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GEORGIA BASKETBALL

Bulldogs can't find the basket

Dennis Felton's Georgia team had a miserable shooting night in Lexington, falling 61-55 to Kentucky. **B5**



NASCAR

Sunday, Fox

Looking toward Sprint future

Jeff Gordon eager to put poor Daytona 500 finish behind him. B7 ➤ Auto Club 500, 4 p.m.



On ajc.com/sports: Go online for the result and to blog about the Hawks' late game against the Lakers.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



Time to get a grip

Team favorites, matches made in heaven and hard-luck tales at state. **B6**

ANDY SHARP / Staff

Falcons: Heads or tails?

By STEVE WYCHE swyche@ajc.com

Flowery Branch - The Falcons will learn Friday whether they will hold the third, fourth or fifth selection in the NFL draft April 26-27. Coin-flip tiebreakers will be held at the scouting combine in Indianapolis, which begins

NFL SCOUTING COMBINE

Today-Tuesday; RCA Dome, Indianapolis.

today when prospects report for physicals.

Atlanta, Oakland and or tails. Kansas City finished with 4-

12 records. The Falcons and Raiders flip for the No. 3 pick behind Miami and St. Louis. The loser then flips with the Chiefs to decide who picks fourth and fifth.

New Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff will decide whether to call heads

Dimitroff talked about >> Please see FALCONS, B2

other offseason issues facing the Falcons:

> The possibility of trading the top draft pick: "Philosophically, I'm not averse to one or the other. I have no strong feelings about one move or the other. If we deem we don't have exactly

BRAVES SPRING TRAINING



MARK **BRADLEY** mbradley@ajc.com **MY OPINION**

James relieved shoulder treatable

Lake Buena Vista, Fla. - For most pitchers, being diagnosed with a bum rotator cuff would come as the worst news possible. For Chuck James, it arrived as a tonic.

James started 30 games last season to indifferent returns. He wound up 11-10 with an ERA of 4.24, and on a team crying for a No. 3



Chuck James knew something was wrong last season.

starter those numbers weren't good enough. He wasn't nearly the pitcher he'd been as a rookie in 2006, and try as he might — and he tried hard - he couldn't figure out why.

"It wasn't a question of veloc-James said

more the way the ball came out of my hand. Nothing was ever easy. I had to battle through every pitch every inning every time out."

Knowing his team needed him to do better, James worked harder. His regular side sessions usually numbered 20 to 25 pitches, but by the end of last season he was throwing 75 pitches in the bullpen between starts. "I thought it was a mechanical thing," he said, and if it was he

➤ Please see BRADLEY, B4



VINO WONG / Staff

Slugger Mark Teixeira chats with teammate Brian McCann at training camp. Teixeira said he wants to focus on baseball, not a new contract.

Future fortunes

Tuesday. "It was the ball came out of the ball came

By DAVID O'BRIEN

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Lake Buena Vista, Fla. – Will he be a Brave beyond this season? That's all anyone wants to know about slugging first baseman Mark Teixeira. But it looks as if he's going to keep us

guessing. Tex rolled into training camp

Tuesday and said he's here to play ball and get ready for the 2008 season, not talk about his contract or whether he plans to test the free-agent waters next

"If you're worrying about contracts, you're not going to take care of business on the field," he said. "Twenty-four other guys on this team don't

winter.

care about my contract."

Actually, they do care. Veterans Chipper Jones and John Smoltz have said how important it is to try to re-sign Teixeira, who hit .317 with 17

➤ Please see BRAVES, B4

➤ BRAVES NOTES: Aaron says baseball is trying to clean up. **B4**

KEY BRAVES DATES

- ➤ Today: First full-squad workout.
- > Feb. 27: vs. University of
- Georgia, 1:05 p.m., Disney ➤ Feb. 28: at Dodgers, 1:05
- p.m., Vero Beach

> Feb. 29: vs. Dodgers, 1:05 p.m., (ESPN)

On ajc.com

Go online this morning for

coverage of the first full-

squad workout.

A life of hard(wood) knocks

Guard creates his shot

"You can find solace on the basketball court, a calmness. I did that. I think he did that."

EDDIE BIEDENBACH **Bryan Smithson's** coach

By STEVE HUMMER / steve@ajc.com

Asheville, N.C. – Saturday was a hard night at the Justice Center. North Carolina-Asheville got rolled inside its own micro-gym by VMI 97-75. And backstage, Kennesaw's Bryan Smithson, the Bulldogs' shortest player and biggest scorer, was hobbling around.

