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BASEBALL



DODGERS HELD WITHOUT HIT, STILL BEAT ANGELS 1-0

LOS ANGELES — Jered Weaver and Jose Arredondo combined to no-hit the Los Angeles Dodgers on Saturday night — and it still wasn't good enough for the Los Angeles Angels.

The Dodgers became the fifth team in modern MLB history to win a game in which they didn't get a hit, defeating the Angels 1-0. Weaver's error on a slow roller led to an unearned run by the Dodgers in the fifth.

With the Angels trailing in the interleague game at Dodger Stadium, Weaver was pulled for a pinch-hitter in the seventh inning after throwing 97 pitches. Arredondo pitched the next two innings.

Because the Dodgers didn't have to bat in the ninth, the game doesn't qualify as a no-hitter. It was only the fifth such game since 1900, and first since Boston's Matt Young in 1992, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Matt Kemp's spinning squibber rolled to the right of the mound and Weaver rushed toward first base to grab the ball, but bobbled it. Official scorer Don Harlack ruled it an error.

Kemp stole second and continued to third on catcher Jeff Mathis' throwing error, then scored on Blake DeWitt's sacrifice fly. The Dodgers bullpen then made that run hold up.

TRACK

U.S. SPRINTER TYSON GAY SETS RECORD IN 100-METER DASH

EUGENE, Ore. — Tyson Gay got quite a fright in his first race Saturday. He set a record in his second.

Gay broke Maurice Greene's American mark in the 100 meters by running 9.77 seconds in his quarterfinal at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials.

"It tells me I'm in pretty good shape," Gay said.

Gay tied the fourth-fastest time in the history of the men's dash, despite clearly easing up a tad over his final few strides. Still, that was nothing compared what he did in his opening heat earlier in the day, when Gay came awfully close to a monumental blunder.

After building a big lead, the reigning world champion eased up a lot with about 30 meters left. Gay was forced to accelerate again and he lunged across the finish line in fourth place, good enough to advance.

The performance had to be a big boost of confidence for Gay, who was a distant second in New York on May 31, when Jamaica's Usain Bolt broke the world record by clocking 9.72.

TENNIS



VENUS WILLIAMS MOVES ON WITH RECORD-SETTING SERVE

WIMBLEDON, England — One swing from completing her week's work, Venus Williams toed the baseline, dribbled the ball, gave it a toss and delivered yet another thunderclap serve at sun-kissed Wimbledon.

That is how Williams bid another foe farewell.

The scoreboard said 127 mph, the fastest women's serve ever recorded at Wimbledon. The scoreboard also had Williams winning 6-1, 7-5 Saturday over Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez.

It was an upset-filled first week at Wimbledon and a rough one for American tennis, but the Williams sisters ignored both trends. Four-time champion Venus and two-time champion Serena won three matches each without dropping a set.

With No. 1-ranked Ana Ivanovic and No. 2 Maria Sharapova eliminated, and with No. 3 Jelena Jankovic limping to victory Saturday, prospects look good for an all-Williams first meeting weekend.

It would be their final next in a Grand Slam final since Serena beat Venus for the 2003 Wimbledon title.

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NYC TO UCF



New York native, Providence coach hired as Knights' newest assistant

While much attention has been paid toward the coaching moves inside the UCF Baseball program lately, UCF Men's Basketball made its own change this past week.

Head coach Kirk Speraw announced Friday that he hired former Providence associate coach Steve DeMeo as the Knights' newest assistant coach.

At least three qualities made DeMeo an attractive assistant coach to Speraw: top-conference experience, acclaimed recruiting abilities and deep northeast roots.

"[DeMeo] brings tremendous experience in coaching and recruiting," Speraw said. "He comes out of one of the better conferences in the country. He comes from an area of the country that I think we can attract people from—the Northeast down to Orlando."

"He's recruited players that have not only been drafted, but Providence has been in the NCAA tournament."

DeMeo spent the past 10 seasons at Providence, where he served as the Friars' associate head coach for four years. During his time at Providence, the Friars participated in the postseason on five occasions, including a pair of trips to the NCAA Tournament.

DeMeo also helped the Friars finish third or better in the Big East standings three times.

DeMeo was recognized as one of the top 25 assistant coaches in the nation by rivals.com in 2007.

DeMeo also been recognized as a solid recruiter. From the time DeMeo arrived in 1998, he led the Friars' recruiting efforts. He successfully recruited several future All-Big East players, including Ryan Gomes. Gomes garnered Associated Press All-America First Team honors in the 2003-04 season and was selected in the 2005 NBA draft by the Boston Celtics.

