

BRIEFS

Wisniewski fined \$50,000

■ NEW YORK — Oakland Raiders guard Steve Wisniewski was fined \$50,000 by the NFL on Thursday for two on-field incidents. Wisniewski was fined \$30,000 for his third unnecessary roughness penalty of the season. Late in last Sunday's game with Detroit, he was penalized for launching himself into a Lions player in a downfield pileup after a pass play. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue added on a \$20,000 fine for Wisniewski's charging and making contact with a game official, also in the fourth quarter. Earlier this season, Wisniewski, an eight-year veteran, was fined \$5,000 for unnecessary roughness in a Sept. 8 game against Kansas City, and another \$10,000 for an identical foul in a Sept. 29 games against Chicago. Wisniewski has been fined \$65,000 this season for on-field misconduct.

No charges in death

■ CEDAR FALLS — No charges will be filed in the death of former Northern Iowa football player Randy Schultz, who died in a fight at his home. The Black Hawk County attorney's office announced Thursday it would not charge anyone in the case. The county attorney's office looked into the matter after Cedar Falls police investigated and filed no charges. Schultz, 52, bled to death Oct. 4 from internal injuries after he fell against a table. Authorities said Schultz had been fighting with an unidentified family member.

Bryant impressive in debut

■ FRESNO, Calif. — Teenager Kobe Bryant apparently needed a reminder of just how much his life has changed in a few months, so Los Angeles Lakers Coach Del Harris gave him one. "Hey, pass the ball. This isn't high school any more," Harris snapped after Bryant lost the ball in his NBA debut Wednesday night. That turnover was about the only thing Bryant, 18, did wrong in the Lakers' 90-80 win over the Dallas Mavericks. He hit all four of his shots — including a 3-pointer and a running dunk — and added two assists.

Bowe isn't listening

■ NEW YORK — Riddick Bowe, all 6-foot-5, 240-plus pounds of him, isn't listening to his mother. After his riot-marred disqualification victory over Andrew Golota on July 11 at Madison Square Garden, Bowe recalled Thursday, his mother told him, "Maybe you should retire now." "Why, Mamma?" "Because, between you and me, he was beating your butt." A lot of people thought Bowe would have lost — perhaps even been knocked out — if Golota hadn't been disqualified in the seventh round for repeated low blows.

Lee's contract rejected

■ NEW YORK — Travis Lee's record \$10 million contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks was rejected by baseball officials because part of the signing bonus was to be paid after 1997. Under the deal agreed to last week between the expansion team and the first baseman, Lee was to be paid \$1.2 million on Oct. 16, \$3.6 million on Jan. 15 and \$500,000 next June 30. The remainder was due by Dec. 1, 1997, but the Diamondbacks were given the option of converting it to a three-year major-league contract with salaries of \$1 million in 1998, \$1.5 million in 1999 and \$2 million in 2000.

11 left for Butkus Award

■ ORLANDO, Fla. — Seven seniors, three juniors and one sophomore made the cut as semifinalists for this year's Butkus Award, presented annually to the best college football linebacker, the selection committee announced Thursday. Three finalists will be announced Nov. 14. The semifinalists are Greg Bellisari, senior, Ohio State; Daryl Bush, junior, Florida State; Canute Curtis, senior, West Virginia; Pat Fitzgerald, senior, Northwestern; Jarrett Irons, senior, Michigan; Dwayne Rudd, junior, Alabama; Matt Russell, senior, Colorado; Jamie Sharper, senior, Virginia; Brian Simmons, junior, North Carolina; Takeo Spikes, sophomore, Auburn; Scott Von der Ahe, senior, Arizona State.

Qualifying may be delayed

■ NEW YORK — World Cup qualifying for the United States was to be delayed following Wednesday night's stampede before a qualifier in Guatemala. FIFA, soccer's world governing body, decided to hold off on the rest of the schedule in Group One of the North and Central American and Caribbean region.

