

BRIEFLY

PREP BASEBALL

Norris takes second career loss

Science Hill's Daniel Norris suffered the second loss of his high school career Thursday as the Hilltoppers fell 4-2 to Germantown Houston in the Wilson County Invitational.

Norris gave up only two hits in a game played with wind chills well below 40. The senior struck out seven, and was tagged with the loss for the first time since a Class AAA sectional setback to Knox Bearden during his sophomore season.

"We didn't like getting beat, especially with Daniel on the mound," said Science Hill head coach Ryan Edwards. "But we like our chances if we face them down the road."

Memphis signee Craig Casfield got the win for Houston, and also ripped a two-run homer off of Norris in a three-run third inning.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

ETSU hammered by Stetson

A seven-run fourth inning for Stetson was difference as ETSU dropped a 15-4 decision to Stetson on Friday night in DeLand, Fla.

John Long was tabbed with the loss for the Bucs (13-6, 5-3 A-Sun) after giving up seven runs (two earned) on eight hits.

Mark Jones was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate for Stetson (19-4, 6-1 A-Sun) as the Hatters outhit ETSU 18-14. Paul Holman and Dylan Pratt homered for the Bucs.

■ Milligan College lost a pair of Appalachian Athletic Conference games Friday, falling 3-2 and 5-4 to Tennessee Wesleyan.

Wesley Jones homered in the opener for the Buffaloes, and finished with two hits. Dustin Ford also had two hits.

Ryan White hit a home run in the second game for Milligan. Jones was 3 for 4 while Cory Hilton and White each collected two hits.

Milligan dropped to 16-15 overall and 6-2 in AAC action.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Lady Bucs swept by Lipscomb

Lipscomb's Whitney Kihlani tossed a one-hit shutout and three Bison players belted home runs as the reigning Atlantic Sun regular season and tournament champions cruised to a 9-0 five-inning win over ETSU in game one of the conference opener Friday evening.

In game two, Lipscomb capped off the sweep by scoring three runs in the second and added four more in the fourth to break away for a 9-2 victory.

With the pair of setbacks, the Bucs saw their record dip to 11-17, 0-2 in A-Sun play, while Lipscomb improved to 13-11, 2-0.

■ Milligan College split with former league foe King College on Friday. The Lady Tornado won the first game 7-2, but the Buffalo stormed back to take the second game 6-5 in eight innings.

Emily Biggs was 2 for 2 with an RBI for Milligan in the second game while Krista Lambdin added two hits and two RBIs.

With the split, Milligan moves to 17-12.

BASEBALL

Martinez portrait unveiled

Pedro Martinez said memories of his father caused him to become emotional Friday as his portrait was unveiled at the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery.

The 40-year-old pitcher became the youngest of more than 50 baseball figures depicted on the Smithsonian walls and the fourth Latino — joining Juan Marichal, the late Roberto Clemente and Sammy Sosa.

The 5-foot-11 Martinez, who weighed just 154 pounds when he signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1988 and just 175 while winning three Cy Young Awards from 1997-2000 for the Montreal Expos and Boston Red Sox, surprised almost everyone by becoming a power pitcher with longevity. An eight-time All Star, Martinez, who hasn't officially retired although he last pitched for the Philadelphia Phillies in 2009, compiled a 219-100 record, a 2.93 earned run average with 3,154 strikeouts.

BASKETBALL

SC losing coveted transfer

A rough week for South Carolina basketball coach Darrin Horn has gotten even rougher with the news that coveted transfer Murphy Holloway was granted a release with the hopes of returning to Ole Miss.

Horn announced the move Friday. Holloway, a 6-foot-7 forward who joined the Gamecocks from Ole Miss last year, talked with Horn on Wednesday about his desire go back to the Rebels.

Horn says Holloway was granted his release. Holloway sat out this season per NCAA transfer rules.

FOOTBALL

Green Bay lineman arrested

Troubled Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Johnny Jolly has been arrested on another drug charge in Houston.

Houston police spokesman Victor Senties said Jolly was pulled over about 12:45 a.m. Friday. Senties said officers discovered a bottle containing 600 grams of cocaine under the passenger's seat and another bottle with an unidentified substance in the driver's side door.

Jolly was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

GOLF

Langer to miss Masters

Two-time Masters champion Bernhard Langer had surgery on his left thumb and will miss the next two months, ending his streak of 27 consecutive appearances at Augusta National.

Langer, who already has won on the Champions Tour this year, injured his thumb in a biking accident. He had surgery Wednesday in New York to repair ligaments.