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LINE**

Grizzlies ready to deal Francis

The Vancouver Grizzlies plan to trade Steve Francis, the second pick in the 1999 NBA draft, to Houston in a 10-player deal, according to broadcast reports.

ESPN, KRIV-TV of Houston and several broadcast outlets in Vancouver reported last night that the trade, which would be one of the largest in league history, would be announced today after it is approved by the league.

Vancouver picked Francis second in June's NBA draft behind Eldon Brand of Duke, who was taken by Chicago.

But the Grizzlies were unable to convince him to move to Canada, away from his family and the grandmother who raised him since his mother died of cancer in 1995.

Television reports said the Grizzlies would send Francis, Tony Massenburg, Lee Mayberry, Makhtar Ndiaye, Rodrick Rhodes and Michael Smith to the Rockets.

GOLF: Franklin Langham shot a 7 under par 65 to take the first round lead at the inaugural Reno Tahoe Open.

Larry Nelson shot a course record 9-under-par 63 and took a four stroke lead in the first round of the Canadian Senior Open.

Pat Hurst just 10 weeks after giving birth to her first child, shot an 8-under-par 64 to grab a two stroke lead over Karrie Webb in the first round of the LPGA Oldsmobile Classic.

LITTLE LEAGUE: The team from Osaka, Japan, defeated poor fielding Yabucoa, Puerto Rico 12-2 to advance to the championship game in the Little League World Series.

The American final was halted by rain in the second inning with Toms River leading 2-0 and will be resumed today.

TENNIS: Thomas Johansson withdrew from the Hamlet Cup and next week's U.S. Open due to myocarditis and viral pericarditis which affect the lining of the heart.

Top seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov reached the quarterfinals of the tournament with a 7-6 (8-6), 6-0 victory over Fabrice Santoro in a match interrupted three times by rain.

In other second round matches, seventh seeded Thomas Enqvist defeated Goran Ivanisevic 6-4, 8-2, Alex Corretja beat Martin Damm 6-1, 3-6, 6-0, and Magnus Norman was a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Mariano Puerta.

SWIMMING: Smashing her sixth record in five weeks, South African Penny Heyns lowered her own mark in the 200 meter breaststroke semifinals at the Pan Pacific Championships.

It was the eighth record to be set in five days of the meet and the second for Heyns. She also lowered the 100 meter record in the preliminary heats.

For The Record

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE ORIOLES: Announced that 18 Calvin Pickens, DF Eugene Kingstone and INF Jesse Garcia from Rochester of the International League and C Jayson Werth RHP Ryan Kohlmeier and LHP Matt Riley from Bowie of the Eastern League have been selected to play for Scottsdale of the Arizona Fall League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS: Agreed to terms with LHP Jim Poole in a minor league contract and assigned him to Akron of the Eastern League.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS: Recalled RHP Rodney Myers and RHP Kyle Farnsworth from Iowa of the Pacific Coast League. Optioned RHP Steve Rahn to Iowa. Placed RHP Kevin Tapan on the 15-day disabled list.

FLORIDA MARLINS: Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Beckett. Released C Jorge Fabregas. Recalled C Ramon Castro from Calgary of the PCL.

SAN DIEGO PADRES: Purchased the contract of RHP Buddy Carlye from Las Vegas of the PCL. Recalled LHP Heath Murray from Las Vegas. Optioned INF Ed Giovannola and RHP Stan Spencer to Las Vegas.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

MILWAUKEE BUCKS: Named Cheri Hanson public relations director.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS: Signed F Samak Walker to a two-year contract.

UTAH JAZZ: Named Kevin O'Connor vice president of basketball operations.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ARIZONA CARDINALS: Placed DL Ernest Oys on the reserve non-football injury list. Waived FB Joey Dozier. S Ricky Thompson. WR Damon Williams and TE Billy Woodard.

CHICAGO BEARS: Signed PK Brian Downs to a one-year contract. Waived WR James Roc. LB Shawn Banks and DE David Sanders.

