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Softball season in swing

The Fayetteville State University softball team competed in a scrimmage with Brooklyn College last week. In photo...FSU #44 Clara Davis, Freshman from Naples, Italy and Brooklyn College #1 Samantha Lombardi, Sophomore from Brooklyn, New York.

Sports roundup: Don't bet on it

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NBA Standings

The new leader for the Eastern Division is the Miami Heats. How did they do it? The Boston Celtics lost against the Charlotte Bobcats and the Los Angeles Lakers. Still suffering with a few team injuries, shooting Guard, Delonte West, suffered a wrist injury. He was questionable for the game against the Golden State Warriors. The Celtics are a veteran team who consistently show up at the play-offs and do well. The Celtics have 16 titles. The Oklahoma City Thunder are doing well so far. They are leading the Northwest division just ahead of the Denver Nuggets and the Utah Jazz. The San Antonio Spurs still hold the lead for the Western Conference (46-10). The Lakers fell to the number three spot after a loss against the Cleveland Cavaliers, Charlotte Bobcats and the Orlando Magic's.

All-Star over the Car

Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers had the best dunk of the night, when he leapt over a parked car on the basketball court during the NBA All-Star weekend. Griffin took home the first place trophy for the NBA Slam Dunk Contest at this year's festivities. He beat out fellow NBA players JaVale McGee, who came in second, Brandon Jennings and Serge Ibaka. The only thing that could be compared to the dunk over the car

was McGee's dunk with two basketballs and even bringing out former WNBA champion, Pam McGee to assist him for his second dunk. The crowd went wild for both players. As McGee said in an interview The New York Times, "You bring a car out you're going to win any dunk contest. Nothing is going to beat a car unless I bring out a plane or something." Griffon now joins the ranks of other Slam Dunk Champions, like Dwight Howard, Nate Robinson, Kenny (Sky) Walker, Kevin Garnett and Michael Jordan.

Oprah on Vick

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback, Michael Vick, was slated to appear on The Oprah Winfrey Show this week. This didn't go over as well as the public would have liked. Winfrey and CNN newsman, Piers Morgan made a friendly bet over which one of them would be the first to land Vick for an interview. Yet, with Vick still being closely watched by the public, his agent told both parties that his client could not take part in either offer as long as there was a "bet" involved. Winfrey quickly posted on Twitter that she was no longer in the bet and landed the interview. However, Vick pulled out at the last minute stating that this was not the best time for him to appear on the show and offering an apology. Winfrey, never at a loss for guests has filled the spot with NBA star, David Arquette. This will be his first television interview since his release.

NASCAR

Is it really winner takes all in sports? For NASCAR, it seems there is a "small print" section that stipulates when and how the points are counted. At this year's Daytona 500, Trevor Bayne took home the first place prize, and is the youngest driver to ever win it at age 20. However the big title went to Carl Edwards. The real reason was because he was unable to get enough races to seriously compete in the Sprint Cup Championships. Instead, he opted that his points go to the Nationwide Series. Some see this as a smart move on his part to save up all his points for a greater chance at winning.

Olympic Updates

When it comes to the Olympics, it is never too early to get ready. The bids for where the games will be hosted started back in 2005. Cities all across the world from Moscow, Russia to Paris France all put in a bid, but it was London that won the race. For fans who are interested attending the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, they will enjoy watching world class athletes in a brand new stadium that cost about 537 million euros and will seat 80,000. The different events that will take place include tennis, boxing, wrestling and gymnastics. The athletes fans are expecting to see for the 2012 Summer Games are Roger Federer, Usain Bolt, Tyson Gaye and Natalia Coughlin.

SPORTS CALENDAR

FSU v. Winston Salem State

What: FSU women's basketball v. WSSU.
When: Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
Where: FSU Capel Arena

Bronco Bowler's

What: Bronco Bowling team tournament.
When: Feb 26-28 all day
Where: Fayetteville, NC B&B Lanes

Lady Bronco's Softball

What: Broncos' v. Barton softball games.
When: Feb. 26 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
Where: Seabrook Park

Bronco tennis

What: FSU v. Methodist and FSU v. Benedict tennis matches.
When: Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Where: FSU

FSU v. Winston Salem State

What: FSU men's basketball v. Winston Salem State University.
When: Saturday at 5 p.m.
Where: FSU- Capel Arena

CIAA Championship Tournament

What: Men's Basketball Tournament for the CIAA championship.
When: Feb. 28, 2011 time TBA
Where: Charlotte, NC