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One-on-One
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With **JASON FRANCHUK** and **DARNELL DICKSON**

1 How impressed should NBA scouts be after Trent Plaisted's performance against Louisville and North Carolina this weekend?

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2 In light of Austin Collie's recent comments about God and football, should athletes bring their belief and faith into post-game comments?

Dickson: Collie's comments have gotten a lot of play on message boards and on sports talk radio this week. I'll just say this: Why are people surprised that athletes want to credit their Maker for their success? There's nothing wrong with acknowledging God's hand in their lives, whether it be work or family or whatever. It may come off as pious ("God loves me more than my opponent") but I don't think that's what they mean. They're simply grateful for a blessing in their lives. I think athletes should say what's in their hearts. Hey, it's better than, "It was a good team effort."

Dickson: It wouldn't have been a big deal, if it hadn't come against the arch-rival — where the inclusion of religion is always a touchy subject — and if his big play wasn't a nearly miraculous fourth-and-18 catch. Collie told reporters at Monday's practice that people who had issue with his words needed to "get a life." I don't believe taking that approach is constructive.

3 Which was the tougher play to pull off: John Beck-to-Jonny Harline to beat Utah in 2006 or Max Hall-to-Austin Collie to convert fourth and 18 against the Utes on Saturday?

Dickson: I'll take the Beck-to-Harline play, simply because you might be able to hit a fourth-and-18, say, 10-15 percent of the time. But you could run a play like Beck and Harline all day long and convert it maybe once.

Dickson: I'll take the opposite side, just because of the type of throw Hall had to make with a bum shoulder. Going to his right and throwing ... man. But choosing between the plays is like picking between Charlize Theron and Eva Longoria. Can you really go wrong either way?

4 What's up with Ben Murdock? Last year he only got seven minutes a game, and now he's rock-solid as the BYU point guard.

Dickson: Both Jason and I suspect Murdock is faster this year, though he said he doesn't think so. Maybe he's more confident and it makes him quicker in his decisions. His ridiculous assist-to-turnover ratio is not that surprising against Jackson State or Idaho State; to pull off basically the same thing against Louisville and North Carolina is impressive.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No invite yet, but New Mexico feels good about postseason prospects

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — There's no invitation yet, but New Mexico coach **Rocky Long** believes his team has earned the right to play in a bowl game.

Long and athletics director **Paul Krebs** held a news conference Tuesday to express confidence that the Lobos (8-4) will play somewhere. The most likely scenario puts them in the hometown New Mexico Bowl. "The players deserve to go," Long said. "It also gives our fans — the loyal fans we have out there — a chance to prove they support this football team and this program when there's some speculation out there that they don't."

There's been talk that New Mexico could become the only 8-win team left out of a bowl. Groans that began on Albuquerque sports radio programs have grown into local criticism of Long after last weekend's 27-6 win over UNLV. No bowl invitation is expected until after this weekend's games. Still, Krebs took time to defend his coach, the program, the season and the team's bowl prospects.

"We need to commend coach Long and his team for an outstanding season," Krebs said. "We're 8-4 and 5-3 in the conference. It's been an outstanding year. I think our team and our coaching staff deserve credit for the job they've done."

The problem for New Mexico is that the Mountain West has five bowl-eligible teams and only four slots. Only Air Force has accepted an invitation — from the Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas. But the way Krebs sees it, there will be more space because, he believes, the Big 12 will get two teams in the BCS system.

"We're all having a hard time coming up with a scenario where the Big 12 doesn't get two teams in the BCS," Krebs said.

If that plays out, then the Big 12 wouldn't be able to fill its slot for the Texas Bowl in Houston, and Krebs said he's confident that invitation would go to TCU.

"It's safe to say the Texas Bowl is focused on TCU," Krebs said. "If you do the math and look around at the other bowl options, the most viable option for us is the New Mexico Bowl, and we'd be thrilled."

Texas Bowl executive director **David Brady** didn't return messages seeking comment.

