

Don't expect NCAA to just slap UW's wrist

Does anybody else get the feeling that once the NCAA gets done with its case against the University of Wisconsin athletic department, that Badger sports will be penalized back to the dark ages?

Or at least back to the Morton era?

The powers that be at the UW are mostly putting on happy faces leading up to an Aug. 11 meeting with the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

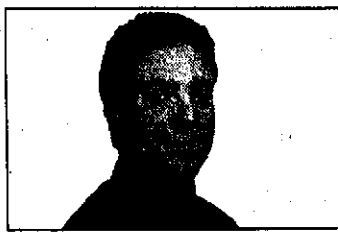
But what started as an investigation into the Shoe Box freebies now has led to separate athlete-housing violations.

You can only wonder what is behind door No. 3.

While we are led to believe the dreaded NCAA "death penalty" seems unlikely, don't expect a slap on the wrist, either.

Todd Finkelmeyer

HIT AND RUN



The worst part of all, however, is that the UW's on-campus and academically — will be tarnished on a national level for years to come.

While the Brewers were busy doing their best Bad News Bears impersonation earlier this week, the franchise as a whole was laughing all the way to the bank.

The Brewers lost their 10th straight game, 3-1, to the Dodgers Monday night — but drew a sellout crowd of 42,132 to Miller Park. The Crew then ran its losing streak to 11 straight Tuesday night, but still drew 34,444 fans. Milwaukee finally won a game Wednesday, beating the Dodgers, 4-3, before an afternoon crowd of 39,223.

That's over 115,000 fans for three games.

As a comparison, the Brewers drew less than 64,000 fans for a three-game series last July 28-30 at County Stadium vs. the Colorado Rockies. And those games were played on a Friday through Sunday.

Hopefully, the Brewers will spend their new funds wisely during the offseason. Otherwise, don't expect the fans to return in 2002.

Maybe all golfers — including us hacks, and not just the pros — should use caddies.

Then, just like the pros, we could blame the caddies for everything that goes wrong during a round of golf — instead of looking in the mirror.

While there is good reason for fans of the Green and Gold to be optimistic heading into the 2001 campaign — the Packers went 7-3 over their last 10 games in 2000 — at least three red flags have been raised in the opening days of training camp.

First, the coaching staff appears to be counting on the mammoth Gilbert Brown to magically return to top form after eating himself out of the NFL. Second, the organization seems to be praying that the over-priced and under-achieving Antonio Freeman will

magically turn his life — and game — around. And finally, the team is counting on rookie first-year defensive end Jamal Reynolds to pay immediate dividends as a sackmaster.

Now this isn't to say that the Packers shouldn't contend for a playoff spot in 2001, but counting on big years from Brown, Freeman and Reynolds seems to be a bit of a reach.

There is no better story in sports than Lance Armstrong's run to three straight Tour de France titles after battling back from testicular cancer.

The Capital Times reported on Tuesday that a few people in the neighborhoods surrounding Camp Randall Stadium are upset with the University of Wisconsin's plans to add 8,000 seats to the stadium.

Some of the 30 residents who attended a meeting Mon-

day at Edgewood College aired their concerns about large game-day crowds to UW associate athletic director Al Fish.

As someone who lived close to Camp Randall for seven years — and looked forward to game days — it's difficult to sympathize.

The feeling here is, if you were worried about big crowds in the neighborhood a handful of times each year, why move into the area in the first place? It's not like Camp Randall Stadium popped up overnight — it has been there for 84 years.

But if you are truly disturbed, put your house where your mouth is: If it's of similar size and in decent shape, I'll trade you my 5-year-old home on the edge of Madison for your home in the Camp Randall area — straight up. Didn't think so.

SPORTS INSIDER

Compiled from staff and news services

TENNIS

Shaughnessy downs Venus

Meghann Shaughnessy upset Wimbledon champion Venus Williams, 2-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4), to advance to the semifinals of the Bank of the West Classic in Stanford, Calif.

Shaughnessy, seeded fifth, had never defeated an opponent ranked as high as Williams, the No. 2 player in the world. "My main focus today was to control the match," Shaughnessy said. "It's really important to stay focused and make sure she doesn't control the points."

She will face Kim Clijsters in the semis, while second-seeded Lindsay Davenport will play Monica Seles.

Andre Agassi disposed of Jan-Michael Gambill, 6-2, 7-5 in the Mercedes-Benz Cup in Los Angeles to set up a semifinal today against top-ranked Gustavo Kuerten.

Pete Sampras faces Xavier Malisse of Belgium on the other side of the bracket.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meghann Shaughnessy celebrates after upsetting Venus Williams Friday in the quarterfinals of the Bank of the West Classic in Stanford, Calif.

BASKETBALL

U.S. team has Duke feel

National champion Duke placed three players on the 12-man U.S. team that will compete in next month's FIBA 21-and-under basketball world championship in Japan.

Blue Devils forward Carlos Boozer and guard Chris Duhon were selected by coach Jim Boeheim of Syracuse. Swingman Dahntay Jones, who sat out last season after transferring from Rutgers, also was named.

The rest of the team includes Boston College guard Troy Bell; Connecticut forward Caron Butler; Kansas forward Nick Collison; Illinois forward Brian Cook; Iowa forward Reggie Evans; UCLA forward Jason Kapono; St. Joseph's guard Jameer Nelson; Georgetown forward Michael Sweetney; and Michigan State guard Marcus Taylor.

The director of Nike's basketball camp said he gave the mother of a top high school player \$100 while he visited her in jail.

George Raveling, a former college coach, said that he gave Carrie Stoudemire \$100. Her son, Amare Stoudemire of Orlando, Fla., is considered one of the nation's top two prep players and is tendered to Memphis.

Nike released a statement to The Associated Press, saying it would continue to investigate the charges but has taken no action against Raveling, who serves as a company consultant.

The Minnesota Timberwolves signed second-round draft choice Loren Woods, who had considered playing in Europe.

In WNBA action Friday, Gordana Grubin scored a career-high 23 points as the Indiana Fever beat Cleveland, 67-63, snapping the Rockers' 16-game home winning streak. ... Sandy Brondello scored 23 points as the Miami Sol rallied to beat the Orlando Miracle, 71-63, in overtime.

AUTO RACING

Another pole for Bodine

Todd Bodine, getting faster as the season progresses, claimed his second pole in three weeks during qualifying for the Pennsylvania 500 in Long Pond, Pa.

Ricky Rudd, who won both the pole and the Pocono 500 last month, was a close second at 170.274. Winston Cup points leaders Jeff Gordon and Dale Jarrett will start eighth and 37th, respectively.

Cambridge's Matt Kenseth is 24th.

Kenny Wallace took the pole for the Busch Series' NAPA AutoCare 250, turning a lap at 131.062 mph in qualifying for today's race in Fountain, Colo.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Badgers slated for second

Old habits die hard. That's certainly the case with Big Ten women's volleyball as Penn State, for the fifth straight year, has been picked to win the conference title, according to a preseason poll of league coaches.

The University of Wisconsin, despite returning most of the squad that won the Big Ten title and finished second in the NCAA Championship, didn't command as much respect from conference coaches. They picked the Badgers to finish second.

Ohio State, Minnesota and Michigan State rounded out the top half of the preseason

standings. The Badgers placed two players on the preseason all-conference team. Senior All-Americans Sherisa Livingston, a middle blocker, and Lizzy Fitzgerald, a setter, were unanimous selections to the 12-member preseason All-Big Ten team.

ODDS AND ENDS

Casino loses tourney

The promoter of three college basketball tournaments slated for Las Vegas moved them from a casino hotel following pressure from the NCAA and several teams.

Pending NCAA approval, the tournaments will shift from the Paris Hotel and Casino to a new location in the city, said promoter Chris Spencer, director of Worldwide Basketball in Cincinnati.

The sudden relocations came after NCAA president Cedric Dempsey issued a statement Thursday night saying teams were "wrong" for participating in tournaments at gambling casinos.

Purdue and Illinois were among the teams scheduled to appear in the tournaments.

China's first heavyweight title fight was postponed after John Ruiz injured his neck during training to defend his WBA title against Evander Holyfield. No new date was set for the bout that was scheduled for Aug. 5 in Beijing.

"There are things you can't help in life and this is one of them," Ruiz said.

Dutch star Inge de Bruijn advanced toward a third gold medal today at the world swimming championships in Fukuoka, Japan, and Ian Thorpe's Australian teammates gave him a shot at a sixth title.

De Bruijn led qualifying for the 50-meter freestyle semis with a time of 24.79 seconds.

Thorpe, who set world records in winning the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle races, skipped the heats of the 400 medley relay as Australia easily qualified for the final.

The United States broke its own 7-year-old meet record in the medley relay, winning its heat in 3:37.56. The Aussies won their heat in 3:38.83.

LOCALLY

The 100 Black Men of Madison will hold its second annual golf outing on Monday at Cherokee Country Club. Registration is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., while the shotgun start will take place at noon.

The cost to register is \$100 per person and includes cart, dinner, 18 holes of golf and awards. Proceeds from this event will help support the 100 Black Men of Madison's Mentoring and Academic Bowl and back-to-school picnic activities.

For more information or to register, please call Anthony Brown at 831-8121 or Derrick Smith at 831-1279.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE

The committee responsible for naming fish in the Americas has changed the common name of the western Atlantic's largest grouper from "jewfish," which some found offensive, to "Goliath grouper."

Commented Rabbi Bruce Diamond of Temple Beth-El in Fort Myers, Fla.:

"In the universe of things that need to change, the name of the big grouper is low on the list."

TODAY'S TRIVIA

Who was the last Brooklyn Dodger active in the major leagues? Answer in Scorecard, 5F.

The generation lap

All-City meet binds families

By Tamra Surprenant

The Capital Times

MIDDLETON — The planning of the 2001 All-City swimming and diving meets was an endeavor co-directors Cathy Welton and Kathy Neish took on more than nine months ago.

While the competition takes center stage, the event itself is one of great proportions — and in its 40th year — one of great tradition.

SWIMMING

About 2,000 competitors from 12 area teams will take part in the All-City Dive Meet on Monday and Tuesday at Nakoma Country Club and the All-City Swim Meet, which will be held Thursday through Saturday at Middleton Pool.

"Now, we're old enough where we have multiple generations of families who have participated in the All-City Meet," said Neish, whose children, Marcus, 17, and Alex, 15, will compete in the meet.

The Welton family is an example of multiple generations of competitors. Kevin Welton competed in the All-City Meet during the late 1960s and early '70s, while Kevin and Cathy's children, Nick, 17, Erich, 15 and Stephanie, 10, are members of the Middleton Gators team and will swim in the meet.

"For the people involved, the meet is a huge event," said Cathy Welton.

"If you're not in the swimming community you may have heard of it, but you don't realize how big it has become until you're here and see it."

On Thursday, Middleton Pool will become a swarming metropolis of swimmers, parents, spectators and volunteers.

"Everything will be transformed," said Cathy Welton. "We're building a pier across the pool where the coaches will sit on the one side and there will be tents everywhere for different things going on. Each team has a big tent."

Neish hasn't felt too overwhelmed with the preparations, and indicated that year after year, meet directors pass on a booklet filled with organizational tips.

"Based on the experience of the previous years, it's almost turned into a science, I think, in terms of getting kids to the right place at the right time," said Neish.

The All-City summer season is eight weeks long. For the first seven weeks, the members



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Swimming is a family activity for (left to right) Alex Neish, Stephanie Welton (top), Eric Welton and Nick Welton, who will represent the host Middleton Pool in the All-City Swim meet next week.

All-City Dive & Swim Meets

Dive Meet: This event will take place Monday and Tuesday beginning at 8 a.m. at Nakoma Country Club, 4143 Country Club Rd. On Monday, the 13-14 and 11-12 year-old divisions will compete, while the 10-and-under and 15-18 divisions are scheduled to dive on Tuesday.

Swim Meet: Events are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day at Middleton Pool, Park Lawn Place. Preliminary indi-

vidual events for 11-18 age groups are set for Thursday. Swimmers 10-and-under will take part in their preliminary events on Friday. The top 16 swimmers in each individual event and all relay swimmers will compete on Saturday and a recognition ceremony for senior swimmers will begin at 8 a.m.

Information: For updated results and information, log on to www.allcityswim.org.

of the 12 teams compete in dual meets against each other. The season concludes with the teams coming together for the final meet.

Nick Welton, who will be a senior at Middleton High School, has been competing in All-City meets for nine years. He admitted he tries to take a more relaxed approach to his competition during the summer months.

"All the dual meets are really just kind of fun," said Nick Welton, who also competes on the swim team at Middleton High School. "It's not like it's a life or death situation. Definitely, in All-City, it's more laid back. We're just trying to have fun, but we've still got a friendly competition going."

"Everybody always has a blast (at the All-City Meet). We always try to find something to keep ourselves occupied when we're not swimming."

The team spirit and camaraderie are evident through the duration of the event.

"It's loud and there is a lot of excitement, especially the last day," said Cathy Welton. "There is a lot of cheering. The teams get together, they wear the same stuff and have T-shirts made special and dress goofy."

There are over 30 committees formed from within the Middleton Gators club. According to Cathy Welton, finding enough volunteers to fill work slots has been the toughest task.

"The volunteers all come from only our club and there are 400 slots that have to be filled," said Welton. "Not necessarily people, but 400 slots of work."

"It's gotten better now, but that's probably the hardest thing is getting everybody to volunteer and do their share."

Wendell, Cook head to Philly

The Associated Press

The Philadelphia Phillies, bolstering their bullpen for a playoff run, got relievers Turk Wendell and Dennis Cook from the New York Mets on Friday for minor league pitchers Bruce Chen and Adam Walker.

The trade came immediately after the Mets beat Philadelphia, 6-1, at Shea Stadium. Moments later, the Phillies announced another deal, sending reliever Wayne Gomes to the San Francisco Giants for utilityman Felipe Crespo.

"I think we gained a whole lot of experience in the bullpen," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said. "They've been on winners. They know what it takes to win. They've pitched in pressure situations."

The Mets and Phillies made their second deal in a week. Earlier, Philadelphia sent Gary Bennett to the Mets for Todd Pratt in a swap of backup catchers.

Philadelphia, which already

BASEBALL TODAY

had depth in its bullpen, had set a goal of adding another reliever before Tuesday's trading deadline. The surprising Phillies trail Atlanta by one game in the NL East.

"I think our bullpen should be one of our strengths," Bowa said.

Cook and Wendell will be added to a bullpen that already includes closer Jose Mesa, Rick Bottalico and Rheal Cormier.

Neither Wendell nor Cook pitched Friday. Wendell is 4-3 with one save and a 3.51 ERA in 49 games and Cook is 1-1 with a 4.25 ERA in 43 games.

