

ResultsPlus

N.H.L.

Kings Top Flames

Corey Millen scored twice to cap a four-goal first period yesterday as the Los Angeles Kings scored three times in a 4:44 span to beat Calgary 5-2 in Inglewood, Calif. The loss left Calgary four points behind the idle Winnipeg Jets in the race for the fourth and final Smythe Division playoff spot, with seven games remaining for both teams. The Flames missed the playoffs only twice in their first 19 seasons and have qualified in every season since 1974-75, winning their only Stanley Cup in 1989. Mike Vernon became the Flames' first goalie with 30 losses since the franchise moved from Atlanta to Calgary in 1980, surrendering three goals on the Kings' first five shots of the game. He was pulled in favor of Jeff Reese after only 5 minutes 55 seconds of play. (AP)

GOLF

Couples Soars in Gusts

Fred Couples eagled No. 16 and birdied No. 17 in 30 mile-an-hour winds Friday for a three-under-par 69 and a three-stroke lead after the second round of the Nestlé Invitational. Couples, who finished second in the last two tournaments after winning the Los Angeles Open, had a total of eight-under 136 on the 7,114-yard Bay Hill Club & Lodge course in Orlando, Fla., going into yesterday's third round. In the last nine months, he has won four times and finished sixth or better in 18 of 22 worldwide starts. Mike Harwood (70), Larry Nelson (71) and John Huston (71) were tied for second at 139. (AP)

**Figueras-Dotti Leads:** Marta Figueras-Dotti of Spain shot a six-under-par 67 Friday to take a two-stroke lead over Donna Ammaccapane after the second round of the L.P.G.A. Standard Register Ping tournament in Phoenix. Figueras-Dotti had a seven-under 139 total on the 6,483-yard Moon Valley Country Club's course. Ammaccapane shot a 69. Kristi Albers (69), Vicki Ferguson (70), Kris Tschetter (71), Anne Marie Palli (72), Muffin Spencer-Devlin (73) and Nancy Scranton (73) were three back at 142. (AP)

**Hole-in-One Boosts Aaron:** Tommy Aaron's hole-in-one on the par-3, 165-yard seventh hole highlighted a 7-under-par 65 that gave him a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Senior PGA Tour's Vintage Arco Invitational in Indians Wells, Calif. Aaron used a 5-iron on the shot. Harold Henning shot a 66 and Lee Trevino, Dave Stockton, Mike Hill and Jim Colbert opened with 67's on the 6,830-yard Vintage Club Mountain course. (AP)

DOG SHOW

Collie Gets Top Award

A 2½-year-old bearded collie champion, Ch. Brigadoon's Extra Special, yesterday was guided by Kathy Kirk to the Best in Show honors at the New Brunswick Kennel Club Show at the Dunn Sports Center in Elizabeth, N.J. It was the first top award for Rugby, as the dog is known, and it was the first time Kirk had guided a dog to a top award in the 20 years she has been handling. Rugby is owned by Virginia and Michel Hanigan of Rye, N.Y. (AP)

WORLD LEAGUE

Frankfurt Wins Opener

Mike Perez hit tight end Chad Fortune on a 38-yard scoring pass and linebacker Willie Don Wright recovered a fumble in the end zone as the Frankfurt Galaxy defeated the Barcelona Dragons, 17-0, in the World League season opener last night in Barcelona. After a scoreless first half in which both teams combined for only 88 yards, Galaxy kicker Robbie Keen kicked a 47-yard field goal in the third quarter. It was a measure of revenge for Keen, cut last week by the Dragons. The victory was the second in as many years here for Frankfurt, which handed Barcelona its only home loss in 1991 with a 10-3 defeat. (AP)

