

AMBRIEFING



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Women's Hoops
UVSC at Utah St.
7 p.m.



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11 a.m. FSN



COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Embattled A&M coach resigns

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — **Dennis Franchione** resigned as Texas A&M's coach on Friday, ending a rocky five-year tenure less than an hour after the Aggies beat archrival Texas 38-30 at Kyle Field.

The school announced Franchione had accepted a buyout, but refused to give details.

Franchione finished 32-28 at A&M, far short of the expectations when he replaced **R.C. Slocum** in December 2002. Off the field, he embarrassed the university this season when it was revealed he was selling inside information about the program to big-money boosters in a secret newsletter.

Dressed in a gray suit, Franchione stepped to the podium after beating Texas for a second straight season and ended all the speculation about his future.

"We appreciate the opportunity we have had at this great institution, to work with this administration," he read from a prepared statement. "We have made many lasting friendships."

Franchione, who will not coach the Aggies in their bowl game, did not take questions from reporters.

Last year, Franchione likely earned himself one more season by beating Texas 12-7 in Austin. As sweet as it is to beat the hated 'Horns again, it didn't earn him another season in College Station this time.

Swarmed by cameras after it was over, Franchione pushed through the throng to embrace junior quarterback **Stephen McGee**, his staunchest supporter during this tumultuous season. He hooked arms with McGee on the field to line up for one more post-game "yell," a time-worn A&M tradition. He found his wife, **Kim**, and tightly clenched her hand as he walked slowly off the field, embracing more than a dozen players and friends along the way.

"We have an outstanding group of young men on this team and especially great people," Franchione said. "We want them to know that we love them, feel blessed for our time together, and will miss them."

Athletic department spokesman **Alan Cannon** said the players did not know about Franchione's intentions until after the game.

The Aggies were 19-21 in Big 12 games under Franchione and lost 12-of-15 games against rivals Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Texas. The Aggies (7-5, 4-4 Big 12) finished the regular season with four losses in six games. They haven't won the Big 12 since 1998.

Franchione's contract ran through 2012 and paid him a base salary of \$2 million per year, another sore spot with the Aggies faithful.

Early in the season, a newspaper reported that Franchione's personal assistant had been sending out e-mails with inside information about the program to boosters who paid \$1,200 a year to get it. Embarrassed athletic director **Bill Byrne** suggested Franchione breached his contract, admitted NCAA rules were broken and vowed the messy scandal would be part of Franchione's year-end evaluation.

Byrne read a statement after Franchione and took no questions before following Franchione out the door. Byrne said the school had completed its investigation into the e-mail scandal. He said the school was convinced that Franchione "did not intentionally, knowingly, or directly participate in actions that were inappropriate or in violation of rules or policies."

► **Brennan breaks NCAA career mark for TD passes, Hawaii wins:** At Honolulu, **Colt Brennan** broke the major college career record for touchdown passes

ON THE AIR

Television

College Football

Miami at Boston College	10 a.m.	ESPN
Virginia Tech at Virginia	10 a.m.	ESPN2
Tennessee at Kentucky	11:30 a.m.	CBS
Granbling vs. Southern	Noon	NBC
Utah at BYU	Noon	VRS, mtn.

CSTV

Oregon at UCLA	1:30 p.m.	ABC
Notre Dame at Stanford	1:30 p.m.	ESPN
Teams TBA	1:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Oklahoma at Oklahoma St.	1:30 p.m.	FSN
Florida St. at Florida	3 p.m.	CBS
UNLV at New Mexico	3:30 p.m.	mtn.
Clemson at S. Carolina	5 p.m.	ESPN2
Wash. St. at Washington	5 p.m.	FSN
Missouri vs. Kansas	6 p.m.	ABC
Alabama at Auburn	6 p.m.	ESPN

Golf

MasterCard Masters	7:30 a.m.	TGC
LG Skins Game	11 a.m.	ABC
Mission Hills World Cup	9:30 p.m.	TGC

Men's College Basketball

BYU vs. NC-OD	8:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Great Alaska Shottout	10:30 p.m.	ESPN2

NBA

Chicago at New York	11 a.m.	WGN
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Women's Volleyball

MWC championship match	9 p.m.	CSTV
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Radio

Men's College Basketball

Great Falls at UVSC	2 p.m.	1400 AM
BYU vs. NC/OD	8:30 p.m.	1160 AM

College Football

Utah at BYU	Noon	1160 AM
		700 AM

Friday, throwing five touchdowns for No. 14 Hawaii in a 39-27 victory over No. 17 Boise State.