The Mets, coming off a World Series appearance, are stuck at 47-57. Friday's trade could lead to further deals, possibly involving starters Glendon Rusch and Rick Reed.

AROUND THE HORN

St. Louis Cardinals reliever Mike Timlin had arthroscopic surgery to repair torn knee cartilage and is expected to miss 4-to-6 weeks.

Timlin injured his left knee while stretching and squatting in the bullpen during the fifth inning of Thursday's game against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field. He is expected to recover in time to pitch again this season.

The Boston Red Sox designated pitcher Pete Schourek for assignment to Class AAA Pawtucket and brought up left-hander Casey Fossum.

Schourek, a left-hander, was 1-5 with a 4.45 ERA in 33 relief appearances for the Red Sox this season. He is guaranteed \$1 million this season.

Right-hander Willie Blair was sent outright from the Detroit Tigers to Class AAA Toledo.

Ruben Sierra was put on the 15-day disabled list by the Texas Rangers, who purchased the contract of outfielder Craig Monroe from Oklahoma of the Pacific Coast League.

Sierra, who has 14 homers and 42 RBIs in 58 games, was sidelined after pulling his groin during Thursday's game against Baltimore.

CALENDAR

TODAY	FRI. 3	SAT. 4	SUN. 5	MON. 6	TUE. 7	WED. 8
Florida 1:05 p.m.	Atlanta 7:05 p.m. FSN, TBS	Atlanta 12:15 p.m.	Atlanta 1:05 p.m. FSN, TBS		New York Mets 6:10 p.m. FSN	New York Mets 6:10 p.m. FSN
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SPORTS ON THE AIR

AUTO RACING

7 p.m. USAC: Silver Crown Series • ESPN2

BASEBALL

1 p.m. MLB: Florida at Milwaukee • WTSO (1070 AM)
6 p.m. MLB: Oakland at Cleveland • Fox Family
7 p.m. MLB: Atlanta at St. Louis • TBS

BASKETBALL

9 p.m. WNBA: Sacramento at Los Angeles • ESPN2

FISHING

5 p.m. Bassmasters Classic: Day 1 weigh-in • ESPN2

GOLF

8 a.m. European PGA: Scandinavian Masters • TGC
10 a.m. LPGA: British Open • ESPN
11:30 a.m. Buy.com: Omaha Classic • TGC
2 p.m. USGA: U.S. Women's Amateur Championship • ESPN
3 p.m. PGA: The International • USA

TENNIS

Noon ATP: Tennis Masters Series Canada • ESPN
1 a.m. ATP: Tennis Masters Series Canada (taped today) • ESPN2

Digest

HOCKEY

State Hall of Fame taps Johnson, Suter

Former University of Wisconsin standouts Mark Johnson and Bob Suter have been selected for induction into the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame in September.

The Madison natives and members of the gold-medal winning U.S. team at the 1980 Olympics will be inducted at ceremonies in Eagle River on Sept. 15.

Johnson, the UW record-holder for goals in a career (125 from 1976-79) and a season (48 in '77-78), also played in the NHL for 11 years.

Suter, tied for seventh all-time among defensemen in games played at UW (157 from '75-79), has been a coach for 20 years and operates Suter's Gold Medal Sports on the East Side.

Herb Brooks, the coach of the "Miracle on Ice" team and the 2002 Salt Lake City team, will be the guest speaker.

BASEBALL

Area teams headed to Legion state tourneys

Six area teams have qualified for American Legion state tournaments, which begin Friday at three sites. The eight-team fields in each of three divisions consist of teams that won regional tournaments earlier this week, along with the host team.

Middleton (23-9) is the lone area representative at the Class AAA tournament in Sheboygan, and faces La Crosse (36-17) at 4 p.m. Friday in the double-elimination tournament. The winner of the Class AAA tournament earns a berth in the national regional tournament.

Oregon (15-13) and defending champion Beaver Dam (25-9) join host Baraboo (16-16) at the Class AA tournament, while Deerfield (23-1) and East Troy (10-12) will participate in the Class A tournament in Berlin.

Schedules in Scoreboard/C5

FOOTBALL

Browns sign top draft pick

Former Florida defensive lineman Gerard Warren, the Cleveland Browns' top draft pick, ended his contract hold-out and arrived at training camp after signing a six-year, \$33.6 million deal.

"I'm just here to compliment this defense and hopefully take the Browns to the Super Bowl," Warren said.

Warren said he has been working out two hours daily with the Gators football team in Gainesville, Fla., and weighed in at 315 pounds — 7 pounds less than his listed playing weight.

"I'm relieved and happy to be back," he said.

Dan Towler, who helped the Los Angeles Rams win the NFL championship in 1951 and led the league in rushing a year later, died in his sleep Wednesday morning at his home in Pasadena, his daughter said. He was 73.

An Indiana high school football player died less than a day after he collapsed during practice.

Officials at Clinton Central High School, 30 miles north of Indianapolis, said junior Travis Stowers, 17, apparently died from a brain aneurysm.

"Doctors told us it was not heat-caused," athletic director Linda Barnett said. "It was a blood vessel leaking in his brain, and that's what caused his body temperature to rise."

BOXING

Tyson denies rape allegation

Mike Tyson denied he raped a 50-year-old woman in California, his first public statements since the allegation was made last week.

"Everything in the long run will prove that I'm innocent and I'm just looking forward to that," the former heavyweight champion told KTVK-TV in Phoenix.

The woman contends she was sexually assaulted by Tyson on July 16 at a Big Bear City home he rented during training.

Investigators from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department are investigating but have not interviewed the 35-year-old boxer, who is training in Phoenix for a Sept. 8 fight with Danish boxer Brian Nielsen in Copenhagen.

WNBA

Starz shoot past Comets

Natalie Williams scored 18 points and Adrienne Goodson added 15 as the Utah Starz (14-11) beat the host Houston Comets (16-9) 71-63 Wednesday.

Katie Smith scored 36 points as the Minnesota Lynx (8-17) snapped a five-game losing streak with a 68-63 victory over the host Phoenix Mercury (11-14).

Vickie Johnson and Tari Phillips each scored 17 points to lead the New York Liberty (18-9) to a 66-63 victory over the Detroit Shock (7-19).

Nykesha Sales scored 16 of her 21 points in the opening minutes and made a crucial steal in the final seconds as the host Orlando Miracle (10-16) beat the Portland Fire (11-15) 65-63.

Jurgita Streimikyte scored a career-high 21 points to lead the Indiana Fever (9-17) to a 70-64 victory over the Washington Mystics (8-17) in Indianapolis.

LOCALLY

Fitchburg's Ryan Jefferson, 12, finished third in the 13-and-under springboard diving event at the Junior Olympic Nationals in Indianapolis on Monday.

ODDS AND ENDS

Venus Williams had a quick victory over Elena Bovina, 6-1, 6-2, while Lindsay Davenport bounced back from her loss last Sunday to defeat Sandra Cacic 6-3, 6-3 in the Acura Classic in Carlsbad, Calif. Kim Clijsters, who won the Bank of the West Tournament last weekend, lost to Al Sugiyama, 6-3, 6-3. . . . Andy Roddick moved into the third round of the Tennis Masters Series-Canada in Montreal with a 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 victory over Carlos Moya. Patrick Rafter and top-seeded Gustavo Kuerten also advanced. . . . Cracker Barrel has dropped its three-year sponsorship of Atlanta Motor Speedway's spring NASCAR race, saying the company's name was mentioned just four times during the March telecast on Fox.

— Staff, wire reports

All-City is one 'last hurrah'

Forty-four recent high school graduates will say goodbye to the meet.

By Jon Masson

Wisconsin State Journal

For several years, Claire Mowbray has watched as the high school seniors earned special recognition at the All-City Swim Meet for their years of practice and persistence. Now, it is her turn.

"It's the last hurrah," Mowbray, 18, said. "It hadn't hit me until the last dual meet last Saturday at Ridgewood (Pool). I've grown up there. I've been swimming for 11 years. That's where my whole swimming career began."

The 40th annual All-City Swim Meet begins today and continues through Saturday at the Walter C. Bauman Aquatic Center in Middleton. The pool is adjacent to the high school football field.

Preliminaries for swimmers ages 11 to 18 are scheduled for today, with those 10 and youn-

All-City Swim Meet

◆ **When, where:** Today through Saturday, Bauman Aquatic Center, Middleton.

◆ **Schedule:** Preliminaries today and Friday, starting at 8:30 a.m. Finals and relays Saturday, starting at 8:30 a.m.

◆ **More information:** Go to www.allcityswim.org

ger competing in preliminary events Friday. The top 16 swimmers in each individual event and those in relays will compete Saturday.

Competition for more than 1,400 swimmers starts at 8:30 a.m. each day, with a recognition ceremony at 8 a.m. Saturday for 44 swimmers who just completed their senior years in high school.

"All-City is a great way for kids to learn how to swim and to stay in shape," said Mowbray, who swam at Madison Memorial and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin. "We have fun. That's what I love about it. Of summer, high school and winter swimming,

the summer is my favorite."

Her swimming will be strictly recreational after this meet, in which she plans to swim the 100-meter backstroke, 200 individual medley and two relays.

The meet also will be the last for 18-year-old Shawn Devitt, who's in his 12th year in swimming.

"I'm not going to swim in college," said Devitt, who swims for the Middleton Gators and plans to attend Edgewood College. "It's my last meet. I'm pretty pumped up about it."

The pool has been a focal point for competition, exercise and social activities for Devitt, Mowbray and their parents — Anne and Bob Devitt and Alice and Bill Mowbray, respectively.

"It is the perfect balance of social swimming and competitive swimming in the summer," Alice Mowbray said.

Shawn Devitt, who swam in high school for Middleton, followed his twin siblings, Mike and Jenny, into swimming. Mike — a senior-to-be at

UW-La Crosse, where he has continued his swimming career — and Jenny, a senior-to-be at Washington University in St. Louis, remain involved this summer as coaches for the Middleton Gators.

"Swimming has been a very important part of my life," Shawn Devitt said. "It taught me a lot about discipline and myself and what I needed to get done. Swimming has always been around. It will be weird not doing it."

Shawn Devitt said he'd like to place in the top 10 in the 100 freestyle and the 100 butterfly, but has higher hopes for the boys 15-18 200 medley relay Saturday. He said he and teammates Nick Welton, Marcus Neish and Colin Hoff will try to break the event record of 1 minute, 54.67 seconds — a mark set in 1998 by a team featuring his brother Mike.

"The guys from West and Memorial, I've been swimming against them my whole life," Shawn Devitt said. "It will be nice to see them at the end. Everyone is going different ways now."

NBA NOTES

Olajuwon headed to Raptors

State Journal wire services

The Houston Rockets have agreed to sign and trade longtime star center Hakeem Olajuwon to the Toronto Raptors for two draft picks, team owner Les Alexander said Wednesday.

"Hakeem's decision is disappointing for the entire Rockets organization," Alexander said. "Hakeem Olajuwon has meant more to this franchise and this city than any other athlete in Houston history."

"We desperately wanted to keep him in a Rockets uniform for the remainder of his career and made every attempt to do so. It is with a heavy heart that we have agreed to his request."

Alexander, in an interview with a Houston television station, said the Rockets will get a first-round pick and a second-round pick from Toronto.

Earlier in the day, Olajuwon, 38, reportedly called off talks with the Rockets — for whom he has played for 17 seasons — after rejecting the club's offer of \$13 million over three years.

◆ **Raptors guard Vince Carter**, deciding there was no sense leaving a city where he is so comfortable, agreed to a six-year contract extension worth approximately \$94 million.

Carter, 24, chose to stay in Toronto in part because the team has shown the desire to keep the team together — free agents Antonio Davis, Jerome Williams and Alvin Williams all signed long-term contracts with the Raptors this summer.

"That was big for me and for this organization because I be-



Olajuwon Carter

lieve if you want to build a dynasty . . . you have to keep a club there for more than one or two years if you're going to have a chance of winning a championship," Carter said.

Mason to Bucks?

One prevalent rumor around the league is that the Bucks are pursuing a three-way sign-and-trade arrangement that would bring free agent all-star power forward Anthony Mason to Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that, according to league sources, one scenario would have Miami signing Mason to a long-term contract and sending him to the Bucks in a three-way deal with Cleveland. The Cavaliers would send Chris Gatling to the Heat and the Bucks would send a player, perhaps forward-center Scott Williams, to Cleveland.

Bucks general manager Ernie Grunfeld declined comment on specific trade talks, while Cavaliers coach John Lucas said he did not expect anything to happen soon.

In the paint

The Orlando Magic acquired guard Laron Profit and a future first-round draft pick from the Washington Wizards in exchange for the draft rights to center Brendan Haywood. . . . As expected, Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce signed a seven-year contract extension worth at least \$85 million. . . . The San Antonio Spurs announced they have re-signed forward Danny Ferry and signed former Dallas Mavericks forward Mark Bryant.

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winner will play there is if it finishes first or second in the final BCS rankings, thus earning a spot in the so-called national championship game.

"I don't think any of us will concede that somebody in this league won't play in that game," UW coach Barry Alvarez said.

That said, it is difficult to pick out a Big Ten team balanced enough to become the

first league school to finish the regular season unbeaten since Michigan in 1997. Some around the country view that as a sign of weakness in the conference. Ron Turner, whose Illinois team has the wherewithal to bounce back from a losing season and be a contender, disagrees.

"I think the conference is as strong as ever, I really do," he said.

"I know from just going into it week-in and week-out, every team can beat everybody on any given day.

I don't think that's a sign that teams have gotten worse. I think that's a sign that teams have gotten better."

BREWERS NOTES

Quevedo thrilled with trade to Milwaukee

By Vic Feuerherd
Wisconsin State Journal

MILWAUKEE — Ruben Quevedo arrived at Miller Park Wednesday with a new lease on life.

The 22-year-old right-hander, acquired Monday from Chicago in the deal that sent reliever David Weathers to the Cubs, will start his first game for Milwaukee on Saturday against Atlanta.

"I think this will be a great move for me," said Quevedo, considered by many to be one of the brighter pitching prospects in Class AAA this season.

"I wasn't getting the chance in Chicago because they had signed veteran pitchers. Here, I'll get a chance."

Quevedo, listed at 6-foot-1 and 245 pounds, is a native of Venezuela who signed with Atlanta when he was 16 and was traded to the Cubs organization three years ago. He was 9-5 at Class AAA Iowa with a 2.99 ERA this season.

"The reports are real good on him," Brewers manager Davey Lopes said. "He's a young kid, and he wants to

go. He wanted an opportunity and he has it."

Jenkins' forecast

The Brewers expect left fielder Geoff Jenkins to be out for three to four weeks, time during which they hope not only his left thumb heals but that the inflammation in his right shoulder calms down.

If not, there is a chance Jenkins is through for the season.