Ole Miss hires former Arkansas coach: At Jackson Miss., one day, **Houston Nutt** was leaving Arkansas. The next, he was heading to Mississippi.

Ole Miss will introduce Nutt as its new coach today, ending a whirlwind hiring that began when he resigned at Arkansas on Monday and agreed to become the Rebels' coach about four hours later.

Mississippi was without a coach for less than three days. **Ed Orgeron** was fired on Saturday after three losing seasons.

ON THE AIR

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Men's College Basketball		
N.S. State at Michigan St.	5 p.m.	ESPN
UMass at Syracuse	5 p.m.	ESPNC
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N. Carolina at Ohio St.	7 p.m.	ESPN
Virginia Tech at Penn St.	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
NBA		
Utah at Philadelphia	5 p.m.	FSN
UEFA Soccer		
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Werder vs. Real Madrid	3 p.m.	ESPNC

Radio

NBA		
Utah at Philadelphia	5 p.m.	1320 AM
Men's College Basketball		
UVSC at San Francisco	8 p.m.	1400 AM

Rebels athletic director **Pete Boone** said Tuesday he contacted Nutt on Sunday after hearing a rumor the coach would be resigning. Nutt didn't really want to talk then "because he had a job," Boone said. That soon changed.

"This all happened overnight with me," Boone said.

UVSC BASKETBALL

Fairbanks honored again

For the second straight week, Utah Valley center **Robyn Fairbanks** has been named the Division I Independent Player of the Week. The award comes a day after the Wolverines received a vote in the Associated Press Top 25 poll for the first time ever.

Fairbanks averaged 29.5 points and 6.0 rebounds and shot 70 percent (21-for-30) in two wins last week as Utah Valley improved to 6-0 for the first time in school history. She has now won the player of the week award 10 times in her career.

Her week included a 39-point performance in an overtime win over previously unbeaten Big East foe Seton Hall. She was 12-for-17 from the floor, including 3-for-3 from the 3-point line and 12-for-15 from the free-throw line. She had 20 points in a win at Utah State on Saturday, Utah Valley's first win ever up in Logan. She's sixth nationally in scoring and first among all independent players with a 23.8 ppg average. She also leads independents in field goal percentage (.606).

BASEBALL

Twins talking about trading Santana

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins just lost one popular and valuable player to free agency, and now they're staring hard at the possibility of trading another. **Johan Santana** is for sale, and the trade talk has thrust the Twins into baseball's spotlight. With **Torii Hunter** gone, they're listening to offers for Santana and weighing the pros and cons of dealing one of the game's greatest pitchers.

"Our first choice is to sign him," general manager **Bill Smith** said carefully, after pausing to answer a question regarding the one year Santana has remaining on his current deal.

An extension of his stay in Minnesota has appeared increasingly unrealistic since prices for pitchers escalated around this time last year.

SOCCER

Brazil soccer stadium where 7 died in collapse will be destroyed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — The soccer stadium where seven people died after the stands collapsed will be destroyed and a new one will be built in its place. At least 40 others were injured Sunday night in Salvador, a coastal city of Bahia state. The accident was the worst in Brazilian soccer history and raised questions about the country's readiness to host the 2014 World Cup.

Gov. **Jacques Wagner** said Tuesday the Fonte Nova stadium will be imploded. He did not give a timetable for the demolition, but the new stadium is expected to be completed by 2014.

"We already have a project under way that not only includes a stadium but also a shopping center and parking lot," Wagner said.

Victims fell about 50 feet through a hole that opened in the concrete stands as fans stormed the field to celebrate a scoreless tie that promoted the Bahia team to the second division.

HORSE RACING

Five-time Derby-winning jockey dies

FREER, Texas — **Bill Hartack**, a Hall of Fame jockey and five-time Kentucky Derby winner, has died while on a hunting vacation. He was 74.

Hartack died Monday night from natural causes due to heart disease, said Dr. **Corinne Stern**, the chief medical examiner in south Texas' Webb County. Stern said Tuesday that Hartack's family has been notified, and funeral arrangements were being made.