Really, the kind of night that makes a person rethink the whole Web site thing because "Anonymous" was waiting, ready to pounce.

And sure enough, the posting to bryansmithson.com came right on time: "Lost the third straight. Your season is down the crapper" — Anonymous.

You hang yourself out there on the

through the North Carolina defense en route to 25 points in a Jan. 9 loss. ➤ Please see SMITHSON, B5



BRETT WHITSELL / Special UNC-Asheville guard Bryan Smithson (10), a North Cobb graduate, drives

Ex-wise guy knows the score

By MATT WINKELJOHN mwinkeljohn@ajc.com

Michael Franzese was at Georgia Tech on Tuesday evening, not the normal stomping grounds for a convicted member of New York's infamous Colombo crime family.

"We're recruiting," Franzese said. "The government's been doing a good job getting our guys off the street; our numbers are down."

Actually, Franzese was a member of the Colombo crime family, did seven years in prison on racketeering charges, and admits to fixing college and pro sports events through point shaving.

He has renounced his life of crime and was joking about recruiting. But he was on campus to persuade in two sessions that were mandatory for Tech athletes.

Leah Thomas, who works in Tech's

➤ Please see FRANZESE, B7

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SPORTS

NASCAR

Gordon moves beyond Daytona

By RICK MINTER rminter@ajc.com

Jeff Gordon said Tuesday during a media event at Atlanta Motor Speedway that he plans to put his Daytona bad luck behind him and focus on the upcoming Sprint Cup schedule, which continues this weekend at California Speedway and in two weeks brings NAS-CAR's top circuit to AMS for the Kobalt Tools 500 on March 9.

Many in the sport consider this week the start of the real NASCAR season because the two-week specis in the books, and now the circuit hits a stretch of races on intermediate size tracks, where there are no restrictor plates on the engines as there are at Daytona.

Gordon said that's not exactly the case for him.

"The real season started last week; we just weren't a part of it," he said in reference to his 39th-place finish because of a broken suspension part. "For us, it's important to get things

NEXT FOR NASCAR

➤ What: Auto Club 500

➤ When: 4 p.m. Sunday ➤ TV; radio: Fox; 106.7 FM

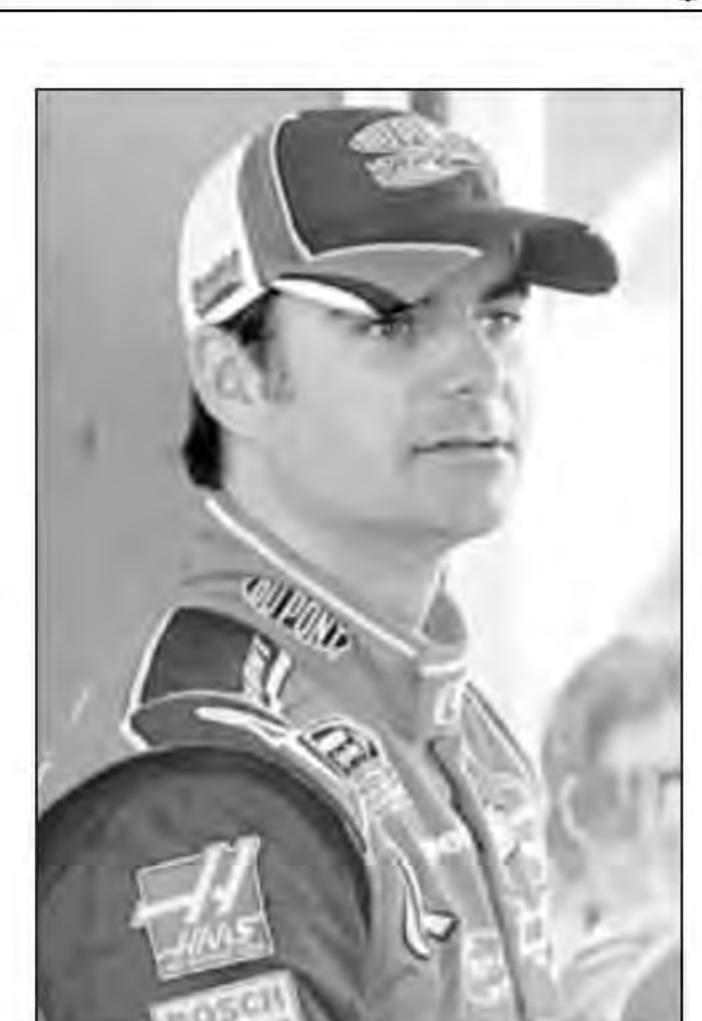
turned around soon and make sure we get ourselves back up in the points and also start working on getting ourselves competitive where we can win races....