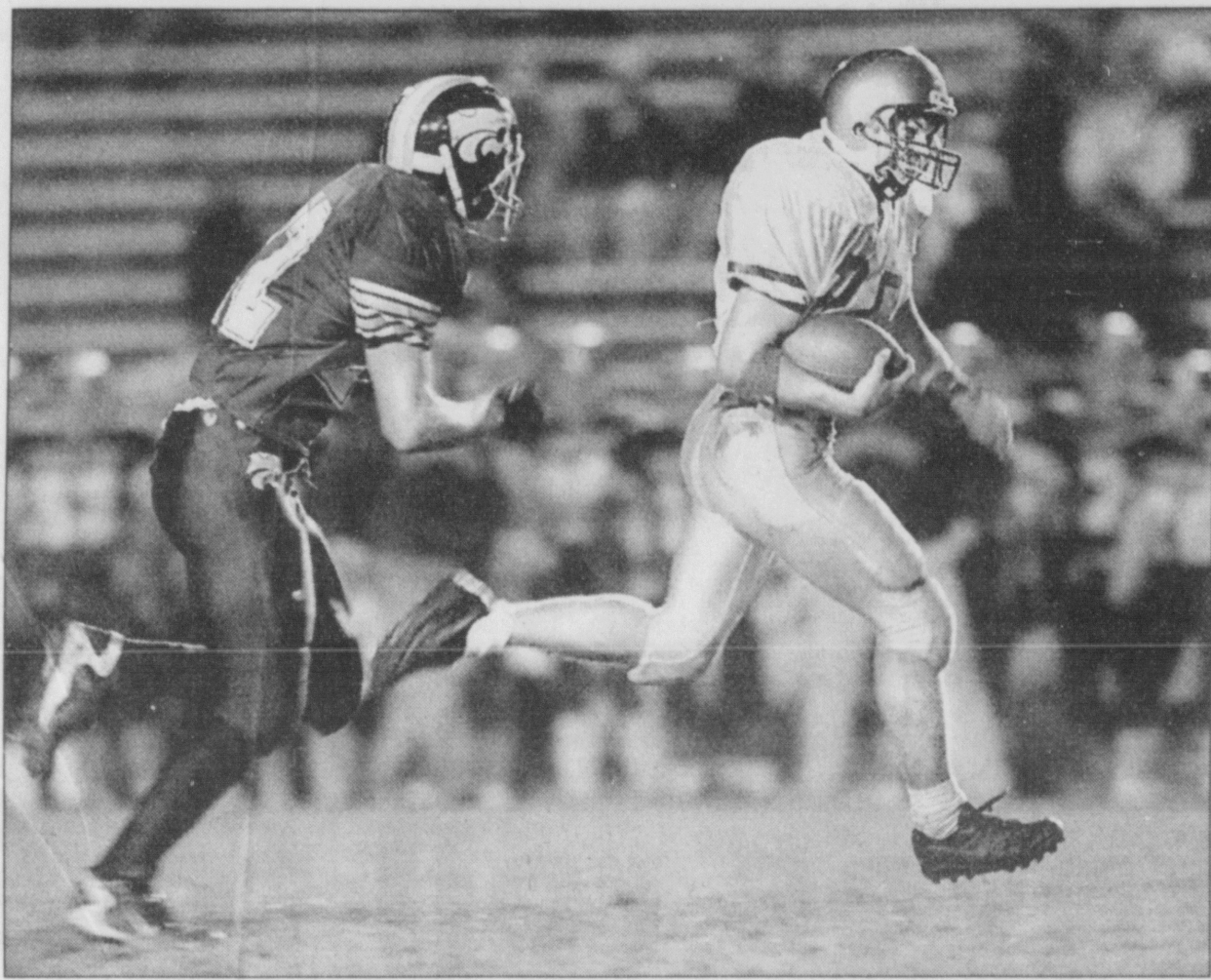
Odds & ends

■ An encouraged Jennifer Capriati upset No. 7 seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria to reach the quarterfinals of the European Indoors tennis tournament. . . Center fielder Brian McRae agreed to a three-year deal with the Chicago Cubs. . . Jurors convicted former NBA All-Star Alvin Robertson of one count of burglary stemming from a rampage at his ex-girlfriend's apartment. . . Sacramento Kings center Olden Polynice was arrested at his home on domestic assault charges after his live-in girlfriend complained he yanked keys from her hand and threw her against a wall, police said.

Gazette wire services

Ohio back eclipses Bender's rushing mark

The NCAA single-game rushing record Coe's Carey Bender set two seasons ago has fallen. Dante Brown of Marietta, Ohio, rushed for 441 yards in the Pioneers' Oct. 5 43-30 win over Baldwin-Wallace. A junior who did not start last season, Brown answered Marietta's supposed "question mark" at running back in its opener this fall, when he ran for 306 yards in a 35-18 win over defending Iowa Conference champion Central at Pella. Central is 4-1 now.



