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BRIEFLY**COLLEGE BASEBALL****Bucs to host Baseball Blue Day**

The East Tennessee State baseball team, Kappa Delta Sorority, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the First Judicial District Children's Advocacy Center are teaming up to host the fourth annual "Baseball Blue Day" tonight when the Bucs host Lipscomb at Cardinal Park at 7:05.

"Baseball Blue Day" is being held in conjunction with the April observation of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It's goal is to help prevent child abuse by raising awareness and support for the work going on locally to end it.

"We are very excited to be teaming up in the support of the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) for the fourth year," said head coach Tony Skole. "Our program has always been involved with the youth of our community, and this is for an outstanding cause that we are proud to be associated with."

Gates open at 6 p.m. and there will be free admission for all children 12 and under. There will also be free food, inflatables, games, prizes and other family-oriented activities. College softball

Bucs split with Stetson

East Tennessee State senior right-hander Jessica Duncan pitched effectively and sophomore outfielder Tara Hartnett's sacrifice fly in the seventh inning scored the game-winning run in a 4-3 victory at Stetson on Thursday. The Hatters won the nightcap 6-5 to split the Atlantic Sun doubleheader.

Duncan (7-9) allowed three runs on five hits in the complete game for the Bucs (3-7, 14-23). Hartnett's previous RBI scored the game-winning run.

Stetson is 2-6 in the A-Sun and 16-21 overall.

■ Milligan (3-1, 20-13) split an Appalachian Athletic Conference doubleheader at Union College in Barbourville, Ky. The Buffaloes fell 1-4 in the first game and won game two 5-4.

Hard-luck loser Sidney Barnes allowed one run on five hits in the opener. Freshman Chance Comaster got the victory in game two.

Emily Biggs was 1-for-2 with two RBIs, while Comaster was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

The Buffaloes are slated to return to action on Saturday, April 9, when they host Virginia Intermont at 2 p.m.

BASKETBALL**Bulls unveil Pippen statue**

Scottie Pippen now has a sculpture at the United Center, just like Mike.

The Bulls unveiled the bronze bust showing him in his No. 33 jersey during a ceremony at halftime of Thursday's game against the Boston Celtics at the United Center.

It was a fitting honor for the Hall of Famer, who along with Michael Jordan led the Bulls to six NBA championships in the 1990s.

Pippen told the crowd he was "truly honored" and thanked the organization and fans, saying he appreciated "the love, the drive" they gave him.

The statue, which will be displayed in the arena concourse, was made by the same artist who sculpted Jordan's outside the United Center.

Pippen says this "truly ranks at the top" of all the honors he's received.

Rose, Bulls beat Boston

Derrick Rose scored 30 points and the Chicago Bulls closed in on the top seed in the Eastern Conference by beating the Boston Celtics 97-81 on Thursday.

The Bulls' 17th win in 19 games put them four games up on Boston and Miami with four to play and eliminated the Heat from getting the No. 1 seed.

The Celtics, who play the Heat on Sunday, still have a mathematical shot albeit a remote one.

But barring a collapse, Chicago will be the top seed in the East.

It's another step for a team that expected big things after a major overhaul, and all the Bulls have done is deliver their best season since Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen made championship celebrations a regular event.

TENNIS**Wozniacki wins at Family Circle**

Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki was expecting a challenge at the Family Circle Cup — and she got it from a 48th-ranked player from the Czech Republic.

The top-seeded Dane had to win two tiebreakers to defeat Barbora Zlahavova Strycova 7-6 (6), 7-4 (9) in a stadium court match that lasted more than 2 1/2 hours. It looked nothing like the 56-minute cakewalk Wozniacki enjoyed in Wednesday's opening match.

"I knew that it wasn't going to be easy. I've seen her before and played her last year here," Wozniacki said.

Wozniacki appeared to be cruising again with a 4-1 lead in the opening set against Zlahavova Strycova. Then the frustrated Czech talked to her coach and promised to play more aggressively. The move worked: She extended points and forced Wozniacki deep into corners to chase down shots.

Zlahavova Strycova held serve twice to force the tiebreaker. The 25-year-old fought back in that one, too. After trailing 5-1, she won five straight points to hold a set point of her own. But Zlahavova Strycova sent that chance long and netted the next two points to give Wozniacki the set.

It was Wozniacki's turn to rally in the second set after Zlahavova Strycova took a 2-0 lead. She twice held serve with Zlahavova Strycova ahead to force a second tiebreaker, thrilling the fans at the Family Circle Tennis Center.

Wozniacki moved in front 5-2, but Zlahavova Strycova fought off four match points. Zlahavova Strycova had a chance to take the set leading 9-8 but sent the ball wide.

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