EQUESTRIAN

Poulin Gains Ground

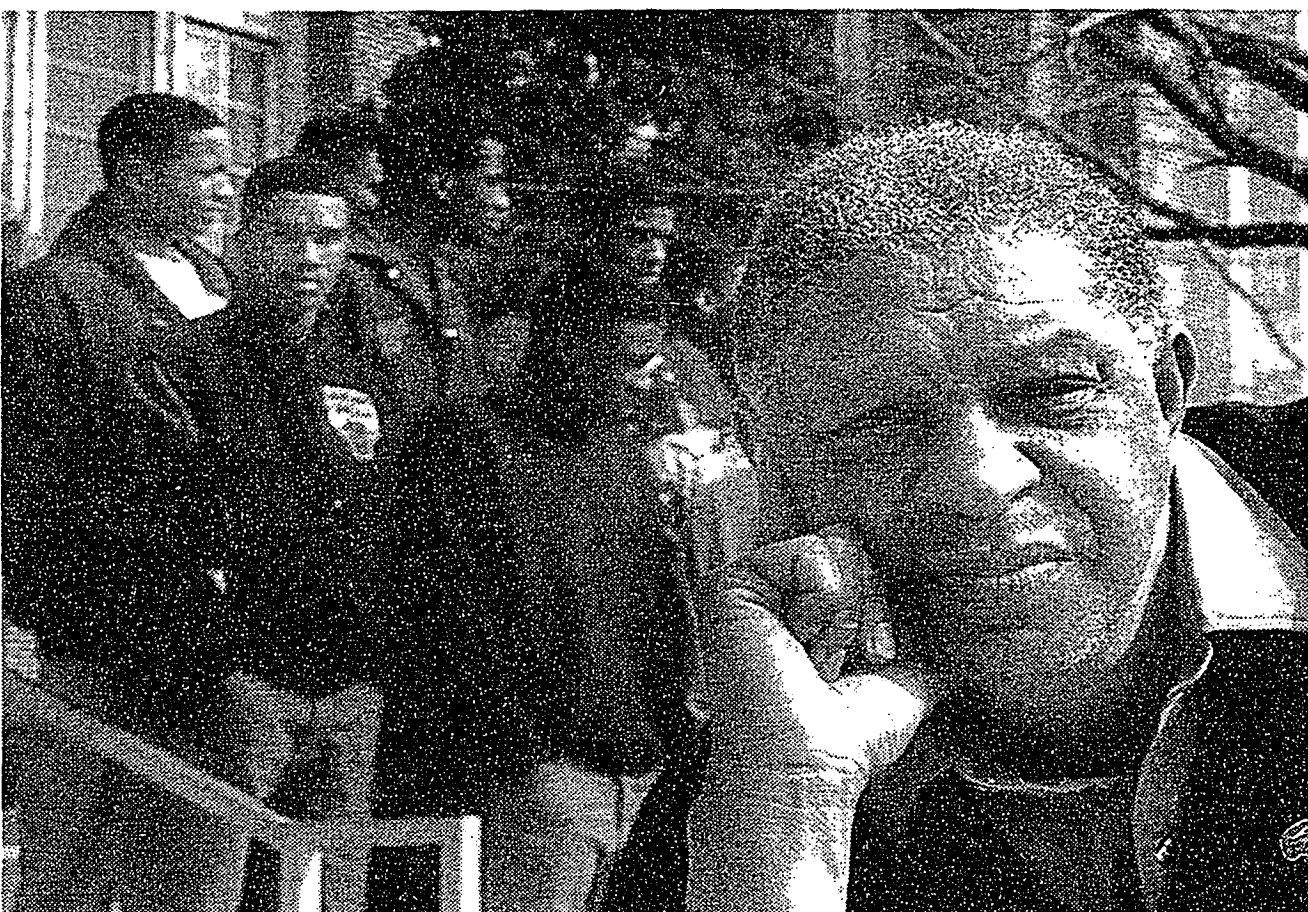
Michael Poulin of Fairfield, Me., on Graf George, moved to within four-tenths of a point of the lead at the United States Equestrian Team's Olympic dressage selection trials by winning the grand prix test yesterday in Orlando, Fla. Poulin received a score of 1,585 points from the five-judge panel on his 9-year-old Hanoverian gelding. This edged the 1,569 points scored by two-time Olympic veteran Robert Dover of Wellington, Fla., on Lectron, a 10-year-old Dutch-bred stallion. Dover leads the overall standing with 2,421.8 points to Poulin's 2,421.4 points entering the final trial on Sunday. Jane Savoie of Randolph Center, Vt., is third with 2,327.0 points on Zapatero. The Olympic selection trials conclude today at Clarcona Horsemen's Park with the grand prix special. The United States Equestrian Team will then name a six-rider squad to travel to Europe in preparation for this summer's Barcelona Olympic Games. (AP)

SKIING

Giant Slalom to Merle

Carole Merle of France wound up her best season ever yesterday by outclassing all rivals in a World Cup giant slalom in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, and winning her first major title in the event. Merle, 28, had a two-run time of 2 minutes 32.27 seconds for her seventh victory of the season in the winter's final race, 2.13 seconds ahead of Spanish veteran Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa. Merle finished second in the overall World Cup behind Austria's Petra Kronberger, her best showing ever. Kronberger, clinched her third consecutive title in the season's last super-giant slalom Thursday. (AP)

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



Clarence Turner, the Camden coach, with his team, which was banned from state basketball tournament.