"Hopefully, we'll get those results that we were capable of in Daytona this weekend in California."

But he did acknowledge that leaving Daytona for the intermediate tracks requires some adjustments.

"It's easier when you tacle that is the Daytona 500 finish 39th," he said. "It might be a little harder for Ryan Newman, who is still celebrating the victory and wanting to savor that moment as long as they possibly can."

> Gordon said his team's focus is on avoiding the type of mechanical problem that knocked him out at Daytona, especially now that the crew knows how much strain the suspension setups put on the "Car of Tomorrow," which is now the only



GLENN SMITH / Associated Press **Jeff Gordon** finished 39th in the Daytona 500 because of a broken suspension part.

vehicle used in Sprint Cup.

"It was a wake-up call for all of us what kind of stress we're putting on the suspension components," he said. "We prepared as best we could to prevent those things from happening, and it still happened."

But he said Daytona usually punishes cars more than other tracks, such as AMS.

And, in a bit of good news for Atlanta fans, he said that the use of the COT at AMS, although relatively untried on similar tracks, won't affect the kind of side-byside racing that has come to be expected on the 1.54mile oval.

"As long as you have a multiple-groove race track, you're going to see great racing, and that's what we have here," he said.

BRIEFLY

Tide player admits to robbery

FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

Alabama defensive lineman Jeremy Elder admitted robbing two students at gunpoint Saturday night, according to sworn testimony reported Tuesday by the (Mobile) Press-Register.

Elder, a 19-year-old from North Clayton High who was redshirted last season, was arrested Sunday and charged with two counts of felony first-degree robbery.

The Mobile paper said a deposition filed Tuesday in district court by authorities said Elder "admitted to committing the robbery."

The newspaper said the student alleging Elder robbed him of \$26 at gunpoint Saturday night identified the player Sunday on video footage taken at the athletic dorm.

Elder has been suspended indefinitely from all football-related activities.

AUTO RACING

Clanton replaced for truck race

Tyrone's Joey Clanton won't be driving Jack Roush's No. 09 Ford in Saturday's Craftsman Truck Series race at California Speedway. Clanton, who crashed in the season

opener at Daytona last week and during testing last month, will be replaced by former truck series champion Travis Kvapil. Roush said in a statement that the team will re-evaluate its plans before the series races at Atlanta Motor Speedway on March 7.

- Rick Minter

MORE RACING

Open-wheel union 'heating up'

A possible unification of America's two open-wheel series is still on track. **David** Higdon, Champ Car World Series spokesman, said discussions are "heating up." Fred Nation, a spokesman for the Indy Racing League, told The Associated Press "there is no deal yet" but the two sides are optimistic an agreement can be reached, possibly by Thursday.

BASEBALL Rangers' Kinsler gets 5-year deal

The Rangers and second baseman **Ian Kinsler** agreed on a five-year, \$22 million contract with a club option valued at \$10 million for the 2013 season.... Lefthander **Odalis Perez** agreed to a non-guaranteed, minor

league contract with the Nationals that will pay him \$850,000 if he makes the major league club. ... Astros right fielder **Hunter Pence** crashed through a sliding glass door in the bathroom of his spring training home Monday night, leaving him with multiple cuts that will sideline him for a week. In other Astros news, the team defeated former All-Star Mark Loretta in salary arbitration. The 36-yearold infielder will be paid \$2.75 million rather than the \$4.9 million he requested.... Bob Howsam, 89, a former general manager of the Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Cardinals and a founder of the Denver Broncos, died Tuesday in Sun City, Ariz.

PRO FOOTBALL

K.C. uses franchise tag on Allen

The Chiefs put a franchise tag on defensive end Jared **Allen**, who led the NFL in sacks last season with 15½. ... The 49ers waived linebacker Derek Smith, cutting ties with their longtime leading tackler whose role was assumed last season by rookie Patrick Willis. ... The Steelers gave defensive end **Travis Kirschke** a

two-year deal.

Franzese: Must-hear message

➤ Continued from B1

life-skills programs, hired Franzese to speak about several topics, chiefly dangers inherent with gambling.

