

SPORTS

Pullman girls sweep West Valley

ON THE AIR

TODAY'S TV HIGHLIGHTS

MLB
5 p.m. Brewers at Cubs ESPN
5 p.m. Mariners at Royals FSN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

5 p.m. Kansas State at Louisville ESPN2

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SOCCER

11:30 a.m. Manchester United FC vs. Villarreal CF ESPN2
2 p.m. Real Madrid CF vs. FC Bate Borisov Classic

TODAY'S RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

MLB
4 p.m. Mariners at Royals 920-AM/1080-AM

Compiled from local affiliates. TV listings based on Comcast cable service in Spokane. Subject to change without notice.

TODAY'S MENU

AUTO RACING

State Line Stadium/Speedway:
Wednesday Night Fever, 6 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

High school:
Greater Spokane League:
East Valley, Lewis and Clark and Mt. Spokane at Ferris; Gonzaga Prep, Mead, Rogers and Shadle Park at Seven Mile; North Central and University at Central Valley; all 4 p.m.

OFF-TRACK BETTING

Coeur d'Alene Casino: Dog racing, first post 10 a.m.; horse racing, first post 9:25 a.m.

Greyhound Park & Event Center

Dog racing, first post 10 a.m.; horse racing, first post 9:45 a.m.

Northern Quest Casino: Horse

racing, first post 9:45 a.m.

SOCCER

College men: North Idaho vs. CC Spokane at SFCC, 4 p.m.

College women: Seattle U. at Washington State, 2 p.m.

High school girls:

Greater Spokane League:
Mead vs. Shadle Park at Albi Stadium, North Central vs. Lewis and Clark at Hart Field, Rogers at Ferris, all 4 p.m.; East Valley at Gonzaga Prep, Mt. Spokane at University, both 7 p.m.

Non-league:

Lakeland at West Valley, Orofino at Moscow, both 4 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

College: Idaho at Gonzaga, 7 p.m.

High school:

Non-league:
Soap Lake at Odessa, 6 p.m.

PREP ROUNDUP

Pullman rallied from a 14-10 third-game deficit to complete a 25-21, 25-20, 25-21 sweep of visiting West Valley as Great Northern League volleyball began Tuesday.

The teams were part of a three-way first-place tie with Colville last season. All were State 2A qualifiers and WV's Eagles went on to place eighth.

Jordan Levenseller's aces helped rally Pullman in the third game. Katie Guettinger had 23 assists for the victors.

Also in the GNL, Riverside swept visiting Cheney 25-22, 25-22, 25-17. Kate Hart, a 6-foot-2 sophomore middle blocker, had six kills, two aces and a block. ... Deer Park defeated host Medical Lake 25-20, 22-25, 25-23, 25-18.

Inland Empire League: Unbeaten Coeur d'Alene (4-0) swept visiting Post Falls (0-3) 25-17, 25-21, 25-23. Hanna Johnson had 26 digs and Natalie Stewart 36 assists for CdA. ... The Vikings remain ahead of Sandpoint (3-1), which swept visiting Lake City (2-2, 2-2). Wahlin Piper totaled 10 kills and Abby Helander added 15 digs for Sandpoint.

Intermountain League: St. Maries (3-0) took over undisputed first place with a 25-16, 25-11, 25-16 sweep of visiting Kellogg (2-1). Alyss Gerpge led St. Maries in kills and blocks. ... Jamie Koch had 20 digs for Priest River (1-1) in a three-game win over visiting Timberlake (1-1).

Girls soccer

Great Northern League: Niina Al Hassan had three goals as league

play began, leading Pullman (2-1) to a 3-0 victory at Cheney (1-2) in a match between teams that shared last year's best regular-season GNL record. Al Hassan scored twice in the first 27 minutes of the match and completed her hat trick with 7 minutes remaining. ... Kaley Way also had a hat trick and last year's State 2A fourth-place finisher West Valley (3-0) opened the league season with a 4-1 victory over visiting Deer Park (0-2). Way scored 10 minutes into the match and put the game away with two second-half goals... Sisters Courtney, a senior, and Samantha Kelley, a freshman, each scored twice to fuel Medical Lake (3-0) to a 5-0 win over visiting Riverside (0-3).

