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**BRIEFLY****COLLEGE SOFTBALL****Milligan gives Holly 700th victory**

With a 5-4 victory over Union on Thursday afternoon, Milligan softball head coach Wes Holly earned his 700th career victory at the helm of the Buffaloes softball program.

"I feel very humble in reaching this milestone in my coaching career, but all the credit has to be given to all the former players who have worn the Milligan uniform," Holly said. "I am very thankful for all of their contributions to our softball program and maintaining our winning tradition. I would also like to thank Milligan for the opportunity to have served in this capacity for the past 23 years."

Holly owns a career record of 700-390 in his 23 years at Milligan. The Buffaloes have ranked in the top three of the conference for 19 of the past 23 years. In addition, Milligan has won seven conference titles and has advanced to 15 regional tournaments.

During Holly's tenure, the softball program became the first Milligan athletic program to compete in a national tournament in 1992. Holly is currently ranked in the top five of winningest active NCAA coaches.

Currently, the Buffaloes are 20-13 on the season and 3-1 in AAC action. Milligan hosts Virginia Intermont today in a doubleheader at Anglin Field. First pitch is set for 2 p.m.

■ The East Tennessee State softball team visits Florida Gulf Coast today in an Atlantic Sun Conference doubleheader. First pitch is set for 2 p.m.

ETSU (14-22, 3-7 A.Sun) rallied from a three-run deficit to capture a 4-3 come-from-behind victory against Stetson on Thursday, before dropping the second game of a doubleheader.

Infielder Sam Lower carries a four-game hitting streak into today's games after hitting 429 (8-7) with a double and RBI against Stetson. Meanwhile, fellow sophomore Whitley Hensley reached base five times against the Hatters including a double, walk, hit-by-pitch and a run scored.

**COLLEGE BASEBALL****Late rally sinks Buffs at Reinhardt**

The Milligan College baseball team was unable to hold off a late charge by Appalachian Athletic Conference foe Reinhardt College in an 8-7 loss on Friday.

Milligan held a 7-1 lead entering the bottom of the sixth inning. However, the Buffaloes were unable to respond as the Eagles scored seven combined runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

Kyle Kolat was 2-for-3, while Wesley Jones was 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Cory Hilton and Barr Roark had two RBIs apiece.

Sean Robinson got the start on the mound for Milligan and recorded a no decision in five innings. Tyler Walker was handed the loss as he gave up three runs on four hits.

With the loss, Milligan fell to 8-5 in the AAC and 18-20 overall.

**AUTO RACING****UARA returns to Kingsport today**

The United Auto Racing Association - Southern Touring Asphalt Racing Series returns to Kingsport Speedway today for the running of Courtney's Chevrolet 150.

Racing along with the UARA Late Models will be the Pure Four and the Legends Cars divisions.

Grandstands will open at 5 p.m. with qualifying to begin at 5:30 p.m. An autograph session is set for 7 p.m. with racing slated to begin at 8 p.m.

**TRACK & FIELD****Warriors, Cyclones earn victories**

Three Happy Valley and three Elizabethton athletes earned first-place honors at Thursday's Sullivan Central Track Meet.

Laundon Baker led the Warriors' efforts with a victory in the boys' 300-meter hurdles. Fellow senior Christine Laster earned top honors in the girls' triple jump and freshman Kaitlynn Kluener was tops in girls' long jump.

Sophomore Tom Crum and freshman Katie May scored wins for Elizabethton in the girls' 300 hurdles and girls' shot put. Cyclone sophomore Nikolai Simpson double-dipped with winning heaves of 46-0.75 in the boys' shot put and 116-01 in the discus throw.

**TENNIS****Djokovic pulls out of Monte Carlo**

Novak Djokovic has pulled out from the Monte Carlo Masters because of a knee injury.

The second-ranked Djokovic said in a statement that his withdrawal is a "tough blow" because the Monte Carlo Masters is "his favorite tournament."

Djokovic is undefeated so far this year with a 24-0 record. The Australian Open winner didn't say how long he will be sidelined.

Djokovic has won 59 of 65 sets and four titles on three continents. He defeated top-ranked Rafael Nadal on Sunday in the final at Miami.

Djokovic was a 2009 finalist in Monte Carlo.

**COLLEGE HOCKEY****Michigan to meet Duluth for title**

Unfamiliar foes Michigan and Minnesota Duluth will face off for the NCAA hockey championship.

Though the two teams played regularly in Western Collegiate Hockey Association from 1965 to 1981, Wolverines coach Red Berenson has only faced the Bulldogs once in his 27 years on the bench. That was in 2001.

Asked how his team will try to stop Minnesota Duluth's thriving power play, Berenson said Friday they'll have to "do their homework." Michigan knocked off North Dakota in the semifinals Thursday.

Minnesota Duluth, which beat Notre Dame to get here, will appear in the national title game Saturday for just the second time in school history and the first since 1984. Michigan hasn't been to the final since 1998 but has a record nine championships.

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