A High-Scoring Team Gets Shut Out

For Camden, the Season's Over but Critical Questions Remain

CAMDEN, N.J. — For more than two decades, Camden High School has been a powerhouse basketball team under the direction of Clarence Turner. But as the best teams in New Jersey made their way through the state tournament the last several weeks, Turner's team was idle. Its absence has prompted a debate about incidents of violence at high school athletic events, how they should be dealt with and how much responsibility the school and its teams bear for them.

The Camden team was barred from the tournament, which began on March 2, because of a chair-throwing melee that occurred at this time last year. The incident took place after Camden defeated Trenton Central, 87-85, in a double-overtime state semifinal game at Monmouth College.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association concluded that the incident was caused by Camden fans who stormed the court after the emotional victory. An estimated 50 Camden supporters taunted opposing players and initiated violence by punching a Trenton player and throwing chairs.

According to police reports and court records, Camden players were in the locker room at the time of the incident. But the association said Camden was responsible because school officials failed to implement adequate crowd-control measures, and it extended its punishment to the team, ruling that Camden could not play in this year's tournament.

Ban Is Upheld

Although Camden appealed all the way to the state Supreme Court, the ban was upheld at every step, and on Feb. 27 the team played its last game of the season, finishing with a 23-3 record.

That ending was too bitter for Turner, who has charged that the association, which is governed by a constitution, bylaws and rules of regulations for 440 schools in the state, was overly severe in its ruling. Turner said no other team has ever been banned because of the behavior of its fans, without player involvement. The association would not comment on whether the ban was the first of its kind.

Turner said there have been many more serious incidents of violence, including shootings, that received much lesser penalties. Some schools, he said, have been punished by having their teams play in closed gyms.

Always Preaching

"I'm always preaching to the kids what's right and wrong," said Turner, "and now the system is punishing the kids for something that they had nothing to do with."

State Senator Walter Rand, a Democrat who represents the Camden

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area, has backed the school's position.

"Apparently that association is beyond the control of the legislature or state government," said Rand. "I believe they acted arbitrarily, and I don't think due process was provided."

Camden's lawyer, Clifford Van Syoc, who has represented the school in its appeals, has instructed Camden to document other similar incidents of violence at other schools and what penalties were imposed.

Robert Kanaby, the executive director of the athletic association, said: "The penalties imposed on Camden were based on the severity of the situation."

Agreeing With Penalties

Tom Smith, who until recently was the basketball coach at Trenton Central, said he sympathized with the plight of the players but agreed with the penalties.

"If it had been us and we acted like that," said Smith, "I would have wanted our school to be punished, too. I feel bad for the players and Coach

Turner. But we are teachers, and we can't let this type of behavior continue. It was a real scary situation. I just thank God that we lost the game. If we didn't, somebody might have died."

Ruthie Green-Brown, principal at Camden, said she felt that politics played a role in the association's decision.

'Don't Hurt the Kids'

"The association could pull all the political shenanigans they want, but don't hurt the kids," she said. "The association could have done a number of things rather than punish the team. They should have reprimanded me instead. But not the kids. They earned the right to play in the tournament. They should have let them play."

Turner contends the association has treated Camden unfairly partly because it is an all-white panel that cannot grasp the problems of youths and schools in areas of urban unrest. In Camden, half the population is under 21 years old, and 65 percent of that number lives below the poverty level, more than in any other United States city.

Before their last game, some players wrote on their sneakers: "N.J.S.I.A.A. is racist."

Green-Brown, who has had her share of disputes with Turner but supports the coach on this one, said: "What kind of message are you sending to the minority kids in our community? You're telling them that no matter how hard you work, if you don't have the money to fight the system, you might as well give up. I don't think we should let this matter die."

Turner Holds His Ground

Turner, who is 60 years old, has coached at Camden for 22 years, and led the team to seven state championships in compiling a 543-79 record.

Turner claims he has a reputation as a troublemaker, and that his constant requests that at least one black referee officiate all his state tournament games have irked several association members.

Kanaby vehemently denied all of Turner's allegations. "We don't make examples out of anybody," Kanaby said. "We treat every case individually and pursue all cases that are brought to our attention equally and aggressively."

Camden, which has always fared well on the hardwood floor, was unable to score any points in court. Appeals to the executive committee of the association, the state education commissioner and the state Supreme Court were all rejected.