Gazette photo by Marie-Susanne Langille

Dubuque Wahlert running back Troy Clemen, with Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Brad Beachler Hanson in pursuit, scoots for some of his 216 rushing yards last night at Kingston Stadium. Wahlert won the Mississippi Valley Conference football game, 33-7.

Cougars strike early, then watch Wahlert roll

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

Just more than halfway through the third quarter of Thursday night's Mississippi Valley Conference football game between Dubuque Wahlert and Cedar Rapids Kennedy, the clouds opened and it began to rain. The short shower seemed eerily appropriate, considering Wahlert was busy raining on Kennedy's homecoming celebration. The Golden Eagles broke a 7-7 tie with a pair of touchdowns in a 17-second span of the third period, and went on to whip the Cougars, 33-7, at cold and windy Kingston Stadium. The win was the sixth straight for No. 9-ranked Wahlert (6-1), which translates into a third straight playoff berth. "We told them this week that six wins usually gets you in. I think they deserved to know that," said Wahlert Coach Mike Cooper. "I'm just on Cloud 9 that we've won six games." Kennedy (3-4) had its two-game win streak snapped, and the loss will likely keep the Cougars home for the postseason. "I thought we came out flat tonight," said Kennedy Coach Don Knock. "We've had three pretty emotional weeks, and with homecoming and playing on Thursday, it's tough to come out and play. Plus you're playing the No. 9 team in the state, and they're good. They have a good football team. . . . Once they got up on us, it was pretty much over." Wahlert was better than Kennedy on both sides of the ball. Workhorse back Troy Clemen ran for 216 yards and three touchdowns on 27 carries to

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lead a 348-yard rushing effort. His touchdown runs covered 6, 11 and 49 yards. The Wahlert defense, meanwhile, limited Kennedy to 203 yards, including 173 on the ground. Junior tailback J.C. Steinburg handled the ball on 22 of Kennedy's 31 rushing plays and finished with 182 yards and a touchdown. Three other Kennedy ball carriers combined for a minus-9 yards. "We've played outstanding defense for about four weeks now," Cooper said. "(The defense) showed a lot of courage tonight. (Steinburg) is a good back. He's as good a back as we've faced. We kind of shut him down, and we played a great second half." It didn't start out that way. Kennedy had the ball at its own 31 on its first possession of the night, and Steinburg exploded up the middle for a 69-yard touchdown run that staked the Cougars to a 7-0 lead. "Maybe that was the kiss of death," Knock said of Steinburg's long run. "That was the worst thing that could have happened to us — having all that success early. Although we ran the ball fairly well at times, we just couldn't get it downfield and into the end zone." Wahlert tied the game in the second quarter when Jacob Burke returned a Kennedy punt 53 yards for a touchdown. The Golden Eagles took the lead for good at the 6:52 mark of the third period when Clemen chugged in from 6 yards out to cap a seven play, 69-yard drive.

West just misses upset of Cedar Falls

By Jeff Linder
Gazette sportswriter

Mike Parker didn't know whether to holler with delight or cry with disappointment. Parker, cross country coach at Iowa City West, watched his girls' team come within a heart-beat of a major upset at the Mississippi Valley Conference Mississippi Division meet Thursday at Jones Park. West took Cedar Falls to the wire before the Tigers — ranked No. 1 in Class 3A — came away with the title, 30-32. "I'm kind of disappointed now, knowing that if something would have broken our way, we would have beaten the No. 1 team," Parker said. "But to come in here and run within two points of them, that's just outstanding." Dubuque Hempstead was

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third, Cedar Rapids Washington fourth. Cedar Falls dominated the boys' race with 21 points while Hempstead nipped Washington, 70-74, for second. Cedar Falls' Sarah Gray won her third consecutive divisional title, rolling up a 41-second margin over runner-up Laura Schlapkohl of Iowa City West. Washington's boys are using a more controlled approach at the starting line, and the strategy seems to be paying off. "We had been going out too fast, so we changed our strategy and we've really improved since then," Warriors Coach Mike Coates said. Washington sophomore Todd Tomkins came on strong in the

final two miles to finish third in 17:08.9. Cedar Falls' Darren Bates (16:46.2) and John Bartak (17:05.2) swept the top two spots. "I tried to start slow, then gain as the race went on," Tomkins said.

