



# SPORTS/METRO

## SPORTS briefs

### College Basketball

McLean, Va. — With 21 first-place votes, Kansas took over the top spot in the USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25 Coaches' Poll Sunday. Duke had been NO. 1 all season, but lost to Maryland Sunday, allowing the Terrapins to climb to second. Duke was third, ahead of Cincinnati and Oklahoma.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Chris Wilcox collected 23 points and 11 rebounds as third-ranked Maryland took over first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference with an 87-73 victory over top-ranked Duke, whose 11-game winning streak came to an end.

### NFL Football

San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci was offered more than \$5 million a year Sunday to become coach and general manager of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Mariucci, who has two years left on his contract, met with the Glazer family Sunday in Southern California.

### Winter Olympics

KEARNS, Utah — American Chris Witty set a world record to win the gold medal in Sunday's 1,000-meter long-track speedskating event. Witty skated 1 minute, 13.83 seconds, breaking the mark of 1:14.06 set by Germany's Sabine Volker in December at the Utah Olympic Oval.

### NBA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gary Payton scored 31 points and Rashard Lewis added 26 as the Seattle SuperSonics ended the Sacramento Kings' 20-game home winning streak Sunday with a 126-116 victory. The Kings' only previous home loss was on Dec. 2 against Dallas.

PHOENIX — Scott Skiles was forced out Sunday as coach of the Phoenix Suns and replaced by assistant Frank Johnson as the team tried to salvage a disappointing season. The Suns currently are out of postseason contention with a 25-27 record.

### Golf

LOS ANGELES — Len Mattiace closed with a 3-under 68 and took advantage of a late collapse by Scott McCarron to win the Nissan Open, becoming the third, first-time winner on the PGA Tour this year. McCarron, Rory Sabbatini and Brad Faxon tied for second, one shot back.

### Tennis

ANTWERP, Belgium — Venus Williams outlasted Justine Henin to win the final of the Diamond Games tournament Sunday, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. Williams, who didn't lose a set until the final, started the match with a 113 mph ace on her first serve.

## Grant Defeats Marshall to Head for Playoffs



Brianne Mills of the Grant Generals drew a crowd of Marshall defenders attempting to abort her shot. Grant went on to defeat Marshall in a lopsided game, 73-22, that was played on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The Generals are now on their way to the state playoffs. They are currently fourth in the PIL standings.

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## Fire to Kick Off 2002 Season in May

Fire basketball will be back in action at the Rose Garden when the team opens up the 2002 season on Wednesday, May 29 at 7 p.m., versus the Eastern Conference powerhouse New York Liberty.

Now in their third season, the Fire will once again play a 32-game schedule (16 home, 16 road), including 21 against Western Conference opponents and 11 versus the Eastern Conference.

Of the 16 regular season games at the Rose Garden, nine will be played on fan-friendly days, between Friday night and Sunday. The Fire will enjoy the home atmosphere in the Rose Garden for 7 of their first 11 games, but by the end of June will embark on a tough road schedule, playing 10 of 15 games away from Portland.

This season's schedule features four nationally televised games, including June 2 vs. Se-

attle (ESPN2), June 23 vs. Houston (NBC), July 10 at Minnesota (ESPN), and July 12 vs. Los Angeles (ESPN).

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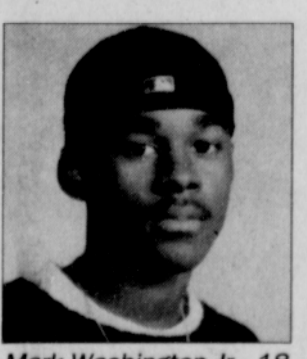
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