Hartack and fellow Hall of Fame rider **Eddie Arcaro** are the only jockeys to win the Kentucky Derby five times.

Datsyuk scores two goals to lift Red Wings

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NHL ROUNDUP

DETROIT — Pavel Datsyuk said he didn't have much energy. His play said otherwise.

The Red Wings forward scored two spectacular goals and added an assist to lift Detroit to a 5-3 win over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday night.

Tomas Holmstrom added a goal and an assist, and Kris Draper, and Valtteri Filppula also scored for Detroit. Nicklas Lidstrom had two assists, and Chris Osgood made 19 saves.

Both of Datsyuk's goals resulted from great efforts.

On the first, which tied the game at 1 with 4:11 left in the first period, Datsyuk took a pass from Holmstrom as he raced down the high slot. He put the puck through the legs of Flames defenseman Cory Sarich, picked it up again and

beat goalie Miikka Kiprusoff just under the crossbar.

"The first goal was a momentum swing for us, we didn't come out quite that good," Lidstrom said.

Flames captain Jarome Iginla, who assisted on all three goals, agreed.

"That was an amazing move on the first goal, that was a big boost for them," he said. "To make a move like that and score just under the crossbar has to be a big boost for their team and their fans."

Datsyuk's second goal, scored 37 seconds into the second period, gave Detroit a 4-2 lead.

He carried the puck from just outside the Red Wings' blue line all the way to the front of the Calgary net, going through

defensemen Sarich, and Robyn Regehr, and center Craig Conroy all inside the Flames' zone. Datsyuk lost the puck momentarily, but regained possession and backhanded a shot past Curtis McElhinney.

Canadiens 4, Maple Leafs 3, 50:

At Toronto, Alex Kovalev scored two power-play goals, then found the net again in the shootout to lift Montreal. Andrei Kostitsyn scored between Vesa Toskala's legs in the tiebreaker, and Carey Price made a right leg save against Jason Blake to win it in the fifth shootout round. Guillaume Latendresse also scored for the Canadiens.

Darcy Tucker, Chad Kilger and Mats Sundin, who scored his club-record 400th goal for Toronto with 17.6 seconds left in the third period, beat Price in regulation for the Leafs.



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Toronto Maple Leafs' **Boyd Devereaux**, left, battles with Montreal's **Francis Bouillon** for control of the puck during the second period in Toronto.

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UVSC on the road to face San Fran

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DAILY HERALD

Utah Valley State will take its three-game winning streak on the road when the Wolverines travel to the Bay Area to take on the University of San Francisco tonight at 8 p.m.

The game marks the first meeting between UVSC (3-2) and San Francisco (2-3), who are set to play a home-and-

home series this year.

"San Francisco has a sensational player (Dior Lowhorn) who is scoring 25 a night. He's a transfer from Texas Tech and their game has been going through him," said UVSC coach Dick Hunsaker. "This will be our first competition against the West Coast Conference. It will certainly be a challenge for us."

Lowhorn leads the Dons averaging 25.0 points and

8.6 assists per game while Manny Quezada averages 17.6 points and 5.4 assists per game.

UVSC will counter with Ryan Toolson, who is leading the Wolverines with 21.6 points per game. The Wolverines will also be looking for a big game from Jordan Brady. He is second on the team in scoring at 11.8 ppg and leads the team in rebounding with 9.2 boards per game.

Another factor will be how well the Wolverines shoot from behind the 3-point line. UVSC is shooting a sizzling .426 from behind the arc. UVSC has tied the school record for most 3-pointers made with 12 in each of its last two games.

"We're coming together really well. It's a good thing. The more we come together the better we're going to be," said center Brett Ravenberg. "I see us in the future doing really well."

The game can be heard live on KSTAR 1400 AM with Steve Watts calling the play-by-play action. A live online audio feed can be heard by logging on to www.WolverineGreen.com.

After USF, the Wolverines will return home to take on Portland State.

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