

TV LISTINGS

Thursday, May 7

GOLF

6:30 a.m. — European PGA Tour, Italian Open, first round, at Turin, Italy (TGC)

10 a.m. — PGA Tour, THE PLAYERS Championship, first round, at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (TGC)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

12:30 p.m. — Arizona at San Diego (FSN)

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

6 p.m. — NCAA Division I tournament, semifinal, Southern Cal vs. Penn St., at Provo, Utah (ESPN2)

NBA BASKETBALL

5 p.m. — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, Atlanta at Cleveland (ESPN)

NHL HOCKEY

5 p.m. — Playoffs, Western Conference semifinals, game 4, Vancouver at Chicago (VERSUS)

7:30 p.m. — Playoffs, Western Conference semifinals, game 4, Detroit at Anaheim (VERSUS)

Schedule subject to change and/or blackout.

PREPS

Today

Track & Field

Havasu at West Valley Regionals, Raymond S. Kellis High School, Glendale — 3:30 p.m.

QUICK READ

Telesis forfeits playoff game

The Telesis Tigers lost the opening game of the Arizona Charter Athletic Association baseball playoffs by forfeiting to Gilbert Desert Hills Wednesday.

Through a series of roster moves, the Tigers were unable to field the minimum nine players.

NHL plans court showdown over the Coyotes

PHOENIX (AP) — The National Hockey League is planning a showdown in court over the Phoenix Coyotes' filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and the proposed sale of the team to Blackberry boss Jim Balsillie.

League spokesman Frank Brown said attorneys for the NHL would appear in federal bankruptcy court in Phoenix on Thursday. He would not say what action the league would take, but commissioner Gary Bettman said Wednesday that whether Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes had the authority to file for bankruptcy "is something we're going to look into."

Moyes' attorney, Thomas Salerno, said any challenge by the NHL would have no merit.

"They are mistaken," Salerno told The Associated Press.

Balsillie, co-CEO of Blackberry maker Research In Motion, said his \$212.5 million offer is contingent on moving the team to southern Ontario.

The NHL says it removed Moyes from all positions of authority with the team after the league was caught by surprise by the bankruptcy filing on Tuesday.

Bettman wants to keep the team in Arizona.

"This is more about the tactic and I think a challenge to league rules than it is about economic condition of the club, which we believe can with new ownership and with the accommodations the city of Glendale is prepared to make, we think can succeed," Bettman said.

The team plays at Jobing.com Arena, a state-of-the-art facility that opened in December 2003 in the west Phoenix suburb of Glendale.

Glendale city manager Ed Beasley told the AP that an offer to buy the team and keep it in Arizona will be made soon. Beasley said a group that includes Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of Chicago White Sox and Bulls, is working with the NHL on a proposal.

"I will say we are very confident that an offer will be made," Beasley said.

Salerno said Moyes would welcome another bid, but the top offer would get the team.

"Our job is to maximize the value of the asset," he said.

Are you ready for some football?

Havasu's Michael Seibert, right, is all knees and elbows as he clears the obstacle course drill in 33.1 seconds Wednesday. Seibert, along with other boys from sixth- to eighth-grade, below, are participating in the football camp at Lake Havasu High School's Lee Barnes Stadium. The camp, put on by the Fighting Knights football program runs through the end of the week.

Jillian Danielson Photos/Special to News-Herald



COLLEGE SPORTS

Eight charged in point shaving scandal

DETROIT (AP) — Two Detroit-area businessmen were charged with paying and giving gifts to basketball and football players at the University of Toledo to take part in a point-shaving scheme, according to a federal indictment filed Wednesday.

Six former Toledo players also were accused of taking part in the alleged scheme by either affecting the outcomes in games or giving the two businessmen information so that they could place wagers on the games.

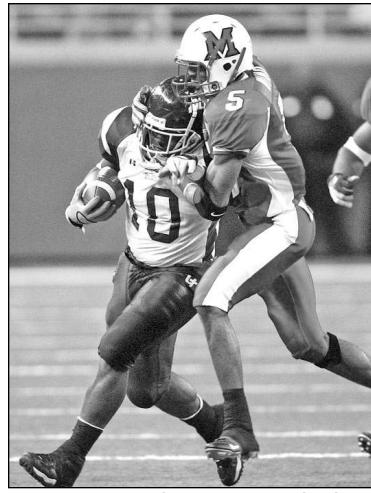
The FBI began investigating point shaving at Toledo four years ago. They said the scheme began in the fall of 2004 and continued until 2006.

Ghazi Manni, 52, of Sterling Heights and Mitchell Karam, 76, of Troy were charged with conspiracy to influence sporting contests by bribery.

The pair bet about \$407,000 on Toledo basketball games between November 2005 and December 2006, according to the indictment.

The six players also were charged with conspiracy to influence sporting contests by bribery.

The indictment charges three former football players: Adam Cuomo, 31, Harvey "Scooter"



Carlos Osorio/AP File Photo

Toledo running back Scooter McDougale Jr. (10), is one of six former Toledo basketball and football players who were accused Wednesday of taking part in a point-shaving scheme.

McDougale Jr., 24, and Quinton Broussard, 25. Also charged were former basketball players Keith Triplett, 29, Anton Currie, 25, and Kashif Payne, 24.

Until now, only three former players at the school had been linked to the allegations.

Former basketball player Sammy Villegas was charged last

June with shaving points in games during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons. He has not entered a plea, but he is scheduled to be sentenced in June.

Charges against McDougale were dropped two years as the investigation continued. McDougale has denied involvement.

