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## SPORTS briefs

### Records Fall at NYC Marathon

NEW YORK — Tesfaye Jifar won the New York City Marathon in record time, pulling away from his lone challenger with three miles left in a race dedicated to victims of Sept. 11. Jifar ran the 26.2 miles in 2 hours, 7 minutes, 43 seconds to become the first Ethiopian to win the race. He broke the 12-year-old mark of 2:08:01 set by Tanzania's Juma Ikangaa. The women's winner also set a race record. Margaret Okayo of Kenya finished in 2:24:21, trimming 19 seconds off the mark set by Australia's Lisa Ondieki in 1992.

### Weir Scores Playoff Victory In Tour Championship

HOUSTON — Mike Weir of Canada won the season-ending golf Tour Championship, edging David Toms, Sergio Garcia and Ernie Els with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff. Weir's victory was his first of the season and third of his career. All four finished the final round tied at 14-under 270.

### Miami Retains Top Spot

ARLINGTON, Va. — The top five remains unchanged and Michigan slipped to NO. 13 in the latest USA TODAY/ESPN coaches' football poll released. Top-ranked Miami (7-0) rolled to a 38-0 rout of Temple, but lost five first-place votes. The Hurricanes, who are third in the Bowl Championship Series poll, received 41 first-place votes and a total of 1,479 points. Nebraska, the No. 1 team in the BCS poll, pounded Kansas 51-7 and picked up four first-place votes, giving them 18 and 1,456 points in the USA TODAY/ESPN poll.

### Tyson May Fight Mercer

If former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson fights Jan. 19, the date being held for him by Showtime, it appears likely he'll fight Ray Mercer. Tyson's manager says the sides could close the deal soon.

### Ski Champ Passes Away

INNUSBRUCK, Austria — Super-G skiing champion Regine Cavagnoud died of head injuries sustained in a training-run collision with a German ski coach. The French woman was hurt. The coach, Markus Anwander, has undergone spinal surgery and is still at risk.

### Rulz-Holyfield Rescheduled for December

PORTLAND, Ore. — Bonzi Wells continued his impressive comeback from a serious knee injury, scoring a career-high 33 points to lead the Portland Trail Blazers past the Golden State Warriors 92-87. Scottie Pippen scored 26 points and Damon Stoudamire added 12 assists. Antawn Jamison scored 23 to lead the Warriors.

### La Russa Believes McGwire Will Quit

ST. LOUIS — Cardinals manager Tony La Russa expects slugger Mark McGwire, who has yet to sign the two-year contract extension he agreed to last spring, to retire. "I don't expect him back," La Russa told the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch." McGwire spent much of the past season nursing a sore knee.

## Diamondbacks Vanquish Yankees



Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, center, ducks a high five between Series co-MVPs Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling.

PHOENIX — In the end, when one wrong move could win or lose a scintillating World Series, it was the New York Yankees who blinked. A new age dawned in baseball Sunday night with the drama of a ninth-inning rally in Game 7, the suddenness of Luis Gonzalez's winning single into left field, and the shock of a beaten Mariano Rivera, as the Arizona Diamondbacks stunned the Yankees 3-2 to take a remarkable World Series.

Gonzalez's soft bloop over a drawn-in infield finished an incredible two-run rally in the ninth against a reliever thought invulnerable, and brought down a dynasty.

Rivera had converted 23 straight postseason save chances. "A storybook ending for this team," Gonzalez said, "from front to back."

In a battle that centered on Schilling against Roger Clemens

— a duel that lived up to every ounce of promise — it was left to the Arizona lineup's last gasp against Rivera, who has closed out so many Octobers.

New York had taken a 2-1 lead in the eighth inning on Alfonso Soriano's homer into the left field stands against a tiring Schilling — the kind of hit the Yankees have come up with for decades.

But in the ninth, three outs from a 27<sup>th</sup> title, New York crumbled. And so did Rivera, who had struck out the side in the eighth.

The numbers of something extraordinary: The Yankees had been 10-0 in one-run World Series games going back to 1981. And they had not lost a Series game in which they led going into the ninth inning since 1947.

Schilling and Randy Johnson were names CO-MVPs Johnson, 24 hours removed from his Game 6 work, added in 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief as a bridge to the rally and got the win.

The Diamondbacks crushed every ghost.

The Yankees, unable to find their knack for survival, were finally sacked after four titles in five years, their future uncertain with the graying of their horses.

## Franklin to Play Glencoe Friday



Senior quarterback Legedu Naanee tries to keep control of the offense during Friday's PIL championship game against Lincoln.

The Franklin Quakers won the PIL title — their first since 1996 by defeating the Lincoln Cardinals 56-27 last Friday at PGE Park.

Midway through the third quarter, the Quakers put the game out of reach by scoring three touchdowns in 2:36 minutes. Senior quarterback Legedu Naanee threw four touchdown passes and ran for two others.

This was the second loss for Lincoln after losing to Franklin on Oct. 19.

With a scoring average of 45 points, the Quakers have won six straight games. The Quakers were able to secure the PIL's top seed in the Class 4A playoffs, and will play Glencoe, the Metro League's No. 3 seed on Friday at Franklin High School at 7 p.m. for the OSAA/U.S. Bank playoffs.

If the Quakers win, they will compete against the winner of the David Douglas-McKay game in the second round.

## Oregon Hands Sundevils Fourth Loss

Joey Harrington threw for six touchdowns of which four went to his favorite "go-to-guy" Keenan Howry, who set an Oregon and Autzen stadium single game record for touchdown receptions, in a 42-24 win over Arizona.

Oregon was determined to make their ground game work despite the Sundevils game plan designed to shut down Oregon's running game and make Harrington air it out to win. Joey accepted the challenge and the Sundevils secondary was unable to contain the varied aerial attack. Joey was 19 of 32 for 319 passing yards.

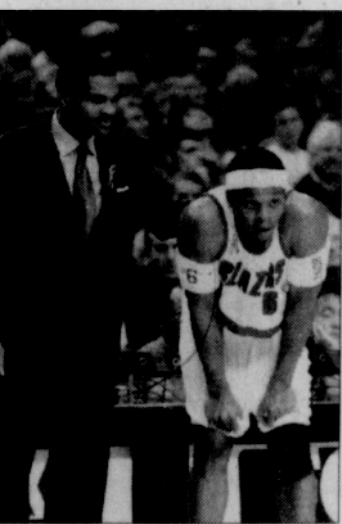
For Oregon, it's on to UCLA where the Bruins will try to match the offense of Oregon and put themselves back in the hunt for top honors in the Pac-10 rankings.



Tailback Onterio Smith (left) "struts his stuff" as he leads the ground attack that sent the Arizona Sundevils reeling on their heels and unprepared to defend the aerial or ground attack.

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