Inland Empire League: Host Sandpoint (5-2-1, 3-0-1) and Lake City (4-1-3, 2-0-2) battled to a 1-1 standoff in their IEL match be-

tween league leaders. All of the scoring came in the first half. Vayley Hewitt tallied at the 7-minute mark and Hayley Spivey tied it 22 minutes later... Leading just 1-0 at halftime, Post Falls (1-7, 1-3) exploded for four goals in the second half for its first victory, 5-1 over visiting Lewiston (1-6, 0-5). PF previously had four one-goal losses. Renee Tatom put the Trojans ahead initially and added a second goal at the 65-minute mark to provide the winners with insurance.

Boys soccer

Inland Empire League: Tanner French's unassisted goal broke a tie as visiting Sandpoint (8-1, 4-1) went on to a 3-1 victory and half-game lead over Lake City (3-3, 3-1). ... In the other league match, last-place Post Falls and Lewiston tied 1-1.

BLANCHETTE

Continued from C1

that grand old argument: Is it harder to get to the top, or to stay there?

You know what the percentages say. Since the championship of major junior hockey was expanded into its current four-team fire drill 26 years ago, only two teams — the Medicine Hat Tigers of 1987 and '88 and the Kamloops Blazers of '94 and '95 — have won back-to-back Cups. These are what amount to dynasties when the talent turns over in four years or less.

But that math doesn't make it unanimous. "Sometimes I think it's harder to win the first time," said Don Hay, "than it is repeating."

Certainly there are 10 WHL franchises out there that wouldn't disagree with Vancouver's veteran coach based on their own experience alone. But Hay does have the unique perspective of having been behind the bench for those Kamloops runs, both the climb to the summit and the subsequent campout.

Of course, his view may be skewed a bit. The Blazers had also won the Memorial Cup in 1992, so by the time the tournament rolled into Kamloops in 1995 they probably thought of it as their birthright.

"Well, I think the main thing for us in repeating," Hay allowed, "was that we were hosting."

"We were ranked No. 1 right from the start of the season. We had a lot of veteran players back, guys who wanted to take on that type of pressure and handled it well. And we were able to defend it in front of our home fans. That's a pretty good combination."

And Spokane? Veteran players back? Check. Willingness to take on the pressure of repeating? You'd have to think so.

Defending it in front of the home fans? Not unless those good folks plan on cashing out before the banks collapse and migrating en masse to Rimouski, Quebec.

Still, location might actually be the least of it. It certainly seemed incidental to the Chiefs last May. When they twice beat the heavily hyped hosts in Kitchener. More important is the talent, the toughness to sustain the long playoff slog and the experience of having done it.

Kamloops, like all junior teams, lost its three 20-year-olds off the '94 Cup team, plus a pair of 100-point 19-year-olds, but had younger players developed in a Petri dish of winning. Medicine Hat, in '88, returned five of its top six scorers and its goaltender. Likewise, these Chiefs — unless there's a tectonic personnel shift involving a player in an NHL camp — will feature the bulk of its Memorial Cup core, unlike the 1991 Spokane champions that lost six of the team's top seven scorers and the hot playoff goalie.

"You need those veteran players because everybody's gunning for you," Hay said. "Everybody wants to beat the Memorial Cup champs and you get everybody's best shot, even the lower teams. Our players enjoyed that challenge of having to play hard every night."

It's not unreasonable to think that there might be some letdown, too, or a diminished hunger. But Hay said that wasn't the case in Kamloops that year — just one reason he thinks the 1995 team was better than the '94s.

"We didn't have a lull," he said.