"Everybody's hoping the shoulder will quiet down," Lopes said. "At least we're going to get an idea."

A room with a view

Lopes spent the second game of his two-game suspension again in the press-level box of general manager Dean Taylor, where he was joined by Bucks coach George Karl, who threw out the first pitch.

The two nights in Taylor's box were Lopes' first chances to watch a major league game from that level. "It's a good seat for a fan, but not when you have a better one waiting for you," Lopes said.

BASEBALL NOTES

A's: Team is not for sale

Associated Press

The Oakland Athletics insist the team is not for sale despite reports to the contrary, including some that say the club is considering a \$150 million offer from a group led by former Hollywood producer Peter Guber.

"We have not been sold," Athletics spokesman Jim Young said Wednesday. "The team is not for sale and not on the open market."

Several Oakland city officials, citing sources within the Athletics, said team owners Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann received an offer of more than \$150 million from Guber's Mandalay Sports Entertainment.

Athletics manager Art Howe expressed frustration at what he termed erroneous reports of a sale. "We don't need such

distractions," Howe said before the Athletics' scheduled game in Cleveland. "Plus, the fact is it is not true."

Around the horn

The Cleveland Indians boosted their offense by activating outfielder Ellis Burks. The Indians also recalled right-handed pitcher Tim Drew from Class AAA Buffalo. . . . The Toronto Blue Jays activated second baseman Homer Bush from the 15-day disabled list. . . . Outfielder Ray Lankford remained on leave from the St. Louis Cardinals. General manager Walt Jocketty said he hadn't heard from Lankford, who complained about a lack of respect before leaving the team. Jocketty said Lankford "probably" will rejoin the team today.

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UW spread brings skeptics

But Alvarez says it may be more than half of his offense

By Tom Mulhern
Wisconsin State Journal

CHICAGO — University of Wisconsin football coach Barry Alvarez shared an elevator and some banter at the Big Ten Kickoff

media event with Michigan coach Lloyd Carr and Indiana coach Cam Cameron.

Carr and Cameron were giving Alvarez a hard time about his decision to use the spread offense — a formation that features one running back and usually four receivers split wide — this season.

"Lloyd told me I absolutely can't do it. You can't kill an old dinosaur. (He said), 'If you go down, what's left?'" Alvarez said Thursday.

For some people, Alvarez and UW resorting to the spread would qualify as, "This Week's Sign of the Apocalypse," to quote a sports

magazine. The idea of UW — that bastion of power football — using the spread was met with widespread surprise and healthy skepticism around the conference.

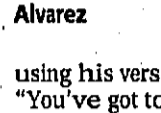
"I'd make a great Missouri," said Purdue coach Joe Tiller, who made it to the Rose Bowl last season using his version of the spread. "You've got to show me first. I

ain't believing it until I see it." UW quarterback Brooks Bollinger was confronted by one television reporter who was convinced it was nothing more than an elaborate ruse to fool UW's opponents.

"I still don't think they think it's true," Bollinger said of the reaction of players, coaches and media around the conference. "There were some eyebrows raised, I'm sure."

Well, believe it. The only question is how much UW will use the formation. Alvarez has been

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Alvarez



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Schedule does UW no favors

CHICAGO — Barry Alvarez knows what people say about his scheduling. They say he's never found a non-conference cupcake he wouldn't feed to his football team.

But while such talk used to draw a sharp rebuttal from the University of Wisconsin coach, now it elicits a joke.

"I wish they were saying that this year," Alvarez said with a laugh Thursday.

Sorry, there's no chance of that happening. While UW's soft non-conference schedules have left Alvarez open to sniping in the past, even the harshest critic would admit that this year's lineup is an all-you-can-eat buffet.

With Virginia, Oregon and Fresno State — all bowl teams in 2000 — to open the season, the Badgers will be tested more than any of Alvarez's first 11 teams at UW. The only question now is whether Alvarez has bitten off more than his players can chew.

"It's the toughest opening schedule that we've ever had," he said.

It's even tougher because this is the youngest team Alvarez has ever had. Only 10 starters return and freshmen dot the two-deep, which means the coaches must push a young team to be ready before its time.

"For this type of team, I'm not really crazy about this schedule," Alvarez said. "But we really have to do a good job as coaches to get our kids ready early to play. This is a schedule you'd like to play last year, with a veteran team. But it is what it is and you've got to play it."

Although three of the four non-conference games are at home, it won't be easy. By the time the Badgers get to the fourth game — against Division I-AA Western Kentucky — they could have a full head of steam or they could be running on empty.

UW starts against perennial ACC contender Virginia, which was 6-6 last year, ending a run of 13 straight seasons in which it won at least seven games. It will be Al Groh's first game as Virginia's coach and the Badgers have no idea what to expect from the Cavaliers.

UW's toughest non-conference task will be the following week at Oregon, a team that shared the Pac-10 title last season, is the consensus favorite to win it this year and has its sights set on a national championship. Worse, the game is at Eugene, where the Ducks have won 20 in a row, the nation's longest current home winning streak.

Fresno State, while not well-known east of the Rockies, is the runaway favorite to win the WAC title. The Bulldogs have targeted this season as their best chance to become a top 25 team.

Alvarez jokes that he didn't know what he was doing when he set up that schedule, but there is a method to his madness. He added Virginia in the preseason Eddie Robinson Classic a year ago because he wanted to get two extra weeks of practice for his young team. He scheduled Oregon because he is trying to play at least one high-quality opponent each season.

An ideal non-conference schedule for Alvarez would begin with an easy victory to work out the bugs and end with a Virginia or an Oregon. This year's schedule is the reverse of that, which is why it ranks high on the risk-reward scale. It could make or break the young Badgers.

"It's a double-edged sword," quarterback Brooks Bollinger said. "It's very important for us to come out well in those first two games and make a statement with a young team."

Future schedules probably depend on it.



Charles Fischer, 14, comes up for air during the 13-14 100-meter breaststroke, which he won in a pool record 1 minute, 15.19 seconds.

Records fall after rainfall

Twenty-six pool marks are broken at the All-City Swim Meet in Middleton.

By Jon Masson
Wisconsin State Journal

MIDDLETON — The severe rainstorms — complete with thunder, lightning and high winds — that rocked the Madison area Wednesday night and early Thursday sent several tents at the All-City Swim Meet sprawling.

That cleanup for organizers, coupled with some teams needing warm-up time once the inclement weather cleared, caused the first day of the 40th annual meet to be delayed about two hours Thursday morning.

But once the meet began, it was the competitors — and not tents — that were flying.

Swimmers ages 11 to 18 from 12 area pools made an assault on the pool records at Middleton's Walter R. Bauman Aquatic Center during Thursday's preliminaries. In all, 26 records were set in the 30 events at the pool, which was dedicated in June 1998 after being rebuilt.

The preliminary competition for swimmers 10-and-under begins at 8:30 a.m.

All-City Swim Meet

◆ When, where: Today and Saturday, Bauman Aquatic Center, Middleton.

◆ Schedule: Preliminaries today, starting at 8:30 a.m. Finals and relays Saturday, starting at 8:30 a.m.

◆ Results, more information: Go to www.allcityswim.org

today. Individual finals and relays are scheduled for Saturday.

Charles Fischer, for one, is looking forward to Saturday after winning the boys 13-14 100-meter individual medley and the 100 breaststroke in pool record times.

"I came in with a low seed time," Fischer, 14, said after winning the individual medley in 1 minute, 7.77 seconds. "I wanted to live up to that. I had confidence because I've been working hard."

Fischer, who's from Fitchburg and competes for the Seminole team, began swimming when he was 9 years old.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Fischer, who will be a freshman at Verona High School. "Sometimes, swimming can be hard. But I have a lot of good friends from around the city and it's fun to race."



Hill Farm's Elise Knoche, 17, swims on her way to a fifth-place finish at 2:37.54 in the 15-18 200 individual medley.

Seminole teammate Liz Klenderman, 16, followed Fischer with a pool record in the girls 15-18 200 IM.

"I'm proud I'm a swimmer," said Klenderman, who will be a junior at Madison West. "You have to be really dedicated to be a swimmer."

The butterfly might be Klenderman's favorite stroke, but Parkcrest's Jane Evans was fastest in the girls 15-18 100 butterfly. Evans set pool and meet marks in the event, winning in 1:05.12, with five others also beating the pool record (Klenderman was fourth).

Seminole's Alison Grinde established new pool and meet records in winning the girls 11-12 100-meter individual medley and the 50-meter butterfly.

All six butterfly events and the six backstroke events resulted in pool records.

Grinde and Parkcrest's Terri Schramka (13-14 100 backstroke and 50 butterfly) were two-event winners among the girls.

Fischer, Ridgewood's Peter Mullet (11-12 50 backstroke and 50 butterfly), Hill Farm's Mike Vergeront (13-14 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke), Middleton's Marcus Neish (15-18 200 IM and 100 breaststroke) and Ridgewood's Matt Grunwald (15-18 100 freestyle and 100 butterfly) were double winners among the boys.

◆ Preliminary results in Scoreboard/C5

Dotson eyeing opener

With his comeback from a torn quadriceps ahead of schedule, the defensive lineman plans to play in the Packers' first game.

By Jason Wilde
Wisconsin State Journal

GREEN BAY — He claims there has never been any doubt, but Santana Dotson made it official on Thursday. He said he will be ready for the Green Bay Packers' regular-season opener Sept. 9 against Detroit.

"There's no doubt in my mind that I'll be back," said Dotson, the Packers' veteran defensive tackle who suffered a torn quadriceps in his right leg last Nov. 27 at Carolina. "If I had to practice, I could practice right now. If the Super Bowl was tomorrow, I'd be playing in it."

But the Super Bowl isn't tomorrow and he doesn't have to practice, so Dotson won't be taking part in regular workouts for at least two weeks. Still, he continues to be so far ahead of schedule — doctors told him following his Dec. 1 surgery that it would take nine to 11 months for him to return to full strength — that he claims his right leg is back to full strength.

"All the tests we've been doing the whole offseason, I've always been about a month to six weeks ahead. So I've tried to stay on that pace," Dotson said. "I'm back to where I was. But there's still some things I need to work on. And the thing is, we don't want to wear this leg and muscle out right now to where it's fatigued when the season gets serious. So we're trying to be smart."

While his teammates have been going through the rigors of two-a-day practices, Dotson, 31, has been put through some strenuous behind-the-scenes workouts by strength coach Barry Rubin inside the Don Hutson Center.

Packers coach Mike Sherman, who expressed doubts

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Bounce-back win for Brewers



Brewers 4
Marlins 3

◆ Key: Henry Blanco hits a two-run double and Mark Sweeney homers.

◆ Next: 7:05 p.m. today, vs. Atlanta, Miller Park; FSN, TBS.

Curtis Leskanic shakes off his shaky Wednesday performance by closing Thursday's win.

By Vic Feuerherd
Wisconsin State Journal

MILWAUKEE — Curtis Leskanic was given a second chance Thursday. He made the most of it.

Just 16 hours after blowing a three-run lead in the ninth inning Wednesday night, the Milwaukee Brewers reliever picked himself up, dusted himself off and closed down the Florida Marlins in the ninth inning to preserve a 4-3 victory at Miller Park.

"I'm a confident person," he said after

rebounding from his fifth blown save of the season. "Maybe I'm too stupid not to be."

Leskanic wouldn't be Leskanic without providing an extra dose of excitement. He went to a three-ball count on Luis Castillo before getting him to line to left for the first out of the inning. He issued a two-out walk to John Mabry before catching cleanup hitter Mike Lowell looking at a third strike.

When the final out was nailed, Leskanic looked to the sky and raised his arms as those remaining in the crowd of 33,657 changed what had been mostly boos to cheers. "I was pretty much saying thank you Lord for giving me a

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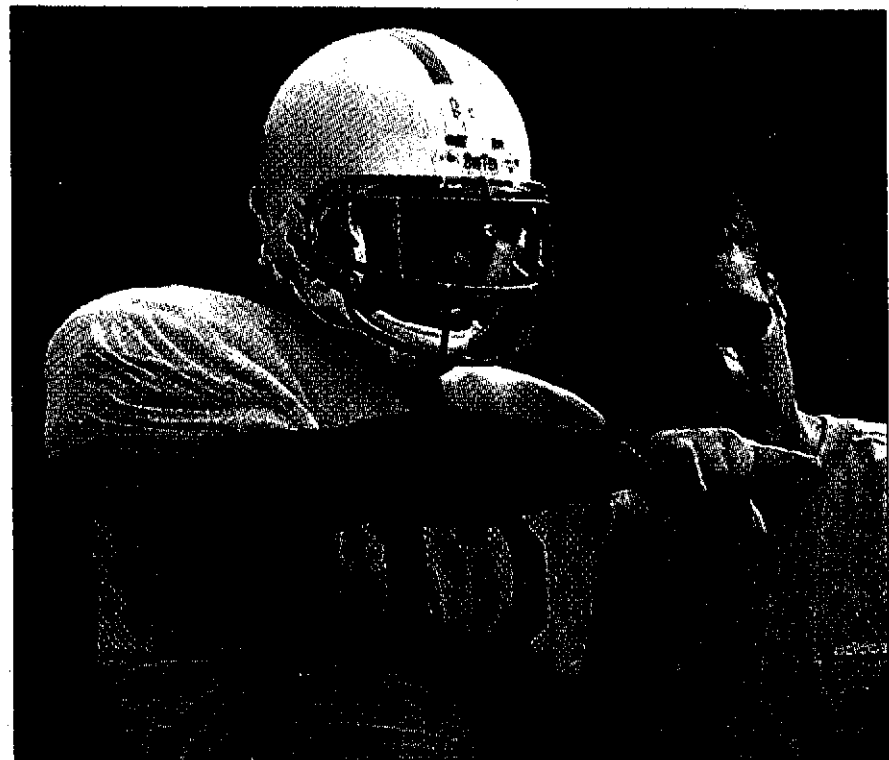


Rookie Allen Levrault improved his record to 5-6, allowing a run on four hits in five innings for the Brewers.

Associated Press



Mentors help UW freshmen grow up



HENRY A. KOSHOLLEK/THE CAPITAL TIMES

The learning curve is being accelerated for freshmen like free safety Brett Bell, who is making his points with UW secondary coach Todd Bradford.

CHICAGO — Before the start of training camp last season, Purdue football coach Joe Tiller saw some size, some speed and some athleticism in his freshman players. He saw their upside and potential.

But he didn't see a first-year player earning a starting assignment on defense or offense. And he didn't see Stuart Schweigert, John Standeford and Gilbert Gardner being immediate contributors.

Regarding his initial personnel evaluation, Tiller summarized, "We thought Schweigert and Standeford would get on the field in a reserve role and Gardner would redshirt."

