

Big little river

Little Turkey comes up big in a 12-hour fishing journey Sunday, **6C**

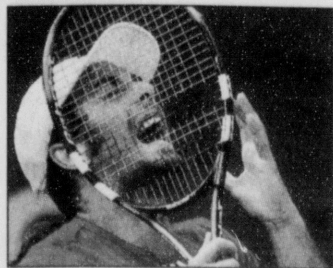
SPORTS

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What a racket



AP

Nicolas Massu of Chile reacts during his match against Sargis Sargsian at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York on Thursday. Sargsian defeated 10th-seeded Massu, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4. U.S. Open, **3C**.

SIDELINE

HURRICANE FRANCES

Florida State-Miami game postponed

MIAMI — Florida State and Miami will still play in prime time, just four days later than planned.

The nationally televised game, originally scheduled for Monday night, was postponed Thursday as Hurricane Frances moved closer to Florida's east coast. No. 11 Florida's opener against Middle Tennessee State on Saturday also was rescheduled.

The game between the No. 5 Seminoles and the No. 6 Hurricanes will be played next Friday night at the Orange Bowl.

In baseball, the Florida Marlins postponed today's game against the Chicago Cubs. No decision has been made on whether to call games scheduled for Saturday or Sunday, or when the postponement will be made up.

PREP GOLF

Linn-Mar's Gladson ties school record

Linn-Mar senior golf Marc Gladson tied the school record Thursday with a six-under-par 30 on the front nine holes at Hunters Ridge Golf Course.

Gladson totaled six birdies and three pars, missing only one green in regulation. That missed green came on the final hole, but he holed a bunker shot to tie the record.

Gladson set the school record with a 30 at Twin Pines as a junior.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

RoughRiders open training camp Saturday

CEDAR RAPIDS — The Cedar Rapids RoughRiders open their training camp at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena.

Practices will be held at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The training camp is open to the public.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Adam Sadler hired in Northwoods League

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Adam Sadler of Cedar Rapids has been hired as manager of the La Crosse Loggers in the Northwoods League, one of the top summer college baseball leagues in the country.

Sadler, 25, has been a coach with the Loggers the last two years and was Northwoods League Coach of the Year this summer.

Sadler is an assistant coach at Kirkwood Community College.

Sadler attended Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School, Kirkwood and Texas A&M Corpus Christi, where he played two years of Division I baseball.

Gazette staff and wire reports

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Kennedy rolls past Xavier



Cliff Jette/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Kennedy running back Curtis Meier (left) celebrates his third-quarter touchdown with teammate John Eaton last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Meier rushed for 238 yards and scored all three touchdowns in the Cougars' 21-6 win over Cedar Rapids Xavier.

Meier's 238 yards rushing, 3 touchdowns lift Cougars

By Jeff Dahn

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — The third run Curtis Meier broke for a touchdown last night was indicative of the type of plays the Cedar Rapids Kennedy senior made all night long.

Taking a handoff at the Cedar Rapids Xavier 22-yard line late in the third quarter, Meier broke through a couple of tackles, was momentarily

knocked off his feet, rolled off the back of a downed Saint defender without touching his knee to the turf, got up and finished the job.

"He wasn't going for my legs, and if he doesn't go for my legs, I'm not going to let him bring me down," Meier said.

The Saints couldn't bring him down all night.

Meier, a 5-foot-11, 180-pound tailback, rushed for 238 yards

on 28 carries and scored all three of Kennedy's touchdowns as the Cougars topped Xavier, 21-6, in the season and Mississippi Valley Conference openers for both teams at hot and humid Kingston Stadium in front of an estimated 5,000 fans.

Unofficially, Meier — who also returns punts — had 381 all-purpose yards as Kennedy showed it's ready to be a contender in the MVC Valley

Division title chase this season.

"We didn't really know what to expect of this team coming in," Kennedy Coach Tim Lewis said. "There were seven (starters) who had never played varsity football before. Obviously, we're very excited right now."

The Cougars were sound on both sides of the ball, although they did commit four turnovers. Without the mis-

cues, the game probably would have been more one-sided.

Kennedy finished with 320 yards of offense and limited Xavier to 245. Most of the Saints yards came in the second half, but punched in only one score.

"You have to give Kennedy credit," Xavier Coach Duane Schulte said. "They did a

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FOOTBALL

UI creates thorough throwback weekend

By Tyler Lechtenberg

The Gazette

IOWA CITY — Somewhere, there's a 1939 kitchen sink that feels slighted.