That's not to say they didn't have an emergency. After winning 52 regular-season games and easing through the Western Division playoffs, the Blazers were stunned by Eastern champ Brandon in the first two games of the WHL finals — in Kamloops. Heading to Brandon for three games, Hay took the bold step of benching goalie Rod Branch and inserting 16-year-old Randy Petruk — who promptly won the last four games of the WHL series and four at home in the Memorial Cup.

"Our goaltending hadn't been as good — we had a question mark there," Hay said. "I just knew it was the right move to make. We had a good feeling about Randy. It was the right move at the right time."

Whether the Chiefs have to do anything quite so drastic remains to be seen, but Hay likes their starting point.

"I know they lost three very good 20-year-olds, but I think they have other players ready to step up and take those roles," he said. "They didn't lose much on defense and they have a real solid goaltender — so that's the makings of being able to defend."

"Is it hard to motivate guys the second time around? I don't think so. They've enjoyed what they earned and they'll want to do it again."

Sacramento repeats as Triple-A champ

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Brooks Kinsner and Donnie Murphy each had two hits and drove in a run Tuesday night to help the Sacramento River Cats beat the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees 4-1 and win the Triple-A championship game for the second straight year.

Wes Bankston and Conrad had one-out RBI singles off Yankees prospect Ian Kennedy in the first inning, and Casey Rogowski gave the Oakland Athletics' affiliate a 3-0 lead with a run-scoring fielder's choice.

Kennedy didn't allow another run after that, and struck out seven in five innings. He gave up seven hits and walked one.

79--229; 16, Rachel Sibbett 75-74-81--230.

Indie-in-One

HOLIAN CANYON—Lindsay Wing, hole 4, 142 yards, 6-iron.

HOCKEY

Spokane Chiefs TV schedule

All games on Comcast 78

Date	Opponent	Time
9/18/08	@ Kootenay	7 p.m.
10/18/08	@ Tri-City	7 p.m.
11/8/08	vs. Tri-City	7 p.m.
11/28/08	@ Tri-City	7 p.m.
12/6/08	vs. Kootenay	7 p.m.
12/27/08	vs. Tri-City	7 p.m.
1/17/09	@ Tri-City	7 p.m.
1/24/09	vs. Tri-City	7 p.m.
2/21/09	@ Tri-City	7 p.m.
2/28/09	vs. Tri-City	7 p.m.
3/13/09	vs. Tri-City	7 p.m.
3/14/09	@ Tri-City	7 p.m.

Central Valley 15, East Valley 1

Central Valley 020 49 - 15 19 3
East Valley 010 00 - 1 6 6

Battery unknown; Somers and Crowder. W-Unknown. L-Somers (0-2).
HITS: Central Valley-Holt 2, Belknap, Gaskin 2, White 2, Erickson, Hoyberg 2, Burbridge 3, Smith 2, Guerrero, Fletcher 2, Rosales, East Valley-Purcell, Clary, Crowder, K-Martes, Strange, Martin, 2B-White. 3B-Erickson.

North Central 5, Ferris 2

North Central 000 200 - 5 0 0
Ferris 200 000 0 - 2 0 0

Sander and Skillingstad; Hande and Jech. W-Sander. L-Hande.
HITS: North Central-Lively, Wise, Bower 2, Kahler, Hyatt, Sander, Ferris-Lytle, Hande, Croucher 2, Kees, Jech, Vage 2, Lax. 2B-Jech. 3B-Wise, Lytle. HR-.

University 3, Gonzaga Prep 1

Gonzaga Prep 000 100 0 - 1 6 3
University 100 002 x - 3 6 6

Mahoney and Wright; B.Warren and Lewis. W-B.Warren (4-0). L-Mahoney.
HITS: Gonzaga Prep-Green 2, Arnold, Wright, Mahoney 2, University-Garcia, Marvel, A.Warren, B.Warren 2, Bethel. 2B-A.Warren, B.Warren.