City High sweeps

■ Iowa City High won both the boys' and girls' championships at the MVC Valley Division meet at Dubuque. The Little Hawk boys, who moved up to No. 1 in the latest rankings, outdistanced Dubuque Senior, 29-48, despite the Rams' 1-2 finish by Rob Brock and Trent Corey. Cedar Rapids Kennedy, led by Dustin Kindl's 13th-place finish, was fourth in the boys' race. Susan Buckheister of Kennedy was seventh, leading the Cougars to fourth place.

Walker still wanted on warrant

By John Shipley
Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — Former Iowa basketball player Jeff Walker is still being sought by Iowa City police on a forgery warrant, detective Deb Petersen said. Walker, 19, left the Iowa men's basketball team Monday, the day before practice began. He is wanted for eight counts of forgery in connection with illegal use of an ATM card. Petersen said as of Thursday afternoon she had not talked to Walker, who promised to turn himself in Oct. 11. When he didn't show up, a statewide warrant was issued for his arrest. Walker was at home in Springfield, Ill.,

earlier this week and could not be picked up on the warrant, which only included the state of Iowa. The warrant could be changed to include bordering states. Police are still hoping Walker will turn himself in. "Right now we're talking about what to do," Petersen said. "It's kind of a wait-and-see thing." Though police have not heard from Walker, they have been talking with people close to him in Illinois, Petersen said. Walker is accused of illegally using a friend's ATM card to withdraw \$1,400 earlier this month. Forgery is a Class D felony, punishable upon conviction by up to five years in prison and a \$7,500 fine.

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GAME DAY Preps

DUBUQUE HEMPSTEAD vs. C.R. WASHINGTON

■ SITE: At Kingston Stadium
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RECORDS: Hempstead 3-3, Washington 3-3
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: The winner of this Mississippi Valley Conference game keeps its playoff hopes alive while the loser will likely be looking at a nine-game season. Washington comes in with the third-rated offense in the MVC, and the league's top passing attack. Quarterback Keith Lesmeister (1,320 yards, 17 TD passes) needs 236 yards and three touchdown passes to set MVC single-season records in both categories. Tight end Scott Cornish has caught nine TD passes and needs just one more to break the single-season record for touchdown receptions. Hempstead QB Joel Decker averages 109 yards passing, but has completed 35 percent of his attempts. This could be a high-scoring affair, with a lot of passes.

WATERLOO EAST at C.R. PRAIRIE

■ SITE: Wall Field
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RADIO: KCRG-AM (1600), KTOFAM (1360)
■ RECORDS: East 2-4, Prairie 3-3
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: The Hawks have their backs against the wall in their attempt to qualify for postseason play. Simply put, they need to win their final three Mississippi Valley Conference games to be considered. They'll face an East team that features the considerable talents of tailback Jerry Moses Jr., who leads the league in rushing with 956 yards (159.3 per game). Prairie's defense has been strong at times, especially against the rush. The Hawks should be able to run the ball against the Trojans, who have been porous up front. Look for backs Grant Kellogg and Austin Coufal to get things going, which could open up the passing attack for quarterback Jeremy Snyder (738 yards, nine TDs) and top receiver Ben Sanderson (14 catches).

C.R. JEFFERSON at WATERLOO WEST

■ SITE: Waterloo
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RECORDS: Jefferson 1-5, West 3-3
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: West is one of seven Mississippi Valley Conference teams that entered this week's play with a 3-3 mark. It can't afford another loss and Jefferson is out to play the role of spoiler. The Wahawks boast the league's No. 4-ranked defense, which could spell trouble for the inconsistent J-Hawks. West running backs Hamilton Wells (531 yards), Surr Gardner (398) and Dana Cox (353) could present huge problems for the Jefferson defense.

LINN-MAR at CEDAR FALLS

■ SITE: Uni-Dome, Cedar Falls
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RECORDS: Linn-Mar 3-3, Cedar Falls 3-3
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: Again, this is a huge Mississippi Valley Conference game for both teams. The winner continues its march to the postseason, while the loser will likely stay home. Linn-Mar Coach Greg Purnell is looking forward to turning his fleet-footed running backs loose on the Uni-Dome carpet. If they're stymied, quarterback Wil Meggers could have quite a night in the windless dome. Meggers has thrown for 1,033 yards and seven TDs. The Lions played their best all-around game of the season a week ago in a 21-10 win over Regis.

