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Clausen brings expectations, emotion to Panthers

FBN-CLAUSEN-SPORTSPPLUS:CH—New Carolina Panthers quarterback Jimmy Clausen is the anti-Jake Delhomme because he enters the NFL as a highly touted player instead of an undrafted free agent.

No one is known to have accused the ever-humble Delhomme of being arrogant. Of course, people close to Clausen say the "too cocky" label he's been given is based on misperceptions.

But where Clausen and Delhomme are extremely similar is the passion with which they play football. They're both fist-pumpers, exclaimers, men whose emotions are unleashed on the field.

1650 by Charles Chandler. MOVED
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Patience pays off for Sounders' Zakuani

SOC-ZAKUANI:SE—The deep scars on Steve Zakuani's right knee and calf are a daily reminder. Of when he was deemed damaged goods. Of when he thought his soccer career was over. Of when his dreams were seemingly shattered. All at the age of 15.

Zakuani, a 22-year-old midfielder in his second season with Sounders FC, remembers the day seven years ago in London. Zakuani was mixing with the wrong crowd, and after a friend stole a Moped, Zakuani took turns riding it around the neighborhood next to their school.

When the fun was almost over, Zakuani wanted one more go-round. "That last one is always the one that gets you," he says now.

Zakuani lost control of the bike and slammed into a parked car. He tried to walk away from the crash, but felt his knee buckle. Later at the hospital, Zakuani's father, Mao, asked the doctor when his son would be able to play soccer again.

1400 by Joshua Mayers in Tukwila, Wash. MOVED
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Human growth hormone found to improve sprint capacity, study finds

SCI-GROWTHHORMONE:LA—Injections of human growth hormone can improve sprint capacity enough to turn the last-place finisher in the Olympic 100-meter-dash into the gold-medal winner, according to a study released Monday.

Sprint capacity improved for both men and women, according to the study. Combining growth hormone with testosterone injections in men doubled the improvement in sprinting.

"This is helpful in showing those skeptics out there who say it doesn't help performance that they're wrong," said David Howman, director general of the Montreal-based World Anti-Doping Agency, which funded the study.

700 by Shari Roan in Los Angeles. (Moved as a national story) MOVED
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BOXING

Manny Pacquiao vs. Floyd Mayweather Jr., the best of the best

BOX-DWYRE-COLUMN:LA—This one has a familiar ring. Pacquiao-Mayweather. Here we go again. This is the Ali-Foreman of our time. The real stuff. Boxing titles its fights and this one is easy: The Best of the Best. Finally, the sport that excels at selling us pigs and calling it filet mignon would be delivering genuine Kobe beef.

There are guys who fight and then there are Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. They are artists in the boxing ring. The rest are paint-by-the-numbers guys.

We have been here before, but this is boxing. The gauntlets thrown down outside the ring are as much fun as the punches thrown in it.

800 by Bill Dwyre in Manila, Philippines. MOVED
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NHL

Hawks rally to even series with Canucks

HKN-CANUCKS-BLACKHAWKS:TB—A scoreboard announcement during the first period told fans rally towels would be distributed at the United Center before Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals. That is, of course, if Game 5 was necessary.

For a while, it looked like it might not have been.

The Chicago Blackhawks avoided falling into a deep hole as they rallied for a 4-2 victory over the Vancouver Canucks in

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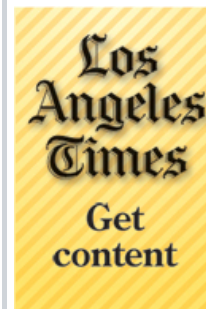
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Game 2 Monday night to even the best-of-seven series at one game apiece with the next two games scheduled to be played in Vancouver starting Wednesday night.

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#### Trying to create more offense led to more offenses

[HKN-SHARP-COLUMN:DE](#)—Bad calls are inevitable. There will be mistakes. They usually balance out over the course of a game and certainly a best-of-seven series. Teams must play through the hardship. There's a pretty simple solution: Don't put yourself in the position where you could find yourself at the mercy of human error.

Ripping the refs can't help but come across as whiny—even from someone who's emotionally distanced from the consequences of who wins or who loses.

550 by Drew Sharp . MOVED

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#### NHL stays mum about its routine review of Game 2 officiating

[HKN-WINGS-OFFICIALS:DE](#)—If the Detroit Red Wings complained about the officiating in Sunday night's 4-3 loss at San Jose, they likely did so through former referee Mick McGeough, the NHL's series manager.

The NHL has a manager at every playoff game who reports to Terry Gregson, the league's senior vice president and director of officiating. The manager also communicates with on-ice officials and each team's general manager and coach.