Shadle Park 13, Rogers 3

Rogers 000 21 - 3 10 7
Shadle Park 105 25 - 13 15 1

Holland and Murphy; Johnson and Almi. W-Johnson. L-Holland.
HITS: Rogers-Compagno 2, Tremblay 2, Ryan 2, Wallace, Gillespie, Holland 2, Shadle Park-Roginski, Johnson, Powell 3, Skillingstad 2, Shilling, Wier, Silva, Krack 2, Brown 2, Tremblay. 2B-Tremblay. HR-Johnson, Wier.

SOCCER

College Men

NSCAA/Addidas Div. III National Rankings

1, Middlebury 2, Trinity 3, Messiah 4, York 5, Montclair 6, Loras 7, Hobart 8, Capital 9, Emory 10, Williams 11, Swarthmore 12, Rutgers-Camden 13, Whitworth 14, Wisconsin-Oshkosh 15, Stevens Tech 16, Baldwin-Wallace 17, Salisbury 18, Carnegie Mellon 19, Hope 20, Amherst 21, William Paterson 22, Elmhurst 23, Gustavus Adolphus 24, University of Rochester 25, Wittenburg.

College women

NSCAA/Addidas Div. III National Rankings

1, College of New Jersey 2, Whitworth 3, Messiah 4, Lynchburg 5, Williams 6, Wisconsin-Eau Claire 7, Wittenberg 8, William Smith 9, Johns Hopkins 10, Wheaton (Mass.) 11, Wheaton (Ill.) 12, University of Chicago 13, Puget Sound 14, Calvin 15, Rhodes 16, Hamilton 17, Western Connecticut State 18, UC Santa Cruz 19, Skidmore 20, Emory 21, Denison 22, Trinity 23, Wisconsin-Stevens Point 24, Rowan 25, University of Rochester.

High school boys

Inland Empire League

Post Falls 1, Lewiston 1
First half -- None. Second half -- 1, Lew, Rice, 2, PF, Hoerner.
Shots on goal -- Post Falls 10, Lewiston 7. Saves -- Post Falls, Unknown 6, Lewiston, Davies 9.

Sandpoint 3, Lake City 1

First half -- 1, San own goal 3:00, 2, LC, Myer (Lebitch), 25:00, 3, San (French), 36:00, 4, San, Anderson (PK), 40:00. Second half -- None.
Shots on goal -- Sandpoint 6, Lake 4Saves -- San Sean Carlson 3, Lak Sandt Fraser 3.

Non-league

Coeur d'Alene 2, NW Christian 1
First half -- 1, CdA, Eborall (Astin), 66:00, 2, CdA, Barrera (Astin), 72:00.
Shots on goal -- Coeur d'Alene 22, NW Christian 12. Saves -- Coeur d'Alene, Keith 2. NW Christian, Amado 6.

Moscow 4, Lakeland 1

First half -- 1, Lak, Sortheaga, 6:00, 2, Mos, Engerbreton (Blair), 7:00, 3, Mos, Engerbreton (Rust), 15:00, 4, Mos, Moorier (Fehrenbacher), 26:00, 5, Mos, Engerbreton (Anderson), 32:00. Second half -- None.
Shots on goal -- Lakeland 3, Moscow 14. Saves -- Moscow, Gressard 1.

Bonnors Ferry 3, Stillwater Christian 0

First half -- None. Second half -- 1, BF, Wakkinen (Zarate), 44:00, 2, BF, Zarate (A.Mendez), 57:00, 3, BF, Palacios (M.Mendez) 74:00.
Shots on goal -- Bonnors Ferry 13, Stillwater Christian 3. Saves -- Bonnors Ferry, Strappell 1, Evans 2. Stillwater Christian, Butfieldner 9.

High school girls

Inland Empire League

Lake City 1, Sandpoint 1
First half -- 1, San, Hewitt (Vogel), 7:00, 2, LC, Spivey, 29:00. Second half -- None.
Shots on goal -- Sandpoint 7, Lake City 4. Saves -- Sandpoint, Windguy 5. Lake City, Frasier 13.