"If I have 100 of you in here, I know 25 are gambling or know somebody who is," he said. "I guarantee you I'll have e-mails from some of you when I get to my hotel. My Web site is Michaelfranzese.com. If you've got an issue, we can discuss it.

"I'll guarantee you by the time I get back to my hotel room somebody in this room, probably more than one, will e-mail me to discuss a gambling issue. I was at Auburn [Monday] night; I had six e-mails."

Franzese, who will lecture today at Georgia, has been doing this since 1996, shortly after getting out of prison. He has spoken on more than 300 campuses and addressed NBA and Major League Baseball teams, tennis players and more.

He tells of how he and some of the "300 maniacs" he used to captain in New York convinced student-



Michael Franzese was a member of the Colombo crime family and served time in prison.

athletes to shave points.

"When I was on the street, we put many athletes in trouble, both on the professional and college level," he said. "When they got in trouble, they had to pay up. If they didn't, some got hurt, and some were forced to shave games."

Freshman point guard Moe Miller said this lecture was less boring than most. "We go to a lot of meet-

ings like this," he said. "This one was actually kind of interesting."

Franzese, 57, earned millions of dollars a week in the 1970s and '80s, much of it by bootlegging gasoline.

He said his life changed gradually as he became a Christian at the behest of his wife, Camille, whom he met in 1985.

Franzese said that, yes, he has worried about his safety over the years, and that he knows what college is about,

with three of his seven children there now. Franzese also lectured about drugs and alcohol.

He said he never ratted out former associates, but suggested that relying on similar secrecy in this day and age won't work.

"[Former Falcons quar-Michael terback] Vick, an example. People that were close to him ... that he financed in that [dogfighting] operation. ... They got arrested and within 48 hours every single one agreed to testify," he said. "What does that tell you? The day of the stand-up guy ... it's over, people."

Thomas got what she wanted out of Franzese.

"I had read the kind of feedback student-athletes have given him," Thomas said. "We do these presentations frequently, and I'm always looking for something that is going to get their attention."

Greg Smith, a sophomore wide receiver, said, "This right here was real. The way he explained how you could make \$10,000 ... it's wrong, but I can see how people would be tempted."

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ON THE AIR

Sport	Event	Time	Station
COLLEGE BASKETBALL	North Carolina at N.C. State Marquette at St. John's	7 p.m. 7 p.m.	ESPN ESPN2
	Georgia State at UNC-Wilmington South Carolina at Florida	7 p.m. 8 p.m.	CSS FSN
	Duke at Miami Kansas State at Nebraska	9 p.m. 9 p.m.	WATL ESPN2
CYCLING	Tour of California – Stage 3*	11 p.m.	Versus
GOLF	PGA-WGC, Accenture Match Play, first round	2 p.m.	Golf
BASKETBALL	Lakers at Suns Hawks at Kings	9 p.m. 10 p.m.	ESPN SPSO
SOCCER	UEFA: Arsenal FC vs. AC Milan	2:30 p.m.	ESPN2

TUTODAY

CALENDAR

	Thursday	Saturday	Tuesday	
Thrashers 680 AM	at Hurricanes 7 p.m.; SPSO	at Maple Leafs 7 p.m.; SPSO	at Canadiens 7:30 p.m.; SPS0	
	Today	Friday	Saturday	
Hawks 790 AM	at Kings 10 p.m.; SPSO	at Warriors 10:30 p.m.; SPSO	at Jazz 9 p.m.; FSN	
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Gladiators	at Ice Pilots 8:05 p.m.	at Sea Wolves 8:05 p.m.	vs. Lynx 4:05 p.m.	
	MEN'S BASKETBALL		WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
Ga. Tech 790 AM; 91.1 FM	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday	
	vs. Virginia 7 p.m.; FSN	at Virginia Tech 2 p.m.; WATL	at Clemson 2 p.m.	
	MEN'S BASKETBALL		WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
	Saturday	Feb. 27	Sunday	
Georgia 750 AM	at Vanderbilt 4 p.m.; WUPA	vs. Florida 7 p.m.	vs. Auburn 2:30 p.m.; CSS	
	MEN'S BASKETBALL		WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
Georgia State 88.5 FM	Today	Saturday	Thursday	
	at UNC-Wilm. 7 p.m.; CSS	at J'ville State 8 p.m.	vs. UNC-Wilm. 6 p.m.	
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- ➤ Georgia Tech Call 888-TECH-TIX ➤ Georgia: Call 706-542-1231
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday

at Jacksonville

3:30 p.m.

Thursday

at North Florida

7 p.m.