350 by George Sipple in Detroit. MOVED

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#### Bruins surge past Flyers, take 2-0 lead in series

[HKN-FLYERS-BRUIINS:PH](#)—A broken pipe has left two million folks in greater Boston without drinkable water, but the city's hockey team is slowly quenching its thirst for a date in the NHL's Eastern Conference finals.

The surging Boston Bruins defeated the Flyers, 3-2, before a roaring sellout crowd at the TD Garden Monday and took a two-games-to-none lead in the highly physical conference semifinal series.

Milan Lucic scored on a spin-around shot from the high slot with 2 minutes, 57 seconds left, snapping a 2-2 tie and handing the Flyers their second straight gut-wrenching defeat in the best-of-seven series.

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#### Blackhawks hope to cause traffic jam in front of Luongo

[HKN-BLACKHAWKS:TB](#)— Once more Monday morning, a not-so-subtle refrain filtered through the Blackhawks' dressing room. The idea was to create claustrophobia in the crease by any means necessary, maybe take a couple runs at Roberto Luongo, anything to literally or figuratively knock the Canucks' goaltender off his game.

The underlying question, though, was whether it would work this series against a goalie who has grown increasingly adept at playing traffic cop.

350 by Brian Hamilton in Chicago. MOVED

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#### Sharks head to their house of hockey horrors

[HKN-SHARKS:SJ](#)— And now begins the difficult part for the San Jose Sharks.

Tuesday, they enter the belly of the beast. Their veritable house of hockey horrors. The place where victories have been few and far between.

Joe Louis Arena.

The Sharks have gotten off to a strong start against the Detroit Red Wings, taking Games 1 and 2 at HP Pavilion. But the real test is coming as the second-round series moves to the Motor City, where the Sharks have been treated like roadkill over the years.

800 by Mark Emmons in San Jose, Calif. MOVED

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#### Flyers head home on empty tank, down 2-0

[HKN-FLYERS:PD](#)—The Philadelphia Flyers spent four minutes on the penalty kill in the third period of a deadlocked, 2-2 game — a type of game that can sway a series.

They spent four out of the final 20 minutes doggedly chasing pucks as if they were pinballs, bouncing off the walls, praying their ship wouldn't be sunk on the penalty kill.

Miraculously, it wasn't.

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#### Versteeg picks fine time for 1st goal in playoffs

[HKN-BLACKHAWKS-VERSTEEG:TB](#)—Midway through the second period, his mind already roiling with frustration and with nothing but cold air between him and the goal pipes, Kris Versteeg ripped a point-blank wrist shot toward the Canucks' net. It was promptly swallowed by Roberto Luongo.

The Blackhawks winger threw his head back and looked forlornly to the United Center ceiling. He hadn't scored since April 9, his postseason a total whitewash. Already during Monday's Game 2, he'd been denied on a breakaway chance. Now this.

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## NBA

#### Lakers can't get comfortable in Game 2

[BKN-LAKERS-TRANSITION:LA](#)—Traditionally, Los Angeles Lakers assistant coach Frank Hamblen said, Game No. 2 in the playoffs has the potential to be the trap game.

The Lakers lead the best-of-seven series against the Utah Jazz, 1-0, and play Game 2 Tuesday at Staples Center. But Hamblen, in charge of putting the Lakers' game plan together against the Jazz, doesn't want his team to be comfortable, even if the Lakers are playing at home.

Why?

"I think the visiting team has a better comfort level (for Game 2)," Hamblen said. "Utah has been in the city now. They are comfortable with their inner circle, with their surroundings, with the court. They know what the fans are going to be like for the

most part. I think it's just overall a more comfortable feeling for them.

"They probably know how we are going to play, and we know how they are going to play. I think the scales kind of balance it out."

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#### **Orlando should take out Hawks in round two**

[BKN-HAWKS-MAGIC-CAPSULE:LA](#)—Orlando should take out Hawks in round two

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#### **Lakers unhappy with fourth-quarter performance**

[BKN-LAKERS-JAZZ-QUARTER:LA](#)—You can look at cold, hard statistics to analyze the compelling, roller-coasterish fourth quarter between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Utah Jazz in Game 1.

But that wouldn't be nearly as fun or as amusing.

TNT's NBA analyst Reggie Miller reached back into his youth and summoned a whimsical and pretty accurate visual from the playground or recreation room.

"The Lakers seem to be playing the Jazz like the childhood toy the yo-yo," he said. "Remember the trick with the yo-yo called 'Walking the Dog'?"

"Every time the Jazz got close or made a run, the Lakers and Kobe Bryant would simply 'Walk the Dog.'"