The Iowa sports marketing folks found a place for everything else from the era in Saturday's "Throwback Game."

Vintage referee uniforms. Old Gold helmets. Knickers for ballboys. Hats for fans. Banners above the arches. A throwback halftime show. Outfits for program vendors. Ragtime combos around the stadium.

Spawned on the plane ride home from January's Outback Bowl by equipment manager Greg Morris and director of football operations Bill Dervrich, the "Throwback Game" is almost nine months in the making.

"I was amazed at the old pictures the university had around that we were able to find the right stuff to wear,"



Brian Ray/The Gazette

Members of the University of Iowa cheerleading squad and football support staff show their throwback uniforms to be worn in Saturday's game against Kent State.

Morris said. "It's been a ball. It's a lot of work. It's something that I would enjoy doing again."

Iowa got entrepreneurial to cover the costs of the game.

An entire uniform set — helmet, jersey, pants — cost \$240 to produce, but Iowa sold them for \$500 apiece, Klatt said. They sold out in 13 days. The profit helped the Hawkeyes purchase throwback uniforms for Kent State. The Golden Flashes will wear their 1972 conference championship uniforms.

Iowa is selling most of the throwback items, which assistant athletics director Rick

Klatt said should put the university in the black after this weekend.

"Right now I couldn't tell you if we're 10 bucks up or 10 bucks down," Klatt said. "But generally speaking, it's going to be a positive thing more than a negative, not to mention all the intangibles — the excitement, the national publicity, the fun that's being created."

The game is nearly sold out, no small feat for an Iowa-Kent State game. Iowa's opener last year against Miami of Ohio, a strong team

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Walk-on works his way to No. 1

By Tyler Lechtenberg

The Gazette

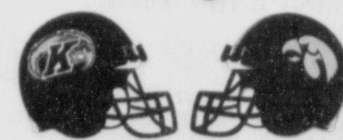
IOWA CITY — Todd Plagman just wanted to see if he could play Division I football. This Saturday, 70,000 people will see him do just that.

Plagman, an unheralded, unnoticed former walk-on, is listed as an either/or starter at left guard on the Iowa football team with Ben Cronin. He's a red-shirt freshman with a fresh scholarship in hand. And he might be a starter.

"I didn't think it'd happen as quickly as it did," Plagman said. "I thought I'd be a guy that would have to work real hard, be here maybe four or five years and maybe see some playing time later. But how things turned out, it's been quicker than that."

Indeed. He was a first-day walk-on in 2003, which means he did not attend Iowa's sum-

This week's game



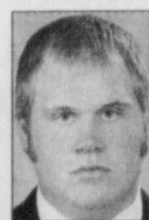
■ THE TEAMS: Kent State (0-0) vs. Iowa (0-0)

■ PLACE: Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City

■ KICKOFF: 11:05 a.m., Saturday

■ TV: KGAN

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Todd Plagman
Earns scholarship

mer training camp. He spent last season on the scout team but moved onto the coaches' radar with a good spring.

"He's a very hard worker. He listens to what the coaches say," left tackle Lee Gray said. "He always tries to improve through the little things every day. He's been doing that all through practice and it's really paying off for him."

He said he came in "big-eyed" as a freshman, tickled just to be in the same room

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Tonight's football games

C.R. PRAIRIE vs. C.R. WASHINGTON

■ **SITE:** Kingston Stadium
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RADIO:** KCRG-AM (1600)
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** This marks the third straight season these teams have opened against one another, and Washington won both games en route to back-to-back 9-0 regular seasons. The Hawks, 3-6 a year ago, will look to change that tonight. They return a lot of experience on both sides of the ball, including their starting quarterback (Joe Cooper), tailback (Adam Reutzel) and a pair of three-year starters in receivers and defensive backs Glen Fox and Spencer Stumpff. Washington, 12-1 and Class 4A state runner-up in '03, returns all-state running back Travis Rhone, who rushed for 1,764 yards last season.

C.R. JEFFERSON at IOWA CITY HIGH

■ **SITE:** Bates Field
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** City High returned to the playoffs last year after a one-year absence, lost a four-point first-round game to Iowa City West, and finished 7-3 under Coach Dan Sabers, who begins his fourth year as head coach with a 23-9 career record. Running back Phil Kenney — a three-year starter — returns after collecting 683 rushing and 252 receiving yards last year.