CLEVELAND BROWNS: Waived DT Tim Beanchamp and FB Dawud Resteed. Placed LB Jason Kyle on the reserve physically unable to perform list.

GREEN BAY PACKERS: Waived DE Pat Ivey.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS: Agreed to terms with P Lony Callicchio on an injury settlement and waived WR Wes Caswell. WR Jason Shelley. LB Jason Cholak and TE Melvin Pearsall. Placed WR Isaac Jones on the reserve physically unable to perform list.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS: Placed RB Travis Jervey on the active roster.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS: Claimed WR Phil Sevey off waivers from the Baltimore Ravens.

COLLEGE
GEORGIA STATE: Named Greg Manning athletic director.

'Moore's Marines' runs course

I remember the first time I met Ben Moore. I was planning to run a marathon and a friend told me about a marathon training program called Moore's Marines, run by the former Marine Corps Colonel. I'm not sure what I expected that first Saturday morning, but it certainly wasn't Ben. Not only did he walk me (and about 30 others) through our first marathon, but he became a friend and running mentor.

When I developed a bad case of plantar fasciitis midway through the training, he took me to see his trainer friend who showed me how to tape my feet. When I lost two weeks of training because of an other injury, he helped me get back on track. And through it all, he was there, running with all of us first timers, and the first to congratulate us as we crossed the finish line on marathon day.

During the last 20 years, Ben has trained about 500 first-time marathoners. They come from as far away as Washington and Baltimore to train with him once a week on Route 450. And, like me, they leave not only having completed a marathon, but having gained a friend for life.

This year will be Ben's last with Moore's Marines. Luckily, he's not going anywhere — he'll still be out there running, and he plans to coach several Joins in Motion teams for the Arthritis Foundation (teams are in the works for the Honolulu Marathon in December and the New Orleans Marathon in February 2000). But the 74-year-old Annapolis resident has decided to let someone else worry about the logistics of setting up training runs each Saturday for 70-plus runners.

"It's been a good ride," Ben said earlier this week. "I've really enjoyed all the people I've met. But it's time to let somebody else take over the Saturday runs."

Ben started the program in 1979 when his wife, Betty, and 17 of her women friends decided they wanted to run a marathon. Ben trained

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them all and they ran as a group — every step of the way. One of the women in that first group had T-shirts printed up that read "Moore's Marines," and the name stuck.

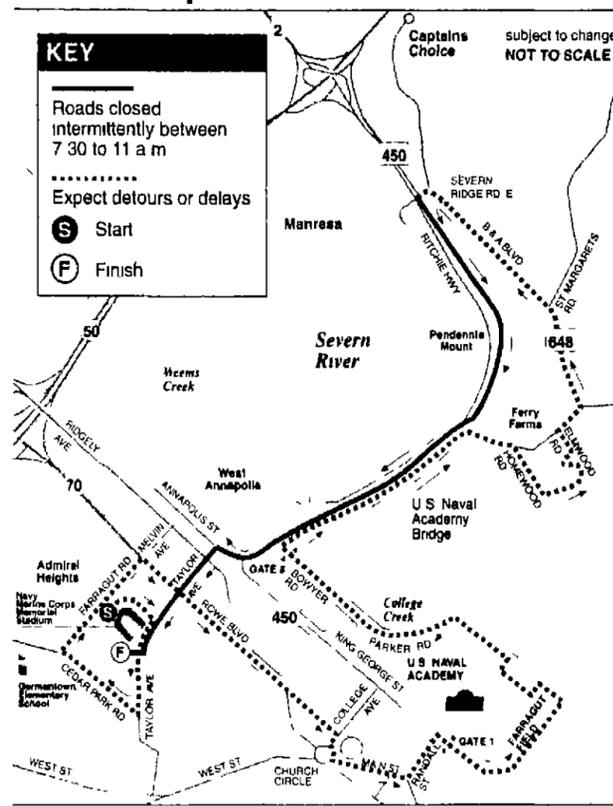
Since then, Ben has trained an average of 20 to 30 first-time marathoners each year. In addition, veteran marathoners usually train with the group, swelling the numbers to 70 or 80. The training starts in July, and concludes with the running of the Marine Corps Marathon in October. The group meets every Saturday morning for a long run — anywhere from 10 to 20 miles — and water/refreshment stops are provided along the way.