600 by Lisa Dillman in Los Angeles. [MOVED](#)

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#### **Lakers can only wish they had last spring's problems**

[BKN-HEISLER-COLUMN:LA](#)—Lakers can only wish they had last spring's problems

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#### **Bulls fire Del Negro**

[BKN-BULLS-DELNEGRO-1ST-LEDE:TB](#)—Vinny Del Negro didn't hesitate.

Asked during a late-season interview with the Chicago Tribune about the possibility of being fired, the man who liked to joke about being Italian and a fighter found the high road.

"I'll leave with my head held high whether it's this year or next year or in 10 years because I know how hard I worked," Del Negro said then. "I know how hard I've prepared. And I know how I've represented the organization."

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#### **Big summer ahead for Bogut**

[BKN-BUCKS-ADV04:MW](#)—A front-row seat for the playoffs was little consolation for injured center Andrew Bogut.

The 7-foot Bogut desperately wanted to be on the floor but knew he could only observe as the Milwaukee Bucks nearly took out the third-seeded Atlanta Hawks before falling in a seven-game, first-round Eastern Conference series.

"I definitely enjoyed watching the guys have the success they had," Bogut said. "But did I enjoy it? No."

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#### **After falling on draft day, Jennings rises as a rookie**

[BKN-HOWARD-COLUMN-ADV04:MW](#)—Brandon Jennings, somewhere in New York City, was most likely confused, upset and basically ticked off. He had been pulled out of the green room on the morning of the draft because his agent, Bill Duffy, had no inkling when his client would be selected.

Thankfully, Brandon doesn't hear the Toronto Raptors select DeMar DeRozan with the No. 9 pick.

And he doesn't hear NBA commissioner David Stern's announcement that should be music to his ears: "With the No. 10 pick, the Milwaukee Bucks select Brandon Jennings."

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#### **Cuban is worst listener of them all**

[BKN-GALLOWAY-COLUMN:FT](#)—His team's first-round ouster combined with his maddening Game 6 boo-boo on Beaubois has Rick Carlisle's neck stretched from here to Hico. Except in Rick's current predicament, it's more like Hike-o. Does he need to take one?

The answer: No. Don't fire Carlisle.

Instead, fire Dallas Mavericks assistant coaches Dwane Casey and Terry Stotts. Those guys have gotta go. Now. My condolences to the Casey family and the Stotts family, but in demanding their job demise, all I'm doing here is parroting the basketball genius of one Mark Cuban.

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#### **Celtics make Cavs look green in easy victory**

[BKN-CAVS-CELTICS:AK](#)—For Cavaliers coach Mike Brown, his team not playing with 48 minutes of intensity against the Boston Celtics on Saturday night was a case of human nature.

Everyone in Northeast Ohio will wonder what he wants to call what happened Monday night at Quicken Loans Arena. The Boston Celtics rose up and clubbed the Cavaliers 104-86 to tie their Eastern Conference semifinal series at one game each and steal homecourt advantage.

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#### **Brown comes out firing after Cavs fall to Celtics**

[BKN-RIDENOUR-COLUMN:AK](#)—Cavaliers coach Mike Brown finally snapped.

For weeks he has watched his team play in spurts, his players flipping the switch on their intensity only when a situation looked dire. But in a 104-86 thumping at the hands of the Boston Celtics Monday night, he saw them wait until they trailed by 25 points with just over nine minutes to play.

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[BKN-JAZZ-LAKERS:LA](#)—Just another day at the Los Angeles Lakers' training facility, with Kobe Bryant calling his much-discussed photo shoot "a little too artsy," Andrew Bynum acknowledging he might indeed be injury-prone, and, oh yeah, some other players talking about the continuation of their playoff series against the Utah Jazz.

It's never boring in these parts, even during a seemingly one-sided playoff match-up that moves to Game 2 on Tuesday at Staples Center.

It looked more and more as if Bryant and Bynum switched places on the health meter, the 31-year-old guard saying he was "very encouraged" by how his right knee felt, while the 22-year-old center accepted the facts of his growing medical file.

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[BKN-HAWKS-MAGIC-CAPSULE:LA](#)—Orlando should take out Hawks in round two

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[TEXT](#) | [HTML](#)**BASEBALL****Yanks ride Sabathia's strong outing past Orioles**

[BBA-ORIOLES-YANKEES:ND](#)— Things managed to still go along smoothly for the Yankees on Monday night. CC Sabathia was dominant in eight innings, Randy Winn provided some surprising pop with a three-run homer and Joba Chamberlain got his first save in a 4-1 win over the Orioles.