Jefferson Coach Jim Womachil also begins his fourth season with an 8-19 record. The J-Hawks were 1-8 a year ago and return eight starters.

DUBUQUE SENIOR at LINN-MAR

■ **SITE:** Armstrong Field
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Linn-Mar, 2-7 in '03, will look to turn things around with a defense that features 6-foot-7, 245-pound senior lineman Andy Kuempel. In all, the Lions return 10 starters. Senior finished 1-8 last season under first-year coach John Osweiler, but return first-team all-MVC quarterback Taylor Herbst, who completed 91 of 183 passes for 1,112 yards and five TDs.

IOWA CITY WEST at WATERLOO WEST

■ **SITE:** Memorial Stadium, Waterloo
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** The Iowa City West Trojans have become perennial playoff qualifiers and finished 8-3 after advancing to the quarterfinal round last year. First-team all-stars Alex Kanellis and Travis Meade — both linemen — return for Coach Dan Dvorak, who begins his fifth year as head coach. Doug Gee takes over as coach at Waterloo West, which finished 5-4 a year ago but lost five first-team all-MVC performers to graduation.

MAQUOKETA VALLEY at MARION

■ **SITE:** Thomas Park Field
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** These teams opened against one another last year, with Marion winning, 29-26, in Delhi.

Marion, which plays in 3A District 4, went on to a 7-2 season, but lost games to Mount Vernon and DeWitt Central and missed the playoffs. Junior linebacker Ben Messerli is the team's top returnee, and the Indians are experienced. Maquoketa Valley (2A-4) was 5-4 on '03, and returns first-team all-district running back Robbie Mohr, and quarterback Blake Humpal and fullback Nathan Burger, both of whom were honorable mention all-district.

IOWA CITY REGINA at MID-PRAIRIE

■ **SITE:** Wellman
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RADIO:** KXIC-AM (800)
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Hopes and expectations are high in both of these camps this fall. Regina just missed the playoffs a year ago after finishing 7-2 and return all-state wingback/defensive back Mike O'Connell, who is just a junior. In fact, all six returning starters for Coach Chuck Evans are juniors. The Regals play in 1A-6 — which included powerhouses Northeast and Pekin.

Mid-Prairie returns quarterback Travis Kern, tight end/defensive end Riley Hershberger and running back/linebacker Jordan Montgomery, all of whom earned all-district honors a year ago.

OLON at MOUNT VERNON

■ **SITE:** Mount Vernon
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** This is one of the great rivalries in Iowa high school football. These teams were both state finalists a year ago, Mount Vernon in Class 3A and Solon in 2A. The Mustangs finished 11-2 after losing to Harlan in the title game, and the Spartans finished 12-1 after losing to Emmetsburg in its title game.

Mount Vernon Coach Jim Bellamy enters the season with a 307-114-4 career mark but returns only three starters from last year's team. The Spartans were also sacked by graduation, but five starters are back, including junior quarterback Nick Yordl.

CENTER POINT-URBANA at WILLIAMSBURG

■ **SITE:** Williamsburg
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Veteran coach Ted Rogers returns for his 27th season at Center Point-Urbana and guided the Stormin' Pointers to a 7-2 record last season, just missing the playoffs. They play in 2A-4, the same district as Solon. Quarterback Adam Squires and defensive end Ryan Coleman are the Pointers' only two returning starters.

Fourth-year coach Curt Ritchie returns to guide the Raiders, who will play in 3A-6 this season. All-district performers Jeff Niebaum (TE/DE) and Dillon McKelvey (WR/DB) return.

LISBON at EAST BUCHANAN

■ **SITE:** Winthrop
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RADIO:** WMT-AM (600)
 ■ **RECORDS:** Season opener for both teams
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** This is not only the season-opener for these teams, but it's also their Class A District 4 opener. The Lions were 6-3 in '03 and return 12 lettermen from that team, but Coach Kent Allison is worried about depth. The Bucs were 8-2 a year ago after losing a first-round playoff game to Sumner, and return all-state defensive back Cannon Dolan.

— Compiled by Jeff Dahn

Re-tooled Wash meets skilled Prairie

By Jeff Dahn

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — The dream team is gone, but the dreams are still there.

Cedar Rapids Washington rode

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

the considerable talents of six all-state players to last year's Class 4A state championship football game before falling to West Des Moines Valley, 17-7.

