

NATIONAL SPORTS WRAP

BASEBALL

LIST OF CUBS BUYERS NARROWED TO FIVE

NEW YORK — Tribune Co. Chief Executive Officer Sam Zell said Tuesday that the media conglomerate has chosen five bidders for the Chicago Cubs.

Zell said during a conference call with lenders that separate bids have been made on storied Wrigley Field, the nation's second-oldest baseball stadium. The team's sale must be approved by Major League Baseball.

"We hope to have a deal to MLB by the end of the year," said Zell, the real estate mogul who led a \$8.2 billion buyout of the company last year. He said he expects "rapid" approval.

Tribune is selling the ballpark, baseball team and a 25 percent interest in a local sports channel to raise cash to pay down \$13.4 billion in debt, mostly related to the buyout.

Major League Baseball in June sent out financial books on the three properties to nine preapproved bidders.

The list reportedly included a group headed by John Canning, chairman of private equity firm Madison Dearborn Partners LLC; Internet billionaire and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban; and the family of online brokerage Ameritrade founder, Joe Ricketts.

COLLEGE



PRYOR TO SEE PLAYING TIME DURING SEASON FOR OSU

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The most talked-about player on Ohio State has never played a down in scarlet and gray and won't start in the season opener on Saturday against Youngstown State.

Terrelle Pryor, acclaimed as the top quarterback recruit in the country last winter, is listed as No. 3 on the Buckeyes' depth chart behind starter Todd Boeckman and backup Joe Bauserman.

Coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday that he was hoping all three would get to play in the opening half against Youngstown State, a Championship Subdivision opponent the Buckeyes beat 38-6 a year ago.

"He's nervous because he's the kind of guy that wants everyone to be pleased with his performance, starting with himself. He's a perfectionist," Tressel said of the 6-foot-6, 235-pounder out of Jeannette, Pa. "But I think when it comes down to the concepts that our people have asked him to understand, the true Xs and Os that people have asked him to understand, I think he's done an excellent job."

GOLF

LPGA REQUIRES ALL PLAYERS TO SPEAK ENGLISH

ORLANDO — The LPGA Tour boasts players from all over the world, and it wants all of them to be able to speak English.

The LPGA will require players to speak English starting in 2009, with players who have been LPGA members for two years facing suspension if they can't pass an oral evaluation of English skills. The rule is effective immediately for new players.

"Why now? Athletes now have more responsibilities and we want to help their professional development," deputy commissioner Libba Galloway told The Associated Press. "There are more fans, more media and more sponsors. We want to help our athletes as best we can succeed off the golf course as well as on it."

The tour held a mandatory meeting with South Koreans last Wednesday at the Safeway Classic to inform them of the new policy, which was first reported by *Golfweek* magazine.

There are 121 international players from 26 countries on the LPGA Tour, including 45 players from South Korea.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

FRESH START

New coach, 11 freshmen look to change UCF's fortune

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Stephanie Serna can feel it. Jenny Heppert can't help but see it. There is a new aura surrounding the 2008 UCF Volleyball team and it's resonating throughout the program.

With 10 newcomers and a new, successful head coach in Todd Dagenais, the Knights are on a path to winning ways, and it starts with the 2008 campaign.

"What we did with these new people is we complimented the team that was already in place," said Dagenais, who came to UCF after helping guide the USC Trojans to the NCAA Final



Four for the fourth time in five years as an assistant coach. "We feel like we put together some really great pieces.

"The apprehension of trying to bring in so many new faces and worrying about how they were going to mesh, but we did a lot of work in the recruiting process to make sure that we thought the personalities would mesh. I think in our case it's really exciting to have the new energy around the program."