About that last bit: That's where it isn't quite so smooth for Joe Girardi and his club.

Mariano Rivera sat out with tightness in his lower back, an injury he suffered Friday. He has been unavailable since then and was only just able to play catch Monday.

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[BBA-YANKEES-AROD:ND](#)— Alex Rodriguez may not have needed the break, but he made it clear he had no choice in the matter.

The Yankees third baseman, who returned to the lineup Monday night after sitting out Sunday, said his talk with manager Joe Girardi was a "one-sided conversation."

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[TEXT](#) | [HTML](#)**Meche struggles again as Royals fall to White Sox**

[BBA-ROYALS-WHITESOX:KC](#)—It's as if the Kansas City Royals wanted to prove Monday night that their lack of run support for Zack Greinke isn't personal. No runs again—until Scott Podsednik homered in the ninth inning.

Avoiding the shutout was about the only positive in this 5-1 loss to the Chicago White Sox in the opener of a three-game series at U.S. Cellular Field.

The flat-lining attack was only part of the problem.

450 by Bob Dutton in Chicago.

[TEXT](#) | [HTML](#)**Goodness pays off for Washington**

[BBA-POOLE-COLUMN:OX](#)— As he walks off the familiar Oakland Coliseum infield, beads of sweat drop with every step. It's 41/2 hours before first pitch, and Ron Washington is both labor and management, working harder than anybody else.

That may explain why Washington still has his job, why he returns this week to his Oakland backyard as manager of the Texas Rangers.

800 by Monte Poole in Oakland, Calif.. [MOVED](#)

[TEXT](#) | [HTML](#)**Reds drop Mets in 11th**

[BBN-METS-REDS:ND](#)— Oliver Perez restored the New York Mets' starting pitching universe Monday night. The bullpen threw 41/3 scoreless innings after him.

But it all went for nothing when Laynce Nix hit a pinch-hit home run off Manny Acosta in the bottom of the 11th inning for a 3-2 Reds win. Eight of the Reds' 13 wins have come in their last at-bat and they're 3-0 in extra-inning games.

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[TEXT](#) | [HTML](#)**Mets say Pelfrey MRI is precautionary**

[BBN-METS-PELFREY:HK](#)—The Mets had seen their best starters battered over the weekend. And Monday, they had spend the day sweating out an injury scare to one of them.

Mike Pelfrey was crushed Saturday and Johan Santana had his worst outing of his career Sunday. So how could the news get worse?

How about this? When the team boarded the plane from Philadelphia to come here after Santana's disappointing performance, Pelfrey got in a car and drove back to New York so that he could report to the Hospital for Special Surgery Monday morning for an MRI on his right shoulder.

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[TEXT](#) | [HTML](#)**Twins show their depth**

[BBA-SOUHAN-COLUMN:MS](#)—The Minnesota Twins returned home from a long road trip holding first place in the American League Central yet feeling as if they had left more on the table than a lousy pool player or a good tipper.

Despite their unaccustomed early-season success, the Twins had snoozed through too many day games, had flailed and failed with the bases loaded, had confronted injuries worrisome (anything ailing the franchise catcher's foot is, at the least, worrisome) and confounding (Pat Neshek seems to be following Glen Perkins' career path even after seeing where that path leads).

"It's a fun team, but it does feel like we're not clicking on all cylinders the way we could be," Twins manager Ron

Gardenhire said before the game. "And, you know, we're still rolling along OK."

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#### **Dodgers try to put a bad April behind them**

[BBN-DODGERS:LA](#)— After changing from his No. 58 uniform to a short-sleeved shirt and jeans, pitcher Chad Billingsley sat in front his locker in a noisy Dodgers' clubhouse, lowered his eyes to the floor and searched for the right words.

Until this last weekend, "anybody who was watching the games could see we weren't playing well," Billingsley said in his typical soft-spoken manner. "We definitely haven't played well. But we've got a really good team and we know we are good. It's just executing."

And if the right-hander chose his comments even more carefully than usual—he often ended sentences in midstream and started over — it's understandable.

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#### **Bullpen struggles in Phils' loss to Cards**

[BBN-CARDS-PHILLIES-1ST-LEDE:PH](#)— The ball left Joe Blanton's hand as a 77-mph curveball. After St. Louis pinch-hitter Nick Stavinoha hit it deep into the left-field stands to put the Cardinals ahead for good in the seventh inning, a fan threw it back onto the field.

It rolled all the way back to the infield grass and Blanton noticed. He stormed off the mound to grab the ball and angrily flipped it to first baseman Ryan Howard.

In Blanton's first start of the season, a 6-3 Phillies loss on Monday night, it was the one pitch he would regret.