"It's a lot of work setting up the water stops — and then tearing down and preparing for the next run. It usually takes up a whole Saturday," Ben said. "But it's been a great thing to do."

As for the extra time on his hands, Ben plans to keep running. Only he's set a goal for himself. "To catch up to my age" in the number of marathons he's run. He's pretty close already. At 74, he's run 61, and plans to complete 4 more in the next year. "Then maybe I'll slack off again," he said with a laugh.

Knowing Ben, that's not likely.

24th Annapolis Run course



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday 29** — Annapolis Ten Mile Run 7:50 a.m. Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium Annapolis. This race is closed but volunteers are still needed. Call (410) 268-1165 to volunteer.
- Sept. 4** — Bay Country Century 25:50-62:100 mile bike tour of the Chesapeake Bay area. Starts at Herrington Harbour in Rose Haven. Call (410) 721-8990 or visit www.tsv.org
- Sept. 12** — Dawson's Five Mile Run 8 a.m. Severna Park High School Severna Park. Call (410) 544-1516 or (410) 349-8860. http://annapolisrunners.org
- Sept. 26** — BWI Airport 5K Run and Family Walk 8:45 a.m. BWI Airport. Benefits the Kennedy Krieger Institute Down Syndrome Clinic and local Down Syndrome parent support groups. Call (410) 993-7866 or visit www.kennedykrieger.org
- Oct. 3** — Sea Gull Century and Metric Century bike tour Salisbury State University. Call (410) 548-2772. www.seagullcentury.org
- Oct. 10** — Bodkin Elementary School 5K 8:30 a.m. Bodkin Elementary in Pasadena. Call (410) 255-2953 or (410) 360-5415 or (410) 437-0464.

Please send race results and announcements to Gabrielle deGroot, c/o The Capital, P.O. Box 911, Annapolis, MD 21404.

HOW TO REPORT

Each week The Capital will publish an amateur sports roundup. Information on amateur sports events should be turned into The Capital sports department, 2000 Capital Drive, Annapolis, Md., 21401, using a Capital Gazette sports form. Forms also may be faxed to The Capital, 410 280 5953. Call 410 263 8576 to verify fax has been received.

Youth report forms are available at The Capital or will be mailed to league supervisors.

When reporting games for publication these guidelines should be followed:

- Include first and last names of players from both teams.
- Always include the names of the teams, league, score, records, and name and phone number of person reporting the score.
- Deadline for copy is Wednesday at noon.
- Only games played within the last two weeks will be accepted.

Broadneck team rolling

The Broadneck Soccer Club girls under-12 team continued its string of shutouts in two recent weekend tournaments.

The girls won all three of their games in the 12th annual Mountain Road Soccer Tournament and all three of their matches during the 9th annual Crofton Shootout Soccer Tournament.

The team competed in the premier divisions of both tournaments. Over the course of both series, the girls held six opposing teams scoreless, while placing 23 goals of their own.

In Spring 1999 Division 1 play, the 11-year-olds kept all nine of their opponents off the scoreboard, while racking up a total of 44 goals.

The team consists of Kristen Zick, Maggie Smith, Shannon Resler, Megan Mullis, Dana McGarty, Michelle Mattingly, Kasey Jamison, Kelly Jacques, Ashley Hooper, Jessie Heisterman, Nicole Giffen, All Flury, Stephanie Fischbach, Kelly Duncan, and Brandi Breinig.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

ANNAPOLIS BASEBALL CLUB: The Annapolis Baseball Club is accepting applications for fall baseball. The season runs from Sept. 12-Oct. 31. It is available for players nine (born after Aug. 1, 1990) through 14. The cost is \$45 and includes uniform (player provides pants). Registration will be mailed to all ABC registered players and will be available at both public libraries.