Post Falls 5, Lewiston 1

First half -- 1, PF, Tatom, 25:00. Second half -- 1, (Aimes), 50:00, 3, PF, Tatom, 65:00, 4, PF, Ksiers, 70:00, 5, PF, Mallory (Shields), 79:00.
Shots on goal -- Lewiston 8, Post Falls 20. Saves -- Lewiston, Garrett 7, Post Falls, Slinkard 6.

Great Northern League

Medical Lake 5, Riverside 0

First half -- 1, ML, S.Kelley (Campbell), 4:00, 2, ML, Raczykowski (Anderson), 14:00, 3, ML, C.Kelley (PK) 22:00, 4, ML, S.Kelley (Sapone), 25:00. Second half -- 1, ML, C.Kelley, 44:00.
Shots on goal -- Riverside 19, Medical Lake 12. Saves -- Riverside, Wurtz 5. Medical Lake, Pendell 8.

Pullman 3, Cheney 0

Shots on goal -- Pullman 10, Cheney 7. Saves -- Cheney, Hift 7, Pullman, Van Orden 6, 73:00.

COLFA def. LAKEIDE (NINE MILE) 25-23, 26-24, 25-11.

Kills-Cassie Thompson (Tim) 5, Taylor Stewart (PR) 7, Assists-Martinez Linton (PR) 17, Aces-Haylee Edelblute (Tim) 4, Digs-Cassie Thompson (Tim) 2, Whitney Hill (PR) 10.
ST. MARIES def. FERRIS 25-16, 25-11, 25-15. Gerpge (SM) 9, Brittain Jacobs (Kee) 3, Assists-Guidry (SIM) 28, Kristen Vines, Sammy Squires (Kee) 5, Aces-Ried, Guidry, Sines (STM), Young (Kee) 1. Digs-Asbury (STM) 9. Blocks-Gerpge (STM) 6, Fuller (Kee) 2.

Bi-City League

WILBUR-CRESTON def. ALMIRA/COULEE-HARTLINE 25-20, 25-23, 25-21. Kills-Starkenburger (ACH) 10, Gamboa (WC) 9. Assists-Isaak (ACH) 16, Stars-Stein (WC) 20. Aces-Knopp (ACH) 3, Reed (WC) 2. Digs-Isaak (ACH) 12, Wyborne (WC) 18. Blocks-N.Orbome (ACH) 1, Gamboa (WC) 3.

Panorama League

CURLEW def. INCHELLUM 25-20, 10-25, 25-23, 26-24. Kills-Condor (Inc) 12, Miller (Cur) 11, Assists-Simpson (Inc) 13, Strandberg (Cur) 8, Aces-Condor (Inc) 3, Zerck (Cur) 2. Digs-LeaderCharge (Inc) 7. Blocks-Jarred (Inc) 1, Miller (Cur) 2.

North Star League

WALLACE def. CLARK FORK 25-20, 23-25, 25-25, 19-19. Kills-Macumber (CF) 10, Jenkins (WAL) 16, Stars-Stein (WAL) 20. Aces-Knopp (WAL) 3, Shaina Gustafson (CF) 8. Digs-Belknap, McDaniel (Wal) 8, Becker (CF) 20. Blocks-Jenkins (WAL) 3, Macumber (CF) 1.

District 9 North

LACROSSE-WASHTUCNA def. TOUCHET 25-20, 25-16, 25-29. Kills-McKay (LAW) 13, Soils 14, 4, Assists-Martinez (LAW) 18, Frazier (Tou) 8, Aces-Martinez (LAW) 4, Dorman (Tou) 4, Digs-Soils (Tou) 10, Summers, Zimmer (LAW) 8. Blocks-McKay, Zimmer (LAW) 1.