Nevertheless, Van Syoc said he believes a civil rights lawsuit against the association could be filed if other incidents receive less severe penalties. Among the incidents Camden officials have documented are the following:

¶ In February, in a game between Leonia and Weehawken, a Leonia player hit an opposing fan, and a brawl between the two schools ensued.

¶ In January, Monclair and Ridge-wood had a rock throwing fight after the game. The rematch a few days later was played in a closed gym.

¶ Montclair had another rock-throwing problem in January against Patterson Kennedy, in which a rock caused a fan to lose an eye.

¶ In November 1991, following a football game involving Edison High and Madison Central, a brawl took place and one youth was hit over the head with a hammer.

So far the association has not penalized any of those schools. In the meantime, on March 11, the association ordered Camden High School to pay \$20,000 in legal fees incurred by the organization during Camden's appeal. The amount is the largest ever assessed for a school that appealed an N.J.S.I.A.A. ruling.

Meanwhile, the Camden players were left without a showcase for their talents. The seniors made their final statement on the court, asking Turner to turn them loose in their last game.

Turner did not deny them, and the Panthers went out and defeated Highland Regional in Gloucester Township by 161-73.

A Title for Brandeis Amid Garden Delights

By HARVEY ARATON

All week long, his players, all eight of them, did not stop talking about "the Garden." At a pep rally Friday at Brandeis High School on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, Maurice Hicks thought about trying to calm them down about getting them focused on the upcoming opponent and nothing more.

"I was worried that they were thinking too much about the Garden," said Hicks, the Brandeis basketball coach.

To dwell on the opponent, Manhattan Center, would have made a special day seem more like any winter afternoon in a cramped, dimly lit gymnasium. "Like just another game," said Ken Archbold of Brandeis.

This was supposed to be Bright Lights, Big City — the Public Schools Athletic League Class A basketball championship at Madison Square Garden. Hicks, more than anyone, understood this, having been in the same position not that long ago.

"The summer of 1981, I played here with the Riverside Church team," the coach said before his team defeated Manhattan Center, 55-53, avenging two narrow regular-season defeats against the team it shared first place with (along with Martin Luther King) in Manhattan. "I know what it's like to be a kid and walk in here."

Similar Styles

He also knew what it was like to be Corey Wright, a little point guard with speed to burn and a recklessness sometimes too much to bear.

"I play just like he played," Wright said, pointing to his coach, who grew up in Manhattan, and played at Rice High School and then Loyola of Baltimore. Hicks, an old point guard himself, laughed, but he did not protest.

Manhattan Center's George Williams blamed his team's loss on its compliance in playing Brandeis's style, which he described as "helter skelter." Hicks preferred the euphemistic "up tempo," but even he had trouble watching his team lose a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter and have to sweat out successful 3-point shots by Sherman Jones and Steve Taylor and a last-second 3-point miss by Center's Cameron Giles.

Wright, alternating between turning on the speed and turning over the ball, had made three big free throws and a key steal against Jones in the last two minutes. But with 4.2 seconds left, Wright missed the front end of a

A 55-53 victory over Manhattan Center brings the P.S.A.L. crown.

one-and-one. Giles grabbed the ball and raced upcourt.

On the bench at the far end of the court, the Manhattan Center coach, Randall Glading, saw his man inside the 3-point line, shooting for a tie and overtime. At the near end, Hicks was sure Giles was outside the line and about to send him home a loser.

"It looked like it was going straight in," Hicks said. "I couldn't look."

The ball bounced off the rim. The Braves, who began the season with 12 players but went most of it with 8, won their first P.S.A.L. title since 1956, when the school was known as the High School of Commerce.

The Braves will play in the state tournament at Glens Falls, N.Y., on Friday. And they will go wearing their new blue jackets, with "P.S.A.L. Champions" stitched on the back.

Al Burt, named the Most Valuable Player yesterday, wore his jacket over a white shirt and tie. Burt had scored all of his 13 points in the first half and then advised his teammates: "Yo, they are gonna to put two and three men on me in the second half. It's gonna open up for you."

It did, especially for Frank Hodge, who muscled inside for all 9 of his points in the second half, several as Brandeis built its 45-35 lead. Hodge said he was nervous in the first half, this being the Garden, and all. But in the second half, he relaxed and the Garden felt like any other Manhattan playground.