At least that was the plan for Schweigert, a free safety from Saginaw, Mich.; Standeford, a wide receiver from Monrovia, Ind.; and Gardner, a wide receiver and defensive back from Angleton, Texas.

"But as training camp unfolded," Tiller recalled, "it became pretty obvious to us that these guys had the talent to play. So we said, 'Let's find a way to get them on the field.'"

Gardner wound up starting the season opener against Central Michigan — not at wide receiver, not at defensive back — but at middle linebacker. Overall, he started 11 games, recorded 47 tackles and led the team in forced fumbles.

Mike Lucas



Schweigert took over as the Boilermakers' starting free safety in the fourth game of the season and finished as the team's leading tackler. He was named the Big Ten's freshman of the year on defense.

Standeford didn't get his first start until late in the season. But he made the most of his playing appearances by accounting for 67 catches and six touchdowns. He was the most productive freshman wide receiver in the nation.

"Quite frankly, quite honestly," said Tiller, pausing for reflection here Thursday at the Big Ten meetings, "I didn't think they would be as big of contributors as they were. I thought they would contribute, but not to that degree."

Last season, quarterback Drew Brees guided the Boilermakers to an

8-4 record, a share of the Big Ten title and the school's first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1967. And Gardner, Schweigert and Standeford each played a key role in the team's development and ultimate success.

Purdue may serve as an instructive model for the University of Wisconsin football program, which must replace 12 starters and 27 lettermen. The Badgers are counting on getting some help from their freshmen this season.

If Schweigert can make the necessary adjustments as a defensive back, why can't Brett Bell or Scott Starks or Johnny Sylvain or Robert Brooks? Bell, like Schweigert, is being groomed as a free safety.

If Standeford can make the jump to wide receiver, why can't DeAndre Kemp or Donte Sanders or Darrin Charles or Jonathon Orr? One or two could make the rotation.

If Gardner can make an impact on defense, why can't Anttaj Hawthorne? Most college football publications have listed Hawthorne among the nation's elite freshmen.

Given this backdrop, Wisconsin quarterback Brooks Bollinger and

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■ UW ranked No. 23 in poll, 6C.

ALL-CITY SWIM MEET

City swim meet is all about fun

By Tamira Surprenant

The Capital Times

MIDDLETON — While lingering flashes of thunder and lightning delayed the start Thursday of the All-City Swim Meet by two hours, the weather didn't dampen the spirits of the participants.

Swimmers, parents, volunteers, Glenda the Good Witch and the Cowardly Lion from "The Wizard of Oz" were all on hand for festivities at the Bauman Aquatic Center.

Glenda the Good Witch and the Cowardly Lion? Well, actually, Monona Swim Club coaches Erin Grinvalsky and Mandi Gausewitz were dressed up as characters from the legendary movie.

"The coaches all have a competition each year to see who can dress up the best," said Gausewitz, a second-year coach with Monona who was decked out in a caramel-colored robe, lion's ears and painted-on whiskers.

It's all part of the light-hearted attitude of everyone at the three-day meet.

"The coaches are all stressed out right now, so it's something to do for fun. The kids like it and it adds some humor to the weekend," said Gausewitz.

With wand in hand, in a flowing pink robe and crown, Grinvalsky, 19, a McFarland native in her first year as coach, enjoys working with the younger swimmers.

"I really enjoy helping the younger kids and seeing

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Parkcrest's Abby Sears competes in a girls 13-14-year-old 100-meter freestyle preliminary on the first day of the All-City Swim Meet Thursday in Middleton.

■ Records fall on opening day, 5C.

Tolliver back with pal Favre

By Adam Mertz

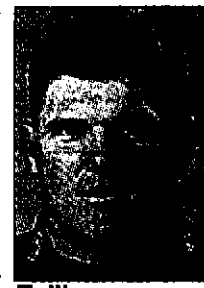
The Capital Times

GREEN BAY — Some day in the not-so-distant future, Billy Joe Tolliver would like to be the football coach at his alma mater, Texas Tech.

"But they say I need coaching experience," the 12-year National Football League journeyman quarterback lamented. "I don't know why. I've forgotten more about football than some of those guys they've hired ever knew."

Tolliver had a chance to fill in that gap on his resume in each of the last two seasons, when the New Orleans Saints approached him with the concept of serving as quarterbacks coach.

He balked. "I was looking for a chance to play," he said. "I'll coach someday, but just not right now."



Tolliver

So after a season with the Saints in which he didn't take a snap, Tolliver investigated his other options. All of the teams he talked with had established quarterbacks, and playing time would be hard to come by. The tiebreaker went to Green Bay, where Tolliver is engaged in a battle with Doug Pederson for the backup spot behind Brett Favre.

The reason was twofold. Tolliver has always carried a great respect for the Packers, and was encouraged to sign with the team by Saints offensive coordinator Mike McCarthy, a former Green Bay quarterbacks coach.

"I grew up a Dallas Cowboy fan. Grew up 40, 50 miles from the stadium. And all you ever wanted to do your whole life was wear the star," Tolliver said. "And the only thing that's bigger than that is to put on the jersey and walk out on Lambeau Field here."

More important was a chance to reunite with Favre, who spent his rookie season in 1991 as the third-string quarterback in Atlanta along with second-string Tolliver.

"It's another chance to shed some blood and sweat with a real warrior," he said, "and that's Favre."

The two could pass for brothers, both in appearance (freckled with reddish hair) and upbringing (good 'ol Southern boys). They hit it off immediately as Falcons — perhaps too

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O'Loughlin sparks newest golf craze

Take a peek at the license plates on Rob O'Loughlin's two automobiles, and you'd never think they were of the personalized variety.

Unless, of course, you're a golfer who has a decent understanding of the Rules of Golf.

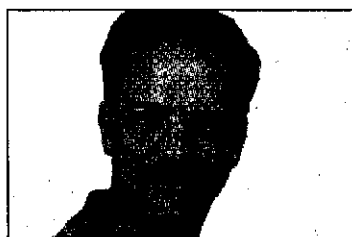
On one car, the plates say R16-1A. On the other, it's R14-3B.

The former rule is at the root of how O'Loughlin changed the game and, at the same time, became a sudden success in the golf business. The latter rule is at the root of how the Madison businessman thinks he will change the game once again with his newest venture.

R16-1A is the rule regarding the line of a putt. Paraphrasing, it says you can't improve that line unless there's a loose impediment or a ball mark. It makes no allowances for fixing spike marks. It's the rule that made Softspikes, the plastic spikes manufactured by O'Loughlin's company, arguably the greatest innovation in golf since metal woods.

R14-3B states that artificial devices and unusual equipment can't be used for the purpose of measuring distance or conditions which affect a golfer's play. It's an ever-changing rule because the United States Golf Association first looked the other way

Rob Schultz



when courses introduced bushes and plates marking 100, 150 and 200 yards from the green, and when courses started marking sprinkler heads with distance information.

O'Loughlin believes it's going to change again now that judging distance to the pin has gone high-tech. That's why he has gotten right in the middle of it with his Laser Link Distance Systems.

By using a reflector on the top of the flagstick and a device shaped like a water pistol, O'Loughlin is taking dead aim at Bushnell's distance binoculars, Palm Pilots and the Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) systems for a major piece of the distance-measuring market.

"I believe this is a more viable concept than Softspikes. It's more helpful than Softspikes. I think everybody will



DAVID SANDELL AND MIKE DEVRIES PHOTOS/THE CAPITAL TIMES

Rob O'Loughlin (right) of Madison came up with the idea and is marketing Laser Link Distance Systems (left), which give golfers a quick read on the distance to the pin.

agree with that," said O'Loughlin, 49.

O'Loughlin, who is criss-crossing the country selling his product, has every reason to be as excited about Laser Link as he has been about Softspikes.

First, Laser Link is simple to use. You pull the trigger as you look through and aim the pistol-shaped device — or another version that resembles binoculars — at the flagstick. When the red dot that you see inside the gun connects with, or gets near,

the reflector on top of the pin, it instantly gives you the yardage.

When you get the hang of it — and it doesn't take long — the whole process takes about 5 seconds. That is quicker than walking off the yardage to a sprinkler head or studying a yardage book.

"I like to think of Laser Link as a portable sprinkler head," O'Loughlin

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Hall of Fame inductions

◆ Who: The Class of 2001 includes Nick Buoniconti, Marv Levy, Mike Munchak, Jackie Slater, Lynn Swann, Ron Yary and Jack Youngblood.
◆ When, where: 10:30 a.m. today, Canton, Ohio.
◆ TV: ESPN2.
◆ Inside: A quick read on the class/F5

Swann's song ends in Hall

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — It wasn't the number of receptions Lynn Swann made that put him into the Pro Football Hall of Fame after more than a decade of waiting. Rather, it was passes only he could catch that separated him from a handful of receivers in the game's history.

Swann will take his place in the Hall today with six other

former NFL greats — defensive linemen Nick Buoniconti and Jack Youngblood, offensive linemen Mike Munchak, Jackie Slater and Ron Yary and coach Marv Levy.

Swann doesn't rank among the NFL's all-time top 20 receptions leaders — his 336 catches aren't even one-third as many as Jerry Rice has made — and his career lasted only nine seasons.

But when the big catches were needed in big games — in a run-oriented Pittsburgh Steelers offense, during an era when defenders could bump-and-run receivers all over the field — nobody made more than Swann. Or made them more spectacularly.

"Jerry Rice came up to me once and said, 'Swannie, you were the guy,'" Swann said. "That was good to hear."

Almost as good as the words he finally heard Jan. 27, after 14 years of usually being a Hall of Fame finalist but never quite making it. Finally, he learned he would join nine other Steelers from the dynasty days of the 1970s in the Hall of Fame.

"I don't think I'll cry much (today), because I did enough crying that day," Swann said.

Swann's induction is a relief to former teammates such as Jack Ham, Mel Blount and Franco Harris, all of whom worried the forces of quantity would rule over those of quality when it came to debating Swann's Hall of Fame fate. Swann didn't even average three receptions a game.

"The mark of a good player is being able to play in big games, and nobody played better in big games than Lynn Swann," former Steelers coach Chuck Noll said. "If we had thrown the ball more, he would have been in the Hall of Fame a long time ago."

To Swann, the numbers that truly represent his special gifts as a receiver were IX, X, XIII and XIV — the four Super Bowls the Steelers won in six seasons from 1974 through '79.

"Without Lynn Swann, the Steelers don't win four Super Bowls," said Blount, a Hall of Fame cornerback.

In the first Steelers-Cowboys Super Bowl, in January 1976, Swann made two of the most famous catches in NFL history. Swann's sprawling catch of a pass he tipped to himself while tumbling over cornerback Mark Washington may be the most replayed Super Bowl reception ever. Before that, he made a juggling sidelines catch that Ham called "the best catch I ever saw" — until Swann's next catch, that is. Swann also added a 64-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter.

"I take some pride that players like Cris Carter and Jerry Rice have said they watched me play when they were coming up and that they wanted to play the game the way I played it," said Swann, an ABC announcer since his retirement following the strike-shortened 1982 season. "That gives me a great deal of satisfaction."

Calling up the reinforcements

Four freshman are poised to see playing time this season in the depleted UW backfield.

By Tom Mulhern
Wisconsin State Journal

The call has been placed on behalf of the secondary of the University of Wisconsin football team and help is on the way. The only question is whether it will arrive in time.

Although the four highly touted UW freshmen — cornerbacks Scott Starks and Johnny Sylvain and safeties Brett Bell and Robert Brooks — have yet to don shoulder



Bell

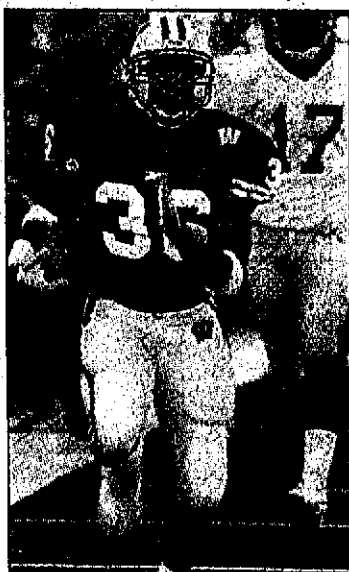
pads, it is apparent after four practices in shorts and helmets that they are as good as advertised.

"They are all what we thought they were," UW defensive backs coach Todd Bradford said. "We're not disappointed, we're not shaking our heads about making a mis-evaluation with any guy. We thought they were all players when we recruited them. Those are the guys we wanted. I think our impression is still the same."

The challenge now is getting them ready to play as quickly as possible. "We only have three weeks to get guys ready to play (against Virginia in the opener Aug. 25)," Bradford said. "It isn't easy to do and hasn't been done very often here."

Even Jamar Fletcher, the

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Associated Press

UW senior Mike Echols returns as one starting cornerback.

Key dates



◆ Varsity reports: Today.

◆ Family Fun Day: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 19, Camp Randall Stadium.

◆ Season opener: 1 p.m. Aug. 25, vs. Virginia, Camp Randall Stadium.

Wildcats' Wheeler had asthma trouble

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. — Rashidi Wheeler, the Northwestern starting safety who died Friday, had a history of asthma and used his inhaler during practice, team officials said.

Wheeler, 22, collapsed during preseason conditioning drills and died shortly thereafter. There was no immediate cause of Wheeler's death.

"Rashidi actually had his inhaler in his hands," trainer Tory Aggeler said.

Wheeler had been struggling to catch his breath after leaving the field following the drills, said Alan Berkowsky, spokesman for the Evanston Fire Department, which sent paramedics to the scene. He did not respond to CPR from the coaching staff or paramedics, Berkowsky said. He died about an hour later at Evanston Hospital.

Wheeler's death came two days after Minnesota Vikings

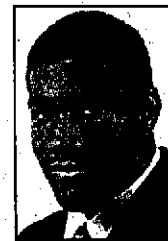
tackle Korey Stringer died of heatstroke. Northwestern said initial medical reports indicated heat did not contribute to Wheeler's death. Paramedics were called shortly after 5 p.m., when the

afternoon temperature was about 82 in the Evanston area, with a heat index of 87.