Brennan threw the record-breaking No. 122 in the first quarter, a 6-yard out to **Ryan Grice-Mullen**. That surpassed the mark set by former BYU standout **Ty Detmer** in 1991. With the pass, Brennan also broke Detmer's record for most touchdowns responsible for with 136.

The sellout, green-clad, ti-leaf waving crowd at Aloha Stadium roared as Brennan was congratulated by teammates on the sideline and officials removed the record-breaking ball. The touchdown pass tied the game at 7. The senior from Irvine, Calif., surpassed the milestone in his 36th game, 10 fewer than Detmer took to set the record. He quickly added to his new record. His 123rd TD pass came on a 23-yard toss to **Davone Bess** in the second quarter.

BASEBALL

Kennedy, 28, dies in Florida after collapsing at in-laws' home

TAMPA, Fla. — **Joe Kennedy**, a journeyman left-hander who pitched for three major league teams last season, died at his in-laws' home Friday. He was 28. After going to bed early, Kennedy woke up at about 1:15 a.m. Friday and collapsed as he was leaving a bedroom at the home of his wife's parents, Hillsborough County sheriff's spokeswoman **Debbie Carter** said. Hillsborough County Fire Rescue took Kennedy to Brandon Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, she said.

"We were terribly shocked," Blue Jays president **Paul Godfrey** told The Associated Press. "From what we understand he was in Brandon ... to be the best man at a wedding today."

Godfrey didn't have particulars on the cause of death. "Obviously, when a 28-year-old man dies, ballplayer or not, it's a terrible, terrible thing," he said.

Kennedy spent seven years in the majors, playing last season with Oakland, Arizona and Toronto. He also spent time with Tampa Bay and Colorado and had a 43-61 career record with a 4.79 ERA in 222 appearances.

SOCCER

FIFA president savors Africa's first World Cup

DURBAN, South Africa — With South Africa set to stage the qualifying draw for the 2010 World Cup, FIFA president **Sepp Blatter** is claiming a personal victory.

"I am very happy to be here in Durban, South Africa — (in) my continent," he said.

Blatter's reference to Africa being his continent is nothing to do with his birthplace. He's 100 percent Swiss. But the FIFA leader claims credit for making sure Africa finally got to host soccer's biggest championship.

Blatter was launching the official poster of the 2010 World Cup, which appears to depict Barcelona's Cameroon star **Samuel Eto'o**, his head and neck cleverly designed in the shape of the African continent, heading and looking up at a ball.

"This face expresses hope and hope is looking towards the ball," Blatter told reporters Friday, two days before the draw. "This (ball) is the globe, the world. Africa is presenting something to the world and I hope that the world will receive this message."

Blatter believes soccer is an antidote to Africa's long fight against disease, famine and poverty and centuries of slavery and racial discrimination.

"To give to this continent a face, a human face, the human face of football and also to say that, on this continent, there is no one dominating color," he said. "They are all different colors and all of them are united in the World Cup in Africa and united by this face."

In terms of soccer, the 2010 World Cup is getting back what Africa has given over the past two decades, when Algeria, Cameroon, Nigeria and Senegal made their marks at soccer's biggest championship by beating some of the main contenders. Instead of the stars of African soccer going to other parts of the world to show off their skills, the big names from Europe, South America, Central and North America and Asia will be on their way to Africa in three years.

The qualifying rounds have already started in many parts of the world, notably South America, where Brazil and Argentina are already among the front runners.



MARY ALTAFFER/Associated Press

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones cries as she addresses the media during a news conference outside the federal courthouse in this Oct. 5 photo.

Jones' results back to 2000 wiped out

Jerome Pugmire

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Her career in disgrace and a prison sentence possibly looming, Marion Jones can no longer even take solace in seeing her name beside her greatest feats in the record books.

What's more, track and field's governing body also wants Jones — who insists she is broke — to pay back about \$700,000 of her winnings.

The International Association of Athletics Federation on Friday annulled all of her results dating to September 2000, including her Olympic and world championship titles, because of doping and told her to return her prize money from that period.