Documents unsealed last month in federal court accused Cuomo of recruiting his teammates and basketball players at the school to take part in the alleged scheme.

Cuomo told investigators he gave information about upcoming games to the Detroit gambler and that he introduced numerous athletes to meet with the gambler, according to documents filed in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

A message seeking comment was left Wednesday with Manni's attorney, Neil Fink. Karam could not be reached for comment.

Manni has repeatedly said that he knew many football and basketball players at the school, but they did not fix any games.

Triplett said two years ago that he knew Manni, but was never asked to shave points. Triplett's attorney, Ray Richards, said the former Toledo player is innocent.

PREP SOFTBALL

Havasu hosts playoff opener Saturday

STAFF REPORTS

A change in the standings — thanks to the last games of the season — knocked the Lady Knights down a spot on the season rankings. But it does not keep them from hosting a first round playoff game.

The Lake Havasu High School softball team will play host to Scottsdale Saguro Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The Lady Knights (14-4) start postseason play ranked No. 8 in Conference 4A-I play based on the Arizona Interscholastic Association power points system. Points are assigned for each victory based on the opponent's number of wins.

Saguro (14-4) is ranked No. 9 with 108,0556 points. Havasu has 110,3889 power points.

A win by Havasu Saturday would have the Lady Knights face off against the winner of the game between No. 1 Vail Cienega (17-1) and No. 16 Glendale Apollo (10-8). The high seed will host the second round game.

NBA

Celtics rebound for big win

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Rajon Rondo took the pass from Eddie House and bolted for the basket, cutting between 6-foot-11 Dwight Howard and 6-10 Rashard Lewis for a thunderous dunk.

In a crucial game for the Boston Celtics, the little guys came up big.

Rondo had 15 points, 18 assists and 11 rebounds for his third triple-double of the playoffs, and House scored a career high-shattering 31 points on Wednesday night to lead Boston to a 112-94 victory over the Orlando Magic that evened the Eastern

Conference semifinals.

Howard had 12 points and 12 rebounds and Lewis had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, who stole Game 1 and home-court advantage on Monday night despite blowing almost all of a 28-point lead.

Game 3 is Friday night in Orlando.

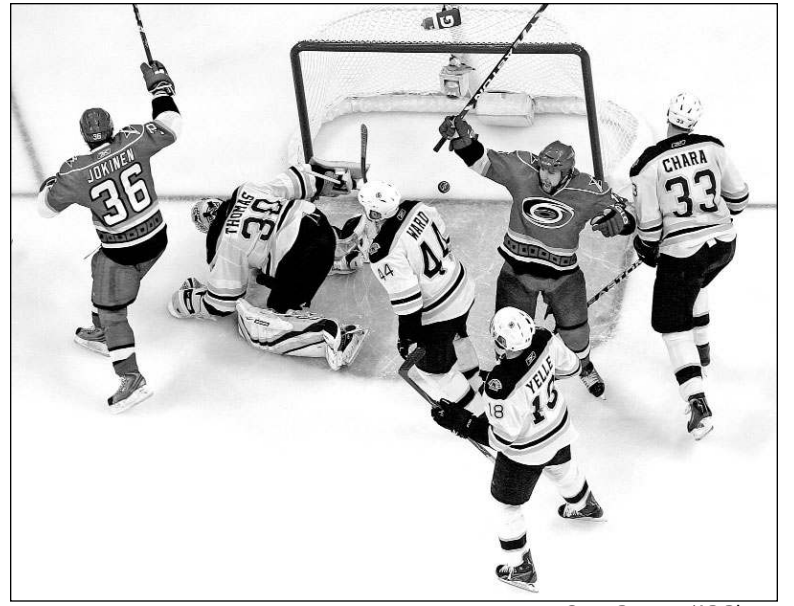
Rondo had 12 assists without a turnover at the half and finished one assist short of his career high. The only time the 6-1 point guard has had more than 18 assists was the triple-overtime Game 6 of the first-round series against Chicago in which he played 57 1/2 minutes.



Winslow Townson/AP Photo

Boston Celtics center Kendrick Perkins (43) pulls down an offensive rebound against Orlando Magic forward Rashard Lewis (9) in the first quarter of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinal basketball playoff series in Boston Wednesday. The Celtics won 112-94.

NHL



Gerry Broome/AP Photo

Carolina Hurricanes' Jussi Jokinen (36), celebrates his game-winning goal against Boston Bruins' goalie Tim Thomas (30) during overtime of Game 3 of an NHL hockey Eastern Conference semifinal series in Raleigh, N.C., Wednesday. Carolina won 3-2.

'Canes, Pens both win in OT

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Jussi Jokinen scored at 2:48 of overtime to lift Carolina past Boston and into a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Sergei Samsonov scored once and assisted on Jokinen's winner for the Hurricanes, who also got a goal from Eric Staal. Carolina, which outshot the Bruins 41-23, will host Game 4 on Friday night with a chance to take a commanding advantage in the series.

Penguins 3, Capitals 2 OT

PITTSBURGH — Kris Letang scored his first career playoff goal on a shot from the point at 11:23 of overtime after Sidney Crosby's faceoff win and the Pittsburgh Penguins avoided going down three games to the Washington Capitals by winning 3-2 in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Wednesday night.

Letang's shot deflected off a Capitals player and ricocheted past Simeon Varlamov, who had stopped nearly everything the Penguins threw at him. Washington scored first — on a goal by Alex Ovechkin — then let Pittsburgh control most of the way. The Penguins outshot the Capitals 42-23 and had a 7-2 edge in power plays.