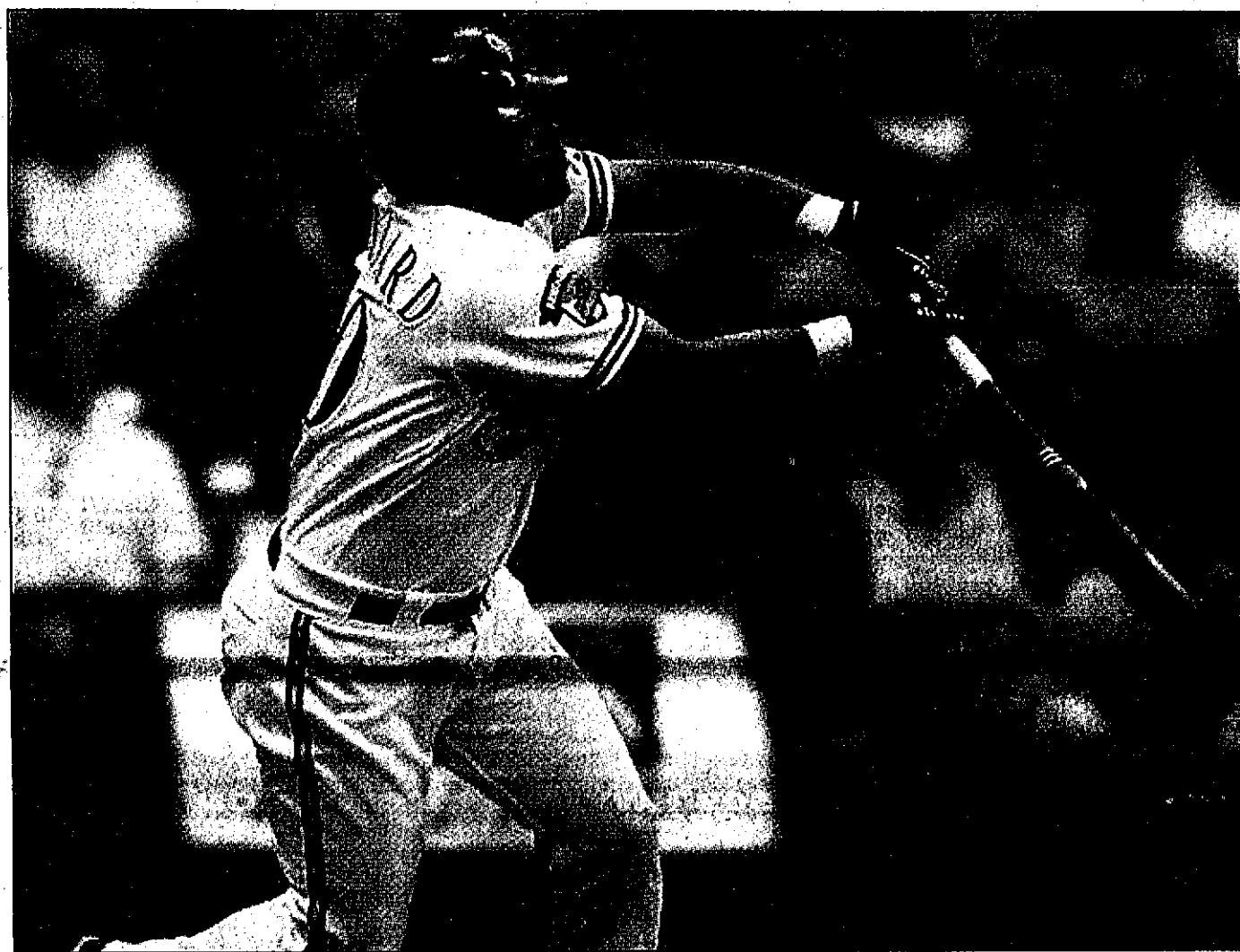
A senior with a sociology major, Wheeler, of Ontario,

Calif., started all 12 games last season at strong safety for the Wildcats, who tied for the Big Ten Conference championship. He finished with 88 tackles, a fumble recovery and three pass breakups.

Wildcats coach Randy Walker said he met with the team to discuss Wheeler's death.



Wheeler



Associated Press

Ronnie Belliard reaches out and connects on a solo home run in the first inning of the Brewers' 3-2 victory in 11 innings Friday.

Brewers find a way

Rally in 10th leads to win on wild pitch in 11th

By Vic Feuerherd
Wisconsin State Journal

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Brewers, who have struggled all season coming up with clutch hits, found a way to win Friday night without even needing a hit.

Lou Collier, pinch-running for Angel Echevarria in the 11th inning, scored on a wild pitch by Atlanta reliever Jose Cabrera to give the Brewers a 3-2 victory over the Braves at Miller Park.

Echevarria opened the inning with a double, a line shot that had former Brewer B.J. Surhoff twisting and turning in an effort to catch up with it. Collier then went in and moved to third on Ronnie

Belliard's sacrifice bunt.

Cabrera's second pitch to Luis Lopez bounced about five feet in front of the plate and past catcher Paul Bako, allowing Collier to score standing up.

"You go up there with a plan," Lopez said, "but then you don't even have to follow the plan."

Said Collier: "Initially I couldn't see the ball. After I saw (Bako) turn, Luis was yelling, 'Come on, come on,' and I just came in."

The run made a winner out of Lance Painter, who pitched a perfect 11th inning. Painter, the former University of Wisconsin left-hander, is 1-0 with the Brewers.

In the 10th inning, the Brewers had spared reliever Curtis Leskanic the embarrassment of being the loser for the second time in three days by scoring an unearned run off reliever Steve Karsay. Jose Hernandez, who had struck out three previous times, hit a sacrifice fly to score Devon White to tie it at 2. White singled, stole second and went to

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Brewers 3
Braves 2

◆ Key: Former UW pitcher Lance Painter gets his first win with the Brewers.

◆ Next: 12:15 p.m. today, vs. Atlanta, Miller Park.

Brown can't wait to play

A slimmer Gilbert Brown could play for the first time in more than a year in the Packers' scrimmage tonight.

By Jason Wilde
Wisconsin State Journal

GREEN BAY — It hurt, but Gilbert Brown wanted it to hurt. He wanted to remember the feeling of watching the games from his couch, remember the frustration of knowing he should be out there playing.

It was that hurt that fueled his personal reclamation project.

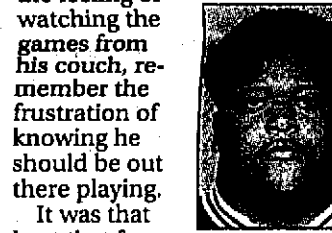
"You've got to be a man and face what's become of you," the Green Bay Packers' veteran nose tackle said this week, in his first interview of training camp. "You know you can still play and that you can do the things that other people are doing out there — and better — and it kills you, watching your friends and the people you used to go to battle with. You're sitting there thinking, 'Man, I wish I was out there.'"

"I sat there and said to myself, 'You've got to do something. You know you can still play this game. So why are you sitting here?' Even though it hurt me to see that, I had to watch that. I wanted to keep that fire in me, I wanted to keep that edge."

Sixty-five pounds lighter and one year wiser, he sounds very much like a man who has learned his lesson — and looks less like a man who spent the 2000 season out of football.

"I really don't care sometimes what people say about me. Sometimes people say things that really hurt. But why

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Brown

◆ Vikings say farewell to Stringer/F4

Former UW swimmers give back to kids at All-City

By Jon Masson
Wisconsin State Journal

MIDDLETON — Neil Peiffer is taking part in his first All-City Swim Meet as one of the coaches representing the Hill Farm pool.

But as a former University of Wisconsin athlete he knows what the swimmers are facing — enduring two-a-day practices and training all season for maybe 30 seconds or a minute of competition.

"It can be very nerve-racking," Peiffer said. "I'm more relaxed now (as a coach)."

Peiffer hopes his team's swimmers can relax at the right moment and con-

All-City Swim Meet

◆ When, where: Today, Bauman Aquatic Center, Middleton.
◆ Schedule: Finals and relays, starting at 8:30 a.m.
◆ Results, more information: Go to www.allcityswim.org

tinue to perform well at the 40th annual All-City meet at Middleton's Walter R. Bauman Aquatic Center.

"It's fun to see how some kids respond," said the 23-year-old Peiffer, who competed in butterfly events at last year's U.S. Olympic Swim Trials

and is among several current or former UW swimmers and divers serving as coaches in the city's summer swim program.

Friday's preliminary action consisted of 10-and-under swimmers, with finals and relays for all age groups scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. today.

Friday's highlights included Parkcrest's Beth Schramka, 10, setting a pool and meet record in winning the girls 9-10 100 individual medley in 1 minute, 15.28 seconds. Earlier, she set a pool record in claiming the girls 9-10 50 freestyle, an event that totaled 146 swimmers.

Maple Bluff's Aja VanHout was a two-event winner in the girls 8-and-

under 25 breaststroke and the 100 IM.

Double winners among the boys were Middleton's Sam Nielsen in the 9-10 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke, High Point's Christopher Kuecker in the 9-10 100 IM and 50 breaststroke and Maple Bluff's Coleman Fraser in the 8-and-under 100 IM and 25 butterfly. Those six boys events all resulted in pool records, as 15 pool marks were broken or matched in 20 events Friday at the 3-year-old facility.

Jamie Belfor, 22, another former UW swimmer who also competed at last year's Olympic trials, is in her first year coaching the summer league.

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CALENDAR

TODAY	SUN. 5	MON. 6	TUE. 7	WED. 8	THU. 9	FRI. 10
Atlanta 12:15 p.m.	Atlanta 1:05 p.m. FSX, TBS					
Home	Away					

SPORTS ON AIR

AUTO RACING

10 a.m. NASCAR Winston Cup: Brickyard 400 qualifying • TNT
7 p.m. NASCAR Busch: Kroger 200 • TNT • WTSO (1070 AM)
8 p.m. ASA: Texas Roadhouse 300 • TNN
9 p.m. NHRA: FRAM Autolite Nationals qualifying (taped today) • ESPN2

BASEBALL

Noon MLB: Atlanta at Milwaukee • WIBA (1310 AM)
Noon MLB: Seattle at Cleveland • WMSN (Ch. 47)
6 p.m. MLB: Kansas City at Minnesota • FX

BASKETBALL

3 p.m. WNBA: Cleveland at New York • WMTV (Ch. 15)

FISHING

5:30 p.m. Bassmasters Classic: Final weigh-in • ESPN2

FOOTBALL

10:30 a.m. NFL: Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony • ESPN2
2 p.m. AFL: Arizona at San Jose • ESPN2
7 p.m. NFL: Green Bay Packers' intra-squad scrimmage • WMSN (Ch. 47)

GOLF

8 a.m. European PGA: Scandinavian Masters (taped today) • TGC
12:30 p.m. Buy.com: Omaha Classic • TGC
1:30 p.m. LPGA: Women's British Open (taped today) • WKOW (Ch. 27)
2 p.m. USGA: U.S. Women's Amateur Championship • ESPN
3 p.m. PGA: The International • WISC (Ch. 3)
5 p.m. Senior PGA: Long Island Classic (taped today) • CNBC

HORSE RACING

1 p.m. Standardbreds: The Hambletonian • WISC (Ch. 3)
4 p.m. Thoroughbreds: Jim Dandy Stakes • ESPN
11:30 p.m. Thoroughbreds: 2Day at the Races (taped today) • ESPN2

SOCCER

12:30 p.m. WUSA: Atlanta at Washington • TNT
7 p.m. MLS: Miami at New York-New Jersey • ESPN2

TENNIS

Noon ATP: Tennis Masters Series Canada • ESPN
3 p.m. WTA: Acura Classic • FSX
7 p.m. ATP: Tennis Masters Series Canada • ESPN

TRACK AND FIELD

3 p.m. IAAF: World Championship • WKOW (Ch. 27)

Digest

NBA
76ers send Hill back to Cavaliers

Tyrone Hill had his only All-Star season in Cleveland and his best years with the Cavaliers, who are hoping he has at least two more good ones left.

Hill, an 11-year veteran forward who helped get Philadelphia to the NBA Finals last season, was traded back to Cleveland on Friday in a five-player deal with the 76ers.

The Cavs sent forwards Matt Harpring and Cedric Henderson and center Robert Traylor to the 76ers for Hill and second-year forward Jumaine Jones.

"It's a very good trade for both teams," Cavs coach John Lucas said. "We got some maturity, some know how and some toughness. And, we were able to stay young; I'm very excited about it."

In a separate deal, the 76ers traded forward Roshown McLeod and a first-round pick to Boston for forward Jerome Moiso, the Celtics' first-round pick in 2000.

The 76ers also said they will not match the New Jersey Nets' offer for center Todd MacCulloch.

◆ Brendan Haywood, the first-round draft pick acquired from Orlando on Wednesday, signed a three-year contract with the Washington Wizards.

◆ The San Antonio Spurs signed centers Cherokee Parks and Amal McCaskill, a former Marquette athlete.

◆ First-round draft pick Rodney White, the nation's top freshman scorer last season, signed a multiyear contract with the Detroit Pistons.

TENNIS
Capriati cries foul after loss to Seles

Jennifer Capriati cried foul after losing 6-3, 6-3 to Monica Seles in the Acura Classic quarterfinals in Carlsbad, Calif., claiming Seles' famous grunting on each shot "is like interference."

No. 2 seed Venus Williams beat sixth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat 6-2, 6-2, while No. 4 Lindsay Davenport struggled to a 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (5) victory over 12th-seeded Sandrine Testud.

They will meet in today's semifinals, while Seles faces No. 1 Martina Hingis, who beat Ai Sugiyama.

◆ Andrei Pavel upset teenage star Andy Roddick 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-3 in the quarterfinals of the Tennis Masters Series Canada in Montreal. Other winners included Tommy Haas, Patrick Rafter and Fabrice Santoro.

WNBA
Sol clinch playoff berth

Sheri Sam scored 25 points as the host Miami Sol (16-11) clinched a playoff berth with a 72-61 victory over the Phoenix Mercury (11-15) on Friday.

◆ Dawn Staley and Andrea Stinson each scored 16 points to lead the Charlotte Sting (15-16) to a 72-64 victory over the Minnesota Lynx (8-18) in Minneapolis.

◆ Nikki McCray and Annie Burgess each scored 13 points as the host Washington Mystics (9-17) beat the Portland Fire (11-16) 64-50.

◆ La'Keshia Frett and Yolanda Griffith each scored 18 points as the host Sacramento Monarchs (16-11) rallied to beat the Indiana Fever (9-18) 81-69.

◆ Marie Ferdinand and Adrienne Goodson each scored 15 points as the Utah Starzz (15-11) beat the Seattle Storm (9-18) 64-61.

◆ Janeth Arcain scored 18 points as the host Houston Comets (17-9) beat the Orlando Miracle (10-17) 72-60.

LOCALLY

University of Wisconsin junior rower Beau Hoopman was part of the silver-medal winning men's eight team at the Nations Cup in Linz, Austria. UW junior Peter Gelse was part of the fourth-place men's pair team. . . . Madison Edgewood boys golf coach Jim Thomas was hired as men's golf coach at Madison Area Technical College. He will coach both teams. . . . Nakoma edged Bishops Bay in a tiebreaker to win the All-City tennis title at Quann Park.