The organization also recommended that Jones' relay teammates be disqualified and lose their medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

A man who answered the phone at Jones' home in Austin, Texas, said she had no comment.

The IAAF council also upheld the two-year ban imposed on Jones by U.S. officials. She retired last month after pleading guilty to lying to federal investigators in 2003. Jones admitted she had taken the designer steroid "the clear" from September 2000 to July 2001.

Jones won gold medals in the 100 meters, 200 and the 1,600-meter relay in Sydney, as well as bronzes in the 400 relay and long jump. At the 2001 worlds, she won the 200 and the silver medal in the 100.

Jones has returned her five Olympic medals and agreed to forfeit all results dating to Sept. 1, 2000. But it's still up to the IAAF and International Olympic Committee to change the record books and revise the medals.

The IAAF said Jones was disqualified from all competitions since Sept. 1, 2000, with all results erased. That includes all relays, not just individual events.

The IAAF added Jones must return all awards, medals and money from that period. IAAF spokesman Nick Davies said Jones can't compete again unless she pays back the approximate \$700,000.

Athletes who are eventually upgraded stand to receive a share of Jones' prize money. However, it's uncertain whether they will ever get the money because Jones is said to be broke.

Even though Jones has retired, she is officially suspended until Oct. 7, 2009. Jones would have to give the IAAF 12 months' notice if she wants to return to competition after the ban, Davies said.

The IAAF did not take a position on whether Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou should be upgraded to the Olympic gold medal in the 100 meters. That will be up to the IOC, which has authority over Olympic medals.

"We recommend that (the) IOC take the final decision," IAAF general secretary Pierre Weiss said.

Thanou and fellow Greek runner Kostas Kenteris failed to show for drug tests on the eve of the 2004 Athens Games, claiming they were injured in a motorcycle accident and eventually pulled out. They were later banned for two years.

IOC president Jacques Rogge has said there will be no automatic upgrade, and that only "clean" athletes will be moved up in the medals. The IOC is considering whether to leave the 100-meter winner's place vacant.

IAAF president Lamine Diack, who has branded Jones "one of the biggest frauds in sporting history," was at the meeting in Monte Carlo but did not speak to reporters.

Wolverines hope to stay hot against Great Falls

Neil K. Warner

DAILY HERALD

**Great Falls (1-3)
at UVSC (2-2)**

Today, 2 p.m.

Radio: KSTAR 1400 AM

Bombs away.

How will Utah Valley State respond after tying a school record by making 12 3-pointers in Tuesday's 72-51 win over Troy?

Perhaps by making 13.

UVSC will host Great Falls today at 2 p.m. at the McKay Events Center in what promises to be a high-scoring game where records could fall.

UVSC tied a school record with 12 3-pointers against Troy and broke the school record for 3-pointers attempted with 34.

Ryan Toolson made five 3-pointers, Richard Troy connected on four and Josh Olsen sank three.

In addition to the barrage of 3-pointers, UVSC was remarkably balanced. Five Wolverines scored in double figures. Toolson led the way with 17 point, Troyer 14, Matt

Komenda added 12 points off the bench, Olsen checked in with 11 and Jordan Brady finished with 10 points.

The win helped UVSC improve to 2-2. Great Falls, an NAIA school 1-3 on the year. The only Division I game the Argonauts played was a 77-46 loss to Montana.

Following Saturday's game, UVSC will play three of its next four games on the road starting with a game at San Francisco on Nov. 28.

The game can be heard on KSTAR 1400 with Steve Watts calling the play-by-play.

Capitals edge Philadelphia

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Nicklas Backstrom scored in overtime to make Bruce Boudreau's debut as the Washington Capitals' interim head coach a success with a 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Friday.

Backstrom, who also had two assists, slipped a loose puck past Philadelphia goaltender Marty Biron at 1:55 of the extra period to snap the Capitals' five-game losing streak.

Philadelphia's Mike Richards had tied the score on a rebound goal with 4:15 left in regulation.

The 52-year-old Boudreau was named to the interim position Thursday, replacing Glen Hanlon, who was fired a day after the Capitals lost to the Atlanta Thrashers, 5-1. He took over a team that had lost nine of its previous 10, and 15 of 18.

► **Bruins 2, Islanders 1:** At Boston, Tim Thomas stopped 25 shots and Glen Metropolit scored the winner to lift the Boston Bruins to their fourth win in five games.