ASA FLYERS SOCCER: The ASA Flyers U-12 county boys soccer team is expanding to two teams this fall. We are currently looking for additional players for the fall 99 season if you were born on or after Aug. 1, 1987.

If interested call 410-519-6315.
MARYLAND MAGIC SOFTBALL: The Maryland Magic 14 and under girls fastpitch softball team is starting to look for players for the year 2000 Select all star team. The team qualified for the NSA A World Series in Charlotte, NC and is looking to add 35 young women for the team. The Magic are looking for players entering the ninth grade this fall whose birthday falls after Dec. 31, 1984. Tryouts will be held in September. Fall ball also starts in September.

For more information call George McDowell at 410-451-0291 or Dan Ditzel at 410-636-1015.

ANNAPOLIS RECREATION: The Annapolis Recreation Department is looking for women's volleyball teams for the upcoming fall season. Practices are slated to begin Sept. 12.

The department is now offering women's drop-in basketball for women 18 years old and up on Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 14 from 8-10 p.m.

Pre-registration is required. For more information call 410-263-7958 Monday Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT: Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks is sponsoring a Labor Day round robin at Randozzo Softball Park Sept. 4-6. The cost is \$135 per team for a guaranteed five games. Sponsor trophies awarded to first and second place teams. Registration deadline is Aug. 30.

For more information contact Jeff Porter at 410-222-6255.

SOCCER REFERES: Entry level referee classes are now forming. Call Jay Loveless, Calvert Soccer Association for more information at 410-257-6642.

30 AND OVER BASKETBALL: The South Bowie Community Center is sponsoring a men's 30 and over 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 18. Registration and check in begins at 8 a.m. and the tournament starts at 9 a.m. The games will be timed to fifteen minutes and players will call their own fouls. The cost for bi-county residents is \$10 per team and \$12 per team for non-bi-county residents.

For more information call 301-249-1622.

AYLA FALL LACROSSE: Registrations are being accepted for the AYLA Fall Ball program. The program is open to Midget Junior and High School age lacrosse players. There are no practices and games are played Sunday on a shortened field, 7 players to a team. Registration forms are available at Play It Again Lax World Team Distributors and the two Annapolis libraries. Register by Aug. 31 to be assigned a team.

For more information contact Jim McConaughay at 410-263-5364.

ASA U-10 BOYS SOCCER: The ASA Piranha U10 select boys travel club is seeking dedicated soccer players for its fall 1999 season. Players must be born after July 31, 1989 and expect to play at a highly competitive level. The Piranha will

compete in the Baltimore Beltway Soccer League (BBSL) and participate in two tournaments this season.

Interested players/parents call Milt Palmer at 410-672-5609 or Ken Dunn at 410-451-0039.

BASKETBALL REFERES NEEDED: If interested in becoming a basketball referee contact GTOA As Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks programs continue to expand it places an even larger demand for our services. Last year we were not able to cover all our county assignments. Additional people are needed to referee regular season and tournament games for both youth and adult leagues.

For information please contact Ted Frank at 410-850-4080.

VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED: The Crofton Athletic Council is looking for volunteers to assist in conducting its fall volleyball program for boys and girls from ages 10-14 which runs from Sept. 3-Oct. 29 at Crofton Middle School 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and 7:30 p.m. on Fridays. The program is looking to provide more personal instructional attention to its participants. Only limited knowledge or experience in all volleyball competitive level is minimally required.

For further information call 410-721-4395.

CAPE ST. CLAUDE FALL BASEBALL: Anyone interested in playing 14 and under fall baseball can contact Larry Phelps at 410-647-0799 or Jeff Cornelius at 410-757-3595.

CENTRAL MD. SOCCER FALL LEAGUE: Team registrations are now being accepted for the Central Maryland Soccer Association's 1999 fall league. Competition kicks off in September and ends in November. The league is an organization which has been created for the promotion and development of youth soccer in the Mid-Atlantic region. The fall league will offer single age team groupings with multiple competition levels for both boys and girls teams.