DeMeo also brings a lot of

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Drafted Lee in Orlando is Magic

"With the 22nd pick in the 2008 NBA draft, the Orlando Magic select" What's next made one of my first cases of college basketball enlightenment come full circle.

It was December 2005. The Lakers and Celtics were boringly mediocre. President Bush finally admitted that the invasion of Iraq was the result of faulty intelligence. And the UCF Men's Basketball team was in Tucson, Ariz., for the Fiesta Bowl Classic.

Seeing as it was winter break at UCF and I was home in Southern California — just a short seven-hour drive outside of Arizona — I decided to follow the Knights as a reporter for the *Future*.

I had two realizations while covering the two-day tournament, neither of which regarded the Knights, who lost both of their games and committed 44 turnovers in the process.

The first was that Tucson is very similar to Gainesville — the entire town revolves around the success and failure of one collegiate sports team. Other than that, there's no reason to visit.

And second was whoever this Courtney Lee kid is, he can ball.

I was put on notice when Lee scored 15 of his 22 points in the second half against the Knights to almost single-handedly bring Western Kentucky back from an 11-point halftime deficit. He hooked me when he added 21 points and 14 rebounds one day later in the championship game against the host Wildcats in a thrilling 86-81 overtime loss.

Lee just looked like an athlete. He had a flowing demeanor about him. Everything he did seemed effortless, even in the gym of the powerful Wildcats and strong defenders such as Hassan Adams.

If you saw him rise up for one of his five 3-pointers or recorded one of his nine

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Steve DeMeo spent the past 10 seasons as a coach at Providence University, where he helped 2 teams reach the NCAA Tourney. He was hired to be an assistant coach at UCF on Friday.

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NBA DRAFT

The rebound: reactions to the 2008 NBA draft

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So the mock draft was just a little off. But with all of the trades, I guess going 6-for-30 wasn't too bad of a day, even though those six came in the first seven picks of the draft. Well, here is my reaction to one of the craziest drafts in NBA history:

Best Draft: Miami Heat

Amidst all the rumors, speculation and Heat President Pat Riley winning the "bluff of the night" award, Miami stayed put and took the best all-around player in the draft, Michael Beasley. This was the best move for the Heat, and even Riley acknowledged that he couldn't pass on Beasley. Yet, that wasn't even the best move of the day.

Riley pulled off a second-round steal when he acquired Kansas point guard Mario Chalmers in a deal with Minnesota for cash and two sec-

ond-round picks in 2009. Chalmers was predicted to be a mid-first round pick, but he dropped to No. 34. Miami will climb back into the top-four teams in the Eastern Conference next season, and they can thank Riley for that.

Worst Draft: Dallas Mavericks

The Mavs traded its first-round pick to New Jersey for Jason Kidd during this past season and didn't do too much to upgrade in the draft. They added a good shooter in Shan Foster with the 51st pick, but Dallas is a team on the downfall and need to get much younger soon.

Best trade: Portland Trail Blazers — Indiana Pacers

Ideally, this trade between Portland and Indiana should have been good for both teams, but I do think Portland got the better deal here. The Blazers were looking for a point guard and were looking



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The Miami Heat chose former Kansas State power forward Michael Beasley with the No. 2 pick in Thursday's draft. Beasley averaged 26.2 points in his one season as a Wildcat.

to trade up before the draft to the Pacers' spot at No. 11 to get D.J. Augustin. They ended up getting a better prospect in Jerryd Bayless, who was projected as a top-five pick.

The Blazers also picked up Ike Diogu in the deal and sent the rights to Brandon Rush,

Jarrett Jack and Josh McRoberts to Indiana.

Most Surprising Trade: Memphis Grizzlies — Minnesota Timberwolves

I loved the Grizzlies when they selected UCLA's Kevin Love at No. 5, but I hated

Memphis when they traded him away.

Memphis traded Love, Mike Miller, Brian Cardinal and Jason Collins to Minnesota for No. 3 pick O.J. Mayo, Antoine Walker, Marko Jaric and Greg Buckner.

Minnesota GM Kevin McHale worked this deal beautifully, as Minnesota picked up a very good post player with Love, and also a great outside shooter with Miller. The Wolves have a great young squad now with Al Jefferson, Love, Miller and Randy Foye. This deal will finally get McHale out of the Kevin Garnett shadow and have Memphis wishing it had decided to stay put.

Worst Trade: New Jersey Nets — Milwaukee Bucks

Not only did the Bucks trade for Richard Jefferson, but they then added Joe Alexander with the No. 8 pick.

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