- > Hawks: Season tickets or individual tickets (\$10-\$1,000): 866-715-1500 or hawks.tickets@atlantaspirit.com or at hawks.com or Ticketmaster at 404-249-6400
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ROLL CALL

TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joel Zumaya, RHP Yorman Bazardo, RHP

Jordan Tata, RHP Virgil Vasquez, OF Brent Clevlen and OF Freddy Guzmanon on oneyear contracts. OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with C Rob Bowen, INF Kevin Melillo, LHP Dan

Meyer, INF Donnie Murphy, INF Gregorio Petit and C Landon Powell on one-year contracts. **SEATTLE MARINERS** — Agreed to terms with OF Bubba Crosby on a minor league **TEXAS RANGERS** — Agreed to terms with 2B Ian Kinsler on a five-year contract.

National League ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Ron Villone on a minor league **WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Agreed

to terms with LHP Odalis Perez on a minor

league contract. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association **DALLAS MAVERICKS** — Waived F Nick

NEW JERSEY NETS — Traded G Jason Kidd F Malik Allen and G Antoine Wright to Dallas for G Devin Harris, C DeSagana Diop, G-F Maurice Ager, F Keith Van Horn, F Trenton Hassell, two first-round draft picks and \$3

Women's National Basketball Association **CONNECTICUT SUN** — Signed G Lindsay Whalen to a three-year contract. **INDIANA FEVER** — Traded F Tamika Whitmore and the rights to G Jessica Foley to Connecticut for F Katie Douglas. MINNESOTA LYNX — Signed G Anna

DeForge. **FOOTBALL National Football League NEW YORK JETS** — Signed S Artrell Hawkins. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Waived LB Derek Smith. WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed C Ethan Albright.

HOCKEY National Hockey League BOSTON BRUINS — Signed D Andrew Bodnarchuk. **CAROLINA HURRICANES** — Assigned F Joe

Jensen to Albany (AHL). **NEW YORK ISLANDERS** — Recalled D Drew Fata from Bridgeport (AHL). PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Acquired D Jaroslav Modry from Los Angeles for a 2008 third-round draft pick. COLLEGE

women's associate head soccer coach to women's soccer coach, effective at the end of the 2008 season. **PEPPERDINE** — Named Tom Asbury men's basketball coach, effective at the end of the 2008 season.

ARMY — Promoted Stefanie Golan from

UNLV — Dismissed G Marcus Lawrence from the men's basketball team after he was charged with driving under the influence. GOLF

PGA TOUR

ACCENTURE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP at Marana, Ariz. Today's first round pairings

Seeding in parentheses Jones Bracket (1) Tiger Woods vs. (64) J.B. Holmes (32) Mike Weir vs. (33) Arron Oberholser

(16) Zach Johnson vs. (49) David Toms (17) Aaron Baddeley vs. (48) M. Calcavecchia (8) Rory Sabbatini vs. (57) Bradley Dredge (25) Paul Casey vs. (40) Robert Karlsson (9) K.J. Choi vs. (56) Camilo Villegas (24) Ian Poulter vs. (41) Soren Hansen Hogan Bracket (4) Ernie Els vs. (61) Jonathan Byrd

(20) Trevor Immelman vs. (45) S. Katayama (5) Adam Scott vs. (60) Brendan Jones (28) Toru Taniguchi vs. (37) Woody Austin (12) Sergio Garcia vs. (53) John Senden (21) Martin Kaymer vs. (44) Boo Weekley Snead Bracket (3) Steve Stricker vs. (62) Daniel Chopra

(29) Retief Goosen vs. (36) Andres Romero

(13) Henrik Stenson vs. (52) Robert Allenby

(30) Richard Sterne vs. (35) Hunter Mahan (14) Angel Cabrera vs. (51) Anders Hansen (19) Luke Donald vs. (46) Nick Dougherty (6) Jim Furyk vs. (59) Colin Montgomerie (27) Stephen Ames vs. (38) Charles Howell (11) Padraig Harrington vs. (54) Jerry Kelly (22) Stewart Cink vs. (43) Miguel A. Jimenez Player Bracket

(2) Phil Mickelson vs. (63) Pat Perez (31) Stuart Appleby vs. (34) Tim Clark (15) Geoff Ogilvy vs. (50) Justin Leonard (18) Lee Westwood vs. (47) Brandt Snedeker (7) Justin Rose vs. (58) Rod Pampling (26) Scott Verplank vs. (39) Nick O'Hern (10) Vijay Singh vs. (55) Peter Hanson (23) Niclas Fasth vs. (42) Richard Green

TENNIS WTA TOUR

Qatar Total Open

BASKETBALL

Saturday

at Jacksonville

1 p.m.