With one starter back — all-state tailback Travis Rhone — it

would appear the Warriors have a tremendous rebuilding project on their hands as they prepare to face Cedar Rapids Prairie in the teams' season-openers tonight at Kingston Stadium.

"We're going to try, but we've got a big hill to climb," Coach Paul James said of duplicating the feats of last year's team.

"There's a lot of teaching and a lot of learning that's taking place. Things that a large percentage of the players last year knew coming in, you have to re-teach this

year. It's a challenging experience and a fun experience for the coaches because you get to start with the basics."

Last year's season was the culmination of a two-year run in which the Warriors compiled a 21-2 record. They have won 18 straight regular-season games dating to the 2001 season finale against Linn-Mar, a crushing 56-19 defeat.

Prairie finished 3-6 last year, but returns key personnel at several skill positions.

Receivers Glen Fox and Spencer Stumpff and quarterback Joe Cooper head the list of returnees.

Fox, a second team all-stater as a defensive back in 2003, caught 28 passes for 340 yards and five touchdowns and Stumpff caught 27 passes for 398 yards and a touchdown. Cooper started all nine games at quarterback last year and completed 77 of 140 passes (55 percent) for nine touchdowns with 12 interceptions.

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David Wallace/The Gazette

Rachel Wobeter, a South Tama senior, holds a big lead Thursday during the Prairie Invitational cross country meet at Cedar Rapids Prairie. Wobeter held on to the lead to upset Iowa City West sophomore Sarah Wickman, who was the Class 4A state champion last year. Wickman took second, and West won the team title. Cedar Rapids Kennedy took the title in the boys division.

Wobeter holds off West girls

South Tama senior surprise winner at Prairie; West, Kennedy snare team titles

By Jeff Linder

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Rachel Wobeter ran, listened and waited.

The green stampede never came.

Wobeter, a senior from South Tama, shocked the field — and herself — by winning

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

the girls' individual championship at the Cedar Rapids Prairie Invitational cross country meet Thursday afternoon on the College Community campus.

Among those in Wobeter's wake was Sarah Wickman of Iowa City West, the defending Class 4A state champion. Wobeter ran to the front immediately and won fairly handily, in 15 minutes, 16 seconds. Wickman was second in 15:29.

"This is basically like a dream," said

Wobeter, a 16th-place state finisher in Class 3A last year. "This is just amazing.

"I kept waiting for them, waiting for them. I even slowed down a bit, but that's not the way I run my race. So I picked it back up and kept going. They never came."

West's girls and Cedar Rapids Kennedy's boys won with similar ease. West had all five scorers in the top seven and tallied 22 points. Kennedy was second with 59.

Led by a 1-2-3 finish from Drew Craig, Ryan Williamson and Adam Hairston, Kennedy took the boys' crown with 22 points. Prairie was second with 74.

Craig and Hairston passed Cedar Rapids Washington's Michael McPartland just before the 2-mile mark, then waited for Williamson to join them at the front.

"We were constantly communicating," Hairston said. "We decided to just go on in together."

And they did, without the strain of a sprint to the finish. All three were clocked in 17:57.

A blazing start to the season is nothing new for the Cougars. This year they're hoping to carry it into October.

"Our training is aimed a little more toward

the end of the season," Craig said. "The end of the season is the most important part."

Wickman, Janet Dobyns and Julia Frudden finished 2-3-4 for the West girls. Claire Hall and Jordan Stahlecker were sixth and seventh.

West is ranked 12th nationally by Foot Locker and Harrier Magazine.

"Like we said at the end of the race, 'One down ...,'" said West Coach Mike Parker. "You didn't see the real Julia Frudden at the end of last year (when she suffered from anemia). Today you saw her."

But the day's story was Wobeter, who put in 50-60 miles per week this summer. She built a 6-second lead over Wickman and Dobyns at the halfway mark and refused to wilt under 85-degree conditions.

"It's weird, I felt a little weak out there today. And the heat is usually my enemy," Wobeter said. "It didn't feel like one of my best races. I got out front at the beginning, and just kept running."

She flashed a smile.

"I can't believe it," she said.

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Kennedy/Cougars' defensive effort strong

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good job tonight. But we have to play more fundamentally sound. We didn't wrap them up. But you have to give them credit — they deserved to win."