C.R. REGIS at IOWA CITY WEST

■ SITE: Trojan Field, Iowa City
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RADIO: KXIC-AM (800)
■ RECORDS: Regis 2-4, West 5-1
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: A win by the third-ranked Trojans would assure them of at least a tie for the Mississippi Valley Conference's Mississippi Division championship. They've struggled offensively in recent weeks as opposing defenses have clamped down on running backs Vong Xaykowsy and Carlos Honore. Junior quarterback Nick Whisler stepped up last week and threw a pair of touchdown passes in a 21-0 win over Waterloo West. Regis has also struggled offensively in its last few games, and could be hard-pressed to get things going against the MVC's third-ranked defense.

C.R. LASALLE at NORTHEAST

■ SITE: Goose Lake
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RECORDS: LaSalle 4-0, 6-0; Northeast 3-1, 3-3
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: Northeast would remain in the hunt for the Class 1A District 6 title with a win over the ninth-ranked Lancers. LaSalle has been prolific on offense, averaging 46.5 points a game while holding its opponents to just under 14. When the Lancers are clicking, they're difficult to stop. Northeast can also put points on the board (31.33 per game) but will be hard-pressed to shut down the mighty Lancers. Bellevue and Guttenberg also enter tonight's play with 3-1 records in District 6.

MARION at SOUTH TAMA

■ SITE: Tama
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RECORDS: Marion 0-4, 1-5; South Tama 2-2, 2-4
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: This game has no playoff or Class 3A District 4 title repercussions. Marion has struggled since it got into district play, and ranks last in the league both offensively and defensively. South Tama ranks right about in the middle in both categories. Marion quarterback Alex Dvorsky has passed for 328 yards and five TDs in four district games, and could have some success against a Trojan defensive backfield that has allowed 449 passing yards in its four district games. Look for the Indians to come out firing.

MOUNT VERNON at SOLON

■ SITE: Solon
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RADIO: WMT-AM (600)
■ RECORDS: Mount Vernon 3-1, 5-1; Solon 2-2, 4-2
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: Solon has lost two straight games which takes some of the luster off this always-thrilling Class 2A District 5 match up. Mount Vernon shares the district lead with North Cedar and Anamosa, and Solon is a game off the pace. If the Spartans hope to return to the postseason for the seventh straight year, they have to win tonight. No two foes know one another any better than these two. They always meet in the regular season, and have faced-off in the playoffs each of the last three years. The Mustangs are winning again behind a strong defense that has allowed an average of only nine points a game. This is one of the state's top rivalries, so always expect the unexpected.

STARMONT at CENTER PT.-URBANA

■ SITE: Center Point
■ GAME TIME: 7:30 p.m.
■ RECORDS: Starmont 3-1, 3-3; CPU 3-1, 3-3
■ WHAT TO EXPECT: Both these teams lost their two non-district games but have feasted on the competition in Class 2A District 4. Both are chasing district leader Dyersville Beckman (4-0), and both feature strong rushing attacks. The Stormin' Pointers' Andy Hepker has 547 yards and seven TDs in four district games and the Stars' Adam Vaske and Chris Funk have combined for 792 yards and eight TDs. CPU appears to have an advantage on defense, where it ranks No. 1 in the league.

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SPORTSDAY

EVENTS OF AREA INTEREST

Prep football

- Dubuque Hempstead vs. Washington at Kingston Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Waterloo East at Prairie, 7:30 p.m.
- Regis at Iowa City West
- Jefferson at Waterloo West
- Linn-Mar at Cedar Falls
- LaSalle at Northeast Goose Lake
- Marion at South Tama

Men's college cross country

- Wisconsin-LaCrosse at Luther, 4 p.m.

Women's college field hockey

- Ohio State at Iowa, 4 p.m.

