of player relations and Steve Fehr special counsel.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with INF Nomar Garciaparra on a minor league contract, who then announced his retirement.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Reassigned C Miguel Gonzalez, C Josh Phegley and OF Jared Mitchell to their minor league camp.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Hector Ambriz INF Brian Bixler, OF Michael Brantley, INF Asdrubal Cabrera, RHP Carlos Carrasco, OF Shin-Soo Choo, OF Trevor Crowe, LHP Kelvin De La Cruz, INF Jason Donald, RHP Jeanmar Gomez, INF Wes Hodges, LHP David Huff, INF/OF Matt LaPorta, LHP Aaron Laffey, RHP Jensen Lewis, C Lou Marson, INF Andy Marte, RHP Justin Masterson, RHP Chris Perez, LHP Rafael Perez, INF Carlos Rivero, RHP Hector Rondon, C Carlos Santana, LHP Tony Sipp, RHP Joe Smith, LHP Jeremy Sowers, RHP Mitch Talbot, RHP Jesse Todd, C Wyatt Toregas, INF Luis Valbuena, OF Nick Weglarz and RHP Anthony Reyes on one-year contracts.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Released LHP Jay Marshall.

National League

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with INF Anderson Hernandez, INF Daniel Murphy, C Omir Santos, INF Nick Evans, OF Fernando Martinez, OF Chris Carter, OF Jason Pridie, C Josh Thole, INF Shawn Bowman, RHP Nelson Figueroa, RHP Fernando Nieve, LHP Pat Misch, RHP Bobby Parnell, LHP Jonathon Niese, RHP Tobi Stoner, RHP Eddie Kunz, RHP Jack Egbert and LHP Arturo Lopez on one-year contracts. Reassigned RHP Carlos Muniz to the minor leagues.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA—Suspended Minnesota F-C Ryan Hollins two games for punching Dallas G DeShawn Stevenson and Dallas F Dirk Nowitzki during Monday's game.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Re-signed TE Anthony Becht and TE Stephen Spach to one-year contracts. Signed DE Jeremy Clark to an exclusive rights contract.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Agreed to terms with WR Derrick Mason on a two-year contract.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed FB Eddie Williams to a one-year contract.

DENVER BRONCOS—Waived G Mitch Erickson. Released DL Kenny Peterson.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed CB Jonathan Wade.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed OL Wade Smith to a four-year contract.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed DT Shaun Smith.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Agreed to terms with RB Kevin Faulk.

NEW YORK JETS—Re-signed TE Ben Hartsock to a two-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Agreed to terms with DB Marlin Jackson on a two-year contract.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Agreed to terms with LB Will Witherspoon on a three-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed NT Maake Kemoeatu.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled D Chris Chelios from Chicago (AHL). Reassigned D Mike Vernace from Chicago (AHL) to Hamilton (AHL).

BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned G Matt Dalton from Providence (AHL) to Reading (ECHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled LW Oskar Osala from Albany (AHL).

MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled D Jaime Sifers from Houston (AHL). Reassigned RW Petr Kalus to Houston.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Reassigned F Greg Stewart from Hamilton (AHL) to Chicago (AHL).

COLLEGE

MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Extended provisional membership to Savannah State, effective July 1.

CLEMSON—Announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Cristy McKinney.

DENISON—Named Jack Hatem football coach.

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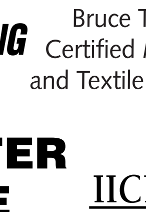

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