Meier rushed for 675 yards as a junior last year, but he enjoyed his last night was his true coming-out party. He had runs from scrimmage of 27, 27, 28, 65, 22 and 18 yards, with the 65- and 22-yarders resulting in touchdowns.

"Basically, the linemen were getting big blocks for me," Meier said.

Lewis said a lot of it came from Meier himself.

"He's an incredible kid," Lewis said. "He's an extremely hard worker and he does everything we ask him of and more."

Kennedy held a 7-0 lead at halftime but the stats indicated it could have been a lot larger. The first 24 minutes were a showcase for Meier and the Cougar defense, but three turnovers kept them out of the end zone all but once.

Meier carried 15 times for 122 yards, caught two passes for 14 yards and ripped off a 57-yard punt return that gave the Cougars first-and-10 on the Xavier

Who's covering what

The Gazette's game-plan for prep football coverage tonight:

■ **Jeff Dahn** — C.R. Prairie vs. C.R. Washington (at Kingston)

■ **Jim Ecker** — Dubuque Senior at Linn-Mar

■ **Jeff Linder** — Solon at Mount Vernon

■ **Eric Modracek** — Maquoketa Valley at Marion

■ **John Riehl** — C.R. Jefferson at Iowa City High

13-yard line with 1:01 left in the first quarter.

Three plays later Meier busted in over right tackle for the touchdown on the first play of the second quarter.

But not everything was rosy for Kennedy. Quarterback Tyler Thompson — who completed 5 of 8 passes for 51 yards — threw two interceptions and the Cougars also lost a fumble.

The Cougars didn't let anything get them down.

"Coach Lewis stresses to us to never get our heads down when things go bad," linebacker Ryan Lavin said. "You just have to

shake it off. This is a great win for us. This is the first time us seniors have ever been over .500."

The Saints, meanwhile, couldn't get anything going offensively against a Kennedy defense led by linebackers Lavin and Mike Morio, and strong safety Ryan Keel.

Xavier had 41 yards of total offense at the break and 15 of those came one run by Jon Gephert. It garnered three penalties, and one of those was courtesy of 15-yard facemask penalty against Kennedy.

The Saints got into Cougar territory once, advancing to the 35 before losing the ball on loss of downs late in the second quarter.

The Cougars' second-half touchdowns came on the two long Meier runs.

Xavier scored its only touchdown at the 5:15 mark of the third quarter when Scott Schemmel took a late pitch from quarterback Dane Gilmour and scampered 76 yards for the score.

Kennedy travels to Cedar Rapids Prairie and Xavier hosts Linn-Mar next Friday.

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Southwest Missouri State outlasts Drake

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Cody Pratt rushed for 217 yards and two touchdowns Thursday night to lead Southwest Missouri State to a 31-26 victory over Drake.

Pratt's 4-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter put Southwest Missouri (1-0) up 24-20, the Bears' first lead over Drake (0-1).

Southwest Missouri's defense stopped Drake on its following possession when Jovon Lewis intercepted Connor Jostes' pass and returned it 22 yards to Drake's 18 yard line.

After a 6-yard run by Pratt, quarterback A.J. Porter found Jay Steinbroner in the end zone for Southwest Missouri's second touchdown in 43 seconds to give the Bears a 31-20 lead.

Drake made it close when Jostes connected with Tyler Putnam for a 14-yard score with 4:03 remaining, making it 31-26 after the 2-point conversion failed.

Porter was 16 of 36 for 235 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Jostes (Iowa City High) was 26 of 41 for 234 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.

Sportsday

EVENTS OF AREA INTEREST

Midwest League baseball

- West Michigan at C.R. Kernels, 6:30 p.m.

Prep football

- Prairie vs. Washington at Kingston Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Jefferson at City High, 7:30 p.m.
- Dubuque Senior at Linn-Mar, 7:30 p.m.
- Maquoketa Valley at Marion, 7:30 p.m.
- Iowa City West at Waterloo West
- Regina at Mid-Prairie

Girls' swimming

- Xavier at Kennedy, 6 p.m.