ODDS AND ENDS

Olympic champion Gezenhenge Abera of Ethiopia won men's marathon at the World Championships for track and field in Edmonton, Alberta. Khalid Khannouchi, attempting to win a gold medal in his first race representing the United States, dropped out with blisters. . . . Chile's Nicole Perrot will meet LSU's Meredith Duncan in today's 36-hole final of the U.S. Women's Amateur in Andover, Kan. . . . Free agent goaltender Bob Essensa signed a one-year contract with the Buffalo Sabres. . . . The Edmonton Oilers re-signed defenseman Janne Niinimaa to a three-year contract avoiding arbitration. . . . President Bush saluted three-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong at the White House.

— Staff, wire reports

PRO GOLF



Laura Davies found herself in trouble Friday at the Women's British Open. Davies, who shared the first-round lead, now trails leader Catriona Matthew by 6 shots.

Matthew's ace trumps British

She has a two-stroke lead at the midpoint of the Women's British Open.

Associated Press

Catriona Matthew's hole-in-one at the 15th hole and six birdies gave her the lead Friday at the halfway point of the Women's British Open in Sunningdale, England.

Matthew hit a 7-wood at the 215-yard hole that took a huge bounce at the front of the green and rolled in. The Scot went on to birdie the 18th hole, landing a 7-iron only 3 feet from the pin to finish with a 65.

"I just got a good bounce and it popped into the hole," said Matthew, winner of this year's Hawaiian Ladies Open.

At 9-under-par 135, she held a two-stroke lead over South Korea's Mi Hyun Kim, England's Trish Johnson and Scotland's Janice Moodie. Johanna Head of England was another stroke back.

Madison resident Becky Iverson is at 1-under 143 and in a tie for eighth place. Madison native Sherri Steinhauer missed the cut with a two-day total of 150.

Laura Davies, who led early, had to resume her second round early Friday because of rain, but a 1-over 73 left her trailing Matthew by 6 shots. Karrie Webb, winner of the U.S. Open and LPGA Championship this year, was also 6 shots back. Annika Sorenstam had a 74 and was 9 strokes back.

AUTO RACING

Brickyard 400 begins rule change for Dodge

Associated Press

The new Dodge Intrepids get the benefit of an aerodynamic rule change beginning with Sunday's Brickyard 400.

After months of complaints by the Dodge teams about lack of downforce, particularly on the flatter tracks, NASCAR has given the Intrepids a 2-inch extension on the front air dam of the cars. Dodge returned to Winston Cup racing after a 16-year absence this year.

Also, with NBC broadcasting the Brickyard 400 for the first time, the race will be run on Sunday.

As part of the change, qualifying was switched to today, with practice before and after the 43-car lineup is determined.

Sprague takes two

Jack Sprague held off Terry Cook to win the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Power Stroke Diesel 200 at Indianapolis Raceway Park in Clermont, Ind.

It was Sprague's second

Swim

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"It's a great opportunity for UW swimmers to get knowledge out to younger swimmers, and to be such a role model for them," said Belfor, who coaches the swimmers ages 11 to 18 at High Point pool. Belfor said the city's summer

Pernice jumps ahead

Tom Pernice Jr., jump-started by an eagle, scored 12 points for the second straight day to take the 36-hole lead from Stewart Cink in The International in Castle Rock, Colo.

Pernice took a two-point lead over Cink, whose 22-point total led for most of the day before Pernice's late surge.

Madison's Jerry Kelly has seven points in the PGA Tour event. Edgerton native Steve Stricker and Mequon's Skip Kendall missed the cut with two and six points, respectively.

Wadkins' debut a success

Bobby Wadkins made his Senior PGA Tour debut a success, opening the Long Island Classic in Jericho, N.Y., with a 7-under 65 to share the lead with Joe Inman and J.C. Snead.

Two-time defending champion Bruce Fleisher opened with a 69, six strokes off the course record he set in last year's first round. Madison's Andy North also fired a 69. Surging Doug Johnson was at even-par 72.

Pair in front of Great Lakes

U.S. Women's Open champions Susie Berning and Patty Sheehan shot 6-under 66s to share the first-round lead in the Great Lakes Classic senior tournament in Green Bay.

Forty-one players age 43 and older are competing in the three-day tournament at the Green Bay Country Club.

BASEBALL NOTES

Thompson likely done with Jays

The Sun Prairie native is designated for assignment by Toronto.

By John Nolan
Wisconsin State Journal

Insult was added to Andy Thompson's injury-plagued season Friday when the 25-year-old outfielder was designated for assignment by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Hitting just .233 with four home runs in 32 games at Class AAA Syracuse following injuries to his groin and right elbow, Thompson was removed from the Blue Jays' 40-man roster.

Thompson is ineligible to play for the next 10 days, during which time Toronto must either trade him, place him on waivers for the purpose of giving him his release or return him to Class AAA Syracuse.

The move caught the player by surprise and may signal an end his six-year tenure with the Toronto organization since he was signed out of Sun Prairie High School in 1994.

"It's certainly a surprise. I thought the organization was a little higher on me than that," Thompson said.

Thompson's agent, Michael Maas said he is not aware of any pending deals, but that Toronto would most likely be seeking a suitor.

"More likely they'll try to move him now," Maas said. Thompson was among the organization's rising stars two years ago when he smashed 31 home runs between Class AA Knoxville and Syracuse. Following a two-week call-up

to Toronto in May 2000, he slumped to a .246 average with 22 home runs.

"Not too many guys in the minors have hit 53 home runs the past two years. I hope there's teams out there who will take a chance on me," Thompson said. "I think there's a heck of a steal out there for someone in the next several days."

Marises awarded \$50 million

A Gainesville, Fla., jury ordered Anheuser-Busch to pay \$50 million to the family of late baseball great Roger Maris for improperly taking away a beer distributorship in 1997.

Attorneys for the Maris family said the panel meant to award the family \$139 million, but was confused by the judge's jury instructions. Both sides planned to appeal.

Anheuser-Busch said it terminated the contract because of Maris Distributing's fraudulent conduct of repackaging outdated beer and falsifying records to make it look like they were visiting customers when they weren't.

Around the horn

Mark McGwire injured his surgically repaired right knee Thursday and was out of the St. Louis Cardinals' lineup for Friday's doubleheader against Florida. . . . The Blue Jays released struggling right-hander Joey Hamilton and optioned third baseman Luis Lopez to Class AAA Syracuse. . . . The Kansas City Royals signed relief pitcher Jason Grimsley to a two-year contract extension through 2003. . . . The Cleveland Indians optioned pitcher Tim Drew to Class AAA Buffalo and recalled left-hander Mike Bacsik.

— Associated Press material used in this report.

Brewers

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third on Bako's throwing error.

Leskanic, who blew a 4-1 lead Wednesday night and then held on for a save in Thursday's victory over Florida, allowed the Braves to take a 2-1 lead in the top of the 10th on pinch-hitter Keith Lockhart's run-scoring double.

"It was the kind of night that you felt all along that one pitch, one mistake was going to be the difference," Brewers manager Davey Lopes said.

No one would confuse Braves' rookie right-hander Jason Marquis with teammates Greg Maddux or Tom Glavine, except for maybe the Brewers. Marquis, an emergency starter for John Burkett who arrived at the ballpark with flu-like symptoms, struck out 13 and allowed just two hits, including a first-pitch home run to Belliard, over the first eight innings. He retired the final 13 hitters he faced, eight of them on whiffs.

The game drew the first of three expected sellouts for the weekend series. The crowd of 42,259 — the 16th sellout in 57 home dates — raised the season attendance to 2,022,407, only the second time in franchise history and first since 1983 that the Brewers have surpassed the 2 million mark.

The crowd was treated to a case of quintessential Jamey Wright, at his best one moment, at his worst the next, with little in between. But through 6½ innings, the good outweighed the bad for the Brewers starter.

He escaped a bases-loaded jam in the second without a run and another in the third allowing only one run. In the fifth, Surhoff and Chipper Jones reached to start the inning. But Wright retired Dave Martinez on a double play



Braves' Jason Marquis was surprisingly effective in his surprise start Friday against the Brewers at Miller Park in Milwaukee.

and struck out Andruw Jones to end the inning.

"He really struggled," Lopes said. "He kept putting himself in jams. But to his credit, he got us into the seventh inning."

Wright eventually left with two on and one out in the seventh for Chad Fox, making his third appearance in three days for the first time this season. Fox took Wright off the hook by catching Andruw Jones looking and Javy Lopez on a liner to Hernandez at short.

Around the horn

Ruben Quevedo, acquired Monday from the Chicago Cubs, makes his Brewers debut today (12:15 p.m.) against either Burkett (8-8, 2.47 ERA) or Kevin Millwood (2-4, 4.07). . . . Nick Neugebauer picked up the loss in Indianapolis' 3-0 loss at Richmond on Friday. Neugebauer, in his second Class AAA start for the Indians, allowed two first-inning runs and shut out the Braves over the next five innings. He struck out seven and walked two. . . . Reliever Will Cunnane, designated for assignment on July 27, has cleared waivers and accepted an assignment to Class AAA Indianapolis.

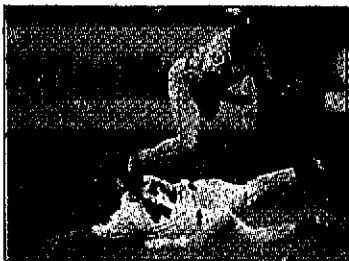
years for the Badgers, is in his first summer coaching individuals ages 13 to 18 at Cherokee.

"It's great to help the younger kids who are developing," said Rudinsky, 22, who has a Bucky Badger in swim fins tattooed on the back of his right shoulder. "It's fun and more relaxed. You see that all the time talking to them and working with them really pays off in the end. You see the benefits of

their improving and it's really gratifying for you."

Lindsay Chamberlain, who is in her second year coaching at Shorewood Hills after coaching two years at Seminole, knows that feeling.

"It's nice to see them grow up," said Chamberlain, 21, who said she swam her first two years at UW and has a semester remaining toward her degree.



Running on empty? No way, says Suzy

By Adam Mertz

The Capital Times

Even in these changed times, it isn't all that polite to ask a woman's age. But there is no awkwardness when the subject arises with Suzy Favor Hamilton.

The woman who has made a name and fortune on the trappings of youth — her considerable athletic gifts and her covergirl looks — not only accepts the weathering effects of time, she boasts about turning 33.

"I'm actually happy with getting older. I love getting older. I absolutely love it," said Favor Hamilton, one of the world's premier middle distance runners. "Going into races now, I feel I have that little advantage that I'm older and I've been through a lot. I have a lot of experience."

The milestone occurs next Thursday, two days after what Favor Hamilton hopes will be a particularly memorable experience at the IAAF World Track and Field Championships in Edmonton.

The New Glarus resident and former University of Wisconsin star will

WORLD TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Suzy Favor Hamilton

compete in her specialty, the 1,500 meters. Heats begin today, with the semifinals on Sunday and the final set for Tuesday evening.

Fresh off a successful month-long stint on the prestigious Golden League tour in Europe, Favor Hamilton possesses the third-best time in the world this outdoor season: 4 minutes, 0.38 seconds in Monaco on July 20, her most recent competition.

On the tour, she finished consistently behind Romania's Violeta Szekely and Russia's Natalya Gorelova.

The trio finished 1-2-3 in all three Golden League races in which they competed together, with Favor Hamilton consistently a half-second behind Gorelova.

Szekely, 36, served a three-year IAAF-issued drug ban in the mid-1990s but revived her career and won the silver medal at the Olympics in Sydney last September.

"What's it going to take to beat her? A strong kick," Favor Hamilton said of Szekely. "It's most likely going to be strategic, because all these races are. At the big championships, we don't have any rabbits, so nobody's going to want to run a hard, honest race."

"You just hope that you're rested and your kick is there that day. Whoever has the better kick that day is definitely going to be the winner."

This has been a year of perseverance for Favor Hamilton, whose dramatic collapse after leading down the

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Suzy Favor Hamilton (right), shown here competing in last year's Sydney Olympics, is hoping for a strong showing at the World Track and Field Championships in Edmonton.

FUTURE IS NOW FOR BREWERS

Dennis Semrau



Quevedo ready to pitch in

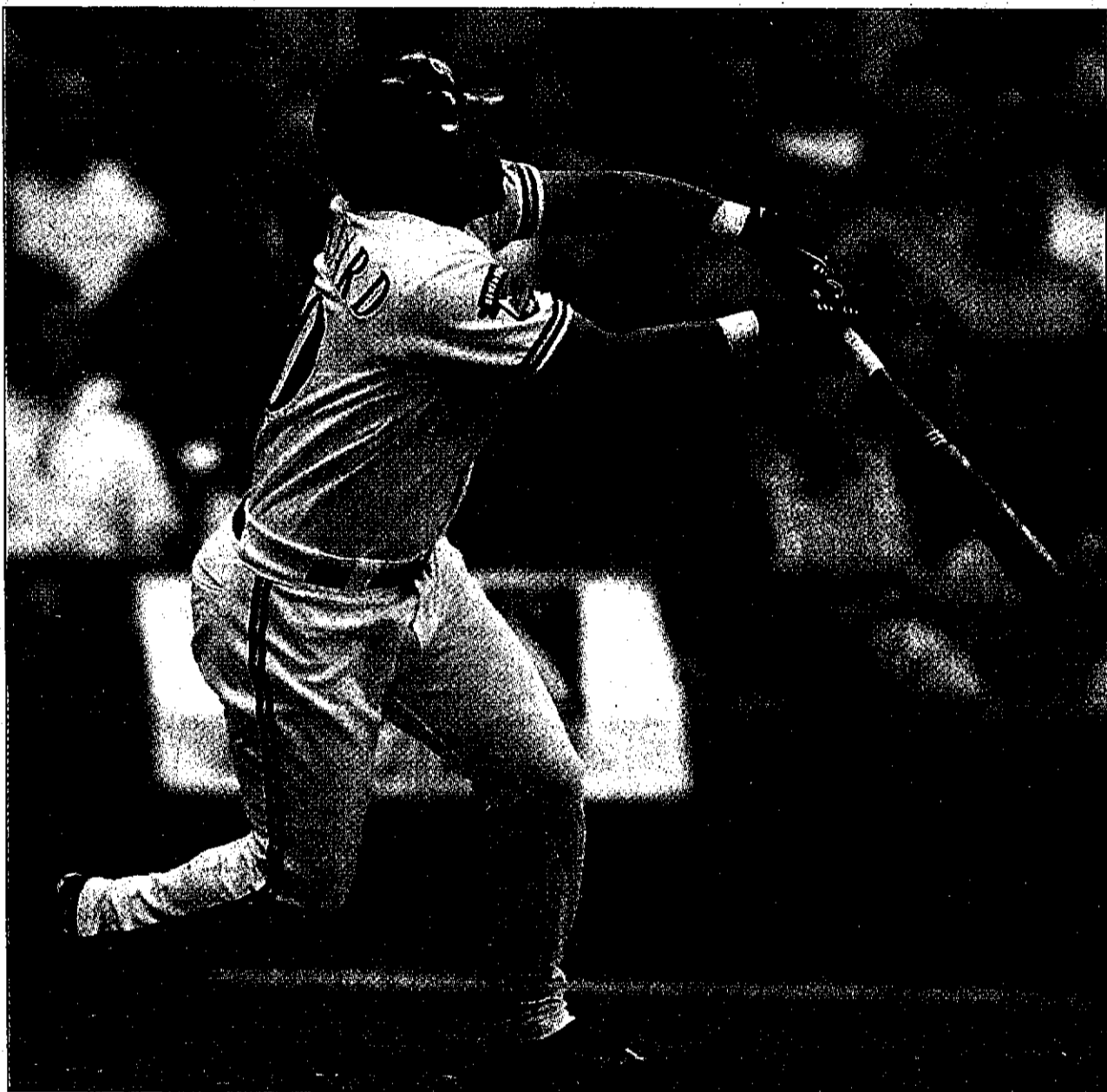
MILWAUKEE — Although the annual State Fair is in town, that isn't the only event that is taking center stage here today.

