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TV LISTINGS

Saturday, Oct. 24

AUTO RACING

7 a.m., 3:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Tums Fast Relief 500, at Martinsville, Va.

7:45 a.m.

ESPN2 — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, pole qualifying for Kroger on Track for the Cure 250, at Memphis, Tenn.

10 a.m.

SPEED — NASCAR, Truck Series, Kroger 200, at Martinsville, Va.

12:30 p.m.

ESPN2 — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, Kroger on Track for the Cure 250, at Memphis, Tenn.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

9 a.m.

ESPN — Minnesota at Ohio St.

ESPN2 — Illinois at Purdue

9:30 a.m.

FSN — Iowa St. at Nebraska

VERSUS — Oklahoma St. at Baylor

12:30 p.m.

ABC — Regional coverage, Penn St. at Michigan, Oregon at Washington, Clemson at Miami or Oklahoma at Kansas

CBS — National coverage, Tennessee at Alabama

ESPN — Regional coverage, Penn St. at Michigan or Clemson at Miami

NBC — Boston College at Notre Dame

1 p.m.

VERSUS — Air Force at Utah

4:30 p.m.

ESPN — Florida at Mississippi St.

ESPN2 — Auburn at LSU

VERSUS — TCU at BYU

5:07 p.m.

ABC — Regional coverage, Oregon St. at Southern Cal or Texas at Missouri

7:15 p.m.

FSN — Arizona St. at Stanford

GOLF

5:30 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour, Castello Masters, third round, at Castellon, Spain

11 a.m.

TGC — Nationwide Tour Championship, third round, at Charleston, S.C.

2 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, Frys.com Open, third round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.

4:30 p.m.

TGC — Champions Tour, AT&T Championship, second round, at San Antonio (same-day tape)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

4:30 p.m.

FOX — Playoffs, American League Championship Series, game 6, L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees

SOCCER

4:30 a.m.

ESPN2 — Premier League, Wolverhampton Wanderers vs. Aston Villa, at Wolverhampton, England

Schedule subject to change and/or blackout.

PREPS

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Volleyball

Parker vs. TBA, 3A West Regionals; at PHS — 5 p.m.

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SODERLING REACHES SEMIS IN STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM — Top-seeded Robin Soderling edged Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 7-6 (4), 6-4 in the Stockholm Open quarterfinals on Friday, remaining on course for a third home final in the Swedish capital.

Soderling, the only seed to reach the last eight, again played before a boisterous sellout center court crowd at Royal Tennis Hall.

— Associated Press

KNIGHTS FOOTBALL



David Bell/News-Herald Photo

Above, Havasu's Max Delia (21) takes the hand off from quarterback Paul Lake (2) then makes his way through the giant hole created by blockers Max Dreager (42) and Dylan Olson (43) during Friday's homecoming game against Yuma Cibola. Below, Havasu's Brad Fender goes high for the catch over Cibola's Braden Easley in the second quarter of Friday's Fighting Knights homecoming game. The Raiders were rude guests, winning the game 35-14.

Raiders dominate second half

By DAVID BELL

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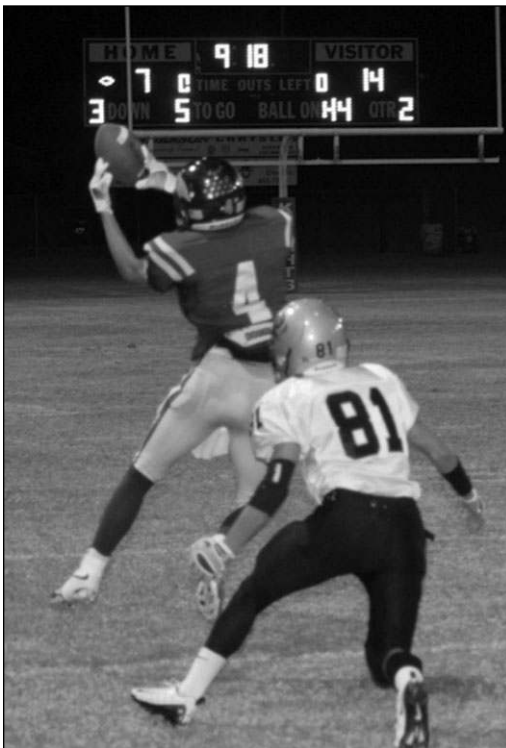
Cibola's Roy Thompson scored three times and the Raiders chewed up precious time in the second half, leading Cibola to a 35-14 win over Lake Havasu at Lee Barnes Stadium Friday.

Cibola scored on its first possession of the game, after forcing a Havasu punt on the opening drive. Raiders' quarterback Dylan Arviso mixed runs with short passes to effectively move the ball down field. With first and goal at the seven, Thompson punched it in for his first TD of the game.

Havasu came back on the next series, as Kris Larson worked both the run — a 20-yard scamper on a reverse — and at the wide out position to get the ball into the red zone. From 7-yards out, Fighting Knights quarterback Doug Greene ran it in to tie the game.

The Raiders continued to dominate the line of scrimmage on offense and effectively moved the ball through the Havasu defense. Cibola's second possession of the game ended just at the start of the second quarter with Thompson once again scoring from inside the 10-yard-line.