At Doha, Qatar Singles — First Round Dinara Safina (11), Russia, def. Katarina

Srebotnik, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-4. Li Na, China, def.

Elena Likhovtseva, Russia, 6-1, 0-6, 6-4. Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-3, 6-4. Nathalie Dechy, France, def. Peng Shuai, China, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Sania Mirza, India, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 3-2, retired. Ai Sugiyama, Japan, def. Agnes Szavay (13), Hungary, 7-6 (3), 6-0. Tathiana Garbin, Italy, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-2, 7-5. Patty Schnyder (9), Switzerland, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 6-0. Karin Knapp, Italy, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-1, 6-4.

Second Round Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark, def. Marion Bartoli (8), France, 6-2, 6-3. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, def. Francesca Schiavone (17), Italy, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Copa Colsanitas Santander At Bogota, Colombia Singles — First Round

Rossana de los Rios, Paraguay, def. Emilie Loit

(4), France, 7-5, 6-3. Yvonne Meusburger (5),

Austria, def. Jill Craybas, United States, 6-4, 6-4. Edina Gallovits (7), Romania, def. Sunitha Rao, India, 6-1, 6-2. Martina Muller (9), Germany, def. Viky Nunez Fuentes, Colombia, 7-5, 7-6 (5). Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, def. Maria Irigoyen, Argentina, 6-4, 6-0. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Camille Pin, France, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. Maria Elena Camerin. Italy, def. Maret Ani, Estonia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, def. Tatjana Malek, Germany, 6-4, 6-2. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Bethanie Mattek, United States, 7-5, 6-2. Catalina Castano, Colombia, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, 6-3, 7-5. Mariya Koryttseva, Ukraine, def. Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (3). Pauline Parmentier (3), France, def. Julia Schruff, Germany, 6-4, 6-3. Betina Jozami, Argentina, def. Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

ATP TOUR **ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament** At Rotterdam, Netherlands Singles — First Round

Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 7-5, 6-4. Gilles Simon, France, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4. Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Marcos Baghdatis (8), Cyprus, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Michael Llodra, France, def. Raemon Sluiter, Netherlands, 6-1, 7-6 (6). Nikolay Davydenko (2), Russia, def. Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3. David Ferrer (3), Spain, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy,

SAP Open At San Jose, Calif. Singles — First Round

Kristof Vliegen (8), Belgium, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-4, 7-6 (4). Bobby Reynolds, United States, def. Benedikt Dorsch, Germany, 7-5, 6-4. Radek Stepanek (4), Czech Republic, def. Paul Capdeville, Chile, 7-6 (2), 6-1. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Jurgen Melzer (6), Austria, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6). Jesse Levine, United States, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Wayne Odesnik, United States, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4. John Isner, United States, def. Florent Serra, France, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

AUTO RACING NASCAR

SPRINT CUP DRIVER RATING									
NASCAR Sprint Cup driver ratings with									
season points position									
rating and overall rating:									
	POS.	HIGH	RATING						
I. Kyle Busch	4	133.1	133.1						
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	8	115.6	115.6						
3. Ryan Newman	1	110.6	110.6						
4. Greg Biffle	10	106.3	106.3						
5. Kasey Kahne	6	103.4	103.4						
6. Tony Stewart	3	102.9	102.9						
7. Denny Hamlin	16	98.2	98.2						
8. Sam Hornish Jr.	15	90.1	90.1						
9. Reed Sorenson	5	88.4	88.4						
10. Clint Bowyer	23	87.9	87.9						
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BOXING FIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (ESPN2), Richard Gutierrez, Colombia, vs. Miguel Angel Vasquez, Mexico, 10, welterweights; Yuriorkis Gamboa, Cuba, vs. Johnnie Edwards, Florence, S.C., 10, junior lightweights. At Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Cabazon, Calif., Enrique Ornelas, Mexico, vs. Norberto Bravo, Tucson, Ariz., 12, for Ornelas' NABF middleweight title; Nestor Rocha, Montebello, Calif., vs. Javier Cintron, Puerto Rico, 10, bantamweights. Saturday