All games will be scheduled for Saturdays. The champion and runner up in each age division will receive team and individual awards.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 1. For additional information and appli-

cation forms call Monday-Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 410-276-8466.

YMCA CO-ED SOCCER: YMCA of Central Maryland Anne Arundel County Family branch will be starting a co-ed soccer clinic for ages 4-8 on Saturday Sept. 18 at Arnold Elementary School. Oakwood Elementary and Jessup Children's Center. The eight week Saturday clinic features instructional play and inter-league games in a supportive family environment. Ages 4-5 10 a.m. 11 a.m. and ages 6-8 11 a.m. 12 p.m.

Call 410-987-9988 for more information and a brochure.

ANNAPOLIS SWIM CLUB: The Annapolis Swim Club will begin its 1999-2000 swimming season on Sept. 7 for new members. All ages are encouraged to join. Practices run at various times from 4-8 p.m. depending on the swimmers age and ability at the Arundel Olympic Swim Center on Riva Road.

All interested swimmers should call 410-360-6805 or toll free at 1-800-513-5188 for more information and a schedule of practices.

CROWNSVILLE GENERALS: The Crownsville Generals elite 12 and under team will be playing fall baseball this year. The team will be playing in the CBA and going to Cooperstown next year. This is a chance to show your abilities to the coaches prior to spring tryouts.

Call Jim Rambo for dates and times of tryouts at 410-451-6780 or Mike Johnson at 301-261-3883.

OVER 40 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT: The first baseball tournament for players 40 and over will be held at Prince Georges County Stadium home of the Bowie Baysox Sept. 19. To keep the teams evenly matched only individual registration is being accepted. Once registered the player will be assigned to one of four teams. The tournament is single elimination but each team is guaranteed to play two games. Each player will also receive a commemorative jersey.

For more information please call 410-647-5754.

Recreation notices can be mailed to The Capital Sports Department P.O. Box 911, Annapolis, Md. 21404 or faxed to 410-280-5953.

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tors contacted said they would not have dropped Annapolis, even though playing a 3A opponent could hurt their teams in terms of playoff points.

"My heart says we would continue to play Annapolis because that is such a traditional game," Mook said.

County Specialist of Athletics Marlene Kelly said the new schedule resulted from formation of a 12 team County League which mirrors that of other sports.

There a lot of issues that led to this, and none of them involved Annapolis High," she said. "One of the biggest concerns was cost of transportation for all these out of county games."

Another part of the equation is that Northeast opted to play only five of the county's 4A/3A schools. The 3A Eagles also face Class 2A Southern and out of county opponents Atholton, Liberty and Fallston.

Southern and South River are pleased with the new format. Both schools have been forced to find an inordinate amount of out of county games in recent years. Southern, for instance played seven out of county opponents in 1998. That number has now been cut to four.

Certainly this change makes it easier for us to put together a schedule, Southern coach Russ Meyers said. "I kind of like the idea of one overall league. That 3A-2A

League wasn't much of a league to begin with. All you had to do was win three games to be the champion."

In football, however, each school can only play 10 of 11 league opponents. As a result, there is no plan in place for crowning a county champion in football this season. Kelly said that problem is an agenda item at the Sept. 15 meeting of athletic directors.

"We should be able to come up with some type of formula. I'm open to whatever the coaches think is fair," Kelly said.

Kelly said one proposal is to base the county championship on overall victories against county opponents. That would virtually eliminate Severna Park, Southern and Northeast from contention as they are the only schools that don't play a 10-game in-county schedule.

Arundel athletic director Bernie Walter said there may be a silver lining to the new County League. Attendance at football games has been lagging in recent years, and Walter is hoping the excitement of playing a lot of league games could draw fans.

"Maybe this new format will get more people interested in football," he said.

As reported earlier this year, the end of season rivalry games have also been altered. New rivalry games include Broadneck-Annapolis, Old Mill Severna Park and North County-Glen Burnie.

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