Women's college soccer

- Iowa State at Kansas

Women's college tennis

- Cornell, Coe, Grinnell at Midwest Conference meet in Madison, Wis.
- Iowa at Hoosier Classic

Women's college volleyball

- Michigan at Iowa, 7 p.m.
- Iowa State at Kansas State

ON TELEVISION

(Live and first-run events only)

Golf

- Nike Tour Championship, Second Round, 2 p.m., (ESPN)

Hockey

- Philadelphia Flyers at Phoenix Coyotes, 8 p.m., (ESPN)

Women's college volleyball

- Indiana at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m., (ESPN2)

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BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday

MVC MISSISSIPPI DIVISION MEET

At Jones Park

Teams — 1. Cedar Falls 21; 2. Dubuque Hempstead 70; 3. C.R. Washington 74; 4. Iowa City West 125; 5. Linn-Mar 121; 6. Waterloo West 122; 7. C.R. Jefferson 144.

Individuals (First-team all-division) — 1. Darren Bates (CF), 16:44.2; 2. John Bartak (CF), 16:52.1; 3. Todd Tomkins (CRW), 17:08.9; 4. Matt Kozar (CF), 17:13.8; 5. Peter Hoerster (CF), 17:14.6; 6. Noah Cronin (CRW), 17:16.6; 7. Kevin Emmert (CRW), 17:17.4.

C.R. Washington — 3. Tomkins; 6. Koenig, 12; Dan Everson, 17:29.8; 24. Brian Waldron, 18:09.2; 29. Ben Rogers, 18:37.1.

Linn-Mar — 8. Dan Logan, 17:18.3; 13. Chris Fie, 17:30.1; 31. Brian Rauer, 18:54.0; 32. Mike Vuchrad, 18:54.9; 37. Quentin Stark, 19:07.1.

Cedar Falls — 33. Shannon McCormick, 18:57.8; 39. Aaron Pook, 19:11.4; 43. Curt Jackson, 20:04.7; 44. Dirk Munson, 20:19.7; 45. Jon Ryan, 20:23.0.

MVC VALLEY DIVISION MEET

At Dubuque

Teams — 1. Iowa City High 29; 2. Dubuque Senior 48; 3. Dubuque Waterloo 57; 4. C.R. Kennedy 101; 5. C.R. Regis-LaSalle 157; 6. C.R. Prairie 172; Waterloo East did not have a complete team.

Individuals (First-team all-division) — 1. Rob Brock (DS), 15:43.3; 2. Trent Corley (DS), 15:47.5; 3. Mark McPherson (ICR), 16:34.2; 4. Solomon Richards (ICR), 16:39.4; 5. Andy Jensen (DW), 16:41.3; 6. John Hensley (ICR), 16:45.9; 7. T.J. Elbert (ICR), 16:48.8.

C.R. Kennedy — 12. Dustin King, 17:09.7; 17. Adam Eric, 17:20.3; 20. Paul Kerkman, 17:24.3; 23. Steve Olson, 17:42.2; 28. Matt Mahan, 18:13.2.

C.R. Regis-LaSalle — 26. Steve Larson, 18:55.1; 27. John Farrell, 18:55.3; 31. Mike Skors, 18:54.1; 34. Matt Uebermann, 19:28.5; 39. Justin Taylor, 20:22.0.

C.R. Prairie — 32. Mike Biederman, 19:02.9; 33. Martin Biederman, 19:22.2; 37. Bryan Pfeil, 19:29.2; 38. Nick Clark, 19:35.6; 37. Adam Olson, 20:06.6.

BIG BEND CONFERENCE MEET

Teams — 1. Western Dubuque 57, 2. Cascade 46, 3. Maquoketa 46, 4. Monticello 37, 5. DeWitt Central 74.

Individuals — 1. Matt Coe (Monti) 17:10, 2. Rusti Karen (WDWB) 17:16, 3. Eric McDermott (DeWitt) 17:17, 4. Jeff Decker (ACT) 17:24, 5. Mitch Coe (Monti) 21:37.

AT KEOTA

Teams — 1. Iowa Menonite 29, 2. Pekin 42, 3. Columbus Junction 43, 4. Monticello 37, 5. Mediapolis 38, 6. Wapello 17, 7. Harmony 20, 8. Keota 21, 9. Fairfield Maquoketa 23, 10. Waterloo 24, 11. Colfax-Mingo 30, 12. Colfax-Mingo 30.