A sellout crowd is expected at Miller Park as the Milwaukee Brewers unveil what they hope will be a mainstay in their starting rotation for years to come when right-hander Ruben Quevedo makes his debut at noon against the Atlanta Braves.

"We'll get a good look at him," Milwaukee manager Davey Lopes said of Quevedo before the Brewers defeated the Atlanta Braves, 3-2, in 11 innings Friday night at Miller Park. "He's got a lot going for him. He's wanted here and is getting an opportunity to do what he's wanted to do."

Ironically, Quevedo will make his first start for Milwaukee against the club that originally signed him when he was 16 years old. After spending six seasons in the minor leagues, the Venezuela native is back in the major leagues, hopefully to stay.

Quevedo was acquired from the Chicago Cubs Monday in a four-player deal that included former Brewers reliever David Weathers. While this was his third season in Class AAA, Quevedo appeared in 21 games last season with the Cubs.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Milwaukee's Ron Bellard watches his solo home run in the first inning of Friday night's game at Miller Park. The host Brewers rallied to beat the Braves, 3-2. Story, Page 2F.

But it was a dubious debut at best.

Chicago, desperate for pitching, may have rushed the 22-year-old Quevedo. He struggled with a 3-8 record with a 6.40 earned-run average in 15 starts and was 0-2 with a 31.91

ERA in six relief appearances.

Fans have become accustomed to seeing the Milwaukee Brewers hitters strike out in record numbers. The Brewers struck out 16 more times on Friday to run their major league-

leading total to 916 this season.

But in Quevedo, the Brewers are getting one of the top strikeout pitchers in the minor leagues. He led all

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Another tragedy strikes football

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Rashidi Wheeler, a starting safety on the Northwestern team that tied for the Big Ten championship last season, collapsed Friday during preseason conditioning drills and died shortly afterward.

There was no immediate information on the cause of Wheeler's death.

School officials said the 22-year-old senior had a history of asthma and had used his inhaler during practice.

"Rashidi actually had his inhaler in his hands," trainer Tony Aggeler said. "That's something important — that they have access to an inhaler in that situation."

Wheeler had been struggling to catch his breath after leaving the field following the drills, said Alan Berkowsky, spokesman for the Evanston Fire Department, which sent paramedics to the scene.

"It got harder and harder for him to catch his breath and he collapsed," Berkowsky said. "When the trainer got up to him, he was still trying to

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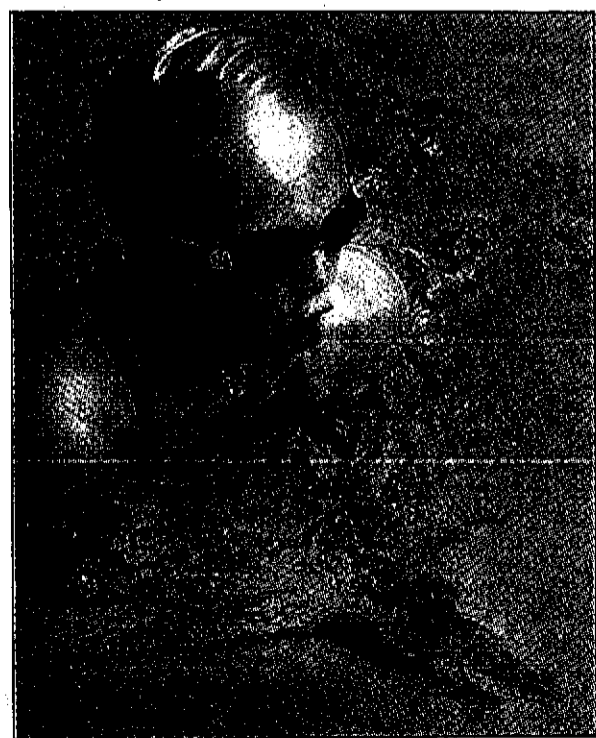


Wheeler

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■ Showered with praise: Corey Stringer is remembered at a memorial service. Page 4F.

All-City Swim Meet



HENRY A. KOSHOLLEK/THE CAPITAL TIMES

■ Megan Anderson of Seminole keeps her eyes on the finish line during preliminaries of the girls 9-10 division 100-meter individual medley at the All-City Swim Meet Friday in Middleton. Story, Page 5F. Results in Scorecard, Page 5F.

Scrimmage should provide insight

Large crowd expected tonight at Lambeau

PACKER NOTES

mage," he said.

Coach Mike Sherman said several players who have missed workouts with injuries during the first week of camp won't participate in the scrimmage, including cornerbacks Tyrone Williams and Mike McKenzie and defensive tackles Russell Maryland and Vonnie Holliday.

Sherman said the scrimmage is important for the Packers to shake off their rust.

"Mainly it's just getting us into a game mentality, sideline demeanor, organization, communication from the press box to sideline, substitutions," he said. "Things of that nature are probably even more important than the game itself at times."

But Sherman said it's more than a glorified practice.

"The officials are there, the clock is there, the fans are there, the distractions," he said. "It will definitely be a challenge for us to keep our focus on the field."

The only coaching change from last year is Sylvester Croom at running backs for Kippy Brown. Croom will work with Rossley from the press box rather than on the sideline, Rossley said.

Last year's event drew 50,240 fans following a turnout of 46,420 in 1999. Team president Bob Harlan said the event won't be held next year because the \$295 million stadium refurbishing will be at its peak construction.

GREEN BAY (AP) — What offensive coordinator Tom Rossley likes best about the Green Bay Packers' intrasquad scrimmage is that it's the closest you can come to a real NFL game.

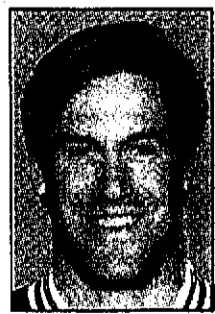
"Just going into the stadium and the energy and the extra juice that come into it, it's practicing a little more closer to game speed," Rossley said. "The hardest thing to get out here (on the practice field) is game speed. The crowd gives them some adrenaline."

Tickets sold to the third "Packers Family Night" at Lambeau Field tonight surpassed the 52,000 mark Friday, and temperate weather could produce a sellout of more than 80,000 for the event, which is slated to get underway at 7.

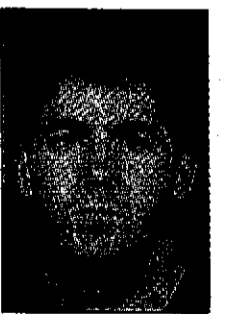
Rossley said quarterback Brett Favre will take half the offensive snaps with backups Billy Joe Tolliver, Doug Pederson and Henry Burris splitting the rest.

Rossley is eager to see how the backups perform and also wants to get a good look at rookies David Martin, a converted tight end, wideout Robert Ferguson and guard Bill Ferrario.

But Rossley said fans shouldn't expect to see new wrinkles in the offense: "We won't run all our stuff because it's an open scrim-



Pederson



Tolliver

The annual intrasquad scrimmage could be held at the Packers' regular outdoor practice facility, as it has in the past, or maybe moved to a college stadium.

Warmups begin at 7 p.m., followed by 7-on-7 drills. The controlled scrimmage is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

With the stadium construction, fans are being asked to use the event as a test run for

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Khannouchi disappoints in marathon

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Khalid Khannouchi's gallant attempt to win a gold medal in his first race representing the United States turned into a bitter disappointment.

Running less than a month after incurring back spasms, Khannouchi couldn't finish the

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marathon in the World Championships Friday night, and watched as Olympic champion Gezehegne Abera of Ethiopia won the gold medal, beating Simon Biwott of Kenya by a

margin in the closest finish in the meet's eight-year history.

Abera surged past Biwott, the 2000 Berlin Marathon champion, with 200 meters remaining and was timed in 2 hours, 12 minutes, 42 seconds.

Stefano Baldini of Italy was third at 2:13:18.

Suzy still has kick

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backstretch of the 1,500 at the Olympics — her first-ever world-class final — set the stage for a traumatic offseason.

Struggling to find an explanation for the fall — the fifth of her career — she seized on dehydration, the explanation first given to her, before coming to the realization she experienced a stress-related panic attack.

This winter, she sought the aid of a sports psychologist, Dr. Tracy Shaw of Los Angeles, and worked to release the overbearing pressure she felt to win to honor her late brother. Dan Favor, who suffered from mental illness, committed suicide in 1999.

Complicating matters, Favor Hamilton was forced to quit

training for four months to recover from a stress fracture in her leg, an injury which had festered through the latter portion of the 2000 season. By comparison, she resumed training just three days after a season-ending Achilles' injury in 1999.

She didn't return to competition until the Prefontaine Classic in late May, which she won with a typical season-opening time of 4:06.61.

Slowly, her times have come down. She finished second to archrival Regina Jacobs at the U.S. Championships (4:06.61), was third in Rome (4:03.10) and Paris (4:02.64), second in Oslo in a rabbit-driven race (4:03.60) and third in Monaco.

While Favor Hamilton's endurance is not up to her liking, her health has enabled her to concentrate more on speed work. And she says she is run-

World Track Championships

What: 8th IAAF World Track and Field Championships. Where: Edmonton, Alberta. When: Friday through Aug. 12.

TV: Today at 3 p.m. on WKOW-TV/Ch. 27. Area athletes to watch: Former University of Wisconsin athlete Butler will run for Great Britain in the 5,000 meters (Thursday, heats; Aug. 11, final). Ex-Badger Suzy Favor Hamilton competes for the U.S. in the 1,500 (today, heats; Sunday, semifinals; Tuesday, final).

ning with a clearer head.

"I have to say that this has been the most fun of all the years that I've been running," Favor Hamilton said. "The world is a different place for me right now. I just find more peace in it, and more enjoyment in what I'm doing."



HENRY A. KOSHOLEK/THE CAPITAL TIMES

West Side Club's Kyle Selbach competes in the preliminaries of the boys 9-10 division 100-meter individual medley at the All-City Swim Meet Friday in Middleton.

Records continue to fall

MIDDLETON — During the second day of preliminaries Friday at the All-City Swim Meet at Walter R. Bauman Aquatic Center, several swimmers earned multiple victories to highlight competition in the 10-and-under age divisions.

Pool records were broken in 15 of the 20 events that took place Friday. Finals and relays for all age groups are scheduled to begin today at 8:30 a.m.

Parkcrest's Beth Schramka set records in a pair of 9-10 girls events. Schramka, 10, set a pool and meet record by winning the 100 individual medley with a time of 1 minute,

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15.28 seconds. In an event that had 146 competitors, Schramka clinched the 50 freestyle with a time of 31.13 seconds.

Maple Bluff's Aja VanHout, 8, also won two events. VanHout won the girls 8-and-under 25 breaststroke in 23.53 seconds, then went on to win the 100 IM with a time of 1:37.56.

Several swimmers on the boys' side also posted double victories in preliminary action.

Double winners in the 9-10 group included Sam Niesen of

Middleton in the 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke and Christopher Kuecker of High Point in the 100 IM and 50 breaststroke. In the 8-and-under group, Coleman Fraser of Maple Bluff claimed victories in the 100 IM and 25 butterfly.

A total of 1,426 swimmers are competing in the three-day event, which is in its 40th year. A recognition ceremony for 45 seniors from 11 teams will take place this morning to honor the swimmers who have made contributions to their respective clubs.

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WUSA Soccer - Atlanta at Washington. TNT.

1 p.m.

Horse Racing - The Hambletonian, Ch. 3. Bicycle Racing - Vane Triple Crown: BMX National Championship (taped). Ch. 15.

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Golf - U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. ESPN.

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Arena Football - Conference quarterfinal. ESPN2.

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Tennis - WTA Tour Acra Tennis Challenge. Fox Sports Net.

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Baseball - Seattle at Cleveland. FX.

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MLS Soccer - Miami Fusion at NY/NJ MetroStars. ESPN2.

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Auto Racing - NASCAR Busch Series Kroger 200. TNT.

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Auto Racing - ASA AC/Delco Series from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. TNT.

12:15 p.m.

Baseball - Atlanta at Milwaukee. WIBA-AM/1310.

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Auto Racing - NASCAR Busch Series Kroger 200. WTSP-AM/1070.

9:30 a.m.

NASCAR This Morning - Fox Sports Net.

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Arena Football - Conference quarterfinal: Indiana at Tampa Bay. ESPN.

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Drag Racing - NHRA Fram AutoLite Nationals (taped). ESPN.

3:30 p.m.

Arena Football - Conference quarterfinal: Chicago at Grand Rapids. TNT.

5 p.m.

Horse Racing - Haskell Invitational. ESPN2.

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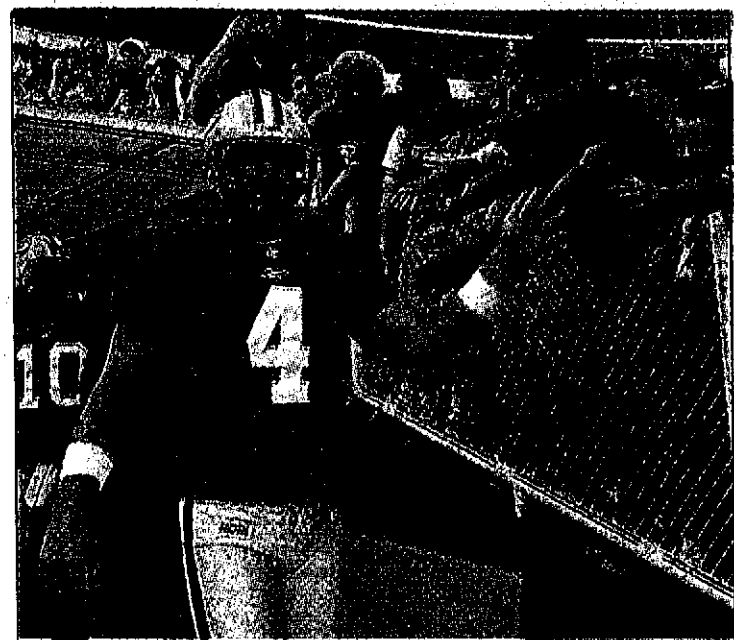
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Quarterback Brett Favre greets fans as he heads onto the field for the Packers' scrimmage Saturday night at Lambeau Field.