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#### **Jays' Cecil takes perfect game into 7th to beat Indians**

[BBA-JAYS-INDIANS:AK](#)— Having lost 10 of their past 14, it is hardly reasonable to expect the Cleveland Indians to provide the excitement at Progressive Field.

That was left to 23-year-old novice Brett Cecil of the Toronto Blue Jays, who took a perfect game into the seventh inning in Monday night's 5-1 Tribe defeat.

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#### **Twins show their clout, rock Tigers**

[BBA-TIGERS-TWINS:MS](#)—The AL Central Division wasn't on the line Monday. Extra innings weren't needed. Brandon Inge didn't have to argue he was hit by a pitch.

It was Detroit's first visit to the Twin Cities since Game 163 last season. But they were dispatched all the same as the Twins eased to a 10-4 victory at Target Field. It just didn't take as long.

The Twins erased all doubt in this one early, jumping out to a 7-0 lead after two innings and coasted behind seven innings from righthander Scott Baker. Michael Cuddyer became the first Twin to homer into the second deck of the new park with a three-run shot in the first inning.

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#### **Red Sox pound Angels, 17-8**

[BBA-ANGELS-REDSOX:OC](#)—After a poor start in Anaheim last week, Angels pitcher Joe Saunders channeled Little Orphan Annie with a dash of Dallas Raines by saying: "Tomorrow's another day. The sun is going to come out — if it burns through the marine layer — and we'll go from there."

The clouds that have followed Saunders to the mound all season gathered again on the opposite coast Monday as the Angels left-hander was roughed up for a third consecutive start.

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#### **Matsui, Morales flip spots**

[BBA-ANGELS-NOTES:LA](#)—Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia, looking to shake up the offense after the Angels were swept in a three-game series in Detroit, flip-flopped Hideki Matsui and Kendry Morales in the fourth and fifth spots Monday night.

Matsui batted cleanup in each of the team's first 26 games, but the designated hitter was mired in a three-for-25 slump that dropped his average from .310 on April 24 to .260 through Sunday. He was one for four in the Angels' 17-8 loss to the Boston Red Sox on Monday.

600 by Mike DiGiovanna in Boston. [MOVED](#)

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#### **Furcal is headed to the 15-day DL**

[BBN-DODGERS-NOTES:LA](#)—Rafael Furcal, who finally appears to be recovered from a back injury that required surgery two years ago, is heading to the disabled list.

Multiple baseball sources told the Los Angeles Times that the Dodgers are planning to move Furcal to the 15-day disabled list Tuesday because of a strained left hamstring. The sources spoke on the condition of anonymity because the move hasn't been officially announced.

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#### **Harden pitches Rangers to fourth straight win**

[BBA-RANGERS-AS:FT](#)— Rich Harden turned in his finest performance of the season, taking a no-hitter into the sixth and allowing just two hits in seven innings as the Texas Rangers won their fourth straight game, 4-2 over Oakland on Monday night.

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## HORSE RACING

### Challengers for Super Saver surface

[RAC-PREAKNESS:BZ](#)— Calvin Borel's Triple Crown prediction notwithstanding, horse racing connections were busy Monday lining up for a shot at Super Saver in the 135th Preakness Stakes.

Officials for Pimlico Race Course said 17 horses were under consideration for the race, including two who already are confirmed: Super Saver, who won the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, and Dublin, who finished seventh. The Preakness has a 14-horse limit.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### FedEx dropping out of Orange Bowl

[FBC-ORANGEBOWL:FL](#)— After 21 years—and the longest reign as title sponsor of a BCS game — FedEx is dropping its moniker from the Orange Bowl college football game.

Kevin Demsky, FedEx director of sponsorship marketing, said the express delivery and logistics company decided it was time to focus on its other sports marketing partnerships, including with the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup, NFL, NBA and NASCAR's Joe Gibbs Racing.

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## LACROSSE

### Police charge men's lacrosse player in death of UVa athlete

[LAX-PLAYERKILLED:BZ](#)— Students at the University of Virginia and across the region were stunned Monday after a varsity lacrosse player was found slain in her apartment and a member of the men's team was charged in her murder.

Yardley Love, a 22-year-old senior from Cockeysville, Md., was discovered by a roommate who called police with a report of possible alcohol poisoning.

Officers who responded to the 2:30 a.m. call immediately realized "that this young lady was the victim of something far worse," said Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy J. Longo Sr. "There were obvious physical injuries to her body."

Hours later, they arrested George Huguely, 22, a Chevy Chase, Md., native and varsity player on the men's lacrosse team, and charged him with first-degree murder. He was being held in the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Jail.

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