Individual winner — Brian Miller (MS) 17:10, Runner-up — J.J. Roettlin (MS) 17:42.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday

DAN HUSTON INVITATIONAL

At Waverly

Teams — 1. Waterloo 35, 2. Central 79, 3. Rye 82, 4. St. Cloud State 181, 5. Upper Iowa 125, 6. Martin Luther 129, 7. Coe 177, 8. Northwestern (Iowa) 225, 9. Dubuque 264.

Individuals — 1. Greg Sorenson (SCSD), 16:10; 2. Chris Johnson (MartLuth), 16:12; 3. Chris Schaefer (Loras), 26:31; 4. Dion Brauer (Wart) 26:35; 5. T.J. Craig (Wart) 26:39.

Upper Iowa — 20. Quinn Elliott 27:37, 37. Todd Merend 28:32, 40. Matt McConnell 28:41, 41. Jason Steen 28:41.

Coe — 36. Ryan Fie 27:59, 36. Eric Modrak 28:28, 44. Casey Fetter 28:57, 55. Kevin Hahn 29:22.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday

DAN HUSTON INVITATIONAL

At Waverly

Teams — 1. Loras 30, 2. Wartburg 35, 3. Luther 88, 4. St. Cloud State 184, 5. Mount Mercy 182, 6. Central 179, 7. Coe 270, 8. Northwestern (Iowa) 225, 9. Martin Luther 247, 10. Upper Iowa 305.

Individuals — 1. Jenny Richley (Loras), 19:00; 2. Mary Ann Cullen (Loras), 19:04; 3. Heidi Lindstrom (Wart) 19:09; 4. Jenny Pfeil (Loras), 19:10; 5. Angie Bucher (MartLuth), 26:12; 6. Luthier: Diana Wells 19:26, 16. Jennifer Rediske 19:20, Kelly Place 20:21, 23. Megan Brown 21:19.

Upper Iowa — 78. Dominique Casper, 22. Megan Sorenson 21:21, Penny Heins 20:36, Lynette Montana 21:04.

Coe — 33. Sharen Rowley 20:35, Anne Dubseller 20:39, Lynda Lauderbach 21:18, Sarah Brown 21:19.

Upper Iowa — 78. Dominique Casper, 22. Megan Sorenson 21:21, Penny Heins 20:36, Lynette Montana 21:04.

Trivia answer

Freddie Lindstrom of the New York Giants, who was 18 years old when he started at third base against Washington in the 1924 Series. He batted .333 (10 for 30).

SCORES & MORE

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

(All Iowa times)

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7)

Thursday's Result

Atlanta 15, St. Louis 0

(Atlanta wins series, 4-3)

WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7)

Saturday's Game

Atlanta (Smoltz 24-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 21-8 or Cone 7-2), 7:01 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Atlanta (Neagle 16-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 21-8 or Cone 7-2), 6:30 p.m.

NLCS Game 7

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Sweeney lf 0 0 0 0 Mordak 2b 1 0 0

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Matta cf 1 0 0 0 Bielecki p 0 0 0

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Pignotti c 2 0 0 0 Dyer rf 1 1 0

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(Late game not included)

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Phoenix 3 0 1.000 —

Utah 2 0 1.000 1/2

Houston 2 1 1.000 1/2

Seattle 2 1 1.000 1/2

Minnesota 1 1 500 1 1/2

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WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT

L.A. Lakers 90, Dallas 80

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

New York 97, San Antonio 76

Detroit 104, Boston 86

Cleveland at Sacramento, late

TODAY'S GAMES

(All Iowa times)

Indiana vs. Seattle at Berlin, Germany, 1 p.m.

Miami vs. Toronto at Buffalo, N.Y., 6 p.m.

Portland vs. Chicago at Memphis, Tenn., 7:30 p.m.

Washington vs. Phoenix at Inglewood, Calif., 7 p.m.

Charlotte at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver vs. Minnesota at Mankato, Minn., 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio vs. Milwaukee at Green Bay, Wis., 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Denver vs. Golden State at San Jose, Calif., 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday

Baseball

American League

California Angels — Announced LHP RHP, RHP Bryan Harvey, RHP Mark Eichhorn, RHP Jason Kiehl, RHP Steve Ontiveros, and INF Dick Schofield have exercised their option and elected free agency. Reinstated INF Tim Lincecum from the 40-day disabled list and sent him outright to Vancouver of the PCL.

