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## BRIEFLY

### COLLEGE TENNIS

#### ETSU hosting selection show party

Fresh off earning dual Atlantic Sun Tournament titles, the East Tennessee State men's and women's tennis teams and the ETSU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics announced that the university is set to host a Selection Show party for the Bucs starting at 5 p.m. today inside the Humphrey's Center.

The Humphrey Center is located on the second level of the ETSU/MSHA Athletic Center. Fans can access the entrance by walking up the ramp on the west side of the Mini Dome.

ETSU invites all fans and media to take part in the celebration. NCAA.com will broadcast the announcement of the field via live streaming video beginning with the women's selection show at 5 p.m. The men's selection show will follow at 5:30 p.m.

#### MC players honored by AAC

On Tuesday afternoon, several Milligan players received season honors from the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

Kayla Kelly, Caitlin Conley, Albany Kelly and Celeste Carpenter were all named to the all-conference team on the women's side, while Ricky Jones was selected to the men's all-conference team.

Johannes Jonsson, Jo Lynne Heidl and Haik Winfrey were all named as honorable mention selections.

Wesley Rice, A. Kelly and Conley represented the Bulldogs on the sportsmanship teams.

Milligan had six academic all-conference selections as Adam Knust, Matt Clark, Mickey Brown, Jones, A. Kelly and Carpenter were all selected.

In addition, first-year head coach Ryan Reynolds was selected as the women's coach of the year.

Milligan's women claimed the 2011 AAC title with a 4-0 conference record, going 12-1 overall. The men finished 2-2, 5-6 overall.

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

#### Scruggs named player of week

Coming on the heels of his team's sweep of Manhattan in the ESPN Mid-Major Matchup of the Week, East Tennessee State's Matthew Scruggs earned his second Atlantic Sun Player of the Week honor on Monday.

For the week, in which the Bucs went 4-0, Scruggs hit a robust .583 (7-for-12) with two doubles, two home runs and five RBIs. The junior outfielder also drew four walks on the week and scored seven times while slugging an amazing 1.29.

In the Manhattan series, Scruggs hit .494 with four runs and a homer. The Knoxville native has been hot of late, batting .388 in the month of April.

### NBA

#### Playoff TV ratings up big

Television viewership for the NBA playoffs is up nearly a third from last season.

An off-season of intrigue has been followed by strong ratings for the regular season and post-season.

First-round games on ABC, ESPN and TNT were watched by an average of 4.15 million people, up from fewer than 3.2 million last year.

To this point of the playoffs, TNT has drawn the highest average rating ever for games on cable. ABC's first-round ratings were the best since 2004.

Commissioner David Stern says "we're actually a little surprised, but pleasantly so." For the Miami Heat, one national-southern performer will not be enough tonight.

They want Houston.

Breaking from tradition, the Heat will not have anyone brought in to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" before Game 2 of their Eastern Conference playoff series with the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night. Instead, the Heat are encouraging fans to be the singers, making that change less than one day following the announcement that Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. forces in Pakistan.

The Heat have honored soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan at home games for several seasons, and say Tuesday's game will include an enhanced military tribute. Members of the armed services will unfurl the 30-foot American flag at center court during the anthem, a job typically handled by Heat employees.

### RUNNING

#### Former standout Kussap dead

Danny Kussap, a former world-class runner who fled to Canada from Congo during a 2001 competition, died Monday a day after withdrawing from a race because he was not feeling well. He was 28.

He died at Toronto's Sunnybrook Hospital, said Alan Brookes, director of the Canada Running Series. No cause was given. Kussap was to have run in the Sporting Life Toronto 10K on Sunday.

"His passion for running, and his positive, enthusiastic personality were infectious," Brookes said.

Kussap came to Canada 10 years ago to compete in the eight-sport Francophone Games in Ottawa and Gatineau. He settled in Toronto and was claimed a refugee claim before being granted Canadian citizenship in 2008.

### TRACK & FIELD

#### Another court rules against Lewis

Another court has ruled that Olympic great Carl Lewis isn't eligible to run for the New Jersey state senate.

Lewis grew up in Willingboro and declared last month that he was seeking the 8th District state Senate seat as a Democrat.

But three judges on a state appeals court ruled Monday that Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno — who serves as New Jersey's secretary of state — was right to keep Lewis off the ballot because he doesn't meet a residency requirement.

Last week, a federal judge found that the four-year residency requirement is constitutional. Lewis has appealed that decision to a higher federal court.

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