Non-league

CHEWELAH def. CUSIC 25-22, 25-18, 25-13. Kills-Wood (Che) 17, Assists-Dawson (Che) 12, Aces-Division 8, Che 2. Digs-Wood (Che) 18. Blocks-Berbeck (Che) 2.
COLFA def. LAKEIDE (NINE MILE) 25-23, 26-24, 25-11. Kills-Stillar (Lak) 8, Scholz (Col) 18, Assists-Alexander (Lak) 16, Link (Col) 17, Aces-Stillar (Lak) 5, Scholz (Col) 4. Digs-Stillar (Lak) 15, Mahoney (Lak) 2, Scholz (Col) 2.
DAVENPORT def. ST. JOHN-ENDICOTT 25-15, 25-12, 25-20. Kills-Grabber (Dav) 9, McCanna (SIE) 8, Assists-MaMielke (Dav) 17, Jensenia (SIE) 8, Aces-Moses (Dov) 4, McCanna (SIE) 4, Digs-MiMielke (Dav) 7, Luft (SIE) 11. Blocks-Parner (Dav) 3, Miller (SIE) 2.
EAST VALLEY def. FERRIS 25-19, 25-19, 25-14. Kills-Riggitt (EV) 11, Kamitomo (Fer) 8, Assists-Kurtz (EV) 22, Spears (Fer) 24, Aces-Simpson (EV) 2, Moore (Fer) 2. Digs-Webb (Fer) 7, Kamitomo (Fer) 9. Blocks-Hilbert (EV) 4, Aubrie-Powell (Fer) 2.
MOSCOW def. LAKELAND 8-25, 25-15, 25-22, 25-21. Kills-Rucker (Lak) 8, Lowe (Mos) 15, Assists-Stecker (Lak) 20, Jewett (Mos) 18, Aces-Stecker (Lak) 2, Moore (Fer) 2. Digs-Matson (Lak) 29, Westberg (Mos) 18. Blocks-Kelsyey (Lak) 4, Houser (Mos) 4.
NEWPORT def. BONNERS FERRY 25-14, 25-19, 25-16. Kills-Winkleseth (BF) 7, Pancho (New) 9, Bush (New) 9, Assists-Ofon (BF) 10, Aces-Ofon (BF) 12, Aces-Winkleseth (BF) 2, Dirks (BF) 2, Kersting (New) 1, Schultz (New) 1, Brown (New) 1, Digs-Dirks (BF) 6, Pancho (New) 11, Odell (New) 11, Zieske (BF) 2, Payne (BF) 2, Pancho (New) 1, Zieske (New) 1.
NORTHWEST COLEMAN def. FREEMAN 17-12, 25-16, 25-15, 25-14. 15-7, Kills-Webb (NWC) 12, Heinen (Fre) 11, Assists-Descoates (NWC) 26, Riddle (Fre) 26, Aces-Nixon (NWC) 5, Heinen (Fre) 4, Digs-Alford (NWC) 11, Jansen (Fre) 11. Blocks-Webb (NWC) 4, Heinen (Fre) 2.
ODIA def. COLEMAN 25-15, 25-12, 25-16. Kills-Heimbigner (Ode) 6, Assists-Ch Johnson (Ode) 9, Aces-Walter (Ode) 4, Digs-Smith (Ode) 2. Blocks-Heimbigner (Ode) 3.
ROSAIA def. LIBERTY 25-14, 25-16, 25-20. Kills-Janson (Lib) 2, Hodges (Ros) 5, Assists-Rocks (Lib) 2, Moley (Ros) 6, Aces-Rocks, K. Browning (Lib) 1, Hodges (Ros) 1. Digs-Beckner (Lib) 2, Kim Paulson (Ros) 7. Blocks-Anderson (Lib) 3, Fara Drew (Ros) 3.

SOFTBALL

High school slowpitch

Greater Spokane League

BASKETBALL

WNBA Playoffs

All Times PDT
FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-5)