Chicago White Sox — Announced the resignation of Doug Abel, public relations director.

Minnesota Twins — Exercised their 1997 option on C Greg Myers.

Seattle Mariners — Re-signed 2B Joey Cora. Named Nard Contreras pitching coach.

Toronto Blue Jays — Named Eric Whit rowing catching instructor. Named Garth long manager, Scott Breedon pitching coach, and Willie Wilson coach of Syracuse of the International League.

Named Lloyd Moseby coach and Bill Monbouquette pitching coach of St. Catharines of the New York-Penn League.

Named Paul Elliott coach of Knoxville of the Southern League. Named Bruce Walton pitching coach of Hagerstown of the South Atlantic League. Named Hector Torres coach and Darren Baskley pitching coach of Dunedin of the Florida State League.

National League

Chicago Cubs — Agreed to terms with CF Brian McRae on a three-year contract.

Florida Marlins — Named Lou DePallo director of group and season ticket sales and John P. Pierce senior manager of season ticket sales.

Montreal Expos — Named Bobby Cuellar pitching coach and Pete Mackanin in third base coach and infield instructor.

New York Mets — Named Mookie Wilson first base coach, Randy Niemann assistant pitching coach and bullpen coach, Bruce Benedict catchers coach, Cookie Rojas third base coach and Tom Robson hitting coach.

Pittsburgh Pirates — Re-signed INF Tony Beasley, RHP Joe Bower, LHP Tom Bolton, LHP Mike Brown, RHP Raul Chavez, C Tim Lincecum, RHP Ken Gruber, C Marcus Hanel, INF James Svejnar, RHP Scott M. Taylor, and RHP Dave Watsonhouse.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball

Dallas Mavericks — Announced the resignation of Keith Grant, vice president for operations. Signed C Oliver Miller.

Golden State Warriors — Placed C Kevin Granger, F Henry James and C Kurt Portman on waivers.

Los Angeles Clippers — Waived C Cory Reader and G-F Ma Jian.

Orlando Magic — Waived G Lonnie Harrell.

Philadelphia 76ers — Waived G Michael Hawkins. Signed C-F Mark Bradke.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Fined Oakland O.L. Steve Wisniewski \$50,000 for two on-field violations of league rules in a game against the Detroit Lions on October 13.

New Orleans Saints — Waived S.J. McCleskey.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended LW Daniel Lacroix of the Philadelphia Flyers for two games and fined him \$1,000 for a flagrant elbow in a game against the Los Angeles Kings on October 15.

Florida Panthers — Reassigned C Eric Moreau to Port Huron of the Colonial Hockey League.

Hartford Whalers — Recalled G Manny Legace from loan from Springfield of the AHL.

New York Islanders — Reassigned C Jim Dowd to Utah of IHL. Recalled G Tom Soderstrom from Utah.

Tuesday's Game

N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday (Oct. 23)

N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta, 7:18 p.m.

Thursday (Oct. 24)

(if necessary)

N.Y. Yankees at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday (Oct. 26)

(if necessary)

Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 7:01 p.m.

Sunday (Oct. 27)

(if necessary)

Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 6:35 p.m.

Playoff MVPs

The official league choices for Most Valuable Player in the AL and NL playoffs. The NL did not institute the award until 1977. The AL until 1980.

National League

1978—Dwight Gooden, L.A. Dodgers

1979—Steve Garvey, L.A. Dodgers

1980—Manny Trillo, Philadelphia Phillies

1981—Burt Hooton, L.A. Dodgers

1982—Curt Schilling, St. Louis Cardinals

1983—Gary Matthews, Philadelphia Phillies

1984—Steve Garvey, San Diego

1985—Ozzie Smith, St. Louis Cardinals

1986—Mike Scott, Houston Astros

1987—Jeffrey Leonard, S.F. Giants

1988—Orel Herschler, L.A. Dodgers

1989—Mike Scott, Houston Astros

1990—Rob Dibble, Cincinnati Reds

1991—Steve Avery, Atlanta Braves

1992—John Smoltz, Atlanta Braves

1993—Curt Schilling, Philadelphia Phillies

1994—Mike Devereaux, Atlanta Braves

1995—Javy Lopez, Atlanta Braves

American League

1980—Frank White, Kansas City Royals

1981—Graig Nettles, New York Yankees

1982—Fred Lynn, California Angels