

## PREP FOOTBALL

# Havasu Frosh fall in final seconds

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TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Bullhead City Mohave scored twice in the final 10 seconds of play to beat the Freshmen Fighting Knights of Lake Havasu 26-24 Wednesday at Lee Barnes Stadium.

Havasu enjoyed a 12 point lead late in the fourth quarter, and was looking to add more, when a score in the final minute of the game by Ryan Perelka was called back for holding. Havasu wasn't able to convert and Mohave took over on downs.

Mohave quarterback Keenan White then led an 95-yard drive that was capped by a 5-yard slant pass for the score with 4.5 seconds left. The 2-point conversion brought the Thunderbirds within four.

On the following onside kick, the ball bounced off one of Havasu's up men and Mohave recovered at their own 49-yard-line. With 0.2 seconds on the clock, the Mohave line gave White plenty of time to loft the ball down to the Havasu 10, where it bounced between offensive and defensive players until the



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**Havasu's Ryan Perelka makes the block on a Bullhead City Mohave defender so teammate Chris Dupont (9) can run the ball into the end zone from 2-yards out for the score. Dupont scored three touchdowns Wednesday but the Freshmen Fighting Knights lost when the Thunderbirds scored twice in the final 10 seconds of the game.**

T-Birds' Matthew Huffman grabbed it. He broke a Havasu tackle and ran it in for the winning score as the final buzzer sounded.

Havasu quarterback Chris Dupont accounted for all 24 of the Knights points, scoring once from 2-yards out and twice from

the 1-yard line. He also converted three 2-point conversions.

No love was lost on either side of the ball, as both teams were hit with multiple roughing an unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

The only turnover was

an interception in the first quarter by Havasu's Bobby Tipton that led to Dupont's second touchdown of the game.

Havasu finished the season at 3-5.

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## NBA

## Garnett returns to Boston in easy win over Bobcats

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Kevin Garnett scored 10 points with seven rebounds over 26 easy minutes in his return to the Boston parquet on Wednesday night and the Celtics held Charlotte to a franchise-low in scoring and coasted to a 92-59 victory in their home opener.

Ray Allen scored 18 points and was the only Boston starter to play in the fourth quarter as the Celtics followed their opening-night victory over Cleveland with a blowout of the Bobcats. Paul Pierce scored 15, Rajon Rondo scored 10 with 11 assists and Rasheed Wallace came off the bench with three 3-pointers.

### Magic 120, 76ers 106

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 21 points and 15 rebounds, Vince Carter scored 15 points and the new-look Magic rolled to a victory over the 76ers in the season opener for both teams.

### Hawks 120, Pacers 109

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 25 points, Al Horford had 24 and the Hawks finally played some defense in an offensive shootout, pulling away in the fourth quarter for a season-opening victory over the Pacers.

### Raptors 101, Cavaliers 91

TORONTO — Andrea Bargnani scored 28 points, Chris Bosh had 21 points and 16 rebounds, and the Raptors overcame LeBron James' 25th career triple-double to beat the Cavaliers.

### Heat 115, Knicks 93

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade began defense of his NBA scoring title with 26 points, Jermaine O'Neal finished with 22 points and 12 rebounds, and the Heat beat the Knicks.

### Thunder 102, Kings 89

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant had 25 points and 11 rebounds in the Thunder's victory over the Kings.

### Spurs 113, Hornets 96

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 17 points before leaving the game after a hard fall and the Spurs beat the Hornets.

## NFL

# Goodell defends NFL to Congress

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WASHINGTON — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell did not acknowledge a connection between head injuries on the football field and later brain diseases while defending the league's policies on concussions before Congress on Wednesday.

That frustrated several members of the House Judiciary Committee, including the committee chairman, Michigan Democrat John Conyers, when Goodell told him the NFL isn't waiting for that debate to play out and is taking steps to make the game safer.

"I just asked you a simple question.

What is the answer?" persisted Conyers.

Goodell replied by saying a medical expert could give a better answer than he could. But some House members complained later that Dr. Ira Casson, chairman of the NFL's committee on concussions, had not testified.

Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., gave Casson some exposure anyway, playing a clip of a TV interview in which he denied evidence of a link between multiple head injuries in NFL players with brain disorders such as dementia and Alzheimer's.

Sanchez said that reminded her of tobacco companies denying a link between smoking and health damage

in the 1990s.

Goodell testified alongside new NFL Players Association leader DeMaurice Smith, who said the union "has not done its best in this area. We will do better."

Both men did agree to turn over players' medical records to the committee.

In addition, Conyers wants information on head injuries from the NCAA, high schools and medical researchers to better understand football's health risks.

Still, several Republicans questioned the point of the hearing. Rep. Ted Poe of Texas said Congress' involvement in football would mean the end of the sport.



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**Boston Celtics' Kevin Garnett (5) and Kendrick Perkins (43) stop a drive for the basket by Charlotte Bobcats' Stephen Graham (23) in the first quarter Wednesday in Boston. The Celtics won, 92-59.**

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