College volleyball

- Iowa vs. Wright State at Illinois State Tournament
- Iowa State vs. Birmingham Southern at Auburn Tournament
- Northern Iowa vs. Winthrop, Clemson at Clemson, S.C.
- Coe at River City Classic
- Luther at Wisconsin-LaCrosse Invitational
- Kirkwood at Iowa Lakes Tournament
- Upper Iowa at Viterbo Tournament
- Mount Mercy vs. Chowan, Bridgewater at Emory & Henry (Va.) Tournament

College cross country

- Iowa Open
- Cornell in Mount Mercy Mustang Gallop at Jones Park, 5 p.m.
- Iowa State at Drake Fall Classic
- Northern Iowa at Redbird Challenge in Normal, Ill.
- Coe at Augustana (Ill.) Invitational

Women's golf

- Cornell at Mount Mercy Invitational at Saddleback Ridge (Solon), 8:30 a.m.

Men's golf

- Mount Mercy at St. Ambrose Invitational

Women's tennis

- Coe at Grinnell
- Cornell at Augustana (Ill.)

Men's soccer

- Upper Iowa at Bethel College

Women's soccer

- Iowa vs. Baylor at Missouri Tournament
- Iowa State at North Carolina State

ON TELEVISION

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Pro tennis

- U.S. Open: Early Rounds, 10 a.m. USA
- U.S. Open: Early Rounds, 6 p.m. USA

Hockey

- World Cup: Czech Republic vs. Germany, Noon ESPN
- World Cup: Slovakia vs. United States, 6 p.m. ESPN2

Pro golf

- LPGA State Farm Classic: Second Round, 2 p.m. ESPN2
- PGA Deutsche Bank Championship: First Round, (same-day tape) 4 p.m. USA

Major League Baseball

- Atlanta Braves at Montreal Expos, 6 p.m. TBS
- Chicago Cubs at Florida Marlins, 6:30 p.m. WGN
- Seattle Mariners at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m. FSC

College football

- Washington State at New Mexico, 7 p.m. ESPN

Boxing

- Friday Night Fights: Vic Darchinian vs. Irene Pacheco, flyweights, 8:30 p.m. ESPN2

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San Antonio	6	22	.214	14½
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THURSDAY'S RESULTS

New York 56, Charlotte 52

Sacramento 66, San Antonio 64

TONIGHT'S GAMES

New York at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Indiana at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Transactions

Baseball

Major League Baseball—Suspended

Texas 3B coach Steve Smith two games

and fined him an undisclosed amount for

inappropriate actions and comments made

to umpire Jerry Meals during an Aug. 25

game. Suspended Chicago Cubs LHP Kent

Mercker three games and fined him an

undisclosed amount for inappropriate ac-

tions during an Aug. 27 game. Suspended

Houston manager Phil Garner one game

and RHP Dan Wheeler three games and

fined them undisclosed amounts for Wheel-

er hitting Cubs 1B Derrek Lee with a pitch

during an Aug. 29 game.

American League

Anaheim Angels—Purchased the con-

tract of RHP Scott Dunn from Salt Lake of

the PCL. Transferred OF Tim Lincecum from

the 15- to the 60-day DL.

Beston Red Sox—Recalled RHP Kent

Puffer from Pawtucket of the IL.

National League

Arizona Diamondbacks—Called up OF

Josh Kroeger from Tucson of the PCL.

Houston Astros—Recalled INF Chris

Burke from New Orleans of the PCL.

Basketball

National Basketball Association

Beston Celtics—Named Marco Crespi

director of international scouting.

Football

National Football League

Cincinnati Bengals—Waived WR Patrick

Johnson. Placed C Thatcher Szalet on

Pro tennis

Thursday

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At New York

Seeding in parentheses

MEN'S SINGLES

Second Round

Paradorn Sirichanph (15), Thailand, def. Paul Goldstein, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Fabrice Santoro (31), France, def. Dmitry

Tursunov, Russia, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

Tim Henman (5), Britain, def. Jerome

Goldman, France, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Lee Hyung-il, South Korea, def. Alberto

Martín, Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-1.

Thomas Johansson, Sweden, def. Gaston

Gaudio (9), Argentina, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Nicolas Pietrangeli (19), Germany, def. Cyril

Saumier, France, 7-6 (0), 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Donny Hrbatý (22), Slovakia, def. Karol

Kučer, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 5-7, 6-4.

Andre Agassi (6), United States, def. Florian

Mayer, Germany, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2, 1-0, retired.

Jiri Novak (25), Czech Republic, def. Alex

Calatrava, Spain, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.