It looked like the teams were going to trade scores, but Havasu stalled on the next possession and a Homero Rueda field goal try for the Knights was blocked by the Raiders front line,



preserving the 14-7 going into the half.

The Raiders took the second half kickoff and, starting from their own 10-yard-line, produced a 90-yard drive that ate up more than seven minutes off the clock. The drive was

capped by Thompson's third TD of the game, this time from 4-yards out.

Havasu went 3-and-out and again the Raiders played ball control. Taking another six minutes to work the ball down field, Cibola made it a three-score lead when Arviso tossed a 5-yard pass into the hands of Jacob Flores in the end zone.

Havasu had one last burst in the fourth quarter, when Javaree Thompson ran back the Cibola kick off to the Raiders' 32-yard-line and running back Max Delia ran the ball down to the eight. Jeremy Holtzen then scored his fifth touchdown of the year to narrow the gap to 28-14.

Havasu was unsuccessful on the subsequent outside kick but on the next play the Knights defense stripped Roy Thompson of the ball and Havasu had the first turnover of the game.

However, the Knights couldn't do anything with it and turned the ball over on downs. The Raiders then marched down the field and full back Chad Plymale finished it off with a 2-yard run for the final score.

Both Arviso and Rueda was perfect in kicking extra points in the game.

Cibola goes to 4-4 overall and 3-0 in region with the win. Havasu falls to 4-5, 1-3. Next week Havasu plays host to Yuma Gila Ridge (2-5, 1-1) while Cibola faces winless San Luis (0-8, 0-4) at home.

Lady Knights take region title

By DAVID BELL

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Thanks to outstanding rounds of golf from Taylor Byers and Kaitlyn Sweeney, the Lady Knights won a region championship in the first year in the 5A-II Conference.

Havasu had a team score of 360, 16 strokes better than Yuma Kofa to win the Gila Valley Region title Friday at the Nassau Course at the Course at London Bridge Golf Club.

Byers was also the named top golfer in the region, shooting an 8-over 80. Sweeney was second with an 85.

"This is amazing, it felt really good on the course today," Byers said. "Our goal was to beat Kofa. And we did."

Yuma Cibola was third with a team score of 408 and Yuma Gila Ridge fourth at 411. Yuma did not have enough golfers to qualify for a team score.

Following Byers and Sweeney for Havasu was Bailey O'Neill with a score of 84, Brooke Gettess shot a 101 and Alyssa Pakes finished with a 110.



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GOLF

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With Yuma Cibola's Kayla Fiser, right, looking on, Havasu's Bailey O'Neill sinks her putt on hole No. 9 of the Nassau Course at the Course at London Bridge Golf Club Friday, during the Gila Valley Regional match.

"That was a little higher than normal from Bailey and Brooke," said Lady Knights head coach Jerome Koters. "We're going to have work hard if we're going to go to state."

On the boys' side, it was Gila Ridge taking the team title but

another Havasu golfer was the best of the region.

Gila Ridge won the region title with a team score of 344, just two strokes ahead of Havasu's 346.

"This was our goal all year long," said Gila Ridge head coach David Schultz said. "This is a big

deal for us. This is our first region title in school history."

Kofa was third in the region match with a score of 388 and Cibola fourth with a 391. Yuma did not have enough players to qualify for a team score.

Havasu's Garrett Luzzi was named the top golfer in the region with a round of 80, the same score as Collin Catron of Gila Ridge. The individual region title came down to the play on hole No. 2, where Catron bogeyed.

"I was chasing an excellent round," Luzzi said. "I was 2-over on the back nine going into (hole No.) 18. And that's when I went 5-over and scored a nine."

Steven Stanovich was second on the Knights with an 86, followed by Pat McSweeney and Michael Wrona both coming in with 90 and Blake Bradley scoring a 92.

"I really proud of Garrett. And Steven, when he gets hot, he's lights out," said Knights head coach Mike Washington. "I'm disappointed but there's another tournament and our goal is to go to state as a team."

Out of spotlight, Nash and the Suns will still run

By BOB BAUM

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Not long ago the Phoenix Suns dazzled the NBA with a frenetic style that made the game ever so entertaining.

The maestro was Steve Nash, who earned two MVP awards at the controls of a high-flying team that won 232 regular-season games over four seasons (2004-05 through 2007-08). They never made it farther than the Western Conference finals, though.

Now, they are perceived as the setting Suns,

NBA

with a point guard past his prime.

Nash, at age 35 in his 14th NBA season, has re-enlisted and the Suns will be running again, just probably not toward a championship.

Does he believe his hyperactive game has lost a step?

"I hear rumblings that other people think I have," he said, "but if you look at our last 30 games last year, I played as well as I've ever played in my career. This preseason once again I'm making shots and getting to the bas-

ket. I feel as though I'm in the best shape of my life. Maybe there's a drop-off in some areas, but in other areas I think I'm better."

Probably no one in the NBA works harder at conditioning than Nash, who must battle persistent back pain. In the offseason, he plays on two soccer teams in addition to his regular, rigorous training.

Coach Alvin Gentry recalled a recent preseason game when he asked Nash to play as if it was a regular season contest in order to measure where the rest of the team was in its development.