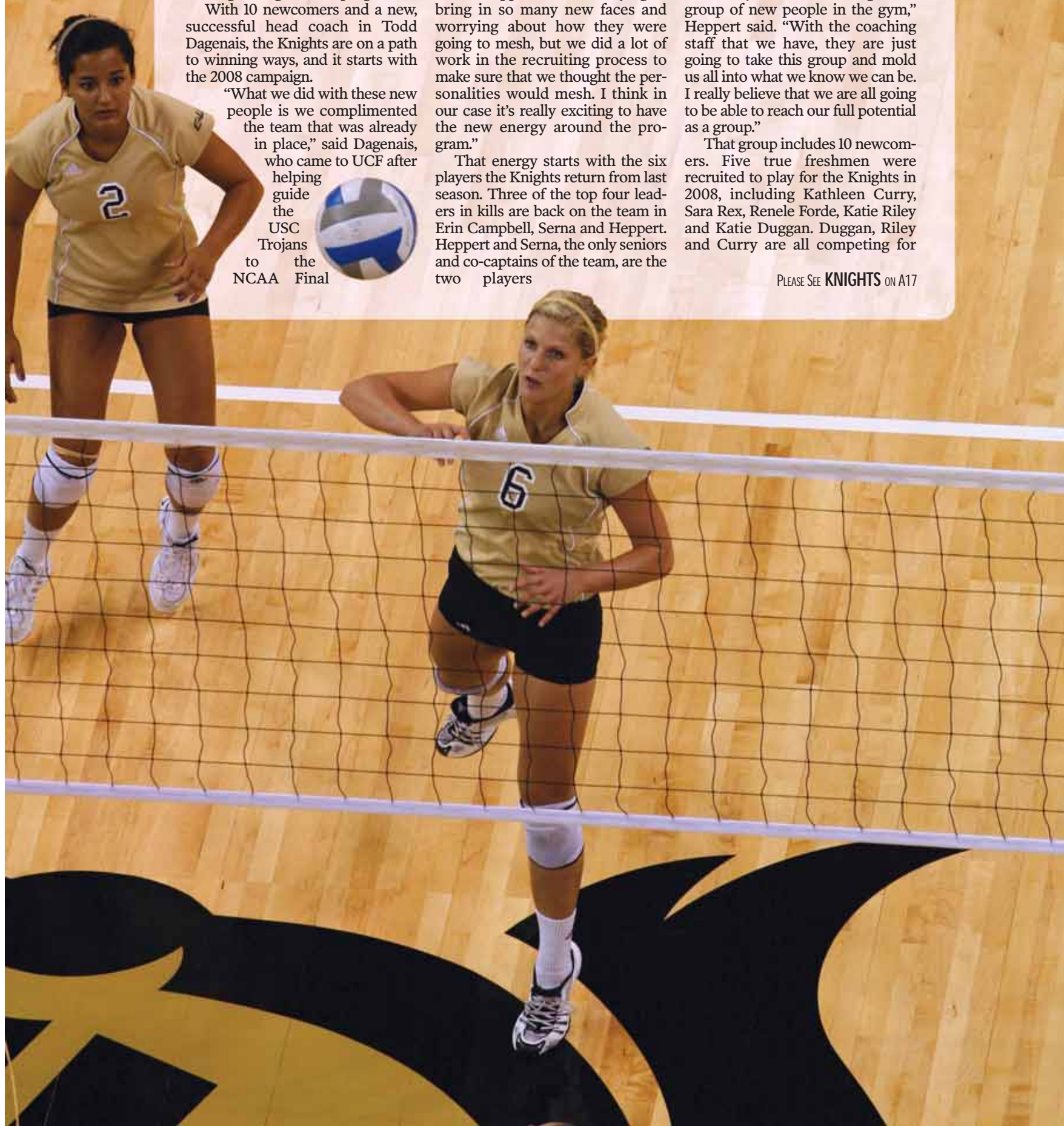
That energy starts with the six players the Knights return from last season. Three of the top four leaders in kills are back on the team in Erin Campbell, Serna and Heppert. Heppert and Serna, the only seniors and co-captains of the team, are the two players

most excited about the fresh start for a program that went 9-23 last year and 0-16 in Conference USA matches.

"I am just so excited to get this group of new people in the gym," Heppert said. "With the coaching staff that we have, they are just going to take this group and mold us all into what we know we can be. I really believe that we are all going to be able to reach our full potential as a group."

That group includes 10 newcomers. Five true freshmen were recruited to play for the Knights in 2008, including Kathleen Curry, Sara Rex, Renele Forde, Katie Riley and Katie Duggan. Duggan, Riley and Curry are all competing for

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Knights thrashed 5-0 in season opener

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After two delays due to Tropical Storm Fay, the UCF Women's Soccer team finally made its season debut against Florida State in Tallahassee Monday afternoon, but it didn't exactly go well.

The Knights were pummeled in a 5-0 route by the No. 4 ranked Seminoles. Five goals eclipsed a school record for FSU for the most goals on opening day, which was previously at four. Kate Milstead and Kimmy Diaz each saw time in net for FSU and combined to shut out UCF for the fifth time in the series' last 10 matches.

UCF didn't have a chance as FSU scored early and often. Amanda DaCosta scored the first goal off a steal in the 12th minute. It was the first of four goals in the first half for the Seminoles. DaCosta had



Junior midfielder Brianna Schooley recorded 3 shots against the Seminoles. She was the only Knight to register more than one shot.

another of the team's goals during the scoring flurry in the first half. At one point the

Seminoles scored three goals in a seven-minute span.

As for the Knights, redshirt

freshman Aline Reis made her first career start in net and played all 90 minutes of the

SCOREBOARD

5-0
FSU vs. UCF

match. She saw a continuing offensive barrage as FSU out-shot UCF 20-7.

Brianna Schooley had three for the Knights, but only one of which was on net. Becca Thomas, Stacie Hubbard, Andrea Rodrigues and Christina Petrucco also added a shot each. Junior transfer Emily Maynard and freshman Katie Jackson both made their first starts as Knights, while freshmen Sheri Hince, Kaci Kratch, Hubbard and Rodrigues came off the bench to see their first action in Division I soccer.

The scoring was capped off

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