REBOUNDS

In the first game of a tripleheader, the B Division championship was won by Wingate of Brooklyn over Murry Bergtraum of Manhattan, 65-51, behind EDWIN CAYENNE, who had 19 points and 12 rebounds, earning him the Most Valuable Player award. The girls' title was won by August Martin of Queens, which completed a 25-2 season with a 61-54 victory over John Jay of Brooklyn behind LATONYA DURHAM's 23 points.

TODAY'S RADIO / TV

Auto Racing	1:00 P.M.	Nascar Busch Grand National Miller 500 Classic, Martinsville, Va.	TNN
	8:00 P.M.	N.H.R.A. Motorcraft Gatornationals, Gainesville, Fla., taped	ESPN
	Midnight	Formula One Grand Prix of Mexico, Mexico City, taped	ESPN
Baseball / Exhibition	1:00 P.M.	Toronto vs. Boston at Winter Haven, Fla.	ESPN
	1:05 P.M.	Mets vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla.	TBS
Baseball / College	1:00 P.M.	Auburn at Florida	SCA
Basketball / N.B.A.	Noon	Philadelphia at Indiana	WNEW-AM 1130, CH4
	7:30 P.M.	Nets at Miami	WNEW-AM 1130, SC
Basketball / College	Noon	N.C.A.A. Div I second round Tulane vs. Oklahoma State followed by Michigan vs. East Tennessee State (WFAN-AM 660) then Syracuse vs. Massachusetts (WNYE-FM 91.5) U.C.L.A. vs. Louisville (4:40 P.M.)	CH2 WFAN-AM 660
Basketball / H.S.	5:00 P.M.	New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association girls' championship Egg Harbor Township vs. St. Peter's followed by boys' championship, Marist vs. Shawnee at Byrne Arena, taped	NJN
Boxing	9:00 P.M.	Carl Williams vs. Jerry Jones, heavyweight bout from Atlantic City	ESPN
Football	1:00 P.M.	World League, Knights at London	CH7
Golf	4:00 P.M.	L.P.G.A., Standard Register Ping, Phoenix	ESPN
	4:00 P.M.	PGA tour, Nestle Invitational, Orlando, Fla.	CH4
	5:30 P.M.	Sr. PGA Tour, The Vintage Arco Invitational, Indian Wells, Calif.	ESPN
Hockey / N.H.L.	1:35 P.M.	Devils at Rangers	WABC-AM 770, WEVD-AM 1050, MSG
	7:05 P.M.	Pittsburgh at Hartford	SCA
Lacrosse / College	1:00 P.M.	Princeton at North Carolina	WPRB-FM 103.3
Harness Racing	Midnight	Meadowlands, taped	MSG
Thoroughbred Racing	6:30 P.M.	Aqueduct, taped, repeated at 11:30 P.M.	SC
Soccer	9:00 A.M.	Litton League, Pescara vs. Palermo	CH31
Tennis	4:00 P.M.	Lipton International Players Championships, men's final, Key Biscayne, Fla.	CH7

TODAY'S LOCAL EVENTS

Basketball / N.B.A.	1:00 P.M.	Catholic High School Athletic Association Senior All-Star Game followed by league championship game between Rice at Bishop Loughlin, at Fordham
	1:30 P.M.	New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association girls' championship, Egg Harbor Township, followed by boys' championship, Marist vs. Shawnee, at Byrne Arena
Dog Show	9:00 A.M.	Twin Brooks Kennel Club all-breed, Dunn Sports Center, Elizabeth, N.J.
Harness Racing	1:00 P.M.	Meadowlands
Thoroughbred Racing	1:00 P.M.	Aqueduct, featuring the Westchester Handicap

THIS WEEK

HOME AWAY	SUN. 3/22	MON. 3/23	TUE. 3/24	WED. 3/25	THU. 3/26	FRI. 3/27	SAT. 3/28
KNICKS			ORL 7:30 P.M. MSG		DEN 9:00 P.M. MSG		SEA 10:00 P.M. MSG
NETS	MIA 7:30 P.M. SC	CHA 7:30 P.M. SC		DDJ 7:30 P.M. SC			GS 7:30 P.M. SCA
RANGERS	NJ 7:35 P.M. MSG		PHI 7:35 P.M. MSG II	PHI 7:35 P.M. MSG			NYI 5:05 P.M. MSG
ISLANDERS			QUE 7:35 P.M. SC		SJ 7:35 P.M. SCA		NJR 6:05 P.M. SC
DEVILS	NYR 1:35 P.M. MSG		SJ 7:35 P.M. SCA		BOS 7:35 P.M. SC		QUE 1:35 P.M. SC

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