Packers take their 'first step'

Nearly 49,000 fans see highs and lows in the intrasquad scrimmage at Lambeau Field.

By Jason Wilde
Wisconsin State Journal

GREEN BAY — It's up to you what you want to take away from the Green Bay Packers' "Family Night" intrasquad scrimmage Saturday night at Lambeau Field:

Antonio Freeman is back to his 1998 form; punter Josh Bidwell's previously unseen leg strength is for real; and Kevin Kaesviharn is the second coming of Herb Adderly.

Or... Ryan Longwell, the most accurate field-goal kicker in NFL history, has

lost all sense of direction; quarterback Brett Favre is so bad that he managed to get picked off twice for touchdowns by Kaesviharn, a guy who played in the NFL; and the first-string defense is in trouble again.

But before anyone gets carried away, keep in mind that Saturday night's practice — a 43-play, live-tackling scrimmage plus red-zone and 2-minute drills — meant very little.

"Even the successful things, we have to understand we're playing against ourselves, not necessarily the competition that we're going to be seeing throughout the season," Packers coach and general manager Mike Sherman said. "So I don't want to get too down on anybody, but I don't want to get too high on

anybody just yet because it's not realistic. It was a practice."

Still, even with that caveat — and even though it was in front of a revved-up crowd of 48,898 and televised statewide — it did give Sherman the first game-like look at a team that ended last season with a four-game winning streak to finish 9-7 and just out of the NFC playoffs.

And although the party atmosphere was meant to keep the mood fun and light, Sherman now knows where his team stands heading into next Saturday's preseason opener at Cleveland and just more than a month before the regular-season opener against Detroit.

What he saw was this:

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◆ Key: Kevin Kaesviharn, who played in the NFL, highlights the scrimmage with two interceptions.

◆ Next: 7 p.m. Saturday, at Cleveland in exhibition opener; Ch. 3 (WISC).



Braves 14
Brewers 2

◆ Key: Rookie Wes Helms snaps out of an 0-for-18 slump with two homers and seven RBIs.

◆ Next: 1:05 p.m. today, vs. Atlanta, Miller Park, FSN, TBS.

◆ Inside: Bonds hits 47th homer in Giants' loss/D3

Rough start for Quevedo

The Braves rock Ruben Quevedo for seven runs in three innings in his debut with the Brewers.

By Vic Feuerherd
Wisconsin State Journal

MILWAUKEE — Thankfully, baseball teams don't measure the value of a trade for a pitcher on just one outing. Thankfully for the sake of Ruben Quevedo and the Milwaukee Brewers, that is.

The Brewers' latest addition simply didn't have it Saturday afternoon against Atlanta at Miller Park, allowing seven runs on eight hits in a three-inning performance in which he needed 87 pitches to complete.

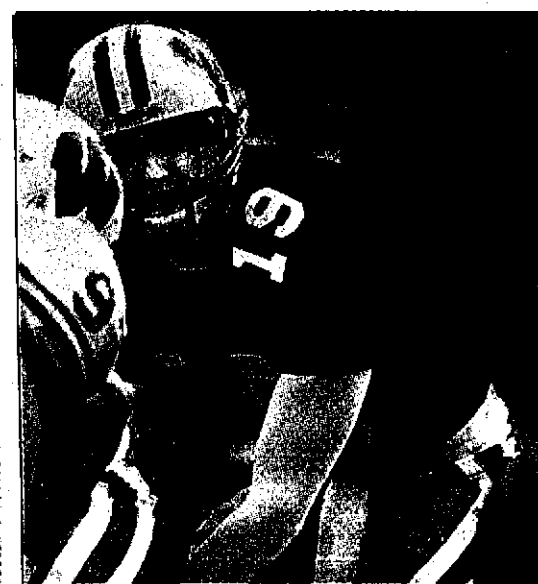
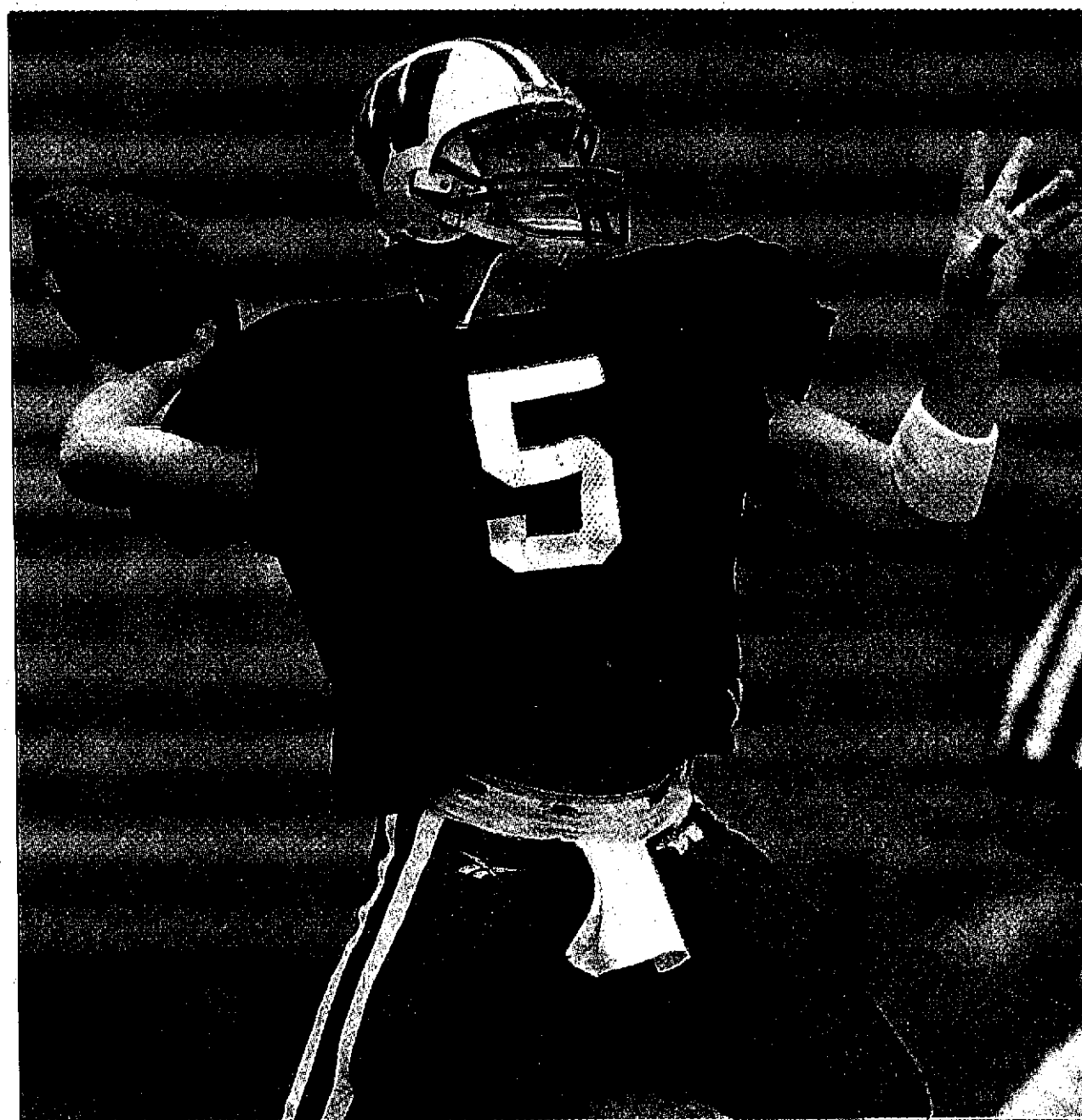
He could have been much better but it's unlikely it would have made much difference in what turned out to be a 14-2 victory by the Braves.

John Burkett, still feeling the affects of the flu-like symptoms that sidelined him Friday night, held the Brewers hitless for 4 2/3 innings before James Mouton hit a solo home run. The only other offense came from Raul Casanova, who led off the eighth

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Two QBs, one goal

Badgers' Bollinger, Sorgi keep focus on team



File photos

Above: Jim Sorgi had an impressive pass efficiency rating of 164.4 in four games last season. Left: The Badgers are 17-3 in games started by Brooks Bollinger.

By Tom Mulhern
Wisconsin State Journal

University of Wisconsin backup quarterback Jim Sorgi was warming up on the sidelines during the second half of the Sun Bowl in December, preparing to go into the game. Sorgi had been told by the coaches beforehand that he would play a specific series in each half.

But UW's starting quarterback, Brooks Bollinger, had just put together back-to-back touchdown drives to start the second half, as the Badgers erased a 20-7 deficit against UCLA and took a 21-20 lead.

This was no time to be switching quarterbacks. So, quarterbacks coach Jeff Horton sought out Sorgi on the sidelines to deliver the news. Before Horton could get the words out, Sorgi cut him off and said he agreed that Bollinger should stay in the game.

"I think it shows, obviously, (Sorgi) has got the team first, being very unselfish," Horton said Saturday at UW's media day at the O'Connor Center. "I know he still wanted to be in there. To me, that said a lot about the kid."

It also explains why UW coaches firmly believe they will be able to pull off the delicate balancing act of playing two quarterbacks.

"I feel real good about it, because of the kids," UW coach Barry Alvarez said. "If you had some selfish guys who are complaining because they're not playing and threatening if they don't play they're going to leave, then it could be a hassle. Fortunately, we don't have

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This season will test Badgers' ability to reload

The University of Wisconsin football team gathered for its first practice Saturday, which made it a good time to take inventory.

In UW's case, however, it is easier to account for who has left than who is still around.

Gone are 12 seniors who landed in NFL training camps, including draft picks Chris Chambers, Casey Rabach, Bill Ferrario, Roger Knight, Jason Doering and Ross Kolodziej along with kickers Kevin Stemke and Vitaly Pisetsky.

Also gone are two juniors — Jamar Fletcher and Michael Bennett — who left school early and were first-round NFL draft picks.



TOM OATES

Finally, the list of the missing in action includes three fifth-year offensive linemen — Brian Lamont, Josh Jakubowski and Jeremy Dox — who passed on their final year of eligibility.

"That's a huge exodus," UW coach Barry Alvarez said.

And that's a huge understatement. The personnel losses UW suffered from last year's suspension-plagued 9-4 team would stagger almost any program in the nation.

The question is: Will they stagger the Badgers?

Over the last three years, the departing class was 30-7 with three bowl victories, two in the Rose Bowl. It was easily the most successful stretch in modern school history and it turned UW into a household name nationally. The only problem was the whole group seemed to leave at once.

"We had a large senior class that played a lot of games and allowed us to

have a veteran team for a long period of time," Alvarez said.

In its wake will be the youngest team Alvarez has fielded in 12 seasons at UW. Sure, there are a few cornerstone players left. Defensive tackle Wendell Bryant, cornerback Mike Echols, linebacker Nick Greisen and quarterback Brooks Bollinger are experienced and good. For the most part, though, UW will rely on young, untested players as it tackles a schedule ranked sixth-toughest in the nation.

Only 10 starters, the fewest in the Alvarez era, return. Redshirt freshmen

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Ridgewood's seventh title is heaven

Seminole edges Middleton for second place at the All-City Swim Meet.

By Jon Masson
Wisconsin State Journal

MIDDLETON — The post-meet victory plunge is becoming a tradition at the All-City Swim Meet.

For Ridgewood Pool coach Bill Wuergler and his team, the ritual never gets old.

Ridgewood was in control

throughout, capturing its seventh consecutive All-City Swim Meet title with 2,119 points Saturday at Middleton's Walter R. Bauman Aquatic Center.

The only suspense during the finals came in the battle for second place. The Seminole Swim Team earned the runner-up spot among the 12 area pools with 1,488 points, finishing just ahead of the Middleton Gators (1,457) and Parkcrest (1,444.5).

"It started Thursday," Wuergler said of his team's path to victory.

"Everyone was swimming their best times. The little kids continued it Friday. Today was icing on the cake. It was a real fun meet to watch."

Ridgewood entered the three-day meet with the most swimmers — 221 of the 1,426 competing — and the favorite's tag.

"The No. 1 thing is that each kid tries their best. And if that's good enough for first place, that's great," said Wuergler, 34, in his seventh year coaching at Ridgewood after six at

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STEVE APPSAWSU

Patrick Ritchie, 10, helps Ridgewood Pool win the boys age 9-10 200-meter medley relay with a time of 2:48.20 and win its seventh straight All-City Swim Meet Saturday.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for Major League, Brewers Attendance, and Minor League. Includes rows for Saturday, Season Total, and various league divisions.

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Ridgewood

Continued from Page D1. Parkcrest. "We do have a lot of good swimmers. As coaches, we like to see all the swimmers improve." Ridgewood winners four relay events. Matt Grunwald led Ridgewood's individuals, winning the boys 15-18 100-meter butterfly and sharing first place with Parkcrest's Peter Brown in the boys 15-18 100 freestyle. Other winners for Ridgewood were Collin Hulick (boys 8-and-under 25 freestyle), Nicole Drives (girls 11-12 50 backstroke), Kayla Smith (girls 9-10 50 breaststroke) and Katherine Marshall (girls 15-18 100 breaststroke). "We just wanted to come out and do our best," said Marshall, 17, who will be a senior at Madison Memorial High School. "We were interested in improving times and having fun. How it turned out, is how it turned out. Everyone in the city has really talented swimmers. It's always a challenge. Everyone gives it their all. Middleton's Marcus Neish provided one of Saturday's highlights by shattering a 14-year-old meet record in the boys 15-18 100 breaststroke. His time of 1 minute, 8.25 seconds broke Bill Ragatz's 1987 record of 1:08.34. "I was really happy," said Neish, 17, who will be a senior at Middleton High School. "I thought it could happen. That was my goal." Neish said he was still tired from winning the 15-18 200 individual medley. "I was sitting down (before the breaststroke) and my knees were shaking," said Neish, who earlier in the week won at the 15-18 boys competition at the All-City Diving Meet at Nakoma Community Club. Seminole's Allison Grinde, a two-event winner, established a new meet record by winning the girls 11-12 50 butterfly in 30.23. Parkcrest's Terri Schramka, another double winner who will be a sophomore at Edgewood, claimed the girls 13-14 100 backstroke in a meet record time of 1:06.25. High Point earned the Pete Christensen efficiency trophy by scoring the most points per swimmer (11.9).

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