At Madison Square Garden, New York (HBO), Wladimir Klitschko, Ukraine, vs. Sultan Ibragimov, Russia, 12, IBF/WBO heavyweight unification; John Duddy, Ireland, vs. Michi Munoz, Topeka, Kan., 10, middleweights.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TUESDAY'S RESULTS

SOUTH

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008 / B7

Bryan 63, Union, Ky. 51 Davidson 75, UNC Greensboro 66 Ferrum 57, Shenandoah 54 Florida St. 64, Clemson 55 Fort Valley St. 92, Paine 73 Johnson C. Smith 71, Fayetteville St. 69 Kentucky 61, Georgia 55 Livingstone 65, St. Augustine's 63 Montreat 67, Bluefield 59 N. Kentucky 67, Bellarmine 66 S. Virginia 77, Apprentice 69 Savannah St. 63, Stetson 60, OT Utah Valley St. 69, N.C. Central 62

Virginia St. 77, Shaw 73

Albright 86, Widener 81, OT

Bentley 79, Assumption 66

Coast Guard 113, Mitchell 61

Stonehill 63, Bryant 54

Walsh 73, Urbana 49

Connecticut 65, DePaul 60 Dominican, N.Y. 76, Felician 66 Edinboro 101, Penn St.-Greater Alleghen 53 Framingham St. 72, Fitchburg St. 70 Franklin Pierce 74, St. Michael's 71 Keene St. 105, E. Connecticut 72 Kent St. 76, Buffalo 66 LeMoyne 78, S. New Hampshire 75 Lycoming 56, Elizabethtown 54 Maine Maritime 63, Maine-Farmington 57 Mass.-Dartmouth 92, Mass.-Boston 72 Mountain St. 95, Voorhees 74 Pace 82. American International 72 S. Connecticut 61, Mass.-Lowell 43

EAST

Suffolk 93, Norwich 85 MIDWEST Akron 56, Miami (Ohio) 52 Bradley 72, Drake 71 Cedarville 74, Shawnee St. 43 Gannon 82, Tiffin 61 Indiana 77, Purdue 68 Indiana St. 83, Wichita St. 73, OT Mount Vernon Nazarene 94, Rio Grande 78 Notre Dame Coll. 81, Malone 64 Ohio 69, Bowling Green 48

SOUTHWEST Oklahoma 92, Baylor 91, OT Oral Roberts 71, S. Utah 62 WOMEN SOUTH Appalachian St. 58, UNC-Greensboro 53 Bellarmine 73, N. Kentucky 60 E. Mennonite 79, Randolph-Macon 74 Ferrum 73, Shenandoah 47 Johnson C. Smith 74, Fayetteville St. 53 Mary Baldwin 61, Christopher Newport 60

Washington & Lee 73, Hollins 37 EAST Boston U. 77, Maine 56 Elms 42, Bay Path 35 Fitchburg St. 67, Framingham St. 45 Franklin Pierce 81, St. Michael's 55 LeMoyne 57, S. New Hampshire 56 Providence 62, Syracuse 58 RPI 59, Vassar 50 Rivier 87, Newbury 59 Rutgers 57, Notre Dame 51

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South Florida 77, Villanova 66

Union, Ky. 68, Bryan 54

MIDWEST Ball St. 76, Toledo 49 E. Michigan 67, W. Michigan 61 West Virginia 82, Cincinnati 63

Vermont 61, New Hampshire 54

TUESDAY'S MEN'S SUMMARIES

Florida St. 64, Clemson 55 **CLEMSON (19-7):** Perry 0-20-00, Mays 0-10 1-41, Booker 5-62-612, Rivers 4-151-110, Hammonds 5-11 2-3 13, Stitt 2-6 2-3 7, Sykes 0-11-21, Potter 0-42-22, Oglesby 1-70-02, Grant 3-3 1-2 7. Totals 20-65 12-23 55. FLORIDA ST. (15-12): Echefu 2-41-15, Reid 1-3 0-0 2, Mims 1-5 8-8 10, Douglas 5-13 11-14 23, Rich 10-13 2-7 22, Demercy 0-0 0-1 0, Vaughn 1-2 0-0 2, Hoff 0-1 0-2 0, Zitani 0-1 0-0 O. Totals 20-42 22-33 64.