► **Blue Jackets 4, Wild 0:** At St. Paul, Minn., Pascal Leclaire stopped 32 shots for his club record sixth shutout this season, Michael Peca had a goal and an assist in his return from a groin injury, and Columbus snapped a five-game road winless streak. Minnesota has dropped 10 of its last 14 and continues to struggle after starting the season 7-0-1.

► **Ducks 3, Coyotes 3, 50:** At Anaheim, Calif., Radim Vrbata scored his second goal of the game on a power play with 1:07 left in regulation, then added the clinching goal in the shootout to give Phoenix a victory over Anaheim.

Ilya Bryzgalov, who made 23 saves, was Jean-Sebastien Giguere's backup in Anaheim before he was claimed off waivers by the Coyotes on Nov. 17. Giguere had a rinkside seat at the end of the Anaheim bench for Bryzgalov's return, while new Ducks backup Jonas Hiller stopped 35 shots in his third NHL start.



RUSTY KENNEDY/Associated Press

Washington Capitals' Nicklas Backstrom, center, celebrates with teammates Shaone Morrisonn (26) and Mike Green after scoring an overtime goal to beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3.

► **Hurricanes 4, Lightning 3:** At Raleigh, N.C., Glen Wesley capped a third-period comeback with his first goal in more than nine months to help Carolina beat Tampa Bay for the first time this season.

Down 3-1 entering the final 20 minutes and headed toward another lopsided loss to their Southeast Division rival, the Hurricanes scored three goals in less than 7 minutes. Ray Whitney and Justin Williams had a hand in the comeback as well, beating Holmqvist with nearly identical shots to tie the game at 3.

► **Sabres 4, Canadiens 2:** At Buffalo, N.Y., Thomas Vanek scored to break a third-period tie, Tim Connolly had a goal and an assist and Ryan Miller made 30 saves to help Buffalo.

Derek Roy and Daniel Paille also scored for the Sabres, who matched a season high with their third straight win.

Paul Martin scored second-period goals for New Jersey in a victory over Atlanta.

Jay Pandolfo scored an empty-net goal, his eighth, with 28 seconds left and the Devils won their season-high third straight game. Brodeur, who won the Vezina Trophy as the top goalie in the league last season, earned the 93rd shutout of his career.

► **Panthers 3, Rangers 2, 50:** At Sunrise, Fla., Olli Jokinen scored the only goal of the shootout and Tomas Vokoun made 28 saves for Florida, which ended New York's five-game road win streak.

► **Blues 3, Canucks 1:** At St. Louis, Paul Kariya had a goal and an assist, and backup goalie Hannu Toivonen made 25 saves for St. Louis in a win over Vancouver.

► **Stars 3, Maple Leafs 1:** At Dallas, Antti Miettinen scored the tiebreaking goal late in the second period, and Marty Turco made 18 saves to help Dallas stretch its season-best winning streak to four games.

U.S. leads World Cup

Stephen Wade

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHENZHEN, China — Police officers salute as players approach the tee. Fans jostle for space when silence is supposed to be in order. Golf carts buzz everywhere, cell phones ring and nobody is shy with a camera. Welcome to golf, Chinese style.

"I mean, don't know if the Chinese crowd understands," said Boo Weekley, who shot a 3-under 69 Friday with partner Heath Slocum to keep a one-stroke lead for the United States after two rounds of the World Cup of Golf. "There's a lot of movement out there, a lot of talking."

England's Justin Rose and Ian Poulter and Scotland's Colin Montgomerie and Marc Warren shot 68s to trail by a shot at 13-under 131.

South Africa's Trevor Im-

melman and Retief Goosen were another shot back after a 69. Three teams were three behind — Denmark (68), Italy (68) and Germany (71) — and 18 teams were within eight shots of the lead.

Playing the more difficult foursomes (alternate-shot) format, scores soared after the easier fourballs (better-ball) on Thursday. Better-ball returns Saturday and alternate-shot features on Sunday. Though this is a stroke-play event, match-play rules are in play.

Weekley praised the enthusiasm of the Chinese, who have almost no golf tradition.

"They clap when you hit a good shot and they always say 'hey' and 'hi,'" he added. "But it's just different."

This is the first year in a 12-year contract to play this unusual team event at the Mission Hills Golf Club, the world's largest golf complex.