Tim Henman (5), Britain, def. Jerome

Goldman, France, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

Michael Tabara, Czech Republic, def. Mar

dy Fish, United States, 6-3, 3-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Sargis Sargsian, Armenia, def. Nicolas

Masseto (10), Chile, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. Taylor

Denner (21), United States, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Carlos Moya (3), Spain, def. Amer Delic,

United States, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Second Round

Lindsay Davenport (5), United States,

def. Arantxa Parra Santonia, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.

Shinobu Asagoe, Japan, def. Jill Cray-

bas, United States, 7-5, 6-3.

Paola Suarez (13), Argentina, def. Dally

Rendriantny, Madagascar, 6-2, 6-2.

Silvia Farina Elia (18), Italy, def. Jelena

Srebotnik, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-1.

Justine Henin-Hardenne (1), Belgium,

def. Tzipi Oberler, Israel, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, def. Anastasi-

ya Myskina (4), Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Chanda Rubin (20), United States, def. Antonella

Serra Zanetti, Italy, 7-5, 6-3.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (9), Russia, def. Nicole

Pratt, Australia, 6-3, 6-3.

Eleni Daniilidou (29), Greece, def. Anabel

Medina Garrigues, Spain, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Amy Frazier (21), United States, def. Kristina

Brandi, Puerto Rico, 6-4, 6-1.

Lisa Raymond, United States, def. Maria

Kirilenko, Russia, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Maria Sharapova (7), Russia, def. Jelena

Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, 6-0, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Venus Williams (11), United States, def. Shikha

Uberoi, United States, 7-5, 6-1.

Mary Pierce (27), France, def. Virginia

Ruano Pascual, Spain, 6-0, 6-1.

Women's tennis

Thursday

AT ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

Cornell 5, Augustana, 16-6.

Singles — Emily Loewen (C) def. Kristy

Pence, 6-3, 6-3; Allison McAndrews (A) def. Jenna

Morris, 6-3, 4-6, 11-6; Stacey Barth (C) def. Gabby

Barth, 6-3, 6-3; Kristina Brandi (C) def. Megan DeShon, 6-4, 6-3.

Brittany Roth (C) def. Andrea Johnson, 6-3, 7-5; Kassi Michaels (A) def. Kalle Olson, 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles — Pence/McAndrews (A) def. Marie Schutte/Loewen, 8-6; Barth/Horn (C) def. Johnson/Michaels, 8-1; Kara Kiepp/Gretchen Knudson (A) def. Kristin Willard, 8-4.

Minors

Midwest League

SECOND HALF

Eastern Div.	W	L	Pct	GB
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W. Michigan (Tigers)	39	27	.591	—
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Battle Creek (Yankees)	36	30	.545	3
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Lansing (Cubs)	36	30	.545	3
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Fort Wayne (Padres)	35	31	.530	4
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x-So. Bend (Dodgers)	31	34	.477	7½
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Dayton (Reds)	19	47	.288	20
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Western Div.	W	L	Pct	GB
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x-Kane Co. (A's)	39	26	.600	—
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Clinton (Rangers)	36	29	.554	3
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Jacksonville (Cardinals)	34	32	.515	5½
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Beloit (Brewers)	33	32	.508	6
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Quad Cities (Twins)	33	32	.508	6
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Burlington (Royals)	33	32	.508	6
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Cedar Rapids (Angels)	30	36	.455	9½
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Wisconsin (Mariners)	26	40	.394	13½
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x-first-half division winner

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Bell 5, Burlington 4 (10)

Clinton 8, Quad Cities 6

Kane County 12, South Bend 11

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Fort Wayne 6, Cedar Rapids 5

Dayton 9, Battle Creek 3

Lansing 5, West Michigan 4

Peoria 20, Wisconsin 1

Burlington at Beloit, late

Kane County at South Bend, late

Quad Cities at Clinton, late

South Bend at Burlington

TONIGHT'S GAMES

West Michigan at Cedar Rapids

Clinton at Quad Cities

Dayton at Battle Creek

Fort Wayne at Wisconsin

Lansing at Kane County

Peoria at Beloit

South Bend at Burlington

Pacific Coast League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Central Div.	W	L	Pct	GB
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Iowa (Cubs)	75	63	.543	—
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San Francisco (Rockies)	74	64	.536	1
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Omaha (Royals)	69	70	.496	4½
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Albuquerque (Mariners)	64	75	.460	11½
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Eastern Div.	W	L	Pct	GB
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Oklahoma (Rangers)	80	59	.576	—
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