Halftime: Florida St. 35-17. 3-Point Goals: Clemson 3-27 (Stitt 1-4, Hammonds 1-6, Rivers 1-10, Potter 0-3, Oglesby 0-4), Florida St. 2-10 (Douglas 2-5, Echefu 0-1, Mims 0-2, Rich 0-2). Fouled Out: Echefu, Potter, Reid. Rebounds: Clemson 38 (Booker 9), Florida St. 44 (Douglas, Echefu, Reid, Rich 6). Assists: Clemson 8 (Potter 3), Florida St. 5 (Douglas, Mims, Rich, Vaughn, Zitani 1). Total Fouls: Clemson 28, Florida St. 23. A: 7,075.

No. 13 Connecticut 65,

25-70 6-9 60.

Depaul 60 **DEPAUL (10-15):** Green 3-110-06, Clarke 3-8 0-0 8, Koshwal 3-10 0-0 6, Burns 6-15 6-9 20, Clinkscales 2-3 0-0 4, Tucker 1-8 0-0 2 Walker 5-13 0-0 10, Poscic 2-2 0-0 4. Totals

CONNECTICUT (21-5): Adrien 5-9 2-212,

Robinson 3-10 2-29, Thabeet 6-9 4-716, Price 1-7 4-4 6, Austrie 5-7 2-2 14, Wiggins 3-5 0-0 8, Kelly 0-0 0-0 0, Edwards 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 23-50 14-17 65. Halftime: Connecticut 29-28. 3-Point Goals: DePaul 4-21 (Clarke 2-4, Burns 2-9, Walker 0-2, Green 0-2, Tucker 0-4), Connecticut 5-12

(Austrie 2-4, Wiggins 2-4, Robinson 1-2, Price 0-2). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: DePaul 36 (Koshwal 7), Connecticut 38 (Thabeet 13). Assists: DePaul 8 (Clinkscales 5). Connecticut 15 (Price 7). Total Fouls: DePaul 15, Connecticut 9. A: 14,858.

No. 15 Indiana 77, No. 14 Purdue 68

PURDUE (21-6): Hummel 7-12 0-0 17, Calasan 1-61-23, Kramer 3-82-48, Grant 4-130-010, Moore 3-15 4-5 11, Crump 0-1 0-0 0, Martin 5-13 1-6 12, Green 0-2 1-2 1, Johnson 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 25-72 11-21 68. INDIANA (22-4): D.White 6-11 7-8 19, Stemler 1-10-03, Bassett 4-54-516, Ellis 2-62-2 7, Gordon 4-12 13-15 22, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0,

Crawford 0-3 4-4 4, Taber 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 20-42 30-34 77. Halftime: Indiana 32-29. 3-Point Goals: Purdue 7-29 (Hummel 3-6, Grant 2-6, Martin 1-5, Moore 1-7, Green 0-1, Kramer 0-2, Calasan 0-2), Indiana 7-11 (Bassett 4-4, Stemler 1-1, Ellis 1-2, Gordon 1-3, Crawford 0-1). Fouled Out: Kramer, D.White. Rebounds: Purdue 30 (Kramer 7), Indiana 46 (D.White 15). Assists: Purdue 10 (Kramer 5), Indiana 14 (Bassett 4).

Bradley 72, No. 16 Drake 71 BRADLEY (16-12): Wilson 6-14 3-3 15, Salley 4-5 1-19, Maniscalco 2-8 1-27, Crouch 8-12 1-1 23, Ruffin 4-11 0-0 11, Cole-Scott 1-1 0-0 2, Austin 2-4 0-0 4, Singh 0-21-21. Totals 27-57 7-9 72. DRAKE (23-3): Korver 3-13 0-0 9, Cox 4-7 6-7

Total Fouls: Purdue 26, Indiana 17. A: 17,401.

15, Houston 2-8 4-4 9, Emmenecker 3-4 2-2 8, Young 9-16 3-3 23, Heemskerk 1-2 0-0 2, Baryenbruch 1-1 0-0 3, Parker 0-1 0-0 0, Hall 1-10-02. Totals 24-53 15-16 71. Halftime: Tied 33-33. 3-Point Goals: Bradley 11-23 (Crouch 6-8, Ruffin 3-8, Maniscalco 2-5, Wilson 0-2), Drake 8-24 (Korver 3-12, Young 2-7, Cox 1-1, Baryenbruch 1-1, Houston 1-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Bradley 32 (Wilson 7), Drake 28 (Houston 7). Assists: Bradley 19 (Crouch, Ruffin 6), Drake 12

(Emmenecker 7). Total Fouls: Bradley 18,

Drake 10. Technical: Bradley Bench. A: 7,152. BASKETBALL **CBA STANDINGS**

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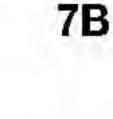
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